

In the News: Don't Break Your Vet Week (February)

A new initiative was launched in February called 'Don't Break Your Vet.' A series of 7 short videos were posted online featuring vet Malcolm Morely and equine behaviourist Gemma Pearson. The videos provide quick and simple techniques to help horse owners prepare their horses to be quiet, relaxed and safe for veterinary, and other procedures, including clipping and giving oral medication such as wormers. They can be found on the British Equine Veterinary Association YouTube channel.

@ The Barn

It's been an odd few months at the Barn. The snow certainly made a big impact on our work-load, our Copdock practice was nearly cut off completely!

We were very sad to see Claire McConnell MRCVS leave us in February, we shall miss her a lot as she goes on to pastures new at an emergency out of hours clinic.

Emily Frost our student veterinary nurse also left us after her last placement at the practice. We shall miss her enthusiasm and help and wish her well in her first job.



**Fundraising for the Blue Cross
Dog Walk at Nacton Shores/Levington
21st April 2pm - Shore Lane Car Park**

We are organising a fund-raising walk in aid of the Blue Cross. We aim to start the walk at Nacton Shores (Shore Lane) Car Park near the entrance to the Broke Hall estate and go on a 3.4 mile circular walk.

The walk takes in beautiful views of the River Orwell and the marshes surrounding Levington Marina. There's ample opportunity to stop off half way and enjoy a drink at the Ship Inn (payable to the Ship Inn).

We would suggest a donation of £5 per person or any amount you are able to donate.

There will be a number of staff members on hand to help guide anybody who gets lost along the way. (Maps and goody bags provided)!

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Easter Opening

Good Friday: Closed

Saturday 31st March: 0900-1200 (both surgeries)

Easter Sunday: Closed

Easter Monday: Closed

In case of an emergency please telephone either surgery on 01473 730213/743460

Photo Competition Winner

Jasmine and Thumper were picked as the winners for our Christmas photo competition. Their owner picked up a big hamper of goodies for the whole human and animal family!



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New Worm Egg Count Programme

We are pleased to announce the introduction of a new equine specific worming programme, overseen by our head nurse Donna Hammond RVN E-SQP

Annual Worming Package

Just £50.00

The Barn Veterinary Practice can offer a fast and cost effective way to protect your horses against internal parasites.

The aim is to prevent giving your horse unnecessary doses of wormer by monitoring for worms throughout the grazing season.

Included in the package is:

- 3 worm egg counts (WEC) to be carried out at The Barn Veterinary Practice, between March to November.
- 1 dose of combined Tapeworm and encysted red worm treatment for use in late winter.

Please note, that this package does not include any additional wormers required, if very high levels of worm eggs are found on a worm egg count. We recommend that a small sample of each horse's faeces is tested 3 times a year during the grazing season beginning in March. The results of these worm egg counts allow us to determine the level of worm egg burden.

Horses with a high WEC should be wormed with the correct dosage of an appropriate wormer

Horses with a low or zero WEC do not need to be wormed.

Underdosing is important to avoid, this can encourage resistance to wormers. Calculate your dosage and add at least 10% as it is better to slightly overdose than under dose.

Field management can be a critical part of worm control, poo picking daily is to be recommended and keeping horses in the same grazing groups will minimise the fluctuations in WEC results.

Collection

- * A suitable sample should be 4 small nuggets of fresh faeces collected from different sites within a pile of faeces.
- * The sample should be collected in the bags supplied, and labelled clearly with the horses name.
- * Try to exclude as much air as possible from the sample.
- * Deliver the sample to the Barn Veterinary Practice as soon as possible, ideally the same day.
- * In the event of a delay, the sample should be chilled but not frozen.

