

Equine News: February 2025

Equine Opening Evening
Wednesday 19th March 7pm
Hexham Auction Mart function suite



Understanding Equine Behaviour- Ellie Girgis
Safer Horse Rescue - Euan Laidlaw
Managing Equine Wounds- Steph Cook



Preventing Strangles

Biosecurity is important at all times, not just in the face of a disease outbreak. This will help safeguard your horse and other peoples horses.

- Wash hands regularly.
- Do not share equipment.
- Do not touch other horses unnecessarily
- Have a quarantine protocol for new arrivals.

We can help you design a yard biosecurity protocol or review your current arrangements.

We are offering the strangles vaccine on the Dechra amnesty. This involves the first vaccine being given in February, and then the second vaccine 4 weeks later. **The second vaccine will be free of charge with only the visit charge to pay.**

Strangles vaccination is given by injection into the muscle (like the influenza and tetanus vaccines) and can reduce the clinical signs of infection and the number of lymph node abscesses. This is a marker vaccine so can be distinguished from antibodies to natural infection on a blood test.

To book an appointment please call the surgery.

Pre-Season Health Plan Offer for January & February



For £170 (inc. VAT), the Pre-Season Health Plan includes:

- Full examination
- Dental including sedation
- Full blood profile
- 3 free worm egg counts and worming reminders
- 10% off vaccinations
- 1 free zone visit

That's a saving of over £130!

Offer open to horses and ponies of all ages. Enrolment onto this scheme is open throughout January and February; treatment under the terms of the scheme, i.e. full examination, dental examination and treatment, and full blood profile, must take place in January and February, with the exception of vaccinations. Annual membership fee or renewal must be paid in full prior to the visit.



Do you have a horse that competes under FEI rules?

From 3rd February 2025 there will be some changes to how your horses vaccinations will be recorded.

Please let reception know when you ring to book your vaccines in for these horses. And please remember to always have your passport at the appointment.

Vaccinations now need to be logged on the FEI horse app vaccination section as well as in the horses passport.

Find further information about the use of the FEI HorseApp, and the owner responsibilities on [Inside.FEI.org](https://www.inside.fei.org).

Rebecca's Adventures Down Under

At the end of August I headed over to a referral hospital in Australia as a medicine nurse for their breeding season. When I first arrived I had to hit the ground running as sick broodmares and foals were coming in from all directions! I gained valuable foal experience and also developed my knowledge on adult patients further. The team was great to learn from, and being from all corners of the world, we each brought something to the table! My favourite cases were the 'bed babies', they required very intensive nursing, and getting to see them jumping around the box like a normal foal just before discharge was such a rewarding feeling!

We did get the chance to let our hair down on days off, my favourite day was going to the Melbourne cup with some of the nurses and vets!

After the foaling season was complete and work began to wind down, my boyfriend and I went travelling up the east coast of Australia, starting at Melbourne winding all the way up to Cairns! We did some amazing things including snorkelling in the Great Barrier Reef, Christmas on the beach, trail riding around the Hunter valley and so much more!

It was an experience I'll never forget!



Zone visits February and March

Zone 1 (CA8, NE44, NE46-47, NE49 & DH8) - Mon 3rd Feb, Mon 3rd March

Zone 2 (NE19, NE45 & NE48) - Mon 10th Feb, Mon 10th March

Zone 3 (NE1-7, NE12-15, NE18, NE20, NE22-30 & NE61) - usually Sally - Thurs 6th Feb, Thurs 6th March usually Liz - Mon 17th Feb, Mon 17th March

Zone 4 (NE8-11, NE16-17, NE21, NE31-43) - Mon 24th Feb, Mon 24th March

Zone 5 (DH2-7, DH9 & DL13-16) - Tues 25th Feb, Tues 25th March

Zone visits offer a reduced price visit of £20 for one owner and £10 for more than one owner at same yard for planned routine veterinary work.

We are able to offer this service by mapping the most efficient route around the calls – therefore it is not possible to specify a time or vet for a zone visit. Visits must be booked by 1pm on the Friday before visit.

Next Dental Clinic:

Wednesday 26th February



Dental clinics are held monthly at the surgery, usually with Euan who holds a certificate in Advanced Practice focussed on equine dentistry. The dental clinic allows us to work more efficiently and so we are able to pass on that saving to you with reduced price routine dentistry.

Dental clinic routine dental inc. sedation £78 inc VAT

Dental clinic dental plus diastema flush and sedation £100 inc. VAT

Terms and conditions: Payment must be made at the time of treatment. Please arrive at your allocated time and collect your horse promptly after treatment