

IN THE NEWS - Welsh Legislation to prevent 'fly-grazing'

As of the 28th January, the Welsh Assembly has passed a bill to give more power to local authorities when it comes to dealing with illegal 'fly-grazing.' The Control of Horses (Wales) Act 2014 has been fast tracked through the Welsh Assembly and has been given Royal Assent. The new legislation allows local authorities to seize and impound horses which are found to be grazing on land illegally. The local authority may then return the horse to its owners (once any fees have been paid), re-home the horse, sell the horse or in extreme circumstances euthanase the horse humanely. This legislation will be welcome news for welfare charities when at present there are approximately 7,000 horses at risk of abandonment across the UK, fly-grazing accounting for half that number. This new legislation could potentially prevent many horses from breeding uncontrollably, grazing, suffering and dying on other people's land.

Source: British Equine Veterinary Association



The National Equine Health Survey

The NEHS is a survey run by the Blue Cross which looks into the health of the nations horses, ponies, donkeys and mules. It is the only survey of its kind and is now in its 4th year. The survey aims to gather information directly from owners about health conditions currently affecting the nations equine population. The next survey will run from

18th -24th May 2014

to register for the survey, visit www.bluecross.org.uk/NEHS

There are prizes to be won!

We are encouraging all our clients to register



The Barn Veterinary Practice Equine Newsletter

Our New Veterinary Ambulance

We have recently taken delivery of a new veterinary ambulance at the practice. We are hoping to use it to mainly transport patients (of the small variety) to and from both our surgeries although some of our equine clients may see it out and about on visits from time to time as well.

Competition: Spot our ambulance out and about and enter our competition to win a hamper of pet goodies! All you need to do is send us a message to our Facebook page telling us where and when you saw the ambulance and what it's special registration plate is! Simple!



A new face at the Barn Veterinary Practice

At the end of April we are looking forward to welcoming Annaliese Leslie BVetMed MRCVS to the team of vets at the Barn. Annaliese is moving down to Suffolk from a mixed small animal and equine practice in Lincolnshire where she has been working for the past 18 months. She graduated in 2012 from the Royal Veterinary College, London at the same time as Mark, one of our other vets.

Annaliese is very keen to increase our equine caseload and get stuck in. Growing up in Essex and learning to ride on her family's Arab horses she has plenty of experience dealing with horses. Many of you will be seeing her out and about on visits in the very near future as well as in the practice dealing with your other pets. Once Annaliese joins us we will be back to operating with a team of five equine vets. Remember, you can always request which vet you wish to come and see your horse and we will always try to accommodate.



Useful Information

A number of horses have started or restarted their vaccinations recently, if so, below are the timings of all three vaccinations. Remember to book yours in well in advance, especially on zone days. If you're forgetful, you'll always get a call on the day you booked it for!

1st Vaccination: Day 0

2nd Vaccination: Day 21-92

3rd Vaccination: Day 150-215

(The above timings are for Jockey Club Rules, our vaccine company recommend 2nd vacc at 1 month and 3rd vacc 5 months after 2nd vacc)

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Hot Topic

Wormer Use

It might seem like old news but wormer resistance is still a big area of research. Spring is the time of year when owners think about worming their horse for the first time in the year. As ever, we advocate the use of Worm Egg Counts (price below) and strategic worming. New research out is telling us that we should avoid using worming products containing *Moxidectin* as a routine treatment and save it for when resistance is apparent. There are many other treatments available (some prices below) which still have excellent efficacy.

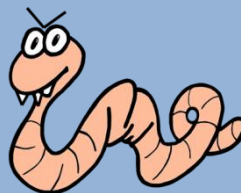
With regards to Worm Egg Counts, it is advisable to do one in early spring as the warmer weather arrives. Alternatively you can do them at the start of the E.R.P. (Egg Reappearance Period) post dosing. The E.R.P. is an important measure of time from dosing your horse with a worming product to the reappearance of significant numbers of worm eggs in their faeces. The source of the eggs are encysted worm larvae which were not killed by the last dose of wormer. Different products have different lengths of E.R.P. If you are unsure how long the E.R.P. of your worming product is, give us a call and we will find out for you.

Current Prices (Feb2014)

Worm Egg Count - £9.60
Eqvalan Duo - £23.57
Eqvalan - £13.85
Equitape - £11.05



Call the practice to order your wormer or to discuss your worming strategy



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Local Businesses

As a new feature of the newsletter, we would like to include information, adverts and offers from local businesses with a link to veterinary practice or of interest to our equine clients. If you have a business or know someone who may be interested, please let us know by the usual methods. The size of adverts may vary according to other information in the issue. At the moment there is no charge for adverts. At the Barn Vets we always like to promote close links with the local community and businesses and have developed many good relationships over our 28 years of providing veterinary care in the Ipswich area.

Keep it Local

(UA) = Unaffiliated

Dates for Your Diary at Wix Equestrian Centre

March

2nd: (UA) Show Jumping
6th: (UA) Dressage
9th: (A) Senior Show Jumping
12th: (UA) Evening Jumping
20th: (UA) Dressage
26th: (UA) Evening Jumping
30th: Vetran/Classical Dressage

April

3rd: (UA) Dressage
4th: Evening Equestrian Car Boot
9th: (UA) Evening Jumping
11th: (UA) Evening Dressage
17th: (UA) Dressage
18th: (UA) Easter Show Jumping
23rd: (UA) Evening Jumping

May

1st: (UA) Dressage
7th: (UA) Evening Jumping
15th: (UA) Dressage
21st: (UA) Evening Jumping
24th: Le-trec
30th: (UA)'Very Novice' Jumping



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