

Surgery News

- Please come and visit us at Usk Show on 10th September, where again this year we will be stationed in our show gazebo handing out refreshments, information and big smiles. We also have a fantastic numnah to win in our popular 'Guess the Worms' competition, in aid of SWHP, courtesy of Norbrook.

Dates for your Diary – September

- 31st – 3rd Burghley Horse Trials
- 9th Usk Show
- 15 & 16th Monmouth Horse Trials
- 13th – 17th Blenheim Horse Trials
- 24th Badminton Fun Ride
- 17th SWHP Annual Duck Race, Swan Meadow, Abergavenny

Just a reminder of how the Zone Days work...

To help keep cost down and to enable the vet to manage their day more efficiently, we have incorporated zone days into our diary. When all the area calls come in we will plan a route through the zone to help minimise driving times and then contact clients with their allotted time. For this type of time flexibility we have substantially cut the call out costs to just £19.00, but in return we ask our clients to please not specify a time. However, we would be pleased to make a specific appointment time for any client outside of the zone day to accommodate your needs. We also ask if people could please let us know if there are any extra add-ons on the yard as 'while you're heres' often make the vet late for their next client. Thank you.

Wormer of the Month – Equitape/Equest Pramox

Its 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.

Hestevard Ex-Egus:

We are advocates for this great product which aids, alongside treatment for gastric ulcers and as a supplement for horses displaying signs of gastric ulcers. It promotes optimum gut health and function. It has a 100% palatability guarantee or your money back! For long term use of this supplement we recommend the 12kg tub instead of the 3.2kg. Although a more costly outlay, it works out at the same price as 4x3.2kg for the price of 3! Please call the clinic for more advice/info on any of our high quality supplements that our staff use on their own horses.

Seasonal Pasture Myopathy Season Approaching

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.

Bumper Sticker Competition

Congratulations to our Bumper Sticker competition winner Sam Owen. For just displaying our car sticker in her vehicle Sam 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!

Colic Warning!

Now with Autumn fast approaching we will start to bring our horses in from the field and introduce more changes into their diet. This will undoubtedly cause an increase in colic cases. Remember, any changes in feed MUST be gradual and it is important to make sure the horse is passing normal droppings. Suddenly bringing them in overnight and giving the horse as much hay as he can get is a recipe for disaster. Even if your horse has not suffered before, a sudden change in diet can cause an impaction (blockage) in the gut which will lead to colic! Save yourself the heartache (and the vet bill) by being careful.

Tying up...

We've seen several cases of tying up recently. Azoturia (tying up) causes inflammation of muscles of the horses' back and hindquarters. Cases can range from mild stiffness to reluctance to move or inability to move at all. Causes include high cereal diet with minimal exercise, horses in regular intense work following a day off, hormonal cycles and electrolyte imbalances. Treatment varies on severity and a blood test is usually confirmation of diagnosis. If you're concerned about your horse at all please don't hesitate to contact us.