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# Summer Newsletter

## It's A Girl !



We are pleased to announce the arrival of David and Jo's second child, Rebecca.

Lucy's sister was born on the 12th of June at 4am weighing 7lbs 8oz. Mother and baby are doing fine.

## First Aid Kits

When was the last time you went through your first aid kit to check everything was in date and nothing was missing? Summer is the prime time for injuries and accidents so now is the time to check and update your kit.

Our shop stocks all the dressings, creams and bandages you could need and we will make up complete first aid kits to suit your requirements, or top up your existing kit to make sure you are not caught out without the right equipment when you really need it.

## Good News for Clients in the Darwen Area

We now have a collection box for medicines at Holden Fold Stud near Tockholes, Darwen. If you ring with your requirements we will usually be able to have your medicines ready for collection by 10am the following day. The collection box will only be in use during spring and summer when a vet regularly visits the stud.

## Sport Horse Event in July

If you are interested in breeding of sport horses or looking for an interesting day out there is a KWPN mare grading and foal show at Myerscough College on 22<sup>nd</sup> July with dressage demonstrations and a selection of youngstock for sale. For more details, contact Brain Crane on 01254 705301.



## Horses For Sale



The porch on our office at Martholme is nearing completion and we will be installing various notice boards with horses for sale, horses wanted and any related advertisements. All our clients are welcome to display a small advert free of charge, so if you are selling your horse you are welcome to call in with an advert or e-mail one to us.

The front door will be fitted with a combination lock so medicines may be collected at evenings and weekends by arrangement when the office is closed.

## Protecting Your Horse from Insects and Sunburn



Flies and midges are more than just a nuisance to your horse. They are responsible for spreading infections and disease. We see a large number of horses with eye infections and conjunctivitis in summer and it is a good idea to consider a fly mask to protect your horse's eyes from the insects that spread the infection.

Biting flies a particular concern to horses with sarcoids because they can transmit sarcoids to other parts of the body and to other susceptible horses. We strongly recommend applying a thick layer of fly repellent cream at least once daily to all sarcoids during the fly season. If the skin is ulcerated or sore, you must use a cream that is suitable for broken or damaged skin.

Sunburn on the muzzle of horses with pink skin seems to be increasingly common. Certain plants on the pasture can trigger 'photosensitisation' and in severe cases, other areas on the body such as the pasterns and heels can be affected. If your horse is particularly prone to sunburn, it may be worth a blood sample to check the liver because hepatic disease can trigger the problem.

We have selected a range of products for our shop at Great Harwood to help you minimise fly worry and summer related problems. These include:

Flygon spray £ 4.98 per 500ml bottle

Cost effective fly repellent spray. Requires regular application

Protection Plus Cream £9.38 per 500g tub

Insect repellent cream suitable for application to ulcerated sarcoids and minor wounds

Ultrashield Fly Net £19.49

Good quality fly net – The most effective way to stop insects infecting your horse's eyes

Equimins Sun Protection Cream £5.65 per 250ml bottle

SPF 60 cream which is safe to apply to inflamed or sensitive skin

## Strangles Alert

We are continuing to see cases of strangles in the practice area. In the past few months there have been confirmed cases in the Darwen, Accrington, Burnley, Padiham and Rishton areas.

Keep a look out for the symptoms: Snotty nose, swollen glands and coughing. Call us if you suspect any cases.

If your horse is kept on a yard where horses are regularly coming and going or if you are attending shows and events this summer you should consider vaccination. Vaccination costs £20 per dose. Please call us for more information.

## Half Price Visits Extended to the Preston Area

Jul Dates	Aug Dates	Sept Dates	Area	Postcode of Stables
4th	1st	5th	Darwen, Tockholes, Hoddlesden	BB3,
15th 22nd	3rd 24th	7th 16th	Accrington, Oswaldtwistle, Church, Huncoat	BB5
6 <sup>th</sup> 27 <sup>th</sup>	31st	28th	Ribble Valley (Clitheroe, Mellor, Clayton-le-Dale)	BB7, BB2
11th 25th	10th 22nd	14th 26th	Burnley, Brierfield, Barrowford, Briercliffe, Cliviger, Nelson	BB9, BB10, BB11, BB12
13th	8th	12th	Rawtenstall, Haslingden, Waterfoot, Rossendale	BB4
1st 20th	5th 26th	2nd 21st	Great Harwood, Rishton, Clayton-le-Moors, Blackburn	BB6, BB1
12th	9th	14th	East Preston	PR3

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.