



SPRING PADDOCKS EQUINE  
VETERINARY SURGEONS

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## CLINIC NEWS

It's been a busy Summer here at Spring Paddocks, with the hot weather causing a range of issues including eye infections, lameness due to the hard ground and colics related to dehydration and weather-induced dietary changes.



We have been pleased to work alongside **The Equine Dental Clinic (EDC)** whom we have called upon to deal with the more complicated dental cases requiring highly specialised techniques and equipment. Chris Pearce and Nicole Du Toit from the EDC are world-renowned specialists in this area so it's great to have them as part of our team.

Our **2018 Client Evenings** have been as popular as always, and we've had excellent feedback from attendees. We are currently planning the diary dates for next year so please let us know if there are any specific topics you would like us to cover in 2019.

In staff news, **Gemma** has had a successful season competing her 8 year old Warmblood "Mylo", qualifying for the British Dressage National Championships at both Novice and Elementary levels, where she was placed 9<sup>th</sup> in the Novice against some of the best horses and riders in the country.



**Stef's** horse Reilly has just started rehab after a lengthy period of time off due to injury. We are all keeping our fingers crossed that his recovery continues as planned.



As a practice, we have plenty of affiliation with British Riding Clubs; **John** has been the Official Veterinarian at all their major Championships across the UK this year, Clinic assistant **Sam** has been heavily involved with setting up and running the new Warwickshire Hunt Riding Club (which **Katrina** has also joined with her mare Remy) and **Sarah** is once again actively involved with Stoneleigh Riding Club.

## WORMING ADVICE

The topic of responsible worming is highly important, due to the ever-increasing resistance to a large number of the available wormers. **Horses should not be wormed without evidence of a worm burden by a combination of faecal worm egg counts and tapeworm tests (saliva or blood test).**



The only exception to this, is strategic worming against encysted redworm and bots during the winter months, once there has been a prolonged cold spell. **The majority of horses should therefore only be wormed once a year**, unless worm egg counts or tapeworm tests suggest otherwise. Irresponsible blanket worming puts horses at a high risk of developing a dangerous population of resistant worms. Please call the Clinic and have a chat with one of our Vets about responsible worm management, testing for worms and worming advice.

