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Horse Owner Evening

Open to both Clients & Non Clients

WHEN: Wednesday 16th July

WHERE: Bridestowe Village Hall

TIME: 18.30 for 19.00 start

FREE OF CHARGE

Nibbles will be served in the break!

*An informative evening to include both
discussion and a practical element on*

Equine First Aid

To include:

When to call the vet

What you can do as an owner

Practical advice & tips

Questions and Queries Session

To book your space please call 01837
214004 or email info@equusvets.co.uk
(spaces will be limited)

The evening being kindly sponsored by

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PRACTICE NEWS

We would like to give a very warm welcome to Jamie Gibbs who has recently joined our team and whom some of you will have met already

Jamie graduated from Dublin Vet College in 2003. He has worked in Ireland, Australia and New Zealand before coming to settle in the South West in 2011.

In 2023 he went back to New Zealand to work at a foaling and reproduction vet at Waikato Equine Veterinary Hospital and has recently returned to work with us.

He enjoys all aspects of equine work but especially reproduction and lameness.

Spare time is spent surfing and running on the moor with his dog Kerry.



WORM EGG COUNTS DUE NOW!

We are now in the height of the grazing season and so July is a good month to send us samples to carry out Worm Egg Counts. If your horses are either on a Health Plan or if you have our yearly Worm Egg Count Kits, please drop in a sample.

If you do not have either of the above, please head to our website www.equusvets.co.uk for more information or contact our reception team who are happy to help on 01837 214 004

If your horse is not on a Health Plan or part of our yearly Worming Egg Count Kits, we can process a lone sample – drop it into one of our surgeries – North Tawton, Okehampton or Hatherleigh

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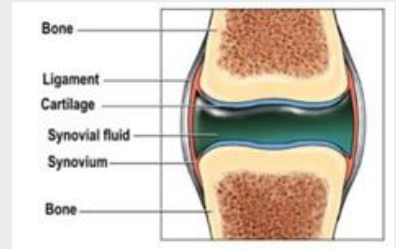
Wounds and the Importance of Their Location

With horses there tends to be a few categories of wounds we see more so than in other species; **Clean-cut** (incised cut), **Torn** (lacerated cut), **Puncture**, **Overreach** and **Swellings**. However, in horses we worry more about the location of the injury rather than the injury themselves. This generally will reflect prognosis and return to work.

The locations we worry about are generally anywhere there is a "synovial structure".

Synovial fluid is found in joints, tendon sheaths, and bursae, all of which are lined with a synovial membrane, that produces the lubricating synovial fluid.

Therefore, if there are wounds over these locations or wounds that communicate with infection to joint for example, which can be difficult to treat.



CLEAN-CUT (incised cut)

Are caused by something sharp. They can be serious, as they often cause a lot of bleeding and can be deeper than first appear. Typically, clean-cut wound edges appear clean and straight.



TORN (lacerated cut)

Lacerated wounds are often caused by something hard but blunt.

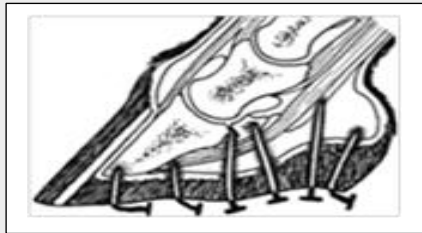
These wound edges are irregular and jagged, and bleeding is not usually as severe. There may also be swelling due to blunt trauma, and therefore a risk of foreign objects entering the wound.

GRAZES (abrasions), swellings and Inflammation

Grazes are usually minor, but they are still at high risk of infection as seen in Cellulites cases (see image). There is often bruising alongside a graze, and they can take a long time to heal depending on location.

PUNCTURE

Puncture wounds are caused by a piercing object, such as a nail or a thorn.



These wounds VERY COMMONLY look small from the surface, but they're often deeper than they look. Because of this, they pose a serious risk of infection, but also damaging deeper structures such as "Navicular Bursa" as seen in the picture - therefore crucial to keep the wound clean.

Due to their small size, puncture wounds are often overlooked. Always contact your vet if you think your horse has a puncture wound!

OVERREACH INJURIES

These injury's commonly happen when your horse's back foot strikes the fore limb. Similarly to puncture wounds these injuries can look like small cuts but can cause more serious deep lacerations or open wounds that are hidden underneath.

Some horses are more prone to overreach injuries than others. The wounds can be very painful for your horse, but they can be prevented with overreach boots.



JULY AREA DAYS

w/c 30th June

w/c 14th July & w/c 28th July



Top tip!

Are your carrots quick to go off in this weather?!

Store them in a bucket of clean water and it will stop them going black and mushy!!

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