

## Special Offer on Foal Registrations

Current passport legislation states that all foals must have a passport by the 31<sup>st</sup> December in their year of birth or by six months of age, whichever is later.

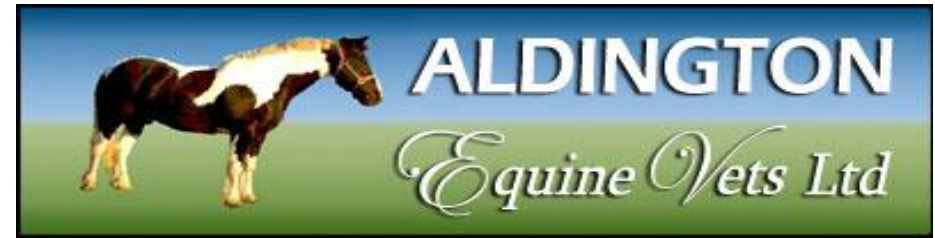
During November and December, we have a special offer for foal registrations. If we attend to complete the foal's identification and give a first flu and tetanus vaccination at the same time, you foal will receive a free health check and you can choose between a free microchip or a free dose of wormer.

All you need to do to take up on this offer is to choose which society to register your foal with, obtain the relevant paperwork from them, then call us to arrange a visit. Foals need to be at least five months old and in good health to receive their first vaccination. They need to be halter trained and their legs and feet need to be clean when we visit to complete the sketch.

## Half Price Visit Dates Oct to Dec 2007

OCT	NOV	DEC	Area	Postcode of Stables
1 <sup>st</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Darwen, Tockholes, Huddlesden	BB3,
3 <sup>rd</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup> & 16 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup>	Accrington, Oswaldtwistle, Church, Huncoat	BB5
15 <sup>th</sup>	19 <sup>th</sup>	17 <sup>th</sup>	Ribble Valley West( Mellor, Clayton le Dale)	BB2
24 <sup>th</sup>	23 <sup>rd</sup>	18 <sup>th</sup>	Ribble Valley East (Clitheroe, and Gisburn )	BB7
10 <sup>th</sup> & 29 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> & 20 <sup>th</sup>	Burnley, Brierfield, Barrowford, Briercliffe,	BB9, BB10, BB11, BB12
2 <sup>nd</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	Rawtenstall, Haslingden, Waterfoot, Rossendale	BB4
5 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	Great Harwood, Rishton, Clayton-le-Moors, Blackburn	BB6, BB1
12 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	14 <sup>th</sup>	East Preston	PR3
9 <sup>th</sup>	13 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	Ramsbottom, Edenfield, Bury and Rochdale	BL0, BL9, BL8, OL11, OL12, OL13, OL16

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.



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## Autumn Newsletter

### New Vet

We are pleased to welcome Adam Pawson to the practice. Adam was brought up on his parents livery yard in Scotland and has ridden since he was 7 years old. He has been involved in arranging local events and owns his own horse, a Dutch Warmblood called Bert. Adam and Bert have competed in Eventing as well as other disciplines.



Adam initially came to work for the practice as a locum in May. We were so impressed with his knowledge and caring approach that we offered him a full time position. Adam replaces Melissa who left the area in May to be with her fiancé in County Durham before their wedding next month.

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## Practice News

Our vet Sarah Heathcote and her husband Paul are expecting their second baby next month. Sarah finished on maternity leave in June and is planning to return to work next spring.

We are currently searching for an additional experienced equine vet to help us with the ever increasing workload. We would like to thank our temporary vets Samantha Bishop and Edda Poldhant for helping us over what has been an extremely busy summer

Our new vet Adam has recently attended the annual British Equine Veterinary Association congress in Edinburgh. The three day conference covered a wide variety of subjects including dentistry, respiratory disease, lameness and emergency trauma.

David is scheduled to attend a two day course next month in Bristol on the latest dentistry techniques and he is planning to further his already extensive knowledge of Artificial Insemination procedures at a course in Warwickshire in November.



The additional stables for visiting patients at our Martholme surgery have now been fitted with soft matting and the interiors have been treated with a hygienic washable coating. This should make inpatients as comfortable as possible during their stay with us.

