



The
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Equine Clinic

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Coronavirus- our approach

**COVID-19
Coronavirus**

We've held off a little in publishing this to get a feel of how Covid-19 will impact all of us in terms of our equine lifestyles. As vets, equine health and welfare is always top of our agenda but that doesn't stop us seeing the implication to society as whole. We are taking all science-based advice and making appropriate changes to help us continue to be able to work as normal to look after your horses and without unduly risking our own or your health. So with a curtailed start to the spring competition season and a quieter social scene – what's in store? Currently in the UK exercising and training our horses carries on. Hacking out may be even more pleasurable and properly appreciated and it's a great opportunity to work on your own and your horse's development without the pressure of competing – trying to find a positive spin here! If you have to self isolate – unless you are living in a very rural area and have your horses based at home, you are unlikely to be able to reasonably continue to either look after or exercise your horses yourself. Self isolating involves keeping away from all contact with others (except those self isolating with you) for the duration. Going down to the yard "when it is quiet" isn't part of the plan! Horse owners are usually pretty good at helping each other in times of need – many of us have been injured and suddenly unable to look after our horses – and there's no reason to think this situation should be any different. We need to be prepared to ask for help and to offer help.

Arena Surfaces

Arena surfaces can have an impact on the incidence of certain injuries. If you are likely to spend more time on one particular surface ensure that it is well maintained. This obviously applies all year round. Maintaining all weather surfaces so that they provide good rebound and support requires both money and effort. If walking across it feels like hard work, that's a sign urgent attention to it is needed.



Medication Requests

Due to the current situation we are asking all clients to give us notice when it comes to re-ordering your horses medication. We aim to get it to you as quickly as possible, but please bear in mind this may take slightly longer than normal. Collection will be from Malmesbury only, Let us know if this not possible at this time.



Our Healthy Horse Club continues to grow with more owners appreciating the value in getting their horses' preventative health care in good order at a reduced cost. The extra service in terms of reminders about what needs to be done and when is so helpful and the extended opportunity to consult with one of the team about keeping your horse healthy for longer is reaping rewards. We also provide in depth newsletters with helpful hints and tips. Yes as vets, we are good at fixing things when they go wrong but we really love keeping horses healthy and performing at their best for longer. To join call the office on 01666 826456 or see www.georgevetgroup.co.uk/equine-clinic/healthy-horse-club/

**Stay Healthy. We are
here to look after
your horses!**

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