



# October Newsletter 2018

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Happy Halloween!  
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## Surgery News:

New equipment at Abbey Equine Clinic: we have recently (whilst busy learning at the British Equine Veterinary Association congress) purchased a brand new dental machine. We now have three power dental kits. This will help us keep up with demand and to allow for more flexibility for clients. If your horse/pony needs a dental check before the winter descends then give us a call to arrange an oral examination.

## Dates for your Diary – October

3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> HOYS, NEC Birmingham  
7<sup>th</sup> Sinai Dressage, Usk College  
7<sup>th</sup> Curre & Llangibby Hunt Fun Ride, Howick Farm  
28<sup>th</sup> Offas Dyke Talybont Fun Ride  
26/27/28<sup>th</sup> Autumn Cob Sales, Builth

## Calendar Competition:

We are again running this successful competition and asking clients to send in some photographs, but this year something a bit different. We are asking for photos of your horses' stable mates (Emma would love to see ducks!) The thirteen best photos will be included in the Abbey Equine Clinic Calendar 2019 which will be on sale from the end of November, with a donation from each one purchased going to SWHP. Please send high quality images to [equine@abbeyvets.co.uk](mailto:equine@abbeyvets.co.uk).

## Rugging your horses

With those cold nights drawing in, many of us will be unpacking our winter rugs whilst avoiding hairy spiders! We all love seeing our horses protected from the elements, but there are dangers with over-rugging. Did you know horses are better thermo-regulators than us – seeing no expenditure of energy from 5-25 degrees! Over-rugging can cause colic like symptoms from heat stroke and stress. Remember to check the forecast, and if you're cold, your horse might not be. Consider the individual horse and less rugs for those overweight. Weight loss will reduce the risk of laminitis in the spring.

## Update your records...

Please make sure to update your details on our computer system as this will make sure that in an emergency there are no mistakes made and that we can get hold of you. Also, did you know that you can receive your bill by email?

## Voucher Available for Equitop Myoplast

Feel free to ask us for a £10 off voucher redeemable against a tub of Equitop Myoplast, which is a popular muscle building supplement available at Abbey Equine.

## Clipping and Fireworks

Yes, it's getting close to that time of year again – clipping and fireworks! We receive a lot of requests for paste sedatives for horses and legally we can only supply these as a prescription medicine. To do this we must have examined your horse and listened to the heart within the last 6 months. The sedative in the paste can have serious side effects in horses with heart trouble, stallions, pregnant mares and the aged. It is therefore in the best interest of our horses that they are examined before administering any sedative. However the sedative paste has a limited effect and as an alternative we can offer more effective sedation by intravenous injection, which would need to be carried out by the vet. Feel free to ring the clinic to organise an appointment/visit to get one of our vets to give your horse a check over and pick up your sedative then.

## Coming soon...

Upgraded Abbeycare horse health plans, budget for your horses' preventative health care throughout the year and get exclusive discounts. Register your interest by calling the clinic or email us on [equine@abbeyvets.co.uk](mailto:equine@abbeyvets.co.uk).

## Wormer of the Month

It's *Anoplocephala perfoliata* time! That's tapeworm time to you and me. At this time of year we should consider changing our worming regime to include a preparation that covers this threat. Here at the surgery we can offer helpful advice with regular discounted offers, so please give us a call to discuss any requirements.

## Do you know your horses' weight?

We have at the clinic a new horse weighbridge which will provide you with a very accurate weight for your horse. Getting the right weight of your animal is very important with regards to medicines, wormers, feed and body scoring. If you need any help/advice with this please don't hesitate to give us a call.

## Please Help!

With the winter days drawing closer we find we have less hours of daylight to work in. In order to plan our vets days more efficiently we'd like to ask all our clients to be as accurate as they can when booking visits. This allows us to plan enough time and stop the vet being late for their next call.