

Vaccination Amnesty

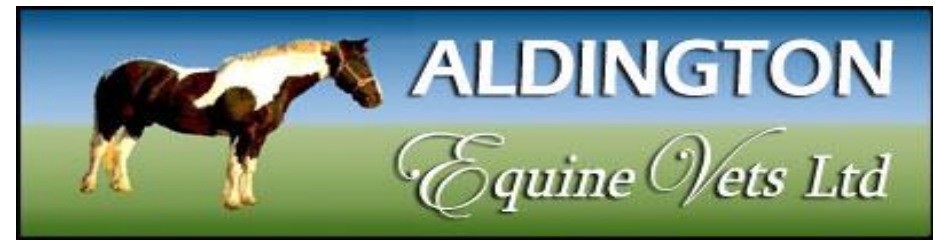
We strongly believe that all horses and ponies should be protected against tetanus. Anyone who has seen horses suffering from tetanus would not wish it on any animal. All horses are susceptible to tetanus and most who succumb to the disease have to be humanely destroyed.

When vaccination against tetanus is so cheap and effective, it can be considered almost negligent to leave a horse exposed to this infection. Any horses not already vaccinated require a course of two injections a month apart. A booster injection is then given every two years. As an added incentive for anyone who owns an unvaccinated horse, we currently have a special offer: When we administer the first vaccination (charged at the normal price of £14.10), the second vaccination a month later will be administered free of charge. This provides tetanus cover for at least two years.

Half Price Visit Dates October to December

Oct Dates	Nov Dates	Dec Dates	Area	Postcode of Stables
2 nd	6 th	4 th	Darwen, Tockholes, Hoddlesden	BB3,
4 th & 20 th	1 st & 17 th	6 th & 15 th	Accrington, Oswaldtwistle, Church, Huncoat	BB5
16 th	20 th	18 th	Ribble Valley West (Mellor, Clayton le Dale)	BB2
27 th	24 th	29 th	Ribble Valley East (Clitheroe, and Gisburn)	BB7
11 th & 23 rd	8 th & 27 th	13 th & 22 nd	Burnley, Brierfield, Barrowford, Briercliffe,	BB9, BB10, BB11, BB12
10 th	14 th	12 th	Rawtenstall, Haslingden, Waterfoot, Rossendale	BB4
6 th	3 rd	1 st	Great Harwood, Rishton, Clayton-le-Moors, Blackburn	BB6, BB1
13 th	10 th	8 th	East Preston	PR3
3 rd	7 th	5 th	Ramsbottom, Edenfield, Bury and Rochdale	BL0, BL9 / 8 OL11/13

Please note: The reduced charge applies to visits between 9am and 4pm which have been booked at least 2 days in advance. Visits will be arranged on a first come first served basis and some dates may be booked up well in advance.



*The Only Veterinary Practice in Lancashire
Dedicated Entirely to Horses*

Autumn Newsletter

Practice News

Wedding in Fiji

Our receptionist Emily was married to Dan, a small animal vet, in Fiji on 20th July. We wish them both well for the future.

New Dental Equipment

The practice has recently invested nearly £4000 in new dental equipment including a second dental burr with state of the art attachments. We have found our existing burr invaluable for routine rasping and particularly for removal of overgrowths and hooks which can be almost impossible to treat effectively with manual rasps only. We have also acquired a head stand to support the heads of sedated horses at a suitable level for dental work. Anyone who has held up the head of a sedated horse will realise just how heavy they are!



Open Day

Unfortunately, we have had to postpone our Open Day at Martholme until next spring. We will publish details of the event in future newsletters and on our website nearer the time.

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www.equine-vet.co.uk

Profile of our Services

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As a client of Aldington Equine Vets, you can be assured that you will always be attended by an experienced equine vet because we do not share out of hours cover with any other practices. Emergency calls are directed straight to the vet on call so you won't normally need to speak to an answer phone or wait for the vet to call you back.

