



August Newsletter 2018

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Holidays – Yipee!

We are closed for the August Bank Holiday on Monday 27th Aug. However, we will still be operating emergency veterinary cover so for any URGENT matters please do not hesitate to call our emergency line 01873 852391.

Surgery News

Congratulations to Fiona Griffiths who completed the CEI2* at Euston Park Endurance with her homebred Echo, one of only 2 GBR riders to finish! Huge congratulations to our clients who were successful at the Royal Welsh Show, we'd love to see more pictures of your gorgeous horses! Congratulations to racehorse trainer Chris Mason on his winner at Chepstow recently and also to Lisa Parker and family for their second with Aristocracy. Welcome our new vet Sam Crumpton. Sam joined us at the start of July, from her internship at RVC and has hit the ground running! Please introduce yourself to Sam if you see her around.

Worming:

The pastures are thick with worms at the moment in this ideal weather! Bot flies have been busy laying their eggs mostly on the horses lower limbs. Bot parasiticides will not be effective until the larvae reach the stomach in November. Effective strategic worming is vital. The timing/interval and choice of drug can be confusing and unnecessarily costly, so for helpful qualified advice please call our clinic. We have put together a worming program that is easy to follow, but it is quite understandable that with the plethora of worms and worming preparations you may be confused. Don't be afraid to ask for advice and minimise the risk of potentially fatal colic or permanent gut damage. For more information please see our website or give us a call.

Dates for Your Diary – August

4th – Brecon County Show
4th – Llanthony Show
5th – Herefordshire Country Fair
8th – Vale of Glamorgan Show
8th – 12th – Hartpury Horse Trials
11th – Llanigon YFC Show
14th – Wales & West Hunter Show, Broome's
14th – 16th – Pembrokeshire Show
27th – Monmouthshire Hunt Hunter Trial, Gwent

Essential First Aid Tips from Abbey Equine:

- Invest in a good first aid kit (include vets emergency telephone number).
- Take first aid action fast: Immediate action when an injury is discovered to prevent the condition getting worse.
- Assess wounds carefully: Type and location of an injury, and the manner in which it was caused can affect its severity and treatment.
- Stem bleeding: Apply pressure to the area and call the vet.
- Bandage with caution: Bandages should always be applied over padding with even pressure. Bandages applied too tight or too loose can cause nasty sores.
- Be familiar with your horses' vital signs: Recognise when your horses' temperature/pulse is raised. Normal temperature is 37.5-38.5 and normal resting pulse is 30-45 heartbeats per minute. As well as excitement/exercise heart beat will increase with pain/fever.
- Recognise signs of lameness: Varying from stiffness to serious pain.
- Recognise signs of colic: 'Abdominal pain', early detection of colic will improve the chances of good

Those darned Pesky Flies!

Now with the warmer weather approaching (we hope!) make sure you are prepared for those infuriating insects! Here at the surgery we stock a wide range of fly control products, sweet itch products and insecticidal shampoos. Most products can be ordered for the following morning, so if you're bothered by bugs then give us a call!

Bumper Sticker Competition

For just displaying our car sticker in your vehicle, you could win 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!

Sweaty Gee-Gees

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 any requirements, we will be pleased to help!