

## **Sea change in Scottish beach surveillance**

Members of the public can now play a vital role in helping marine scientists gather data on animal strandings and the condition of Scotland's beaches.

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## **Raising the bar**

A record number of competitors and hundreds of ponies gathered in West Lothian at the weekend for one of Scotland's largest equestrian events.

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## **One granite leap for mankind...**

If humankind is to colonise the Moon, soil scientists of the future won't need to travel quarter of a million miles to learn how to grow crops on the lunar surface – they just need to go to Aberdeen.

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## **Scots rural businesses upbeat despite challenges**

Nearly three-quarters of rural businesses in Scotland reported that they had a good operating environment in 2018, despite facing a number of challenges.

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## **Acidic soils could be affecting**

## production on many Scottish farms

Nearly half of the soil samples collected from the Farm Advisory Service Soil and Nutrient Network farms are suffering from low pH levels according to a new report.