**Client Communication for Hobday Surgery**

Clients can be advised (considering the advancement and availability of the option of the clinic chosen):

With the introduction of exercise endoscopy and the improvement in laser technology it is now possible to do the same surgery standing under mild sedation. Laser surgery offers a number of benefits over the traditional surgery. It precludes a general anaesthetic, the horses can return to work more quickly, there is no surgical scar under the throat and it is less traumatic for the horse. Another huge benefit of this new technique is that it allows more intricate correction of additional concurrent problems that cannot be dealt with by the old methods.

When performed on the appropriate cases it is very successful (approx. 90%). If performed without a correct diagnosis it will not work. That is why an accurate diagnosis is important.