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FEEDBACK

Thankyou to those of you who joined us at the EGUS and Worming Client Evening and for completing the Feedback Forms.

The forms are a really useful guide to ensure we are providing a good balance in the level of information we are sharing with you and lets us know subjects that you would be interested in.

We plan to hold our next evening in July – we will let you know a 'Save the Date' in our next month's Newsletter

Going on Holiday?



If you are going on holiday, and have someone that is going to look after your horses, please call us to let us know the following:

- *The dates you are away*
- *The name and contact number for the temporary carer should they need to call us and book an unforeseen appointment.*
- *The level of decision they are able to make regarding your horses on your behalf.*

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WORM EGG COUNT SAMPLING KITS



We now have WEC Sampling Kits available for sale

The kits include:

4 x gloves, 4 sample bags, 1 x tapeworm testing kit, submission forms

Two purchase options:

Postal sample kit - £82.50

Hand deliver to a Surgery sample kit - £65.00



There is scientific evidence that worms are becoming resistant to wormers. By collecting samples for faecal worm egg counts to be carried out throughout the year along with a Saliva Tapeworm Test, our vets can advise on a worming programme specific to your horse to ensure you provide the best management possible



For more information or to make a purchase of one of our kits, please call our reception team on 01837 214 004 or info@equusvets.co.uk

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CLIENT DETAILS

Have you moved
yards recently?

Do you have a new
postal address?

Have you updated
your mobile
number or email
address recently?

Have the horses
that you own
changed?

Do you know your
what3words for
your yard and not
yet let us know?

If you can answer
yes to any of the
above, please call
our reception team
or drop them an
email so that they
can update your
account.

By having the most
up to date
information, it could
alleviate any
additional stress
should you ever
have to call us in
an emergency.

LATEST GUIDANCE ON WORMING

With resistance to wormers becoming a problem, now is a good time to evaluate and update your worming protocols in line with the most recent guidance.

What is a resistant worm?

- A resistant worm is one that survives exposure to a wormer.
- When your horse is wormed, the wormer will kill the majority of susceptible worms, while any resistant worms will survive.
- These resistant worms will reproduce, passing this resistance on to the next generation. Over time, if every horse is wormed regularly, there is a high risk that worms will become completely resistant to the wormers available to us.
- With 80% of the worms living in only 20% of horses, most horses do not need regular worming.
- By only worming a small proportion of horses, fewer worms are exposed to wormers and the chances of a resistant population developing is reduced. This means that wormers are more likely to work when we need them, keeping our horses fit and healthy.
- The aim of a worming programme is to identify those horses that need worming, while preventing the unnecessary use of wormers so resistance does not develop.

What should a worming programme entail?

- The main worms affecting adult horses are redworms (including encysted redworms) and tapeworms.
- Redworm burdens can be assessed with a worm egg count on a faecal sample.
- Evidence of tapeworm infection can be seen using an Equisal saliva test.
- Unfortunately, there are no good tests available for encysted redworms. It is therefore important to assess whether your horse is at risk of disease from encysted redworms to decide whether they need any treatment.

For most horses, a worming programme would entail:

- Worm egg counts for redworms every 3 months.
- Equisal saliva testing once or twice per year.
- Treatment for encysted redworms for higher risk horses.

More information on worming can be found in the other document attached to this month's email.

CORNWALL AREA DAYS

w/c 7th April

w/c 21st April



VETERINARY STUDENTS

You might be aware that we have veterinary students on placement for a month at a time. We currently have Ollie with us and thank you all very much for being so welcoming when he comes to your yard with one of our vets.

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