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NEWSLETTER • SUMMER 2018

CLINIC & STAFF NEWS

We have been busy at Spring Paddocks, both with Equine patients and also developing the Clinic. Many of you will now have visited since the driveway has been re-routed and the carpark extended, which has made parking and turning easier particularly for large lorries.

The team of Vets, Clinical Assistants and Office Staff have been working as hard as always to continue providing the high level of service our Clients enjoy. Our **FREE ZONE VISITS** are proving increasingly popular, and the requirement for payment on the day for these calls has meant we are sending out far fewer postal bills at the end of the month; not only better for the environment but it also allows the Office Staff to dedicate more time to ensuring insurance claims are processed quickly and any other queries dealt with efficiently.

In Staff news, we wish our Clinical Assistant **Suzie** a very happy "big" birthday for July. Suzie started working at Spring Paddocks 20 years ago and is an invaluable member of the team. She is responsible for stock control, running the in-house laboratory, assisting the Vets with various procedures... and much, much more!

Happy Birthday Suzie!



OPEN DAY

Our **Open Day** in June was very well attended, and we enjoyed seeing lots of familiar faces as well as some new ones! The Air Ambulance Charity brought a stand, TopSpec Horse Feeds were in attendance to give nutritional advice, we ran several informative talks and the BBQ and cake stand went down a treat!



We raised over £150 for the Air Ambulance through the raffle and cake stall, which will help in their efforts to continue providing their life-saving service, so thank you to everyone who bought a raffle ticket and a cake!

THE ITCHY HORSE?

We've seen a lot of horses with itchy or irritated skin this year. For those that have a "Sweet Itch" component (allergy to midges leading to itching predominantly of the mane and tail), help is now at hand!

A new vaccine called '**Insol**' is available, which we import under special licence, and aims to reduce the clinical signs associated with this disease.



For the vaccine to be effective, the **affected horse / pony must be injected BEFORE the END of FEBRUARY.**

The course of 2 vaccines, 14 days apart has been shown to improve clinical signs in 2/3 of Sweet Itch Sufferers.

We will be placing an order around Christmas time, and will only be able to order the specific number of vaccines required. If you're interested or know someone else who might be, please give the clinic a ring and chat to one of our Vets. We can then add you to the order list. A small deposit will be required prior to ordering.

We have seen good results in the few we have trialled this year.

UPCOMING EVENTS

All Upcoming events are listed on our website at www.springpaddocksequine.co.uk so be sure to have a look- we have various client evenings and special offers coming up for the rest of 2018 including;

Special Offer- ***Discounted Worm Egg Counts (WORM EGG COUNTS ONLY £5!)***
August 2018

Client Evening- ***“Equine Gastric Ulcer Syndrome- Could My Horse Be Affected?”***
Thursday 13th September @ 7pm (at Spring Paddocks)

Special Offer- ***Discounted Gastroscopy Clinic (Gastroscopy only £100)***
Monday 24th September (at Spring Paddocks)

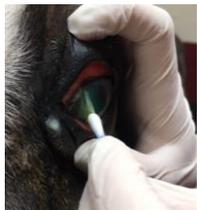
Client Evening- ***“Caring For The Older Horse”***
Monday 22nd October @ 7pm (at Spring Paddocks)

Please contact the Clinic on 01926 612937 for more information.

SPOTLIGHT ON... SUMMER EYE CONDITIONS

All eye conditions should be treated seriously as they can quickly develop into something more serious

Conjunctivitis is a painful condition usually due to a bacterial infection of the conjunctiva (the pink tissue inside the eyelids). The main symptom is severe reddening of the conjunctiva and a thick discharge. One or both eyes can be affected. Treatment usually relies on specialist anti-biotic and anti-inflammatory drops, as well as other types of pain killers if required.



Eye ulcers are more common in the Summer when the grass becomes sparse and horses are foraging in hedgerows for more juicy treats! They can easily scrape the surface of their eye, leading to a painful ulcer. The affected eye is usually watering and closed / semi-closed. These are true emergencies and should be seen by a Vet immediately.

Fly Masks are an essential addition at this time of year.

CHARITY WEIGHING SCHEME!

Raising money for local charities as well as caring for the welfare of your horse

If your Yard is normally eligible for a FREE or a STANDARD ZONE VISIT, we will bring our Veterinary Weighbridge to you on your designated Zone Day, throughout the year.

The set price will be charged, £30, to cover the time and cost of transport. This can be divided between any number of horses- from 1 to 100!

Any additional money donated will be given directly to our supported Charity which is currently The Air Ambulance. So far this year we have raised over £300 for charity through our weighing scheme!

