

In the news: Return of the Heavy Horse to HOYS
 After a 17 year break, teams of heavy horses will once again perform their musical drive in the arena at HOYS. There will be a focus on the Sunday on the heavy breeds on the Sunday of the show, including a Shire Horse of the Year and also a British Ridden Heavy Horse Championship, a new class. Let's hope there are some Suffolks included too!

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 (<http://www.horseandhound.co.uk/news/hoys-heavy-horses-musical-drive-542452>)



The Barn Veterinary Practice Equine Newsletter

Household Cavalry

Hopefully many of you saw the great display of horsemanship on Saturday 11th June on Horse Guards Parade, London for the Queen's 90th Birthday. 300 horses from the Household Cavalry and the King's Troop Royal Horse Artillery were on parade. Mark, one of the vets went to see them. If you get chance, go down and stand at the side of the Mall. Certainly a memorable occasion!

The Household Cavalry will once again be having an open day in Norfolk, why not go along and see them when they're on their holidays?!

**Sunday 24th July
 Bodney Camp
 Nr. Thetford
 Norfolk**



@ The Barn



April and May were extremely busy months for all the staff at the practice, as preparations for our Practice Standards Inspection were well under way. Our inspection was carried out on 23rd May and we await our report. Practice Standards is a scheme run by the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons and aims to maintain high standards of clinical practice within veterinary practices. It is a voluntary scheme, but we feel it is extremely important.

Those of you who use our Ashcroft Road surgery may have noticed a few changes in the waiting room, the reception desk and retail shelves have all had a revamp, watch this space for more to come.

We are once again looking forward to providing veterinary services to the Tendring Show on the 9th July. We look forward to seeing some of you there.

A number of staff were at the Suffolk Show, showing their support, unfortunately the weather didn't show it's support! One of our reception team, Hayley helped out showing Suffolk Punches for the first time and did extremely well.



9th July 2016

Lawford House Park, Nr. Manningtree, Essex

Join the average 25,000 show goers at this years Tendring Show. This year, the show's theme is iFarm, focusing on how technology and robotics are transforming farming and food production. There will of course be the usual retail, animal and entertainment features including 250 trade stands and exhibits. We look forward to seeing you there!

Hot Topic

Equine Recurrent Uveitis (ERU)

Uveitis is a term used to describe active inflammation within the eye itself (the globe). There are various causes of this, including trauma/infection. ERU occurs when an eye has had uveitis, the problem can then recur periodically or sometimes constantly, meaning it is a chronic problem.

Symptoms:

- Over production of tears
- Squinting
- Cloudiness of eye surface
- Structures/strands within the front chamber of the eye
- Redness of the white part of eye (sclera)
- Can affect one or both eyes

Diagnosis:

- Tonometry (check pressure within eye)
- Fluorescein stain (highlights injury to eye surface - corneal ulcer)
- Symptoms noted above
- Physical examination (to exclude systemic disease)
- Blood sample



Eye with Uveitis



Normal Eye

Treatment: Usually involves decreasing inflammation within the eye with either topical or systemic anti-inflammatories (bute). Steroids are sometimes used in the eye or systemically. Atropine drops are used to dilate the pupil (painful pupils constrict). Management changes including fly masks, altering turn out times and general good husbandry. A surgical procedure also exists which aims to implant a disc containing an immunosuppressive drug under the sclera (white of eye). This then slowly releases the drug to control inflammation and decrease the frequency of flare ups of uveitis.



Zone Visits Three Year Anniversary

We have now been offering free zone visits for 3 years! The time has flown by but they seem to be as popular as ever. We are hoping to continue them providing there is still a demand so make sure you book yours in early to avoid missing out. Here's a reminder of the weeks you can book in, but if you are still unsure of your zone, just ring the practice and we'll let you know. As ever, we aim to give you a 30 minute time window of when the vet will arrive, please make sure you are available for the whole day until you are given a specific time. This helps the visit vet greatly and allows as many people to benefit from zone visits as possible. Here's a reminder of when each zone is within the month.

Polite Reminder: Please do not phone the practice on the morning of your visit, our phone lines are extremely busy at this time and clients are struggling to get through to book appointments, you'll definitely get a call before 0930 confirming your visit slot!



Free Cushing's Disease Testing

Once again, Boehringer Ingelheim are covering the laboratory fees for the diagnosis of Cushing's Disease. If you think your horse or pony may be showing symptoms of the disease, get in touch. This is a saving of around £30.

NB: Only laboratory fee is free of charge

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