



March Newsletter 2017

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



Protexin range

Abbey vets stock a wide variety of the protexin range of Pre and Probiotics

❖ Recover Aid

A palatable powder to encourage appetite and aid recovery following strenuous exertion, a long journey or a post viral treatment. It contains carefully balanced ingredients to help liver function, strengthen immunity and aid digestion.

❖ Pro-Kolin paste for foals

A Pre and Probiotic for foals. Natural binding agents which coat the lining of the gut.

❖ Equine Pro Paste

A Probiotic to encourage normal digestive function. Its' highly concentrated probiotic paste with a hint of peppermint is useful to rapidly balance the gut at times of travelling stress and competition.

❖ Bio Premium

A symbiotic supplement to encourage normal digestive function.

Wormer of the Month

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, called Equitape available. It's an easy-to-use single dose syringe oral application which contains enough paste to treat one 600 kg horse (Currently priced at £11) Buy 10 and get one **FREE!**

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.

Body condition scoring

What is it?

Body condition scoring is a summary assessment of your horse's condition, estimating the amount of fat cover on your horse at 'any given time'. It can be a useful tool to help you recognise whether you need to adjust your horse's feed according to activity level. Regular assessment using this system helps to give some objectivity to your horse's condition, aiding in making decisions to adjust feeding plans or help detect potential arising problems, for example dentition or parasitic burdens. Key areas to assess are over the neck, shoulders, ribs, backbone, rump, and top of the tail.

Scoring on 0-5, the following explains.

0: Emaciated; little or no flesh covering, marked ewe neck

1: Poor condition; ribs easily visible, skin more supple, ewe neck.

2: Moderate condition; flat sides to rump, ribs just visible, backbone covered, however spine can be felt.

3: Good condition (ideal!); pelvis covered and round appearance, ribs just covered, easily felt but not visible.

4: Excess condition; gutter over quarters to root of tail (apple appearance), ribs well covered and pressure needed to be felt.

5: Obese; deep gutter over quarters to root of tail, ribs cannot be palpated, back broad and flat, marked crest, fat pads present.

For further advice on this please refer to our website to view a video by our own David Thompson on body condition scoring.

Dates for your Diary

3rd – Leominster horse sale

22nd, 24th, 30th – Malvern Sales

14th – 17th – Cheltenham Festival of Races

12th – Curre + Llangibby Point to Point, Howick

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 the nettex foal colostrums which in times of need we are sure you will appreciate.

Did you know?

The liver in the horse is a large organ making up approximately one percent of the body mass with an average weight of around five kilogram in a typical thoroughbred.