

PROUD TO BE AN INDEPENDENT EQUINE PRACTICE OWNED BY VETS

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AGRICULTURAL SHOW

DATES

This year we are looking forward to be attending the following Agricultural Shows:

OKEHAMPTON

Thursday 8th August

CHAGFORD

Thursday 15th August

HOLSWORTHY

Thursday 22nd August

We are delighted to have a new 'trailer' to take to the shows so please do pop in to say hello and have a cuppa and a piece of cake!

If you have any photos of you competing at the Agricultural Shows that you are happy to share, we would love you to send them to us and we can include them in our September Newsletter

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PRACTICE NEWS



We would like to congratulate Sam who went up to the big smoke of Westminster in London to graduate with his Post Graduate Diploma in Equine Clinical Veterinary Practice (PG Dip VCP).

The Diploma included modules in Equine Medicine, Equine Anaesthesia, Equine Surgery and Equine Diagnostic Imaging.

*****NEW*****

POSTING OF FAECAL SAMPLES FOR WORM EGG COUNTS

Our vets will be starting to carry in their cars free sample kits to enable you to collect same day faecal samples, label the bag well, package them in a padded envelope and post to our North Tawton Surgery for testing.

Samples need to be posted on the same as they are collected and sent first class to ensure a best chance of an accurate reading. You can still drop them into Hatherleigh, Okehampton & North Tawton for processing if you prefer.

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Hestevard Omega Pro

Hestevard Omega Pro is a supplement that we are now keeping in stock.

This is a supplement that is used to reduce the itchiness in horses.

The supplement has a blend of more than 25 ingredients which help to support a healthy skin and coat.

Should you want anymore information or think your horse might benefit from this supplement, please contact us and we can arrange one of our vets to call and discuss with you

EQUINE WORMING



This is a complicated topic made more so with the increasing amount of resistance we are seeing to the current drugs we have available. The move is towards strategic use of the drugs rather than blanket treatment 2- 4x a year as used to be recommended.

We know 80% of the parasite population is carried by 20% of horses and these horses are the ones we need to target and treat. Horses with low burdens that are low risk are best treated less often so they can be used to reduce exposure of the parasites to the drugs in the equine population.

It is important to ensure the correct weight dose of drug is given, both checking the weight of the animal and setting the syringe to the correct dose.

We recommend worm egg counts are utilised to identify the population of horses that needs treating. They are beneficial even in young and older horses that are naturally at a higher risk from parasite infection.

Timing of worm egg counts is important;

-March/June/September

-Collect samples ideally within 12hrs of defaecation, pick from 5 different faecal balls to a total 25g weight (fist sized)

-Ideally keep the sample cool and drop to us the same day it is collected or post first class to us on the same day it is collected for arrival/processing asap.

-If a high worm egg count is identified then we recommend a follow up sample is processed 4 weeks later to monitor effectiveness of the drug and resistance levels.

Tapeworm and encysted small redworm infection can now be diagnosed with saliva testing (there are many limitations to the tests but it is the best available at this current time) Testing in the Autumn time is the best for both to plan Winter treatment with moxidectin or moxidectin plus praziquantel (covers tapeworm).

If you are in charge of a yard and would like a tailored plan for your premises please contact the office and arrange an appointment with one of our Veterinary Surgeons

If you send faecal samples to us, we can perform a Worm Egg Count. Our vets will then advise based on this whether any action is required and when the best time would be to recheck

AREA DAYS

w/c 29th July 2024

w/c 12th August 2024

w/c 26th August 2024

INSOL BOOSTER

The usual time to give your horse the Insol booster to aid the management of sweet itch is August. If you are considering this for your horse, please call our reception team in the coming days so that we can ensure that we have enough stock to cover your horse as we have to import the drug.

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