

# December Newsletter 2016

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*We'd like to wish all our clients a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!*

## Christmas Holidays

During the Christmas period we will be closed on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> December for the Christmas holiday and then on 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2017 for the New Year break. In cases of emergency please do not hesitate to call our Emergency line on 01873 852391.

**Repeat Prescriptions** – May we remind clients to order their repeat prescriptions a little earlier than usual please, due to the festive season.

## Dates For Your Diary – December

4<sup>th</sup> – SWHP Christmas Open Day 11am-3pm  
13<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> – Olympia, London

## Welcome Helen Vaughan MRCVS

We would like to welcome our newest vet to the Abbey Equine team, Helen Vaughan MRCVS. Helen will be covering Georgina's maternity leave and we're sure she'll be an asset to the team.

## Calendars

We have been overwhelmed by all the lovely pictures we have received for the calendar competition, we had over 30 fantastic entries! Sadly we can't pick everyone's, but we have now chosen the 13 winners and the calendars are now in stock priced at £8, with a donation made to SWHP, they make brilliant Christmas presents! Please call the practice to reserve yours now!

## Ways To Pay

There are many different ways you can pay your account at Abbey Vets, we routinely accept the following – cash, cheque, card payment, contactless and BACS. If paying by BACS please ensure you state your account number as the reference to avoid confusion!

## Wormer of the Month

Now it's time to give thought to treating the threat of encysted red worms. If you have covered for tape worm throughout the year then a single dose of Moxidectin (trade name Equest £14.39) or a 5 day Panacur Equine Guard £25 (weight dependent dose) will rid the horse of these potentially life threatening worms. If you have not treated for Tapeworm you can use Equest Pramox £21 and do both in one go (Moxidectin and Praziquantal). Give Karen a call at the surgery for offers on 10 or more wormers!

## Tetanus Vaccination – Buy One Get One FREE

This time of year sees us visiting horses for cuts, wounds, mudfever etc. As part of the treatment, all these cases would require the vet to give a tetanus vaccination or at least a short acting cover. If your horse has no tetanus cover, no matter how small the wound it is at a risk of contracting tetanus (an extremely painful, and expensive disease to treat and quite often fatal). Why not take advantage of our Tetanus Amnesty offer and protect your horse/pony for just £22.90 (plus call out) and get the second injection FREE of charge!

## Christmas Stocking Filler

Be prepared on your yard and include a very inexpensive, but useful diagnostic tool 'the Thermometer', in your first aid kit. Available here at the surgery (or ask a vet whilst at your yard) a thermometer is priced at just £3. Or why not buy for yourself or a gift for someone else of a full equine first aid kit for just £24.99, in stock now!

## Abbey Equine Results Service

If you and your lovely horse/pony have any show results to report in the next year, we would love to hear about it! Email your results and any pictures to [equine@abbeyvets.co.uk](mailto:equine@abbeyvets.co.uk) FAO Mandy and we will feature you on our Facebook page. We love seeing how everyone gets on and would like to celebrate your success with you!

## \* ATTENTION ALL POULTRY KEEPERS \*

England and Wales are both subject to regulations designed to prevent the spread of avian influenza. For the next 30 days all poultry (ducks, turkeys, geese, chickens, etc) and other captive birds need to be kept indoors or take appropriate steps to keep them separate from wild birds.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-measures-to-protect-poultry-against-avian-flu>

## Joke Corner:

**Veterinary nurse:** 'How is that big chestnut who swallowed the £2 coin?'

**Vet:** 'No change so far'