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VETERINARY SURGEONS



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CHRISTMAS . 2020

It is hard to believe that 2020 is about to come to an end and we are still under the shadow of Covid, thank goodness we live in the country and have our four-legged friends to keep us company!

Christmas is nearly upon us again and as with so many of our client evenings this year we have sadly had to cancel our popular Quiz Evening. We are really missing being able to socialise with our clients and hear about all of your successes and adventures. In spite of everything we are planning to hold client evenings (as soon as we are allowed), an Open Day in 2021 and we are also in the process of producing another Calendar for 2021 featuring some of the lovely photographs you have emailed in to us.

SWEET ITCH

Does your horse suffer from sweet itch?

We are offering the **Insol** vaccination again in 2021, having had excellent results with it over the past few years.

This treatment is a course of 2 injections, given 2 weeks apart into the muscle and in order to gain the most benefit, we aim to complete the course by January or early February to protect your horse before the start of the midge-biting season.

We are currently putting together a list of those horses and ponies requiring this popular treatment next year. We have to import this medication from abroad so with Brexit looming we are going to try and get it ordered early. The cost of each injection is approximately £75 inc VAT (exact price will depend on the number of vaccinations ordered) and these injections can be carried out on your Zone Visit Day.

Please telephone the Clinic on 01926 612937 for more information. A £50 deposit will be required at the time of booking.



Everyone here at Spring Paddocks wishes you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Successful New Year!

VACCINATION

Double-check your horse's vaccinations are up to date and check competition requirements for the forthcoming season – some governing bodies are still requiring **6 monthly influenza** boosters.

We will endeavour to remind you whenever possible, but please remember it is your responsibility to ensure that your vaccinations fulfil all the current requirements for your discipline.

Remember that ALL horses should be vaccinated for **tetanus** every two years as this often-fatal toxin lives in the soil and vaccination will offer protection in the event of your horse sustaining a wound/foot abscess.

Pregnant mares should receive Equine Herpes Virus (EHV) vaccinations at months 5, 7 and 9 of pregnancy as this virus is known to cause abortion.

BREEDING

It's that time of year again! If you are considering breeding from your mare in 2021, now is the time to start planning. Whether they have had a foal recently or have never bred before, it is recommended to check that their reproductive system is healthy with no issues before undertaking any form of breeding programme. This allows any problems to be identified and treated promptly, thereby ensuring the best chance of your mare becoming pregnant.

A pre-breeding check involves assessment of the reproductive tract including vulva, cervix and an ultrasound scan of the uterus and ovaries. This is undertaken at the Spring Paddocks Equine Clinic or at your Yard if there are stocks available. Further diagnostics can be done at this time if required, depending on individual requirements.

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



Winter Worming

Check your WORMING PROGRAMME meets the current recommendations.

The importance of **responsible worming** is discussed widely in the equine world because of the huge impact of wormer resistance on the health of the nation's horses.



Most people are aware of the importance of carrying on regular **Faecal Worm Egg Counts** throughout the grazing season, however, it is only recently that testing for other type of worms has become more accessible.

A high **tapeworm burden** carries a significantly increased risk of colic, but tapeworm saliva test kits are cost-effective and easy to use. We can supply these and the lab results are then sent to us to assess and report onto you, the owner.



In addition, **encysted equine redworms** are very dangerous to health (causing fatal diarrhoea in severe cases). We are now able to offer a newly available blood test which identifies high & low risk horses so that we can worm accordingly and therefore reducing the over-use of these vital wormers.

After the first frost, during the winter months is the time to worm for all the above. We can advise you on the best wormer to use.

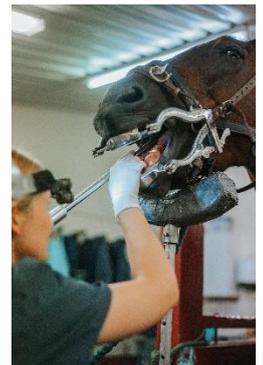
DENTAL DISCOUNT MONTH

Remember to book in now and take advantage of our next DENTAL DISCOUNT MONTH (March 2021) to ensure your horse's mouth and teeth are healthy and any problems treated before the Spring.

Horses are incredibly good at hiding severe dental pain - so often problems such as tooth infections and fractures are only picked up on routine examinations!

This very popular package includes all required sedation plus a routine rasp.

Should more extensive dentistry be required this can be identified and a treatment plan discussed at this examination.



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