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DEVON COUNTY SHOW

We were delighted to have our stand at Devon County Show for the first time this year and enjoyed the company of those of you who came to join us for a chat.



In the picture above is Sophie North Park's TB & Export Manager along with Hayden and Charlie.

Our sister company North Park Veterinary Group worked alongside other local veterinary practices providing onsite care where required for the Cattle, Sheep, Pigs and goats.



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PRACTICE NEWS



Our vet Gemma and three friends made the voyage up to Arena UK to compete at the British Riding Club Championships in the Quadrille. The team did incredibly well finishing in 3rd place

Can you guess which rider Gemma is!!

!!!!!!!!!!!!!! LAST CHANCE !!!!!!!!!!!!!

We are in the last few days that we are able to offer the Stangvac Amnesty – Pay for the 1st vaccine & Get the 2nd FREE (visit charges apply)

If you would like to book in for the course of vaccines, or have any questions regarding the vaccine, please contact our reception team on 01837 214 004

WORMING PACKAGES

With the grazing season well underway, why not let us take the hassle out of worming your horse? Visit our website to view information on our worming packages –

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STRANGLES

- Strangles is a highly contagious respiratory disease in horses worldwide. It is caused by the bacterium *Streptococcus equi subspecies equi* and is characterised by fever and abscessation of the lymph nodes of the head and neck.
- The disease can affect any age, sex or breed of horse and is endemic in the horse population, meaning it is always circulating at any given time.

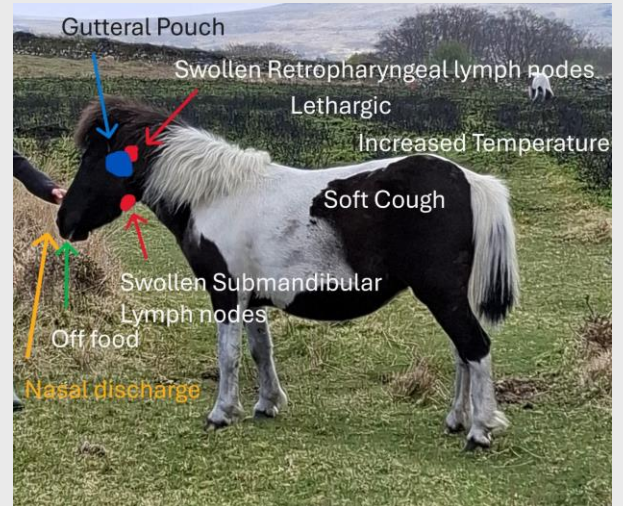
CLINICAL SIGNS

No signs doesn't mean no strangles. Outwardly healthy horses are often overlooked as not being a risk, but it is important to remember:

- A horse may be infected, but not yet show any clinical signs or they can have very mild clinical signs of strangles with no obvious abscesses

Horses show various clinical signs of strangles which include:

- Fever (body temperature $>38.5^{\circ}\text{C}$)
- Purulent (pus) nasal discharge
- Soft moist cough
- Depression
- Lack of appetite
- Abscesses in the lymph nodes of the head and neck.



How is strangles picked up?

Horses are infected with the bacterium *Streptococcus equi* through contact with infected horses or materials, such as shared drinking troughs or feed.

How is strangles treated?

Treatment options are limited. Early treatment of exposed horses revolves around good nursing care to alleviate clinical signs and may include NSAIDs.

Antibiotics (penicillin) may prevent abscess formation but should only be considered very early in the disease process, if at all. Horses that are treated with antibiotics may remain susceptible to strangles and antibiotic resistance is emerging.

How is strangles managed?

Handling an outbreak of strangles is cumbersome and often requires a high investment in both time and money. Strangvac is a novel vaccine used for the active immunisation of horses from five months of age.

The intramuscular vaccine is indicated to:

- Lessen the clinical signs of disease in the acute stage of infection.
- Reduce the number of lymph node abscesses.



AREA DAYS

w/c 2nd June 2025

w/c 16th June 2025



We would like to wish all our clients who are competing at the Royal Cornwall Show the very best of luck

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