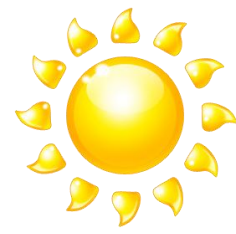


# May Newsletter 2016

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**Don't forget the Bank Holidays! We are closed on 1st and 29<sup>th</sup> May, although the office is closed please remember we still have a 24hr emergency service, so if you need a vet in an emergency please call 01873 852391**

## Dates for Your Diary – May

- 1<sup>st</sup> North Somerset Show
- 1<sup>st</sup> Banwen Miners Point-to-Point, Neath
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Badminton Horse Trials
- 7<sup>th</sup> Tredegar Farmer Point-to-Point
- 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> Royal Windsor Horse Show
- 13<sup>th</sup> Golden Valley Point-to-Point
- 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> Devon County Show, West Point, Exeter
- 20<sup>th</sup> Gelligaer Point-to-Point @ Lower Machen

## Surgery News

Lena Franke our equine receptionist has left us to work closer to her new home, so we would like to welcome Maria Watts to the Abbey Equine Clinic team and hope she settles in well and I'm sure she'll look forward to meeting you all!

**Good luck** to all our clients intending to compete this summer with those gorgeous 'Gee-gees', let us know any results or successes as we love to hear from you!

## Summer Shows

This summer will again see us attending some of our local county shows armed with our new gazebo, refreshments and activities! We look forward to seeing you there!

1<sup>st</sup> July – Monmouth, 25<sup>th</sup> June SWHP Open Day, 5<sup>th</sup> August – Brecon and 9<sup>th</sup> September – Usk.

## Importing Equine Semen – Important!

In order to prevent the spread of bacterial and viral disease, which can survive in chilled and frozen semen, all imported semen from outside the UK must be accompanied by an **original**, valid health certificate issued in the country of origin. If this paperwork is photocopied or does not accompany the semen then we cannot inseminate the mare with it. It is not down to professional judgement as this is European Law and the studs supplying semen are aware of the legislation and usually comply. If you intend on using semen from a stallion residing outside the UK then you must request an **original** health certificate. Maintaining regular communication with the issuing stud and giving them as much notice as possible before we need the semen will make it easier for them to fulfil these requirements.

## Notifying Border Control

If you are ordering semen from outside the UK and having it delivered directly to our clinic, please notify us at least 48hrs prior to delivery and you **must** notify APHA (Animal Plant and Health Agency) on 0300 303 8268 24 hours prior to delivery.

## The Blue Cross Equine Health Survey

Horse owners are asked to spend a few moments in May to take part in a vital equine online survey on equine health. The National Equine Health survey run by the Blue Cross in conjunction with The British Equine Veterinary Association, gives a unique picture of equine health in the UK and plays an important role in monitoring endemic diseases. For the past six years it has provided feedback from the owners of horses, ponies, donkeys and mules and allowed vets to identify the most common diseases and problems. This year's survey is being run on 22-29<sup>th</sup> May. To register to take part visit the Blue Cross website or email [NEHS@bluecross.org.uk](mailto:NEHS@bluecross.org.uk)

## Bumper Sticker Competition

Congratulations to our April Bumper Sticker Competition Winner, Caroline Easton. For just displaying our car sticker in her vehicle, Caroline 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!

## New at the Clinic – Physiotherapy Clinics!

Starting here on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May are our new physiotherapy clinics with Sarah Price, Chartered Physiotherapist. We will be holding these every fortnight and we hope that with our facilities and Sarah's expertise it will benefit everyone!

## Wormer of the Month-Noromectin

Noromectin paste kills the adult and fourth larval stages of most of the important internal parasites including small redworms, lungworms and bots with a single dose. Each syringe treats up to a 700kg horse and cost just £6.50(inc). If you buy 10 we will give you a 10% discount, ask Karen for more details.

## First aid supplies – are you prepared?

Does your tack room first aid box need revamping? Is everything clean and in date? Do you require up to date supplies or the best quality product available? Being caught out when your trusty steed over reaches or cuts himself isn't good practice, so having a well stocked first aid box at the ready whether at home or out and about at shows always pays off! If you need help in putting one together or need one of the ready made ones we have in stock give the surgery a call.