



July Newsletter 2017

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Surgery News:

Congratulations to our nurse Catrin Griffiths who passed her final nursing exams with distinction! Catrin is now a fully qualified Equine Veterinary Nurse and we are very proud of her.

Monmouth Show: We would like to thank everyone who took the time to visit our stand at Monmouth Show. It was great to get out and about and meet clients, old and new. Everyone manning the stand had a great time and we think the Pimms and competitions went down well! We are looking forward the next outing which will be Brecon Show on 5th August, we hope to see you there!

Dates for Your Diary – July

3rd – Curre & Llangibby Hunt Show, Howick
7th -19th - Bridgend Show
24th – 27th – Royal Welsh Show, Builth Wells
25th –30th - Royal International Horse Show, Hickstead
30th – Gelligaer Farmers Hunt Show

Shows & Competitions

Good luck to everyone intending to compete this summer with those gorgeous gee-gees. Please remember to include a first aid kit on board 'just in case'. If you need any help or advice putting one together, give us a call and we would be pleased to help. We sell various poultices, dressings and bandages at competitive prices.

Prescriptions

An increasing amount of clients are requesting a repeat prescription of drugs for their horses which have not been examined within the last 6 months or have never been seen! It is a **LEGAL** requirement that our vets have examined your horses within the stipulated time to prescribe a prescription only medication (POM-V), to save the costs of a dedicated visit why not bring your horse to us for a check over and collect the medication at the same time or use one of our superb value zone days?

Hot, hot, hot!

We supply a range of electrolytes which are invaluable for your horse during times of competition. Sweating horses lose a significant quantity of essential salts and these must be replaced to maintain health and performance. Travelling horses also lose a large amount of fluids which must be replaced. Give us a call to discuss your requirements.

Bumper Sticker Competition

Congratulations to our July Bumper Sticker Competition Winner Sian Smith. For just displaying our car sticker in her vehicle, Sian 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!

Protexin Paste For Horses and Foals

Highly concentrated probiotic and prebiotic peppermint flavoured paste used to rapidly re-establish the normal micro flora of the gut and improves consistency of stools.

Faecal Egg Counts

Why not opt for a faecal egg count this month and see how effective your worming programme has been. This is a simple, in-house test to see whether your horse has any worm eggs in its faeces. If you need further guidance on the confusing subject of worming, please call our qualified E-SQP's Karen or Sian at the clinic 01873 840069.

Ragwort Warning

At this time of year fields should be kept clear of weeds particularly ragwort. Ragwort grows from June onwards and is one of the most common causes of poisoning in horses. Plants should be pulled up by the roots and since toxins can be absorbed through your skin, gloves should be worn.

New Product: E-Calm

Oestrus and associated bad behaviour can make mares difficult to ride and train, cause poor performance and present a risk to those working with them. A new supplement "E-Calm", a wheat germ extract helps to reduce or eliminate adverse behaviour of mares in oestrus. The supplement is top-dressed (20g/day) onto feed and is available in 650g, 1kg, 2kg or 5kg tubs. Please call the surgery for more information.

FACT: A horse at rest may drink up to seven litres per 100kg of bodyweight per day. A 400kg horse will drink over 3 buckets full... consider this with the recent hot weather!

Joke Corner:

"I call my horse Carpenter"

"Why?"

"He's always doing odd jobs around the yard. You should see him make a bolt for an open stable door!"