



November Newsletter 2018

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Christmas Fayre at Abbey Equine Clinic:

We are pleased to announce that on Friday 23rd November 4pm – 8pm we will be hosting a Christmas Fayre at the Equine Clinic. There will be craft stalls, mulled wine, mince pies and Christmas cheer to be had! So for local Christmas gifts and to support Redwings Sanctuary why not pop along.

Health Plans – “Abbey Care”

We are celebrating our first anniversary of our “Abbey Care Horse Health Plans”. We feel that in the interests of keeping your horses healthy, preventative healthcare should be affordable for everyone. Abbey Care is not an insurance policy, it is a way to save money and spread the cost of preventative healthcare, allowing you to budget conveniently and qualifying you for other exclusive discounts. There will be two options available, Standard plan at £8 per month and Premium at £15 per month. To celebrate we are announcing that we are holding the price of our Abbey Care plans for the next year. For more information or to register your interest please call 01873 840069 or email equine@abbeyvets.co.uk.

Dates for your Diary – November

7th Ascot Bloodstock Sales
9th- 11th – Your Horse Live, Stoneleigh
10th – Sinai Dressage @ Usk College
18th – Y Fenni & District Riding Club Dressage @ Usk College
23rd – **Abbey Equine Christmas Fayre**
26th-27th – Royal Welsh Winter Fair, Builth Wells

Risk Warning of Seasonal Pasture Myopathy

SPM, previously termed Atypical Myopathy, is a potentially fatal muscle disease in horses. Horse owners are being urged to minimise the risk of Seasonal Myopathy (SPM) by identifying any Sycamore trees in or near pasture. Recent research uncovered the cause of the disease to be a toxin contained in the seeds of Sycamore trees. Now is the ideal time to look for the trees as the seeds are clearly visible. If you'd like more information or to see what these trees and seeds look like please visit our Facebook page. If you are concerned about the safety of your grazing, please call the practice for advice 01873 840069.

‘Stable Mates’ Calendar:

Thank you to everyone who has sent in photographs for a latest calendar competition, we have been overwhelmed with the fantastic photos sent in! The Calendar will go on sale the first week in December so you have until 17th November to get your lovely photos to us (more ducks requested by Emma), please send high resolution images to equine@abbeyvets.co.uk. The calendars are perfect stocking fillers and all the profits from will go to the SWHP.

Pet Plan Veterinary Awards 2019

This year again, sees this very popular awards ceremony sponsored by Pet Plan Insurance. So, if you think our practice or an individual member of our team deserves recognition for their exceptional work, then why not pick up a form and nominate, or nominate online at <https://www.petplan.co.uk/about-petplan/vets/awards/>

The award categories:

- Practice of the Year
- Vet of the Year
- Vet Nurse of the Year
- Practice Manager of the Year
- Support Staff of the Year

Clipping and Fireworks

If you find that you cannot desensitise your horse for clipping or fireworks it may be kinder to sedate them for the necessary period. This way, you can avoid your horse getting stressed and your clipping etc can be done quickly and safely. There are three ways that sedation can be achieved, all require consultation with a veterinary surgeon as your horses' heart will need a check over.

1. Give oral ‘Acepromazine’ (Sedalin) – this acts as a tranquiliser not a sedative, so will just help calm the horse. The paste is only available from your vet who will advise on the dosage required.
2. Give oral ‘Domidine’ (Domosedan Gel) – This acts as a sedative so has a more profound effect than Sedalin. This is also only available from your vet, who will also advise you on the dosage required.
3. Have the vet come out and sedate the horse with intravenous sedation – this will have a reliable sedative effect for around 45mins to an hour.

For options and bookings call 01873 840069.

Wormer of the Month: (Ivermectin/Praziquantel)

An ideal wormer for this time of year covering a vast array of worms during adult and immature stages. It comes in an easy to use syringe which covers up to 700kg bodyweight. Please feel free to call the clinic to discuss your worming needs with one of our qualified nurses or SQPs 01873 840069.

New Law – Oct 2020 Save the Date!

A new law has been introduced meaning all horses must be microchipped in an attempt to reduce abuse and improve welfare. From Oct 2020 it will be mandatory for all owners to microchip their horses, ponies and donkeys.