

# The Barn Veterinary Practice Equine Newsletter



## The Barn

- Here at The Barn we do an annual worming package for all equine clients that includes:
  - 3 faecal worm egg counts
  - 1 dose of wormer for winter
- Grayling recently spent the weekend at Rossdales (Newmarket) on a BEVA Dentistry weekend and is more keen than ever on teeth and still pushing for more equipment.

## Recent and Reminders

### Worming Protocols:

Resistance to wormers has become a big problem in the equine world, due to overuse. Resistance can lead to high worm burdens that increase the risks of colic. Therefore, it is now recommend that horses should only be wormed once or twice a year. During spring, summer and autumn faecal worm egg counts should be done every 8-12 weeks with treatment only required if the counts are high. However, at this time of year (after the first frost) it is important to treat for encysted red worms, that are not detected on tests. To do this a combined wormer such as Equest Pramox should be used.



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Clients can download vouchers for complimentary Cushing's testing by visiting

[www.talkaboutlaminitis.co.uk](http://www.talkaboutlaminitis.co.uk)



## Hot Topic – Cushings/PPID

Pituitary Pars Intermedia Dysfunction (PPID), also known as Cushing's Disease, is a hormonal disease and major health concern that is recognised more and more frequently in older horses. That is not to say it cannot effect younger horses too.

Clinical signs of Cushing's include recurrent laminitis, hypertichosis (excessive hair growth), abnormal fat distribution, excessive sweating, increased drinking and urination, lethargy, poor performance and, sometimes, recurrent infections.

Diagnosis of Cushing's is based on history, clinical signs and specific hormone tests – namely ACTH levels.

Not all horses with Cushing's will need treating, it will depend on which clinical signs are displayed and how severe they are. In some cases all that is needed is management of clinical signs such as laminitis and excessive hair growth. Others may require medical treatment. Prascend is the only licensed veterinary pergolide product used to treat Cushing's.

Please feel free to contact the practice with any questions you may have regarding Cushing's.