

Surgery News

- Please come and visit us at Usk Show on 10th September, where again this year we will be stationed in our show gazebo handing out refreshments, information and big smiles. We also have a fantastic voucher to raffle in aid of SWHP, courtesy of Norbrook.
- Congratulations to Jules Horton and her horse Premier Joyful Moon on coming 1st in both the para CPEDI2* event at Bishop Burton on 30th July and also went on to win the Grade III 2* Music class with an impressive score of 69.7%. Well done!
- Congratulations to our vet Georgina Vaughan who was 3rd in the CEI* 100km masters of the future 6 year old class in Brussels at 14.7km/hr with Vlacq Journeyman! Massive well done!
- Good luck to our own Rod Fisher and the British Paralympic Dressage team at the Rio Paralympic Games this month! This will be Rods' 15th year as team vet to the extremely successful British team. We look forward to seeing you on TV!

Dates for your Diary – September

- 1st - 4th Burghley Horse Trials
- 10th Usk Show
- 16th & 17th – Protect Your Horse Event, Merthyr
- 17th Monmouth Horse Trials
- 8th – 11th Blenheim Horse Trials
- 18th Badminton Fun Ride
- 18th SWHP Annual Duck Race, Swan Meadow, Abergavenny
- 25th SWHP Fun Ride, Garnons, Hereford
- 24th + 25th Fayre Oaks Sale, Built Wells

Just a reminder of how the Zone Days work...

To help keep cost down and to enable the vet to manage their day more efficiently, we have incorporated zone days into our diary. When all the area calls come in we will plan a route through the zone to help minimise driving times and then contact clients with their allotted time. For this type of time flexibility we have substantially cut the call out costs to just £18.00, but in return we ask our clients to please not specify a time. However, we would be pleased to make a specific appointment time for any client outside of the zone day to accommodate your needs. We also ask if people could please let us know if there are any extra add-ons on the yard as 'while you're heres' often make the vet late for their next client. Thank you.

Seasonal Pasture Myopathy Season Approaching

SPM, previously termed atypical myopathy, is a frequently fatal muscle disease in horses. Horse owners are being urged to minimise the risk of seasonal myopathy (SPM) by indentifying any sycamore trees in or near pasture. Recent research uncovered the cause of the disease to be a toxin contained in the seeds of sycamore trees. Now is the ideal time to look for the trees as they will be in full leaf and seeds are clearly visible.

Colic Warning!

Now with Autumn fast approaching we will start to bring our horses in from the field and introduce more changes into their diet. This will undoubtedly cause an increase in colic cases. Remember, any changes in feed MUST be gradual and it is important to make sure the horse is passing normal droppings. Suddenly bringing them in overnight and giving the horse as much hay as he can get is a recipe for disaster. Even if your horse has not suffered before, a sudden change in diet can cause an impaction (blockage) in the gut which will lead to colic! Save yourself the heartache (and the vet bill) by being careful.

Bumper Sticker Competition

Congratulations to our Bumper Sticker competition winner Jess Harris. For just displaying our car sticker in her vehicle Jess gets a smashing prize. Remember to display our sticker in your vehicle and if one of our vets spots it, you could be taking home a great prize!

Wormer of the Month – Equitape/Equest Pramox

Its Anoplocephala Perfoliata time! (That's tapeworm time to you and me) At this time of year we should consider changing our worming regime to include a preparation that covers this threat. Here at the surgery we can offer helpful advice with regular discounted offers, so please give us a call to discuss any requirements.

DONT FORGET - Protect Your Horse Welfare Event

Abbey Equine Clinic is proud to be supporting the next 'Protect Your Horse' Event, which will take place at Dowlais Community Centre, CF48 3LP, on Friday 16th and Saturday 17th September. While the event is open to everyone, the purpose of the event is to help protect the health of horses whose owners have difficulty funding preventative health care. Each horse, pony or donkey presented will receive a heavily subsidised health check, microchip, passport and wormer, all for £30. Abbey Equine Clinic will be donating our vets' time to provide these services. For more information email: contact@awnwales.org or go to www.awnwales.org/protect-your-horse