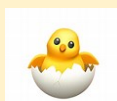


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### EASTER HOURS



*We would like to wish you all a very Happy Easter.*

*Over the Easter period our offices will be closed:*

*Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April  
Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April  
Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April  
Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April*

*Normal hours resume Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April.  
Emergency services will continue throughout the Easter period.*

### !!!MAY OFFER!!!



### STRANGVAC VACCINE

Strangvac is an intramuscular vaccine against the highly contagious disease strangles. It is indicated that Strangvac reduces clinical signs and the number of abscesses during the acute stage of strangles.

The primary course requires a first vaccine and a second vaccine four weeks later.

*For the month of May we are offering the second vaccine FREE OF CHARGE (only the visit charge to be covered by you)*

We have attached an information document on Strangvac in the e mail alongside this newsletter.

If you have any questions or would like to book the vaccines in, please contact out reception team on 01837 214 004.

### EQUUS VETS NEWSLETTER APRIL 2025

#### Equus Vets Leisure Health Plan Schemes

**Basic Leisure Horse**  
cost depending on area.

- Free annual visit at time of vaccination.
- Including a dental examination and any routine work required excl. sedation.
- Also including an annual influenza and tetanus injection + health check.
- 5% off any Equus Vets Supplement purchased.
- Free worm egg counts throughout the grazing period, when recommended.



**Accounts must be clear before Health Plans can be purchased and must be paid for before the first visit commences**

**\*Visits to be arranged within working hours and 48hrs prior notice given**



#### Leisure Horse incl Worming Package cost depending on area.

- Free annual visit at time of vaccination
- Including a dental examination and any dental work required excl. sedation.
- Also including an annual influenza and tetanus injection + health check.
- 5% off any Equus Vets Supplement purchased.
- Including a years supply of Worm Egg Count sampling kits – which include 4 gloves, 4 sample bags, 1 tapeworm testing kits, submission forms



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## Devon County Show

15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> May

May sees the start of the local County Shows.

We would like to wish those of you who are competing the very best of luck.

If you are happy to share your adventures from the Show, please email any of your pictures to

[georgie.brown@equusvets.co.uk](mailto:georgie.brown@equusvets.co.uk)

and we would be delighted to put your achievements in the next Newsletter.

Equally, if you have been out and about competing in any discipline and happy to share your pictures and results, please email them across to us



## The Grass is getting Greener Weight Management for your Horses



The rain over the weekend has made the fields greener and the grass grow. At this time of year we need to monitor our horses and ponies' to watch for trends of weight gain, or loss. Overweight equines is a huge problem in the UK and recognising the signs is a vital first step. If we see our horses every day, weight gain or loss can easily be missed.

- Take regular photos of your horse and compare to previous months or years.
- Use a weigh tape, or even just a piece of baler twine, to measure whether your horse is getting larger, or smaller.
- Body condition score your horse.
- Get your horse weighed. Some feed companies will visit your yard and bring scales to weigh your horse.

Monthly measurements (or perhaps every time your farrier visits?) will help you spot trends and prevent disease such as Laminitis, heart and breathing problems or early onset arthritis and lameness.

If you are struggling with managing your horses' weight, please get in touch. We may have some ideas that can help, or we may recommend some blood tests to look for underlying disease. Equine metabolic syndrome (EMS) may require additional medical treatment to help kick start a weight loss campaign. We are having good successes with new medications, which are affordable. Testing for insulin alone can be extremely informative but further blood tests may be applicable to individuals too. Blood tests are very useful for horses that are underweight.

Routine management including regular dentistry, monitoring worm egg counts and tapeworm burdens also help with weight management in horses. Please speak to our vets for further information and advice.



### CORNWALL AREA DAYS

w/c 5<sup>th</sup> May

w/c 20<sup>th</sup> May



### FUN FACT!!

**Chocolate is toxic to horses!!**

So no sharing of your Easter Eggs over the coming weekend! All the more for you to enjoy! 😊

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