

Summer newsletter



Welcome to our summer newsletter! It has been so nice to see all our lovely clients getting out and about whether for competitions, fun rides or lessons. We always love to hear how you are all getting on.

AN EVENT FOR THE DIARY: Tues 23rd September

GASTROSCOPE CLINIC

Venue: Burden Court Farm, Tresham, Glos, GL12 7RW

Limited numbers available



DISCOUNTED AT

£175
per equine

Including sedation

**Pre-payment
required in order to
receive full discount**

Offer does not include any treatment or medications prescribed

Equine gastric ulcers are common and they have a wide variety of clinical signs; however, the only way to diagnose them is via gastroscopy. This involves starving your horse 12 hours before the procedure to ensure their stomach is empty. Then we sedate them to pass the camera (called a gastroscope) into their stomach to assess its lining and look for ulcers.

We only have limited space for this discounted offer so please contact us ASAP in order to book your space.

Worm egg count reminder

Many of you have already sent in your samples for this time of year but here's a reminder to anyone yet to send them. We will send our next reminders out in October.

As a practice we recommend following a strategic worm control plan (worming your horse based on the results of faecal worm egg counts), as it reduces the further development of drug resistant worms, as well as being the most cost-effective approach.

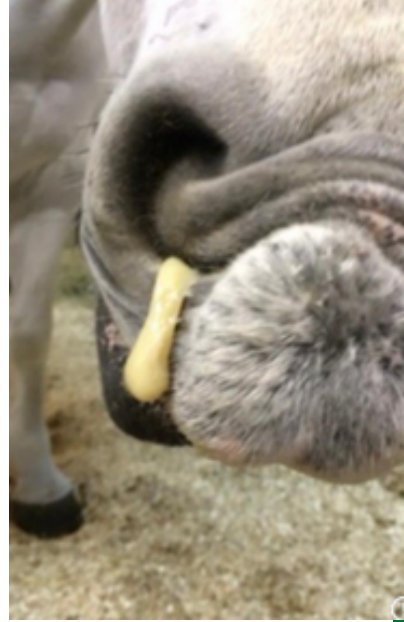
Worm egg counts are included in our healthy horse club membership.



Strangles

Strangles is a hot topic and can cause lots of discussion among the equine community due to its nature and as the infection is easily spread.

Strangles is a highly contagious, bacterial, respiratory infection caused by *Streptococcus equi equi*. It can affect horses, ponies and donkeys of all ages. Clinical signs can include pyrexia (high temperature), nasal discharge, enlarged lymph nodes, inappetence, lethargy and coughing. The bacteria are shed in nasal discharge or in pus draining from open abscesses.



The disease can be spread by direct contact between horses or indirect contact, on equipment or personnel. It can take between 3-14 days from a horse being infected by the bacteria to presenting with clinical signs.

Diagnosis is usually based upon results of a nasopharyngeal swab or endoscopy within the guttural pouches. However, diagnosis is not always straightforward. A blood test can be used as part of an outbreak management plan. Any horse suspected of having strangles should be isolated from others until results of diagnostic testing can be ascertained.

Treatment is usually symptomatic nursing care, but will be tailored to individual case requirements. Most horses will recover and stop shedding the bacteria after approximately 6 weeks; however, some horses (roughly 10%) will go on to become carriers, meaning they are persistently infected and can continue to spread disease without showing any outward clinical signs. Your vet can help by creating a management plan for an outbreak and post outbreak to ensure all horses are safe.

StrangVac

A new strangles vaccine has been produced by Dechra. It is a novel vaccine which provides a broad immune response and protects against all variants of *S.equi*. The vaccine will lessen the clinical signs of strangles in the early stages of disease, which means that the likelihood of your horse being unwell is significantly reduced.

The vaccine is administered via intramuscular injection, the same as for Tetanus and Equine Influenza. The primary vaccination course is two vaccines administered four weeks apart. It is recommended that horses receive regular booster vaccinations following the primary course to maintain protection against strangles.



- Chat
- Send photos
- Send video
- Send voicenotes



There are many ways you can get in touch with us but with the recent introduction of our WhatsApp number, it is even easier to send us messages, which can include photos and videos.



WhatsApp 07361 586725

And finally...

Across all our teams, and indeed throughout the calendar year, we support schools, fetes and many other community events which bring people together. Many of these are fundraisers and we are delighted and proud to be involved, wherever we can- **Community matters, and we care!**

In recent years we have also enjoyed coming together to organise our own charity events, to which our clients have always been most generous in their support.

This year, we are supporting The Grand Appeal.

The GEORGE Veterinary Group

WE ARE RAISING FUNDS FOR THE GRAND APPEAL
ALL FUNDS RAISED GO TO BRISTOL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

THE DAUGHTER OF ONE OF OUR VETERINARY NURSES RECENTLY RECEIVED LIFE SAVING CARE AT BRISTOL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL AND WE WOULD LIKE TO GIVE BACK AS A THANK YOU.
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN US IN DONATING OR READ MORE ABOUT HER STORY PLEASE VISIT THE LINK BELOW OR SCAN THE QR CODE. ANY DONATION IS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED. THANK YOU

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