

Equine News: January 2025



Pre-Season Health Plan Offer for January & February



For £160 (inc. VAT), the Pre-Season Health Plan includes:

- Full examination incorporating lameness and medical review
- Gold standard dental examination and treatment including sedation
- Full blood profile including liver/kidney function
- 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.

Sustainable Parasite Control

If you haven't reviewed your worming plan recently we suggest that for 2025 you adopt a sustainable and targeted worm control plan to help equine health now and in the future and benefit the environment.

We now recommend a targeted approach to worming, using regular worm egg counts during the grazing season, instead of the traditional process of worming horses at set intervals throughout the year.

It's important that we DO NOT simply blanket worm our horses. It is proven that only 20% of our horses carry 80% of the worm burden.

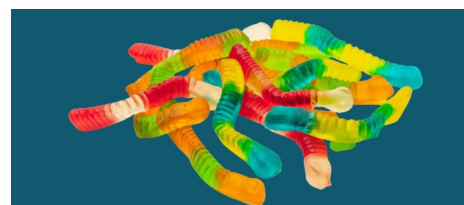
Doing a simple faecal worm egg count (FWEC) will enable us to target and treat only the horses that need treating. We do this along with an assessment of risk based on age, environment, and management to ensure that you are using wormers only where necessary whilst never compromising the health of the horse.

The Equisal saliva tapeworm test which we usually recommend in Autumn can be done yourself and will indicate if treatment is required. Only around 1 in 10 horses tested last Autumn required treatment so together we significantly reduced our use of tapeworm treatment.

Contact us for worming advice or to join our comprehensive plan.

Comprehensive targeted annual worming programme £61

- 3 worm egg counts and treatment as required.
- Equisal tapeworm test
- All redworm, tapeworm and larval redworm treatment required, based on risk and test results.



Reminder of the vaccine rules for competition:

Competitive Body	Interval between 1st & 2nd vaccine	Interval between 2nd & 3rd vaccine	Booster Interval
FEI, BE	21-60 days	Within 6months +21 days	Within 6 months +21 days of competition and not >12 months
BD	21-60 days	Within 6months +21 days	Not >12 months (recommend within 6 months +21 days of competition)
BHA, BHRC	21-60 days	120-180 days	Not > 6 months
BS, BRC, PC	21-60 days	120-180 days	Not >12 months
Endurance	21-60 days	Within 180 days (150-180 preferred)	Not >12 months

Zone visits January and February

Zone 1 (NE44, NE46-47, NE49 & DH8) - Mon 6th Jan, Mon 3rd Feb

Zone 2 (NE19, NE45 & NE48) - Mon 13th Jan, Mon 10th Feb

Zone 3 (NE1-7, NE12-15, NE18, NE20, NE22-30 & NE61) - usually Sally - Thurs 9th Jan, Thurs 6th Feb usually Liz - Mon 20th Jan, Mon 17th Feb

Zone 4 (NE8-11, NE16-17, NE21, NE31-43- Mon 27th Jan, Mon 24th Feb

Zone 5 (DH2-7, DH9 & DL13-16) - Tues 28th Jan, Tues 25th Feb

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.

Does your horse or pony suffer from Sweet Itch?

Like all allergies, preventing exposure to the source will always be the most effective strategy.



We therefore recommend planning ahead for the midge season and getting a good quality stretchy and close-fitting sweet itch rug with a belly panel on your pony 24 hours a day by the end of March.

Other strategies that may help include:

- Repel midges – use midge repellents
- Reduce itching – topical lotions/creams that soothe the skin to reduce scratching. Tea tree oil is often effective. Feed supplements containing nicotina-mide can also reduce irritation.
- Prevent scratching – fence off any possible scratching posts in the paddock.
- An injectable vaccine can be used, it is off licence and is thought to modify the way the horse's immune system responds to the challenge of midge bites. The treatment is still in the early stages and lacks scientific proof. The course consists of two doses given 14 days apart. These doses need to be given before the midge season starts.

Please get in touch for more information.

Next Dental Clinic: Wednesday 29th January

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