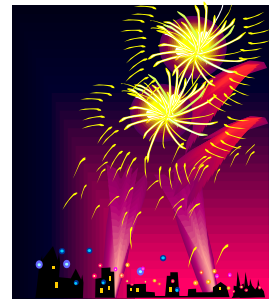




November Newsletter 2016

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Surgery News

Stop Press: the price promotion on Butagran Equi (phenylbutazone) is being withdrawn on 14th November – to avoid the price rise please request your repeat prescriptions before this date (subject to your 6 monthly health reviews.)

Congratulations to Katie Price and Minellacelebration winning the 3.1m Novice Handicap Chase at Aintree!

Dates for your Diary – November

12th & 13th – Your Horse Live, Stoneleigh

13th – Sinai Dressage, Usk College

Book a Free Yard Visit

During November and December our vet Heather Ferguson MRCVS will be available for free preventative health yard visits (of 8 horses or more). During this visit she will be discussing bio security measures, checking vaccination statuses, worming protocols, dental checks and any health issues. Please call the surgery to discuss your requirements.

Risk Warning of Seasonal Pasture Myopathy

SPM, previously termed Atypical Myopathy, is a frequently fatal muscle disease in horses. Horse owners are being urged to minimise the risk of Seasonal Myopathy (SPM) by indentifying 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 they will be in full leaf and 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.

Always thought your horse could be a top pinup....?

Abbey Vets will provide the next best thing – be one of our calendar girls/boys! Send us a high resolution (at least 3mega pixels) photo of your horse/pony via email and we will pick our favourites to put in our 2016 calendars. Closing date for entries is 23rd November. A donation from each calendar sold will be sent to SWHP. What a great Christmas present idea! Send your entries to equine@abbeyvets.co.uk.

Tetanus Amnesty Reminder

Dont forget our very popular Tetanus Amesty! Buy 1st Tetanus vaccination for your horse and get the second for FREE!

Pet Plan Veterinary Awards 2017

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 www.petplan.co.uk/vetawards

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 procedure. This way, you can avoid your horse getting stressed and the procedure can be done quickly and safely. There are three ways that sedation for clipping 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.

To discuss your options or book an appointment please call the clinic on 01873 840069.

National Equine Health Survey

The annual NEHS was run again over a 12 month period. The Blue Cross carries out this survey in partnership with The British Equine Veterinary Association. The most commonly reported problems were:

1. Lameness 32.9%
2. Skin Disease 25.5%
3. Laminitis 6.8 %
4. PPID (Cushings Disease) 6.6%
5. Recurrent Airway Obstruction 5.6%
6. Back problems 5.5%