



Autumn/Winter News

The summer is drawing to a close and with the wet weather I still haven't managed to get my hay cut!

I guess the most exciting news from the Stables Equine Practice is the launch of our new look website. At the time of going to press the new home page was up and running with articles being written by myself and the other vets as well as the office staff. Eventually we are hoping that clients will be able to receive newsletters, look at useful information and pay their bills via online. If anyone has any information they would like to see on the website then please let us know.

www.stablesequinepractice.co.uk

This spring saw the practice offer artificial insemination/breeding packages for mare owners wishing to have a foal. For a set fee the packages give up to three cycles to get a mare in foal, and with veterinary input the majority of our mares are now pregnant. The packages have been a great success with clients and we are planning to do them again next year. If you would like more information contact the office and we can e-mail/post you a leaflet.

We would also like to congratulate Nick and his new wife Luisa following their wedding in July. Mr and Mrs Parkinson married in Oxford before jetting off to Borneo for their honeymoon.



Client Evenings

Following the success of our client evenings earlier on in the year we will be having some more over the winter months. If you have any topics you would you like covered please let the office know.

Topic and venue TBC, keep an eye on the website for more information.

Next time you ring the practice...

Please let us know if you have changed your contact details it is important for invoicing and if the vets need to get hold of you.

Also we would like to try and save some paper by e-mailing newsletters and invoices, so next time you ring the office could you let us have your up to date e-mail address.

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STOP PRESS!

Don't forget if payment is made within 14 days of your invoice date you will receive a 10% discount

Normal payment terms are 30 days.

Any accounts outstanding for more than 30 days do attract surcharges.

Please make sure that when you have arranged a visit that you bring your horse in beforehand, too much waiting around makes our vets even slower!



Revised Horse Passport Law from 1st July 2009

All horses must have a passport by law. From 1st July 2009 all horses must be microchipped when a passport is applied for, this must be implanted by a vet. Microchips provide a permanent link between a horse and its passport and will also help recover and identify stolen and abandoned horses.

If you are responsible for a horse without a passport you could face a fine of up to £5000. It is illegal to buy a horse without a passport.



The passport must be available when a vet comes to treat your horses, and must accompany your horse at all times other than when stabled or hacking.

If you do not intend for your horse to enter the food chain and it requires medication the declaration in section 9 must be signed. If the declaration has not been signed the medications given must be recorded in the passport and the animal may not be given certain medication most notably phenylbutazone (bute). There are alternative medications to bute available but these are slightly more expensive and must be recorded.

Foals need a passport before they are six months old or by 31 December in the year they are born - whichever is later. However, you'll need to get a passport earlier if you sell your foal before this.

Visit www.direct.gov.uk/horsepassports for more information

Worming Programme 2010!

The end of the year will soon be upon us and Jess is already preparing the worming programme for next year which will be sent out to participants in January 2010. Just to remind you the options are...

- Phase I Programme using moxidectin & praziquantel for control of round worm, tapeworm and encysted roundworm, bots etc.
- Phase II Programme using a combination of benzimidazole drugs and pyrantel for control of roundworm, tapeworm and encysted round worm.
- Worm egg counts—send in a small sample of fresh dung and we will check it for round worm eggs, you can then tailor your worming program accordingly.
- Blood testing for tapeworm—Can be done in the spring and autumn to check for signs of tapeworm, you can then tailor your worming program, accordingly.

To ensure everyone receives their Worming Packs please can all existing and newcomers to the Programme phone or email Jess before the 1st January 2010 in time to have them ^{sent} to you by the end of January. Although it is never too late in the year to join the Programme!

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