

## New Anti-Stress Treatment

A new powder has been launched to combat stress and calm horses in excitable or stressful situations such as prolonged box rest, moving to a new environment, weaning, travelling and clipping. The powder is apple flavoured and comes in sachets which are added to feed. It has been clinically proven to have a beneficial effect on both short and long term stress. "Zylkene" is now in stock at £4.04 per sachet. Please call us for further information or advice.

## Petplan Veterinary Awards

Every year, Pet Plan Equine Insurance asks for nominations from horse owners for vets who go above and beyond the call of duty in the care of their patients. Both Adam and David have been nominated in previous years. If you think any vets from this practice deserve a nomination for the 2010 awards, please visit Pet Plan's website at [www.petplanelinequine.com/vetawards](http://www.petplanelinequine.com/vetawards) to find out more. You could win a Robinsons voucher for £200 or a years subscription to Horse and Rider magazine

## Half Price Visit Dates for Oct to Dec

On the dates below, Economy Visits are £12.50 + VAT and Premium Visits are £15 + VAT. Visits must be booked at least two days in advance and take place between 9am and 4pm to qualify. It is not always possible to specify a particular vet for your visit. Please see our website for further details.

| Oct 2010                           | Nov 2010                           | Dec 2010                            | Area   | Postcode of Stables   |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|-----------------------|
| 12 <sup>th</sup>                   | 9 <sup>th</sup>                    | 14 <sup>th</sup>                    | Darwen, Tockholes, Hoddlesden                      | BB3,                  |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> & 15 <sup>th</sup> | 1 <sup>st</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup> | 6 <sup>th</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup>  | Accrington, Oswaldtwistle, Church, Huncoat         | BB5                   |
| 20 <sup>th</sup>                   | 17 <sup>th</sup>                   | 15 <sup>th</sup>                    | Ribble Valley West/Mellor, Clayton le Dale         | BB2                   |
| 13 <sup>th</sup>                   | 10 <sup>th</sup>                   | 8 <sup>th</sup>                     | Ribble Valley East (Clitheroe, and Gisburn )       | BB7                   |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup> | 8 <sup>th</sup> & 30 <sup>th</sup> | 13 <sup>th</sup> & 29 <sup>th</sup> | Burnley, Brierfield, Barrowford, Briercliffe,      | BB9, BB10, BB11, BB12 |
| 19 <sup>th</sup>                   | 16 <sup>th</sup>                   | 21 <sup>st</sup>                    | Rawtenstall, Haslingden, Waterfoot, Rossendale     | BB4                   |
| 6 <sup>th</sup>                    | 3 <sup>rd</sup>                    | 1 <sup>st</sup>                     | Great Harwood, Rishon, Clayton-le-Moors, Blackburn | BB6, BB1              |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup>                   | 26 <sup>th</sup>                   | 24 <sup>th</sup>                    | East Preston                                       | PR3                   |
| 25 <sup>th</sup>                   | 29 <sup>th</sup>                   | 30 <sup>th</sup>                    | Ramsbottom, Edenfield, Bury and Rochdale           | BL0, BL9 / 8 OL11/13  |



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*Equine Vets Ltd*

# Autumn 2010 Newsletter

## New Vet

In spring this year, the practice expanded by taking on our fifth vet, Charlotte Hodgkiss. Charlotte qualified from the Royal Veterinary College in 2006 and has worked previously in equine practices in her native Norfolk. She enjoys all aspects of equine practice with a particular interest in dentistry.



Charlotte moved to the area after getting married in spring this year. She competed in Eventing since Pony Club days but following the retirement of her horses she has taken up polo. Charlotte is working part time with the practice, leaving time to compete her polo ponies.



Our vet Juliette finished at the practice at the end of August to travel the world with her husband. Juliette had been with us for two and a half years and we all wish her and Gus well for their adventure. We are currently advertising for an experienced equine vet to replace Juliette.

