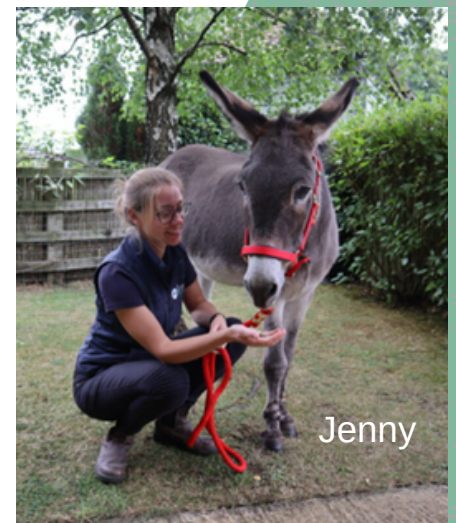


Autumn season is already here and so we'd like to update you on a few things here in the Equine team!

Firstly a welcome to our new team member Hilary Franklin, who you may have already met or seen on our Facebook page. Hilary grew up in the South West, seeing practice locally and then attending Edinburgh Vet School, before taking her first equine job in Shropshire and subsequently working at a large hospital practice in Sussex.

After working in sunny Bermuda and developing her performance medicine and preventative medicine interests there and in the U.S., gaining a Chiropractic certificate and specialist Equine acupuncture qualifications; she has returned home and now brings her experiences to The George Equine team. She hopes to meet some of you very soon!

We send our thanks and well wishes to Jenny who sadly left the team back in September. We wish her the best of luck for her future endeavours.



## DEWORMING AND TAPEWORM TESTING

As we try to promote more targeted worming as a profession for your individual horse (or groups of horses), with known resistance to all types of wormers on the increase; testing alongside good pasture management are key components of any management plan to decrease worm burden in your horse, whether they live at home or on a livery yard. Poo picking is an essential part of this alongside your grazing season worm egg counts. Resting paddocks (for a minimum of six months) or rotational grazing can help.

As we move into autumn, tapeworm saliva kits are a useful and easy way to test your horse at home to see if a tapeworm treatment is needed as part of their winter wormer.





Autumnal health issues

### SYCAMORE POISONING

This is the season to check your pasture for sycamore seeds and saplings, and tape off pasture that has any access to these. The sycamore is a member of the Acer family, of which there are several species, some of which contain the HGA toxin. The amount of HGA in the seeds varies and a toxic dose has not yet been established. Individuals may be affected from a group, of any age or breed and cases can often follow adverse weather changes such as heavy rain or frost.

Symptoms of sycamore poisoning or atypical myopathy, can be extremely varied and include (but are not limited to):

- Lethargy, dullness; with low hanging heads, or colic-like symptoms
- Muscle tremors or stiffness
- Dark urine
- Weakness or inability to stand
- Respiratory or cardiac symptoms

There is no specific test for this but an early conversation with your Vet is recommended, since symptoms can progress rapidly and this can be a fatal condition in some cases; a blood test for muscle enzymes and fluids may be required.

## Upcoming Client Events

**Tuesday 21st November, 7pm**  
**Keep the date free and RSVP!**

Come and join us for a fun and informative evening at Breach Lane Equestrian with opportunities for pre Christmas shopping and talks on preventative treatments to help optimize your horse's health.

*We are also planning some of our very popular Pub quizzes in January so keep your eyes peeled for confirmation of dates and locations closer to the time.*


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