



# March Newsletter 2016

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Happy Easter & St David's' Day! Spring is just around the corner!

**Don't forget Bank Holidays 25<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> March**

## Surgery News

**Our web site** ([www.abbeyequine.co.uk](http://www.abbeyequine.co.uk)) is getting more user friendly and interactive. If any of our clients have any ideas for our website we'd be grateful for your thoughts or recommendations.

**Just a quick note** to those who make payments by BACS, please can you make sure you put a reference on the payment – either your account number, name, horse's name, something that we can easily identify your account by. Many thanks.

**Please be extra vigilant** with your horses as we have had several separate confirmed cases of strangles in the practice area. If you have any concerns please call the practice on 01873 840069. For further information please see our helpful fact sheet on our website [www.abbeyequine.co.uk/strangles.php](http://www.abbeyequine.co.uk/strangles.php).

Also Emma will be giving a talk on strangles on 2nd March for Wye Valley Riding Club, this should be a very interesting talk so we urge to attend if you are able. Venue is The Anchor at Tintern and start time will be 8.00pm. If you wish to eat then please arrive around 7.00pm.

**Special Offer** this month - buy a box of Synequin- a top quality chondroitin and glucosamine supplement and get a FREE tub of Equi-Salve antibacterial salve with citronella worth £11.34 inc!

## Dates for your Diary

5<sup>th</sup> – Brecon & Talybont P2P  
13<sup>th</sup> – Sinai Dressage, Usk College  
15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> – Cheltenham Festival of Races  
13<sup>th</sup> – Curre + Llangibby Point to Point, Howick  
20<sup>th</sup> – Offa's Dyke Endurance Ride @ Trellech, Monmouth

## One Stop Shop – With Professional Advice!

Just what do we sell over the counter?

We pride ourselves on sourcing high quality, high purity, and batch tracked supplements. We have a full range of Hestivard supplements in stock from electrolytes to liver tonics and it comes with a money back palatability guarantee. We only stock products that we believe in and would feed to our own horses.

We provide professional impartial advice on wormers, bandaging materials, supplements and more.

We also go above and beyond to get the most competitive prices we can.

Our qualified nurses provide in house faecal egg count testing with same day results reported and worming advice.

## Gastroscopy

Thanks to our new vet Heather we are now up and running with our new gastroscope! Now is a great time before the competition season starts to get your horse scoped if he's showing any of the following symptoms: dull coat, loss of condition or appetite, poor performance, colic episodes, behavioural changes – stress or grumpy, resentment of girth. Give us a call to discuss your requirements.

## Wormer of the Month

"Anoplocephala Perfoliata" (tapeworm) time! Now is the time to keep those terrible tapeworms at bay. Here at Abbey Vets we have the very effective single dose tapewormer, it's an easy to use syringe which contains enough paste to treat a 600kg horse and priced at £11.00 (inc VAT) it's a real bargain! Buy 10 and get one **FREE!**

## Text Reminders

We are now able to send a reminder about your vaccination date by text. If you would like to receive your reminder via text please call in to make sure we have your correct mobile number.

❖ **Our vaccination reminder service is courtesy only, it is your responsibility to make sure your horses' vaccinations are up to date.**

## Make Use of the Cold Months

Now is the time to get any of those little operations performed that have been put off for months. There are no flies around and the horses are inside in a clean environment. It is also a good time for castrations to be performed so long as an appropriate, dry, area for exercise is available afterwards to keep the swelling down.

## Aintree Foal Milk/Colostrum

Early we know, but we're prepared – are you? We are currently held on the list of emergency suppliers of foal milk. We always have in stock tubs of mare's milk replacement at a cost of £10.00 per tub. Also, always in stock is the Equi-Col foal colostrum, which in times of need we're sure you'll appreciate.

## Car Sticker Competition

This year again sees us continuing with our popular car sticker competition! So if you haven't already, please feel free to collect a bumper sticker to display on your car/horsebox/trailer and if one of our members of staff spots it you could be one of our lucky monthly winners! This month winner is Kate Catley from Pandy, just for displaying our sticker Kate wins a fab prize!