

# PROUD TO BE AN INDEPENDENT EQUINE PRACTICE OWNED BY VETS

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## !!!!!!! UPCOMING CLIENT EVENING !!!!!!!

### WEDNESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

*Equus Vets invites you to an informative evening discussing:*

#### Equine Gastric Ulcer Syndrome (EGUS) and the latest Worming Advice.



- What is Equine Gastric Ulcer Syndrome?
- Where and how can they affect the horse?
- What are signs that your horse may present that could indicate EGUS?
- How do we investigate to get a confirmed diagnosis?
- What treatment options are there?
- How can we manage our horses to help prevent them?



- How often should you worm your horse?
- What should you worm your horse with and at what time of year?
- What does a Worm Egg Count show?
- Do all wormers cover all types of worms?
- Are worms becoming resistant to wormers?
- Are there new worming practices we should be following?

Why not join us to discover the answers to these questions and more!

**12<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at Bridestowe Village Hall, EX20 4EW**

[W3W reserve.commuting.length](http://W3W.reserve.commuting.length)

**6.30 – 7pm start**

Open to Clients and Friends  
Soft drinks and pizza will be provided!

*Places are limited – please call or e mail our reception team to book your place – the evening is free of charge.*

## EQUUS VETS NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2025

# MARCH ULCER AWARENESS MONTH

- ◆ Are you wondering if your horse is showing symptoms typical to a horse with ulcers?
- ◆ Have you considered booking your horse in for a gastroscopy to put your mind at rest to know either way?

**For the month of March, we are offering a gastroscopy including sedation for a reduced fee of £200 incl VAT (visit charge will be in addition)**

- ◆ There will be limited availability, so please contact our reception team on 01837 214 004 to book an appointment or to have a chat with one of our vets



## VACCINES, TEETH AND HEALTH CHECKS



- Are you starting to get out more with your horse?
- Are you going to be competing under a particular governing body?
- Have you checked their up to date vaccination rules as they can often change?
- If you need your vaccination done, why not get your horse's teeth checked along with a health check at the same time and save yourself a call out fee?
- Let our reception team know when you make your appointment so that they can allow enough time

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## GASTRIC ULCERS

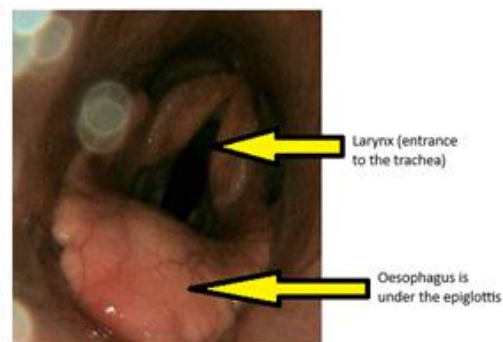
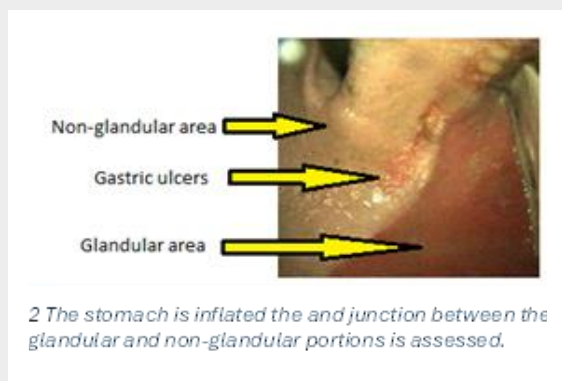
Coming out of the winter is a common time for horses to show symptoms of gastric ulcers.

Gastric ulcers can cause a wide variety of symptoms, which may include:

- Weight loss.
- Discomfort around the girth area, especially seen when tacking or rugging up.
- Poor performance.
- Reduced appetite.
- Recurrent colic, particularly after eating hard feeds.

Gastric ulcers are diagnosed by a gastroscopy. This allows us to assess the location and severity of the ulcers, in order to prescribe the correct treatment for your horse.

To perform a gastroscopy, your horse must first be starved overnight to allow the stomach to empty. At the visit, your horse will then be sedated and the gastroscope passed up the nose. The horse then swallows the gastroscope, which is passed down the oesophagus into the stomach. The stomach is then inflated with air to allow assessment of the ulcers.



1 Gastroscope is passed up the nose to the back of the throat, where it is swallowed.

There are two areas of the stomach which require careful attention. The first is the junction between the glandular (acid-producing) area of the stomach and the non-glandular area. Acid often splashes onto the unprotected non-glandular area of the stomach and causes ulcers. The second is the exit from the stomach to the small intestine, which is also prone to ulceration.

Depending on the location and severity of the ulcers, a course of treatment will be prescribed, which often lasts 3-4 weeks. A repeat gastroscopy is then performed to check the ulcers have fully healed, or if any further treatment is required.



3 The exit of the stomach is visualised.



### Cornwall Area Days for March

w/c 10<sup>th</sup> March

w/c 24<sup>th</sup> March

### DISPENSES

If one of our vets has been out to you and has said that they will liaise with the reception for a dispense to be organised, it is always advisable to ring ahead and check the message has filtered through!!! When the vets are on the road they are not always the most reliable at passing on messages!!!!!! We love them dearly but sharing messages is not their forte and we like to be ready for your arrival!!!!!!

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