



March Newsletter 2019

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



Surgery News:

Sad Farewell - This month we are sadly saying goodbye to Samantha Crumpton. Sam has been an integral part of our team and I know she will be missed by her colleagues and our clients. We wish her all the best for her move.

We are also saying goodbye to Lottie Russell who joined us in 2011, and over the last 7 years has worked at both the small animal and equine sites, we wish Lottie all the best and hope she keeps in touch!

We are very pleased to welcome back Emily Dibble to the team here at Abbey. Emily left us to work at Liphook Equine Hospital and during the last 2 years she has completed her Equine Nursing Diploma. Many of you may remember Emily who is originally from Pontypool, welcome home.

A big thank you to Boehringer Ingelheim for providing a very interesting evening course for our staff entitled "Gastroscopy, what we know and where we go". All the staff found the evening very informative and we always enjoy improving our knowledge.

Here at the clinic we have our own weigh bridge which is free of charge for registered clients to come and use. We can also arrange yard visits for 5 or more horses.

If you need any help or advice please contact at the surgery.... together we can help!

Aintree Foal Milk/Colostrum

We are currently held on the area list of emergency supplies for foal milk. We always have in stock tubs of mare's replacement milk at a cost of £10 per tub which can be supplied to named cases only. Also in stock we have foal colostrums which in times of need we are sure you will appreciate.

Did you know?

Veterinary surgeons are the only professionals allowed to legally diagnose dental problems.

Here at Abbey we work in conjunction with Bristol University and vet Sam Bescoby MRCVS who is trained in advanced dental procedures. These advanced procedures include tooth extraction and all restorative dental techniques.

We take pride in having regular advanced dental clinics here at the practice to keep travelling to a minimum for our clients.

For all routine dentistry all of our vets are fully trained and experienced with electronic tools.

Dates for your Diary

12th – 15th – Cheltenham Festival of Races

17th – Brecon Point to Point

17th – Y Fenni RC Dressage, Usk College

24th – Sinai Dressage, Usk College

30th – Monmouthshire P2P, Monmouth Show Ground

Wormer of the Month

Tapeworm time! Now is the time to keep those terrible tapeworms at bay. Here at Abbey vets we have a selection of wormers that cover not only tapeworms but other relevant parasites, all in easy to use syringes which contains enough paste to treat up to 700kg bodyweight. Give Karen a call for discounts on bulk orders! 01873 840069

Synequin joint supplement

There will be a price increase in Synequin sachets from April 2019 due to circumstances out of our hands. Our usual price of £115 will remain until that date, so please bare that in mind if you would like to stock up before April!

Make Use of the Cold Months

Now is the time to get any of those little surgeries performed that have been put off for six months. There are no flies around at the moment and the horses are inside in a clean environment which will help to control any infections. For example, castrations and sarcoid removals are ideal at this time of year.

Recognising Disease: The sooner the better:

Know what is normal for your horse (Equine Vital Signs):

<u>Physical Parameters</u>	<u>Normal Range</u>
Rectal Temperature	37.5-38.5 (degrees centigrade)
Pulse/Heartbeats	28-42 BPM
Respiratory Rate	10-14 resps/min

Each horse might have a slightly different 'normal' for them so it's a good idea to get to know your own horse.

Hestevard Range of Supplements:

Need a supplement? Why not take a look at our Hestevard range at the clinic.... From vitamins and minerals, feet, gastric health, liver, vitamin e and electrolytes, we have them all. All supplements in the range come with a palatability guarantee and are trusted in quality by Abbey. All at competitive prices, please give us a call to discuss your horses' requirements.