



# February Newsletter 2017



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## Surgery news

Congratulations to our vet Georgina Vaughan on the recent birth of her daughter Matilda Rose. Both Mum and daughter are doing well!!

If you have any success stories with your horse that you would like to share, then contact Mandy at the clinic who will include it in our monthly news section ([mandy.bartlett@abbeyvets.co.uk](mailto:mandy.bartlett@abbeyvets.co.uk))

## 'Love is in the Air' (AI)

Artificial insemination (AI) in mares has gone from strength to strength in recent years with excellent results being achieved. Early organisation is essential as one must choose a stallion early in the season. Now is the time to start planning! We are again offering AI packages for chilled and frozen semen that are excellent value for money. Packages include endometrial swabs, insemination, pregnancy evaluations, three nights livery and more.

Please call the clinic for more information about how Abbey vets can help you. We also offer frozen semen storage here at the clinic for a monthly charge.

**Please Note: semen imported from outside the UK must be accompanied by an ORIGINAL, valid health certificate issued in the country of origin. If this paperwork is incorrect or does not accompany the semen then we cannot inseminate a mare with it. This requirement is not optional by European law.**

**It is also your responsibility to inform DEFRA that you are importing semen from outside the UK and that it will be delivered to us.**

## Dates for Your Diary:

18<sup>th</sup> – Curre and Llangibby Point to Point at Howick farm  
19<sup>th</sup> – Sinai dressage at Usk College

## Reviews

Please could we ask all our clients to review us on Facebook and Google.

We really appreciate your feedback.

## Abbey Equine Calendars 2017

We still have a few calendars available at the surgery to purchase. Just give us a call to reserve your copy! They're priced at just £8 each including a donation to SWHP.

## Car Sticker Competition

This year again sees us continuing with our popular car sticker competition! So if you haven't already please feel free to collect a bumper sticker to display on your car/horsebox/trailer and if one of our members of staff spot it you could be one of our lucky monthly winners!

## Zone days

Remember zone days are still available at just £19. We offer zone days throughout the week for non-urgent calls, and while we get to dictate the time you get a reduced call out!

## Respiratory infections

It is the time of year for coughing and sneezing! Keep an eye out for nasal discharge, coughing, laboured breathing, wheezing and poor performance. Here at Abbey Equine we have a selection of endoscopes to look down to your horse's lungs and take a sample to get a definitive diagnosis if you are having ongoing problems. This will help to identify and keep those nasties isolated to make your horse feel better.

## Breeding mares and stallions

Although it may seem early to be considering breeding from your mares and stallions at this time of year, once the season does get into full swing it is all too short, especially if complications arise.

Higher quality studs usually want to be sure that any visiting mare is not going to pass on a venerally transmitted disease to their stallion and, likewise you would not want your mare to become infected by the stallion.

The stud is likely to require documented evidence of freedom from disease. A swab (or three in the case of stallions) is required to establish freedom from CEM, and a blood sample to check for EVA. If done now, the certification will take you through the entire stud season. Stallion owners should consider vaccinating their horses against EVA, a disease that is widespread across Europe and which can leave 30% of affected stallions as lifelong carriers. The only cure for this is castration.

## Emergency care

Did you know we provide our own 24hr emergency care? So if you call us out after standard working hours, you will get a vet you know and trust. This will incur an additional flat fee (emergency surcharge) on the bill, but we're sure you'll appreciate the peace of mind.