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# Winter Newsletter

## New and Impending Regulations Affecting Horse Owners

### MICROCHIPPING OF FOALS

Legislation has been proposed which will require ALL foals born after 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2007 to be microchipped. It is not yet stated by what age this will need to be done. We will keep you informed as the regulations are finalised.



### MEDICINES

A new medicines act came in to force on 1<sup>st</sup> November. The new regulations are complex and have several implications. Changes in our practice policies in response to the regulations are included in the enclosed Terms and Conditions leaflet.



### PASSPORTS

Recent changes in the interpretation of passport regulations have been announced by the Veterinary Medicines Directorate: The declaration in your horse's passport must be signed as Not Intended for Human Consumption if any substances not included in Annexes I-III are administered. These include Pro-Dynam, Danilon, Arquel, Excenel, Sedalin gel, Fuciderm cream, Fucithalmic eye ointment and many other medicines. Unless you intend that your horse may be sold for human consumption in the future we suggest that you sign the declaration now if you have not already done so. Please remember to have the passport available for vet to check at time of any treatment.



## New Stocks Installed

New restraint stocks have now been fully installed in our examination room at Martholme. They are well padded and of a unique design to allow safe scanning, dental work and minor surgical procedures.

## Half Price Microchipping in January & February

Our New Year special offer is microchipping for £15 inc VAT, which is half the normal price.

If you would prefer to receive future newsletters by e-mail, please let us know on our website [www.equine-vet.co.uk](http://www.equine-vet.co.uk). You can now order our fact sheets on-line as well.

## Prevention and Treatment of Mud Rash

It's that time of year again when mud rash and rain scald can be a real problem. Prevention is better than cure as most of the effective treatments are prescription only (POM-V) medicines and so require a vet to examine the horse before prescribing. We have a range of barrier products in our shop, our favourite being Keratex Mud Shield powder which can be less messy than using creams and ointments. It costs £7.58 for a 450g bottle. Please call in for our fact sheet on mud rash (or request one via our website [www.equine-vet.co.uk](http://www.equine-vet.co.uk))

## Practice News

Sarah recently attended a course on dentistry techniques and preventive dental healthcare. She returned very enthusiastic and felt the course promoted our existing belief in regular dental checks for all horses and not waiting until problems arise.

If you are looking for the ideal horsey Christmas present for someone, check out [www.gifthousecompany.com](http://www.gifthousecompany.com). Our receptionist Katy set up this website selling a wide selection of Horse gifts for horse lovers.

## A.I. Centre Now Approved By BEVA

We are pleased to announce that the practice is now listed by the British Equine Veterinary Association as an approved centre for artificial insemination using frozen and chilled semen. The premises we use at Holden Fold Stud in Tockholes have excellent facilities and we are looking forward to a busy breeding season in 2006 with the ever increasing popularity of A.I.

If you are thinking of breeding from your mare in 2006, now is the time to be planning the arrangements. Please call us for advice or to request our fact sheet on A.I.

## Worming Buckets

Do you always intend to worm your horse at the right time with the right product but it never quite goes according to plan? Simplify your worming for 2006 by buying a pack containing all the wormers for the year including an easy to follow chart and even calendar stickers so you don't miss giving a dose at the optimum time.

The packs also contain a kit to collect a sample for a worm egg count to make sure your horse does not have any sub-clinical worm problems. The packs are available from our shop priced at £85 each inc VAT.

## Don't be caught out by new Flu Vaccination Regulations

As mentioned in our previous newsletter, the FEI who regulate many equestrian events throughout Europe now require horses to be vaccinated for flu every 6 months.

We advise that all horses competing at high level should adhere to these rules because it can be very upsetting if you are refused entry in to an event. We have been informed that FEI rules will be strictly enforced at HOYS next year.

The rules applied from 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2005 so if your horse did not receive a booster by June 2005, vaccinations should be re-started to be in line with the rules.

As most horses will still be vaccinated annually, we will continue to send vaccination reminders every year. If you would like six monthly reminders instead, please let us know.

## Half Price Visits Dates Jan - Mar

Jan Dates	Feb Dates	March Dates	Area	Postcode of Stables
18th	6th	6th	Darwen, Tockholes, Hoddlesden	BB3
4th 20th	1st 17th	1st 17th	Accrington, Oswaldtwistle, Church, Huncoat	BB5
16th	20th	20th	Ribble Valley West (Mellor, Clayton-le-Dale)	BB2
25th	22nd	29th	Ribble Valley East (Clitheroe and Gisburn areas)	BB7
11th 30th	8th 27th	8th 27th	Burnley, Brierfield, Barrowford, Briercliffe, Cliviger, Nelson	BB9, BB10, BB11, BB12
9th	13th	13th	Rawtenstall, Haslingden, Waterfoot, Rossendale, Bacup	BB4
6th	3rd	3rd	Great Harwood, Rishton, Clayton-le-Moors, Blackburn	BB6, BB1
13th	10th	10th	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.