

Free Worm Egg Counts

If you purchase a tube of Eqvalan Duo (the equivalent of EquiMax) from us before the end of February, you will receive a voucher for a free worm egg count. The voucher can be redeemed by registering online at www.simpleworming.co.uk/wormeggcount and the egg count kit will be sent out to you. Eqvalan Duo costs £20.63.

New Joint Supplement – Special Offer

Seraquin GLME is a new supplement for horses with arthritis and joint stiffness. There are a variety of joint supplements on the market and choosing the best one for your horse can be difficult. Seraquin is different from other supplements because it is the only one to contain GLME (Green Lipped Mussel Extract) which is proven to have beneficial qualities in improving joint function. It is also manufactured to pharmaceutical standards to ensure the quality of ingredients.

If you are considering using a supplement to help reduce stiffness in your horse's joints over winter, it is worth calling us to discuss which one may be best. We have a special introductory offer on Seraquin of £68.80 per tub (which is one months supply at maintenance dose).

Half Price Visit Dates Oct to Dec

On the dates below, Economy Visits are £12 + VAT and Premium Visits are £14.50 + 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 2009	Nov 2009	Dec 2009	Area	Postcode of Stables
13 th	10 th	8 th	Darwen, Tockholes, Hoddlesden	BB3,
5 th & 16 th	2 nd & 20 th	7 th & 18 th	Accrington, Oswaldtwistle, Church, Huncoat	BB5
21 st	18 th	23 rd	Ribble Valley West(Mellor, Clayton le Dale)	BB2
14 th	11 th	9 th	Ribble Valley East (Clitheroe, and Gisburn)	BB7
12 th & 27 th	9 th & 24 th	14 th & 29 th	Burnley, Brierfield, Barrowford, Briercliffe,	BB9, BB10, BB11, BB12
20 th	17 th	15 th	Rawtenstall, Haslingden, Waterfoot, Rossendale	BB4
7 th	4 th	2 nd	Great Harwood, Rishton, Clayton-le-Moors, Blackburn	BB6, BB1
23 rd	27 th	17 th	East Preston	PR3
26 th	30 th	31 st	Ramsbottom, Edenfield, Bury and Rochdale	BL0, BL9 / 8 OL11/13



Autumn

First Aid Courses

We have had requests for us to hold an Equine First Aid course so we are planning a series of courses on Saturday mornings later this autumn and over winter. The courses will last 1-2 hours and consist of a talk from one of our vets on the basics of first aid treatment followed by practical sessions on bandaging and dealing with injuries.



The first course will take place at our surgery on the morning of Saturday 7th November. The courses are free of charge to our clients but places are limited to 25 people to allow the opportunity for hands-on in the practical session.

Further courses will follow according to demand. These will take place at local livery yards. If you are interested in attending one of the courses, please call Ally in our office to reserve a place or e-mail ally@equine-vet.co.uk

Vaccinations for Pregnant Mares

If your mare is pregnant and you haven't considered protecting her against the most common cause of infectious abortion in the UK, you need to consider it now. We see mares each year which have aborted in late pregnancy due to Equine Herpes Virus (EHV) and it is all the more disheartening knowing that the loss could have been prevented if the mare had been protected by vaccination. Vaccinations are given in the 5th, 7th and 9th months of pregnancy. To learn more about the disease and its prevention, please download the information sheet on "Care of Your Mare Through Pregnancy" from our website.

Tel 01254 888600

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

You can pay on line at..... **www.equine-vet.co.uk**

Latest Practice News

British Equine Veterinary Association Congress

All four vets recently attended BEVA congress in Birmingham. The three day course included sessions on stud medicine, laminitis and lameness. David will be attending a two day course on Veterinary Care of Geriatric Horses in Norwich next month. With horses' lifespans getting longer and longer we feel it is more important than ever to give the best level of care to our older patients. Juliette will be attending a course in October on ultrasonography of the lower limb and Sarah has enrolled on a new Certificate course on Advanced Veterinary Practice with modules in Lameness, Dentistry and Dermatology.

Client Survey

During autumn we will be asking some of you to fill out a questionnaire after the vet has seen your horse or when you visit our surgery. The survey results will be processed by an independent advisor who will then provide us with information on how you rate our service and how we compare with other vets in the UK. We always welcome your comments and we have a new feedback section on our website so please let us know your comments and suggestions – good or bad.



Half Price Dental Clinics This Autumn

From 21st October to 23rd December, we will be holding dental clinics at our surgery on Wednesdays. By bringing your horse to our premises, you will not only save a call out charge, but all rasping and dental work will be done at half price.

If your horse has not had a dental check for over 6 months or his teeth are due for rasping, now is the ideal time to book an appointment. Our dental checks are free, so if no treatment is required, it will not cost you a penny.

If you have previously used a horse dentist, we believe that we can offer a superior service at a more competitive price. We have a comprehensive array of the latest equipment including three diamond burs and all vets undergo regular training to keep up to date with the latest techniques.

We are also able to carry out procedures which cannot legally be done by dental technicians such as extraction of wolf teeth and removal of large overgrowths. To book an appointment for one of the half price clinic days or for more information, please call our office.

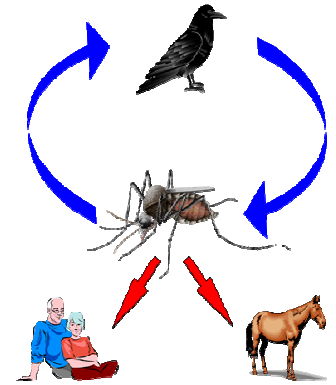


Vaccine Now Available against West Nile Virus

West Nile Virus is not yet present in the UK, but we are at high risk of it arriving here soon. The virus caused devastation in the horse population in parts of USA in 2002. An outbreak in Northern Italy last September killed 5 horses and one human. It is spread by mosquito vectors which are already present in the UK during the summer months and are likely to become more prevalent in years to come. The mortality rate in horses is around 40% and humans are at risk as well.

A vaccine has recently been launched in the UK and it is recommended that any horses travelling abroad are vaccinated.

If your horses travel overseas for competitions, please speak to one of our vets for advice and



New Ivermectin Chewable Tablet Wormer



Vectin tablets are a recently launched worming product that most horses will eat directly off your hand as a treat. The tablets contain ivermectin which is well proven and effective against roundworms and bots. The dose is one tablet per 110kgs of bodyweight and the tablets cost £1.95 each. They are well worth a try for horses which hate being dosed with paste wormers.

New Research on Soaking Hay for Laminitics



Research by the Waltham Laminitis Consortium has shown that soaking hay may not remove as many water soluble carbohydrates as previously thought. Previous studies were conducted using chopped hay but the Waltham study used 9 different long stem hays made in the UK and soaked them for differing lengths of time up to 16 hours.

The results showed that there was a wide variation in how much carbohydrate was leached out of the different hays and very few samples reached the "safe" level of 10% even after 16 hours soaking.

The conclusion from the studies was that soaking hay is still worthwhile but cannot be relied upon to make hay safe for laminitics. The researchers recommend that hay is analyzed before feeding and only hay with a low water soluble carbohydrate content is fed to horses prone to laminitis. Further research is ongoing.