



The stables of the Equine Centre

HEALTH & VETINARY PROJECT

CENTRE FOR EQUINE STUDIES

Kentford, Suffolk

CLIENT:

THE ANIMAL HEALTH TRUST

COST:

£2,400,000

The Project

The Equine Centre is a new state-of-the-art facility for the treatment of and research into equine diseases and injuries for the Animal Health Trust. The Trust's President, HRH The Princess Royal, opened the Centre for Equine Studies just over two years after initial consultations began with the client to establish the brief.

The Brief

The complex houses an operating suite, laboratories, consulting rooms, a nuclear scintigraphy unit and X-ray imaging equipment, offices and staff accommodation together with a forge, stabling, assessment areas, soft lunge, treadmill and horse walker, plus car parking.

Design Features

The complex was designed to provide all the features needed by modern animal treatment facilities. In addition the services are flexible to meet changing needs, with low running costs and low capital costs. Natural ventilation and daylight are used wherever possible.



X-ray equipment

Operating Theatres

The environment and air movement within the clinical facility are closely controlled to maintain sterile conditions, using pressurised mechanical ventilation. In human hospitals, it has been common to use ventilation to eliminate contamination, and the same techniques have now been applied to animal facilities for the Animal Health Trust.