The practice is now registered with the British Equine Veterinary Association Emergency Services Protocol. This means that we have agreed to be available to work in conjunction with the emergency services in dealing with any accidents or incidents involving horses travelling through or within our area. We think the protocol is a major step forward in making sure that the emergency services are fully prepared to deal with incidents so as to minimise the chances of further injury or suffering to horses involved.

## Case Study – Stake Wound Injury

Poppy is a 4 year old Warmblood mare. A freak accident led to her falling onto the post and rail fencing at home whilst being lunged. Fortunately her owner realised that there was some wood impaled under the skin and muscle of her neck, even though at first sight nobody had any idea how serious it was.



Initial wound



Fence post extracted

Poppy was kept calm by placing her quietly in the stable until the vet arrived. Her owner searched the fencing to try to see how much was missing. Once the length of the piece of missing wood was known, Poppy was sedated. The wound was explored to establish the direction and depth that the piece of wood had penetrated.

The wood was embedded under the skin and layer of muscles on the inside of the shoulder blade. The wound had to be extended in order to manipulate the wood from between the tissue layers. Fortunately, the fragment came out in one piece and the extent of the wound could be examined by hand.



Wound 3 weeks later

To allow the wound to drain, only the skin and muscle at the top of it were stitched. The wound was flushed daily with copious amounts of saline. A long course of antibiotics and anti-inflammatories were prescribed. Laser treatment was used to encourage healing.

Poppy has made an excellent recovery. The hair has grown back over the wound so that it is hard to believe that she once sustained such a nasty injury.

This case highlights the importance of leaving any foreign material in place until veterinary help is sought. It also demonstrates how well extensive wounds can heal on the neck and body of the horse.

## New Livery Yard at Tockholes

Tockholes Stables is a recently re-built livery yard with 18 stables. All boxes have Quattro matting and auto water. Six of them have their own private tack rooms attached.

The stables are graded A,B,C, & D and start at £35pw for part livery up to £95pw for full livery in a 4m x 5m stable with private tack room.

Facilities include;

- Monarch covered horse walker
- 40 x 20 arena with alruba surface and audio
- CCTV
- Riders room - brew facilities - changing etc.
- TV & DVD
- All year turnout
- Instruction arranged
- Miles of off-road hacking



For further information contact  
Quin Beech on 07917 757371

## Updating Your Details

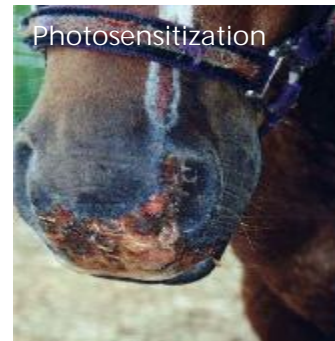
We would like to remind all our clients to remember to let us know if you move your horse to a new yard or change address or telephone numbers yourself. In the event of an emergency, it is important that we are able to contact you and that we know where your horse is stabled so there is never a delay in attending.

We are hoping we can soon let you know by text message when your horse is due for vaccination. If you wish to use this service, we need to check that the mobile number on our records is correct.

## Current Health Problems in our Area

### Strep Equi Zooepidemicus Respiratory Infection

Over the last few weeks we have seen a large number of foals and youngstock suffering from coughs and snotty noses. Some of these have been swabbed and the lab cultures have isolated *Streptococcus Equi Zooepidemicus* bacteria. This infection is very similar to strangles although the symptoms tend to be less severe. The infection is contagious and can also pass to adult horses. If your horse is suffering from a respiratory infection it may be worth having a swab taken



### Photosensitization

Although we have had a wet summer, the sun has shone a bit more recently and we have seen a high number of cases of photosensitization on the pink skin of horses' muzzles and lower legs. Some cases have been quite severe. There are a number of possible causes for this condition.

Most cases are due to ingestion of "photoactive" plants on the pasture such as St John's Wort. If your horse is affected, minimise exposure to sunlight by avoiding turnout on sunny days. Applying high factor sun cream can help but you need to give it time to soak in before you turn your horse out. If the lesions are very sore, call us for advice on the best creams and ointments to use. If your horse is lethargic, inappetant or unwell, the photosensitization could be due to another problem such as liver disease.

## 2008 Worming Plan Now Available

Our recommended worming program for 2008 is available to download from our website or pick up from our office. If you have not yet had a worm egg count done on your horse's droppings this year to check if your worming program is effective, now is a good time to collect a sample and bring it to surgery to be sent for testing.