



July Newsletter 2016

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Congratulations to:

Andrea Champ from Michaelchurch on winning the Three Rivers Endurance Ride with her horse Luxor!
Fiona Griffiths from Crickhowell came 2nd in the Three Rivers Endurance Ride with her horse Goofy!
Claire Parsons and the Batt family with Abergavenny Valmai qualifying for HOYS in her first qualifier this year and taking the overall Championship!
Monmouthshire Mounted Games team for qualifying for HOYS again at their first qualifier! Also Ben and Sam Hopkins for winning the MGA British Individual Championships for their age groups.
BD Wales won the Para Home international for the third year running, with Julia Horton winning both her sections! Well done everyone, we're very proud of you all!

Dates for Your Diary – July

2nd & 31st – Sinai Summer Dressage, Usk College
8th -10th - Bridgend Show
10th – SWHP Summer Open Day
18th – 21st – Royal Welsh Show, Builth Wells
24th – Gelligaer Farmers Hunt Show
26th –31st - Royal International Horse Show, Hickstead

Fly Control/Repellents

Is your prized possession getting pestered by those frisky flies? Is Dobbin's tail whirling around like a helicopter propeller? Here at the surgery we sell various repellents to give your horse welcome relief: Switch, Coopers Plus, Dermoline and Summer Fly Cream are just a few to name. Pop in and put a smile back on Dobbin's face....

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?

Vet Profile – David Holman MRCVS

David was born and lived in Melbourne, Australia, for the first 24 years of his life, where he graduated from The University of Melbourne. He then worked in mixed practice for 10 years including stints in both the UK and Australia. David joined Abbey Equine, Abergavenny in 2004, where he has now settled with his Partner Alison and they have two children together. Dave has special interests in reproduction and anaesthesia, he also enjoys attending the race meetings at Chepstow. Outside of work Dave enjoys kicking balls and playing games with his children, bike riding, walking, playing and watching golf.

Bumper Sticker Competition

Congratulations to our July Bumper Sticker Competition Winner Sian Watkins. 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 1kg, 2kg or 5kg tubs. Please call the surgery for more information.