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## NEWSLETTER • SUMMER 2019

### CLINIC NEWS

2019 started with a busy few months, and our **clinic facilities** were truly put to the test with a wide variety of complex hospital cases needing specialist inpatient care. To continue offering the gold standard in diagnostics, we have recently purchased **new lab equipment** and another **digital xray machine** to ensure your horse receives the most accurate and prompt treatment possible.



Meanwhile, **Katrina** has further expanded the services we offer, by becoming a qualified **equine acupuncturist!**

**Did you know?** Equine acupuncture can only be performed by a qualified veterinary surgeon.

#### Equine Acupuncture

Acupuncture is proven to be very useful when used in conjunction with other veterinary treatments in horses with certain lameness problems. It is also invaluable in treating poor performance issues as well as being a great tool for maintaining the equine athlete.

Acupuncture therapy works by causing the release of pain-relieving endorphins, treating tension of muscles and activating the part of the brain responsible for rebalancing the nervous system.

We have seen excellent results from horses treated by Katrina so far and we're delighted to have this tried and tested procedure as part of our treatment programme.

Katrina can assess your horse at your yard or at the Clinic so please telephone 01926 612937 for more details, including prices or come and see a demonstration and learn more at our **Back Pain and Poor Performance Clinic on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June**



### UPCOMING DATES

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| Back Pain & Poor Performance Clinic •  | Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June @ Spring Paddocks           |
| Practical Equine First Aid •           | Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> July 7pm @ Spring Paddocks             |
| Discounted Worm Egg Counts •           | 1 <sup>st</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> August @ Spring Paddocks |
| Gastro-Intestinal Evening Discussion • | Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> Sept 7pm @ Spring Paddocks              |
| Discounted Gastroscopy Clinic •        | Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sept ALL DAY @ Spring Paddocks         |



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WARNING

## LAMINITIS WARNING!

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We have seen a huge number of cases of **severe laminitis** recently. Be aware that ALL horses and ponies can get laminitis, particularly those that are **overweight**, or suffering from **EMS / Cushings**, and this disease can be fatal.

Remember that laminitis is a true **EMERGENCY**, so please contact the Clinic immediately if your horse shows any signs such as forelimb lameness, reluctance to turn tightly or increased digital pulses or heat, especially in the front feet.

Carefully monitoring your horse's weight can help guard against conditions such as laminitis and Equine Metabolic Syndrome (EMS). We offer FREE weighing year-round at the Spring Paddocks Equine Clinic; or we can bring the weighbridge to your Yard for a fee.

## BREEDING UPDATE

It's that time of year again! If you are considering breeding from your mare, now is the time to start planning.

We recommend all mares (regardless of breeding history) to have a pre-breeding examination prior to undertaking any form of reproductive programme. This involves a thorough **assessment of the reproductive tract including the vulva and cervix**, and an **ultrasound scan of the uterus and ovaries**. This is usually performed at the Spring Paddocks Equine Clinic, but can be carried out at your Yard if there are adequate facilities available e.g. stocks. Any required **swabs** and **blood samples** can be taken at this time depending on individual requirements.

Spring Paddocks Equine Clinic is proud to be a **British Equine Veterinary Association (BEVA) Accredited Artificial Insemination Centre**. Our Vets attend regular training and seminars to ensure that we can provide you with the best service and latest techniques. We provide packages for both **Chilled and Frozen Semen** so please contact us for more information as exact prices will depend on your mare's needs.



### **If you are expecting a foal this summer, don't forget the following:**

1. Vaccinating your mare within the last month of pregnancy transfers immunity to the foal against disease (especially for tetanus). The mare should also have a pre-foaling check at this time.
2. Additionally it is vital that the mare receives an Ivermectin wormer within the last month of pregnancy to ensure a reduced worm burden for the foal
3. Remember that the foal must be standing and suckling successfully within 3-4 hours of birth to receive the first vital milk ('colostrum'), which passes the mare's immunity on to the foal. Failure to receive adequate levels of colostrum can cause serious complications including fatal infections. To confirm sufficient colostrum intake, a blood test should be taken once the foal is 24hrs old to confirm immune status
4. Your mare should also have passed the intact afterbirth ('placenta') within 4 hours of giving birth.

*If you have any concerns before, during or after foaling, please contact us immediately (24 hour emergency service 365 days a year)*