



April Newsletter 2018

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Surgery News

Do you think your horse is suffering from gastric ulcers?

Gastric ulceration is very common, recent studies have shown up to 90% of racehorses, up to 50% of leisure horses and 50% of foals are affected. Once diagnosed using gastroscopy, gastric ulcers can be treated quickly and effectively with medication and horses usually return to their former level of performance. For more information visit our website or give us a call 01873 840069.

Free Client Evening 'Joint Disease – Horses and Pets'

We are holding a free client evening for all clients at Bridges in Monmouth on 3rd May. Emma Jones (Orthopod) will be talking about joint disease in horses and one of our small animal vets will be discussing the same in dogs and cats. This should be a great evening for people with both! Come along for this informative evening with refreshments provided and a raffle in aid of SWHP.

Pony Club Vaccination Rule Change – The Pony Club have changed their ruling to say that horses competing at regional competitions must be up to date with their vaccinations to compete. Please contact us for our special offer for Pony Club members.

Dates for your Diary – April

14th – Grand National, Aintree

15th – Sinai Dressage Championship Show, Usk College

29th – Gelligaer Farmers P2P

3rd May – Joint Disease Client Evening

BACS Payments

Did you know you can pay us by BACS?

Natwest bank - sort code: 516102 account no: 69136017.

Please include your account number as the reference.

Reminder – Breeding Mares & Storing Semen

If you haven't already done so, it is time to begin getting your broodmares in foal. Maiden mares, mares that failed to conceive last year and mares that aborted would benefit from a thorough check over to make sure they are in tip top condition! Here at Abbey we are able to offer very competitive AI packages and have the cryo facilities to store frozen semen until needed. For more information please call the clinic on 01873 840069.

Prescription Medications

Just a quick reminder; we have had an increase recently in the number of telephone requests for antibiotics and phenylbutazone. We cannot dispense prescription only medicines (POM-V) after a client request. Vets are only allowed to dispense POM-Vs to 'animals under our care'. In addition we want to make sure your animals receive the correct drug at the correct dose, and to do that accurately we need to examine your horse. Please do not ask our receptionists for these drugs, they are not allowed to give these out and are worried that refusal may cause offense.

Bumper Sticker Competition

Congratulations are due to Cerys Davies this month's Bumper Sticker Competition winner. For just displaying our car sticker in her vehicle, Cerys has won a lovely prize! Remember to display an Abbey Vets sticker in your car/lorry/tackroom and if one of our vets spots it, you could be in for a prize.

Aintree Foal Milk & Colostrum

As always (and we have for years) been held on the emergency list of foal milk + colostrum suppliers in this area, which in times of need we are sure you'll appreciate. We are no longer able to source the small emergency tubs of foal milk (usually last 24-48 hours) however we stock the 5kg sack which will increase the length of feeding and costs £33.15 inc which work out very economical indeed.

Wormer of the Month – Equitape

It's spring so we're battling those terrible tapeworms. At the moment we recommend Equitape (£11.00inc), a single dose syringe which can treat up to 600kg of horse. Discounts on orders of 10 or more, please ring the surgery for details.

Alternatively if you covered for Tapeworm in Autumn we would recommend either Noromectin (£6.18 inc) or a faecal egg count. Please call Karen at the surgery to discuss your individual horses's needs 01873 840069.

Cyathostominosis – the silent killer

We've seen a few cases of cyathostominosis – also known as encysted red worm disease. This is presented when the larval stage of the small redworms emerge en masse from the gut lining where they burrowed and the damage can be catastrophic, causing sudden weight loss, often with severe diarrhoea. Ensuring a good worming protocol is essential for preventing this disease. Please contact one of our registered nurses or SQP's for more helpful advice.