



April Newsletter 2017

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We will be closed on Friday the 14th and Monday 17th for the Easter break. However, our 24hr emergency line will be in operation. Do not hesitate to call for veterinary assistance in an emergency. Tel: 01873 852391

Surgery News

New equipment

We have just upgraded our laboratory at our equine clinic at Llansabbath. We have installed two laboratory blood machines to enable us to provide a fast, effective service. The first machine (haematology) will be checking the cellular components of the blood while our second machine (biochemistry) will be checking the blood components eg electrolytes and proteins.

Also, we have just purchased a brand new portable ultrasound machine for both reproductive scanning and some mobile orthopaedic scanning. We think you'll agree that both investments will have a positive effect on our clients and their horses.

Dates for your Diary – April

1st – Monmouthshire Hunt Point to Point

9th – Grand National

Put The Fun Into Fun Rides- Yipeee!

8th-Spring Fun Ride at Caradoc, Sellack, Ross on Wye at 9:30

21st-Spring Fun Ride at Treworgan Farm, Llangrove, Ross on Wye, *CHILDREN ONLY*

23rd-Spring Fun Ride at Howick/Itton Chepstow

Wormer of the month 'Equitape'

It's spring so we're battling those terrible tapeworms. If you didn't treat in the autumn last year, now is the time to consider using a tapewormer. At the moment we recommend 'Equitape', a single dose syringe which can treat up to 600kg of horse. There are discounts available for all bulk buys on our wormers. Please ring for details.

Need a supplement?

Supplementing a horse's feed can be confusing and frustrating for the horse owner. Here at Abbey vets we stock a quantity of the well respected 'Hestavard' range. The supplements can be viewed in reception and include products such as:

- -Ex-Egus -Used for horses displaying signs of gastric ulcers
- Profix-An equine nutritional supplement promoting digestive health
- VMZ 25-Nutritional supplement to promote and maintain optimum health
- Duratone- A palatable iron, B-complex and cobalt enriched syrup.
- Duralyte- A perfectly balanced electrolyte replacement for times of intense exercise.
- Biotex 37- Ultimate equine supplement for hooves

Bumper Sticker Competition

Congratulations are due to Jane Smith, this month's Bumper Sticker Competition winner. For just displaying our car sticker in her vehicle, Jane has won a lovely prize! Remember to display an Abbey Vets sticker in your car/lorry/tackroom and if one of our vets spots it, you could be in for a prize.

Breeding mares

If you haven't already done so, it is time to make a start on getting your mares in foal. Mares that failed to conceive last year would benefit from a thorough examination and to acquire the appropriate documentation required by many studs. Mares that have slipped a foal should certainly be checked out.

Did you know...?

A horse has 24 deciduous teeth (milk teeth) and 40 permanent teeth (excluding wolf teeth) when fully formed. Horses' wolf teeth are actually their first pre-molar teeth and are very small 'peg'-like teeth with a short root. Here at the clinic we have our very own Equine Dental Vet. Sarah Carr is a qualified dentist under BAEDT guidelines and has a wealth of knowledge and experience. A routine float starts at just £47.28 (excluding visit and sedation costs) and includes a full dental and mouth examination, treatment advice regarding diet and ongoing dental care.

Joke corner

-A little boy has just returned from a walk in the country with his granny. 'Mum, Mum!' he called out. 'We've just seen a man who makes horses!' 'Really?' asked his mother. 'Yes, and he'd nearly finished' said the boy. 'As we walked by he was nailing on its' feet'.
-Some event horses are ever so polite that when they get to a fence they stop and let you go over first.

Congratulations

To Mr Brian Eckley from Brecon on achieving two 3rds with his homebred Jaunty Clementine and Jaunty Flyer at Ludlow races recently. Well done!

Invoice fraud warning

Our bank manager has advised us to warn our clients about invoice fraud. If you receive an invoice from any business saying they have changed their bank details ring the business to check as fraudsters have started copying and altering invoices!