**Tel 01254 888600**

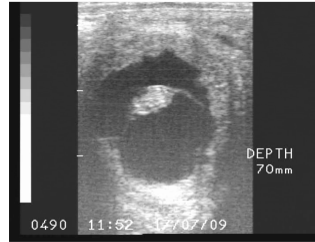
24 hour emergencies  
Office hours 8.30am – 5.30pm  
Saturdays 9am – 12pm

You can now arrange a visit at.....

**www.equine-vet.co.uk**

## Special Offer on Mare "Check Scans"

Every year, we receive phone calls from concerned breeders who's mares were scanned in foal early in pregnancy but are now approaching their due foaling date and do not appear to be in foal. Most of these mares must have re-absorbed their pregnancies a few weeks after their scans. To avoid the disappointment of this happening to you, we advise a "check scan" at 80-120 days of pregnancy to check that the foetus is alive and developing normally.



During October and November, we are offering Check Scans for £15, rather than our normal price of £25. Scans can be done at our clinic or at your own stables. Please call our office to make arrangements.

## Passports Reminder

Updates to Horse Passports legislation means we are not permitted to vaccinate a horse if the passport is not available to check prior to vaccination.

Please make every effort to ensure you have your horse's passport ready for us to check prior to vaccinations or any other treatment. We may not be able to vaccinate your horse if you don't have the passport with you!

We still frequently see passports where the ownership details have not been updated. You are in breach of the legislation if you do not update the ownership within 30 days of purchasing a new horse. All foals born this year require a passport before they are 6 months old. A microchip must be inserted by a vet before a passport can be applied for.



## Other Practice News

### Emily Returns

Our receptionist and handler Emily Jones has returned from maternity leave following the birth of her son, Jack, in April this year.

### New Ultrasound Scanner

We have recently purchased a third ultrasound scanner. The high tech scanner will provide us with more detailed images for tendon and soft tissue scanning. Being lightweight and battery powered, it is also ideal for mare scanning. Images can be stored digitally or printed on our existing videographic printer.



## Practice Survey Results – "The Best Ever"

At the start of this year we conducted a client survey to evaluate your level of satisfaction with our vets, staff, premises and services. To those of you who were kind enough to take part, we would like to say a big thank you for your time and the valuable feedback you gave.

The results are now in! Qualivet, a company specialising in veterinary client surveys, have correlated and assessed the results. We are delighted to say that the practice was above average in all areas, and described by Qualivet as "the best we had ever had". Our team were thrilled and reassured to know that our hard work is meeting the needs of the majority of our clients. The results did also highlight some areas in which you felt there was some room for improvement. As a direct result of your views, we are looking into these areas of the practice and we plan to implement changes to make the improvements you wanted over the next year. Please see our future newsletters to keep up to date with our plans and ideas.

Thank you again to all of you who completed a questionnaire. We are always grateful for comments on our services (good or bad). You can contact us anytime via the feedback section on our website: [www.equine-vet.co.uk](http://www.equine-vet.co.uk)

## Contagious Disease Prevention Promotion

Over the past few months, we have seen an increase in contagious respiratory infections such as strangles and herpes virus. This autumn and winter we have decided to promote awareness of contagious diseases and how to reduce the chances of infections spreading on to yards. Having a good yard biosecurity policy is now more important than ever in the face of new diseases which may come from abroad. We will be holding a meeting for yard owners later in the year to discuss practical aspects of how best to reduce the chances of infection being introduced on to your yard and how best to control the spread of infection in the face of an outbreak.

We recommend that all new arrivals on to a yard are kept in isolation stables / turnout for three weeks and a blood sample for strangles antibodies is carried out prior to them mixing with other horses on the yard.

As part of the promotion, we will be expanding our range of information sheets to include leaflets on "Contagious Respiratory Infections" and "Yard Biosecurity to Reduce Contagious Diseases". These will be available to download from our website soon. If you are a yard owner and would be interested in attending our meeting, please contact Ally in our office on 01254 888600 or [ally@equine-vet.co.uk](mailto:ally@equine-vet.co.uk). All our Routine Visit yard owners will automatically be sent an invitation.

