



- *Would you be willing to participate in a **short postal questionnaire**? If so, we would like to hear from you.*
- All we require is 15 minutes of your time to provide us with information regarding details of your horse's behaviour, health and daily routine.

The aim of this study is to obtain health and management data from horses that display crib-biting/wind-sucking behaviour so that we can try to understand more about this form of behaviour.

**Crib-Biting** The horse will seize a fixed object with his/her front teeth and pull back on it, tensing the neck muscles. A characteristic grunt will typically be heard and it is common for the horse to perform this behaviour in association with feeding. However, it can occur at any time. **Wind-sucking** This behaviour is similar to crib-biting but the horse does not grasp onto a fixed object. The horse will adopt the same posture and tension of the neck muscles as a crib-biter and will draw air into his/her mouth.

#### **Crib-biting**

Note the tension of the neck muscles and grasp on the wooden stall.

#### **Wind-sucking**

The horse does not require a fixed object to exhibit this behaviour.

If you are interested please **return the pre-paid postcard, email [cribbing@liverpool.ac.uk](mailto:cribbing@liverpool.ac.uk) or call 07961809633**, indicating your willingness to participate in this study together with your contact details and any questions that you may have.

We will then **post a study pack out to you** with a stamped envelope for you to return.

All responses are completely **confidential**. **Participation is voluntary** and you are **free to withdraw** from the study at any time.

The information that you provide will be maintained and analysed by the principal investigator and Dr. Debra Archer (study supervisor) at the Faculty of Veterinary Science, University of Liverpool and will not be released to any other parties.