Swamp Fever Alert

There have been a number of cases of Equine Infectious Anaemia (swamp fever) in Ireland in the past few months. All imports of Irish horses have been stopped in an effort to contain the spread of disease. The symptoms can be variable but include fever, jaundice (yellow membranes), anaemia, oedema swelling of the limbs and often lead to death. Blood tests can be taken to confirm the disease but these take several weeks to process. Infection is spread mainly by biting insects. All horse owners should be on the look out for possible symptoms. Please ring us if you are concerned.

Open Day at Whalley Corn Mills

There will be an open day on Sunday 24th September at the Whalley Corn Mills feed store and tack shop on Mitton Road, Whalley. There is a stallion parade at 1pm and sheepdog demonstration. The enclosed leaflet has more details.

At Last – A wormer that kills all worms



A new wormer has just been launched which will treat all worms including tapeworms, bots and encysted small redworms in a single dose.

Equest Pramox has a dosing interval of 13 weeks and is an ideal wormer to use on new horses with an unknown worming history. We will be modifying our practice worming program to include the new wormer which is in stock in our shop at £19.88 inc VAT.

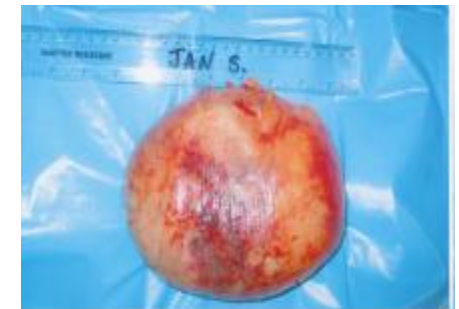
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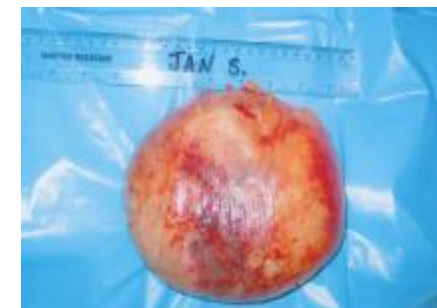
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Ten Things You Need to do for Your Horse this Autumn

1	Check that you have signed the declaration in Section 9 of your horse's passport if they are not intended for human consumption	Unless the declaration is signed, it is assumed your horse IS intended for human consumption and you must keep a medicines book listing wormers, shampoos, creams and any medicines used, including batch numbers
2	Condition score your horse and review their diet for autumn and winter	We have weight tapes and condition score cards available at our surgery and the vets will give free dietary advice if you need it.
3	Worm your horse for tapeworms and bots using Equimax	We sell EquiMax at £13.50 + VAT for a syringe enough to treat a 700Kg horse
4	Check your first aid kit for missing or out of date items and restock it	We stock a wide range of first aid items, bandages and dressings in our shop at Martholme. Open 8.30am to 5.30pm weekdays and Saturday mornings until 12pm
5	If you've bred a foal this year, make sure you apply for a passport before it is 6 months old	Obtain the relevant forms from the society you wish to register with then contact us to arrange for the vet to complete the identification paperwork
6	Have your rugs washed and repaired ready for winter	Contact MS Laundry on 01254 705233 Or Caroline Litherland on 01254 240240
7	Look out for laminitis (September has a higher incidence of laminitis than any other month)	If you are unsure what to look for, request our advice sheet via our website or by calling the office. If you suspect your horse could have laminitis, ring us immediately
8	Make sure our phone number is stored in your mobile in case of emergency	01254 888600 for 24 hour emergency cover
9	Get a worm egg count done on your horse's droppings if you haven't had one done for 12 months or more.	Bring in a small (5g) sample of fresh droppings labelled with your horse's details and date of last worming. Tests cost £12.50 inc VAT.
10	If you have a batch of hay or haylage for feeding over autumn and winter, consider having it analysed for nutritional value.	This can be done free by Dodson & Horrell. Contact them on 0870 4423322 to find out more.

New Livery Yards Open

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- 20 large Monarch stables with rubber floors and automatic drinkers
- Wash stall & solarium
- Heated tack room & lockers
- Changing rooms, toilets, shower and common room
- Horse walker
- Large pastures and individual paddocks
- Miles of scenic local bridleways
- Free monthly vet visits
- Full and part livery available from £80 to £130 per week

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Or Yard Manager Sam on 07717
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