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## Services

The agistment services offered are:

- [Pasture Only](#)
- [Full Board](#)
- [Special Care](#)
- [Hay](#)

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### [Pasture Only](#)

The majority of horses here are on the improved pastures and don't need anything additional except for hay when there is inadequate grass. Horses are combined in a paddock by sex and in the case of youngsters by age. These paddocks are clean, weed free, with shelter and tree breaks providing free ranging facilities ranging in size from 5 to 15 hectares.

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### [Full Board](#)

As for horses on pasture only, horses are grouped according to sex and age, with the addition of a nutritionally balanced feed fed two or three times per day. The feed is chosen to meet the needs of the horse, e.g. performance, late term pregnancy, lactating, growing youngsters, or spelling racehorses. We apply scientific principles in the feeding and care of horses. For those animals requiring a hard feed, it is chosen to ensure the levels of minerals and trace elements are provided for the growth and development required. This program is primarily provided the pregnant mares and young stock up to two or three years of age and horses spelling from the race track.

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### [Special Care](#)

The special care of horses entails stabling and is normally only used for veterinary requirements. From time to time, mares and foals, horses recovering from surgery or injury require special care. Piplyn Lodge has stables and yards available to limit movement, or provide intensive care. We have successfully dealt with orphaned foals, eye injuries, recovery from various surgery and angular limb deviations.

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### [Hay](#)

Hay is provided when the availability of pasture forage is insufficient to meet the horse's daily needs. This hay, typically a clover/pasture hay mixture, is provided daily at the rate of 1 kg of hay per 100 kgs of bodyweight.

Horses developed as a grazing animal so grazing and forage make up the largest component of the daily intake of all our horse. During periods of low pasture availability, hay is supplied to ensure that the daily intake of fibre is maintained and also to reduce the pressure on the paddocks. Increased paddock pressure will only lead to open, bare patches of ground that are then susceptible to infestations of weeds. Heavily grazed paddocks are also slow to recover and are exposed to the increased risk of erosion due to wind and water.

A horse requires from 1.5% to 2% of its body weight per day in fibre. Thus, 1 kg of hay is provided per 100 kg of bodyweight to maintain that minimum input. As a plus, the digestion of fibre is essential for the production of body heat. So, the more fibre consumed per day, the more heat the

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horse generates to keep itself warm during the winter.

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