



Newsletter - Autumn 2021

Welcome to our autumn newsletter!

Staff updates

Many of you may know that our lovely **Angela** is due to go on maternity leave next month, with her second baby due in early February – we will miss her whilst she is away but wish her all the best for her new arrival.

We are looking forward to having **Lizzie Kopec** join us in January 2022. Lizzie will be a great asset to the team having completed an internship at an equine hospital for the last 18 months and is excited to start her new role and get out meeting all our clients and patients.

CPD and Events

As vets we have to complete a set number of hours of CPD (continuing professional development) each year in order to keep our knowledge and skills up to date throughout our careers. As a team we have had a busy few months attending CPD courses up and down the country. **Laura and Jo** attended a course covering all aspects of sports event management based at Osberton Horse Trials. **Jo** also joined a small group of vets on a charity castrate day organised by the BEVA Trust during which they managed to get 28 horses and ponies castrated! **Jenny and Meghan** recently attended a course at Liphook Equine Hospital covering all aspects of foot care/lameness and farriery. **Jenny, Ali and Meghan** also attended London Vet Show and **Laura and Jo** attended BEVA congress which are both veterinary conferences with lectures covering all aspects of equine veterinary care. **Ali** had another successful but busy time as part of the veterinary team at Horse of the Year Show back in October.



Worming

Winter is the season when we worm our horses for encysted redworm, tapeworm, pinworm and other parasites. To worm for these parasites, we need to use a product containing moxidectin (Equest and Equest Pramox). We worm our horses with this product between December and February (a few weeks after the first frost) every year. This allows us to treat our horses when the cold temperatures have reduced the parasite activity on our fields and killed any bot fly eggs, reducing the risk of reinfection after treatment. Encysted redworm can cause problems for our horses and the larval stages which cause disease are not identified on our normal worm egg counts.

At the George, we recommend treating with Equest Pramox because it eliminates all life stages of redworm and also contains Praziquantel which kills the Tapeworm. Equest Pramox is safe for horses and ponies including breeding, pregnant and lactating mares.

Due to the increasing resistance to our worming products, we recommend regular worm egg counts to be carried out throughout the grazing season starting in March-April, our Healthy Horse club includes 3 worm egg counts every year.



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Pub Quiz 2022 – Save the Date!

We are hoping to hold our annual pub quiz on Wednesday 26th January 2022 – venue and timings to be confirmed nearer the time. As usual we hope there will be fun, food and prizes!



PPID - Pars Pituitary Intermedia Disease

– better known as Equine Cushing's Disease.

It is a good idea to ensure you have tested your horse or pony for Cushing's if there are strong clinical suspicions of the disease.

Some of the more common signs are:

- Laminitis
- Long hair coat
- Failure to shed their winter coat
- Fat pads above the eyes
- Excessive drinking, urinating and sweating
- Recurrent infections
- Muscle loss
- Lethargy

A blood test can screen for disease and treatment in the form of tablets can be given daily to manage the disease. This blood test measures ACTH (Adrenocorticotrophic Hormone). If your horse or pony is on Prascend, it's a good idea to check their ACTH levels at least once a year, or if you have concerns about the control of their disease.

If you have any questions one of our vets would be glad to discuss these with you.



Danilon

As some of you may have seen the packaging for Danilon has changed and become more environmentally friendly. The sachets are completely interchangeable; they just look different! There is no difference in price or strength of product; but it's a

smaller sachet size at only 3g.



Next Year's Christmas Card

We are always on the look out for new photos to use for our annual Christmas card and love nothing more than to show off our lovely clients' horses, ponies or donkeys. So, we are setting you a challenge for this winter to get all the best pictures you can of your animals and send them on over to us – we particularly love a pony in the snow!

Email us or post on FB.



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