



# April Newsletter 2016

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## Surgery News

### Do you think your horse is suffering from gastric ulcers?

Gastric ulceration is very common, recent studies have shown up to 90% of racehorses, up to 50% of leisure horses and 50% of foals are affected. 15<sup>th</sup> April is Abbey's Gastric Ulcer Awareness Day – please call us to discuss our special offers available on this day! Once diagnosed using gastroscopy, gastric ulcers can be treated quickly and effectively with medication and horses usually return to their former level of performance. For more information visit our website or give us a call 01873 840069.

**Thank you** to all the clients who brought in their used stamps to help the SWHP. We are also collecting unwanted DVD's to donate to their worthy cause.

## Dates for your Diary – April

- 2<sup>nd</sup> – De Cymro Endurance GB Fun Ride @ Wentwood
- 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> - Howick BE Event
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Sinai Dressage, Usk College
- 9<sup>th</sup> – Grand National
- 10<sup>th</sup> – Sinai Dressage Championship Show, Usk College
- 10<sup>th</sup> – Llangeinor P2P, Pyle, Bridgend
- 24<sup>th</sup> – Offa's Dyke Endurance GB fun ride @ Forest of Dean

## Wormer of the Month – Equitape

It's spring so we're battling those terrible tapeworms. At the moment we recommend Equitape (£11.00/inc), a single dose syringe which can treat up to 600kg of horse. Discounts on orders of 10 or more, please ring the surgery for details. Alternatively if you covered for Tapeworm in Autumn we would recommend either Bimectin (£6.50 inc) or a faecal egg count. Please call Karen at the surgery to discuss your individual horses's needs 01873 840069.

## Reminder – Breeding Mares & Storing Semen

If you haven't already done so, it is time to begin getting your mares in foal. Maiden mares, mares that failed to conceive last year and mares that aborted would benefit from a thorough check over to make sure they are in tip top condition! Here at Abbey we are able to offer very competitive AI packages and have the cryo facilities to store frozen semen until needed. For more information please call the clinic on 01873 840069.

## Prescription Medications

Just a quick reminder; we have had an increase recently in the number of telephone requests for antibiotics and phenylbutazone. We cannot dispense prescription only medicines (POM-V) after a client request. Vets are only allowed to dispense POM-Vs to 'animals under our care'. In addition we want to make sure your animals receive the correct drug at the correct dose, and to do that accurately we need to examine your horse. Please do not ask our receptionists for these drugs, they are not allowed to give these out and are worried that refusal may cause offense.

## Bumper Sticker Competition

Congratulations are due to Mrs Birch this month's Bumper Sticker Competition winner. For just displaying our car sticker in her vehicle, Mrs Birch 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.

## Aintree Foal Milk & Colostrum

As always we are held on the emergency suppliers list for foal milk and colostrum, which in times of need day of night we're sure you'll appreciate. Foal milk emergency tubs are priced at £10 per tub and larger bags by pre-ordering with Karen.

## Card Payment & BACS

Please could we urge clients to pay us online by BACS wherever possible? We are all trying to keep costs down and increasing Visa fees are making it increasingly difficult. Natwest bank - sort code: 516102 account no: 69136017. Please include your account number as the reference.

## Welcome Back Sarah!

We would like to welcome back our equine dental vet Sarah Carr MRCVS to the clinic. Sarah has taken six months sabbatical to do some building work on her property. Sarah starts back on 4<sup>th</sup> April, refreshed and rejuvenated, and will be available for dentistry clinics and other work throughout the practice area. To book an appointment please call the office on 01873 840069.

## New Product – FormTex Poultice Dressing

Here at Abbey Equine we are always striving to bring our clients the best deals. We have recently sourced a new poultice called 'FormTex'. It comes in a handy tube like presentation and is 20x40cm which can be cut to individual requirements, can be applied hot or cold and is ideal for minor cuts, bruises and solar abscesses. We are able to offer this superb handy size dressing at an incredible price of £3.96(inc) each. Ring the surgery for more information or to reserve yours now.