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NEWSLETTER • SPRING 2018

CLINIC NEWS

Since the New Year, we have been kept busy here at Spring Paddocks Equine Clinic with an array of hospitalised in-patients, ranging from **orthopaedic surgery** to **specialist intensive care** of a severely ulcerated eye. The Vets have also seen plenty of ambulatory cases, particularly since we extended our **Free Zone Visit** area to give even more of you the option of having a free call-out on your allocated Zone Day.

Our well-appointed Clinic is fully equipped to offer a wide range of services including General Anaesthesia (both emergency and elective), hospitalisation for medical management of colic, facilities to administer intravenous fluids and much more. Our intensive care stable is also linked to CCTV which the Vets can monitor remotely, allowing 24 hour supervision.



John has been enjoying spending lots of time over the winter **performing surgeries** (both under general anaesthesia and standing), making sure our equine athletes are ready for the start of the upcoming competition season and the (hopefully) sunnier weather! At this busy time of year, he is also highly in demand for **Pre-Purchase Examinations** ("Vettings), preempting any potential future issues that may not be seen on a normal examination.

Despite the not so pleasant weather, **Gemma** is being kept busy seeing an increasing number of horses for **Poor Performance** work ups. From complex **lamenesses** to severe **gastric ulceration** and "**Kissing Spines**", Gemma is enjoying the challenge of these more complex cases and has also been taking referrals from other equine Vets in the Midlands and South East.



Katrina has settled into life at Spring Paddocks very comfortably and is now a familiar face to many of you. She has developed a particular interest in **skin disease**, and has recently spent a day furthering her expertise on management of severe wounds and the use of **skin grafts**. She carries out much of the **laser surgery** on both sarcoids and melanomas here at Spring Paddocks, and presented some new information on other Equine Skin Diseases at our most recent Client evening.

Stef (Dr. Stephanie Barnett BVetMedSci (Hons) BVM BVS MRCVS) joined us in the New Year, and many of you will have met her already. Stef started out in a large Equine Hospital in California where she gained extensive experience in **anaesthesia** and **intensive care**. She moved back home to the UK in 2016 and has been working in the Midlands ever since. We know you will help make Stef welcome as part of the Spring Paddocks team!



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EASY AS 1, 2, 3...2018 PREVENTATIVE HEALTHCARE OFFERS

1. Basic Health Checks- New for 2018!

Introducing our new BASIC HEALTH CHECK- for only £10 (+ VAT)!

By popular demand we have introduced our brand new bolt on package for all those people who want a little more from their routine vaccinations or dental appointments. This basic health check is the perfect opportunity to have your horse's heart, lungs, weight and more checked by a Vet who will then advise you on any health recommendations or management tips.

2. Loyalty Cards

We are excited to be introducing a new vaccination loyalty card! Each time one of your horses has a vaccination; your card will be stamped by the Vet. **Simply collect 5 stamps to get your 6th vaccination FREE!** Cards can be obtained from the office or any of the Vets.

3. Annual Worming Package

To encourage responsible worm management, and reduce further resistance to wormers, we are now offering a discounted worming package for **£75 inc VAT per horse per year**. This includes:

- 3 x Faecal worm egg counts (March, June and October)
- 1 x Weigh tape, to ensure accurate dosing of any wormers
- 1 x Equest Pramox wormer **AND** 1 x Equitape wormer
- 1 Year free worming advice from a Veterinary Surgeon
- Text reminders on when to worm egg count or worm

Please call the office for further information or to sign up.

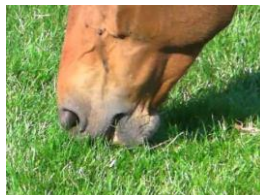


LAMINITIS... PREVENTION IS BETTER THAN CURE!

DID YOU KNOW that **90%** of horses & ponies with laminitis have an underlying disease such as "Equine Cushings Disease" (PPID) or "Equine Metabolic Syndrome" (EMS)?

These diseases alter various hormones within the body, leaving the animal at a **hugely increased risk of laminitis**.

Thankfully, both diseases are easy to diagnose with simple blood tests. We encourage **early, proactive testing before the Spring** grass starts to grow, as the new grass can easily trigger laminitis in these affected horses and ponies.



Candidates to test for PPID

- 🐾 Horses/ponies 15 years and over (with or without clinical signs)
- 🐾 Those with a history of laminitis/foot abscesses/dental disease
- 🐾 Equines showing other symptoms of PPID eg long haircoat

Candidates to test for EMS

- 🐾 Those with a large/firm crest (even if they are thin elsewhere)
- 🐾 Horses and ponies with a history of laminitis (even if it was mild)
- 🐾 Any age, especially those who seem to live off thin air!

UPCOMING DIARY DATES

March is Dental Discount Month

Oral Examination + ALL Required Sedation
+ Routine Tooth Rasp
£62.00 for 1 horse / £52.00 each for 2 or more horses on the same yard

Breeding and AI Client Evening

11th April at 7pm @ Spring Paddocks

Covering all aspects of breeding & Artificial Insemination, plus information on our AI packages. Our Vets will be on hand to give advice on individual requirements.

£5 per person- book in advance via Office

Equine 1st Aid & Lower Limb Dissection

17th May at 6.30 pm @ Spring Paddocks

Learn more about dealing with Equine Emergencies, as well as examining lower limb specimens and learning about common sites of injury.

£10 per person- book in advance via Office