



January Newsletter 2017

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Wishing Everyone a Very Happy New Year!



Surgery News

- If you have anything to report for our 2017 newsletters and facebook page please feel free to contact Mandy, (mandy.bartlett@abbeyvets.co.uk) we love hearing how all your horses and ponies are getting on in all spheres.
- Goodbye Emily, Hello Catrin! It was sad news when our qualified nurse Emily decided to leave after four years for pastures new, Emily is joining Liphook Equine Hospital in Hampshire and we wish her all the best for the future.
Catrin is currently studying at Hartpury University and will qualify as an Equine Veterinary Nurse in this coming May. We are very lucky to have such an asset to our team and are sure Catrin will fit in well.

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 spot it you could be one of our lucky monthly winners!

Dates For Your Diary:

22nd – Sinai Winter dressage @ Usk College

Reminder about Horse Passports

A gentle reminder to all our clients to please have their horse's passports to hand when the vet visits or if you have an appointment here at the surgery. We will need to know whether the declaration page has been signed if the horse is intended for human consumption or not as this influences the drugs the vets can administer.

Wormer of the Month

Equest is a single dose treatment containing Moxidectin to control red worms, roundworms, encysted cyathostome larvae and bots! With its long dosing interval of 13 weeks Equest is excellent value for money at £14.39 (inc VAT) and treats up to 700kg bodyweight. Discounts on orders of 10 or more!

Abbey Equine Calendar

Have you seen the results of our calendar photo competition? Thank you to everyone who sent in some terrific photos to Bryony. We sat down and chose 13 lucky pictures to compile our very own calendar. Priced at £8 with a donation from every calendar sold going to SWHP, we're sure you'll agree they're great value for money. Ring the surgery now to reserve your calendar and we will even put on your vaccinations, worming and dental dates!

Why Vaccinate? Make it a New Year's Resolution!

Just as with human disease, vaccinations help horses fight infection and if a horse does develop disease it will decrease the severity of the signs. Equine flu outbreaks are becoming increasingly more prevalent and there have been over 10 outbreaks in the last 3 months up and down the UK. Make it your new year's resolution that all your horses are covered against tetanus and flu.

Vaccines are available against the following diseases:

- Equine Flu
- Tetanus
- Equine Herpes Virus
- Rotavirus
- Strangles

Here at Abbey Vets we are proud to say we use the most up to date equine flu vaccine, by using this as part our vaccination protocol our clients can be assured that they are using the most up to date vaccine available.

Don't forget our Tetanus vaccination amnesty!

This year again has seen us holding the prices of our vaccines.

Vaccination is a form of health insurance. Talking of insurance, you should consider health insurance for your horse. It certainly solves a lot of financial problems if your horse suffers from a disease or injury. Some insurance companies offer a better service than others and you often don't find out how good the company is until you make a claim. The cheapest are not always the best! If you are concerned, we are happy to discuss the decision with you before you take out the policy.

Sarcoids

Has your horse got any suspicious lumps or bumps? Now is the time to get those sarcoids treated before the weather heats up and the flies come out. Equine Medical Solutions have now sorted their portal issues and are ready to go! Don't let those lesions get sore or infected or spread over the summer, treat them now for the best results. For further information please call the clinic on 01873 840069.

Zone Days

Our ever popular zone days have had a small price increase to £19, still amazing value, to book onto your area day please give us a ring on 01873 840069.

Repeat Meds

We never know what the weather will be like at this time of year, please make sure you have enough of your horses' medication to cover you should the snow arrive!