

# Equine News: February 2022

## Pre-Season Health Plan Offer

For £145 (inc VAT), the Pre-Season Health Plan includes:

- Full examination incorporating lameness and medical review
- Dental examination, including sedation, and routine treatment
- Full blood profile including liver/kidney function
- 3 free worm egg counts + reminders
- 10% off vaccinations
- 1 free zone visit



**That's less than half price in comparison with the full cost!**

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.

## Next Dental Clinic: Thursday 24th February

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 (a saving of £27.50 on the usual price of a routine dental).

Dental clinics are for routine dental procedures, including examination, power rasping enamel overgrowths, and diastema cleaning and flushing all carried out under sedation.



**Dental clinic routine dental including sedation £70 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

## Virtual Client Evenings

Gillian Higgins, from Horses Inside Out, really helped the hundreds of attendees to the January virtual client evening understand the equine back with her stunning paintings of the muscle and bone structure. She highlighted some useful exercises and points for back health and stressed the importance of working on your horse's posture. Lots of homework there for us all, but not everyone will brave the tail stretch!

Understanding Your Horse's Back



Don't miss the next in the series on "Preparing your mare for Breeding" - please note date change below. Details of how to register will be posted on our Facebook page when they are available. If you are not on Facebook and would like to attend please email us at [equine@smvc.co.uk](mailto:equine@smvc.co.uk) and we will send the link.

<b>Tuesday 15th February</b>	<b>James Crabtree</b> BVM&S CertEM(StudMed) MRCVS.	Preparing your mare for breeding
<b>Wednesday 16th March</b>	<b>Gemma Pearson</b> BVMS Cert AVP (EM) MScR CCAB MRCVS	Understanding your horse's behaviour and training for success

## Equine Flu Vaccination After-Care

The vaccine stimulates an immune response in the horse resulting in the creation of antibodies against the flu virus and / or tetanus toxin. It is these antibodies that help protect your horse from contracting influenza and tetanus. Therefore, it is advisable not to do anything too strenuous for the 3 days following vaccination; stick to light work like hacking or light schooling.

If you have any concerns about your horse or they seem unwell following vaccination, please contact the surgery. Vaccine reactions are uncommon but do occur and we always want to know and report these if they occur. Reactions are usually in the form of localised pain and swelling at the injection site and occasionally the horse will also be unwell and off food. The vast majority resolve in a few days with pain killer anti-inflammatory medications but in rare cases further treatment may be required.

You can help prevent vaccine reactions by ensuring:

- \*Vaccination is carried out at the recommended intervals;
- \*You present your horse clean and dry for vaccination;
- \*Your horse stands quietly for the procedure.

## Equine Vaccinations

Please be aware that from the 1st Jan 2022 some of the equine influenza vaccine intervals have changed particularly those competing under British Horseracing Association rules. The FEI have changed to remove the minimum interval for the 3rd vaccine and the Pony Club and Show Horse Association have followed suit. We will adjust our reminders to cover the common middle ground in these intervals and will be introducing a six month booster to help remind those vaccinating every six months. **The table below summarises the current rules at this time but please note these are subject to change and it is your responsibility to check the competition and venue rules prior to competition to ensure you comply.**

Organisation	V1-V2	V2-V3	Booster	Minimum interval from last vaccine to competition
BHA	21-60 days	120-180 days	Max 6 months	7 days
FEI, PC Area, BSHA	21-92 days	<7months	Max 12 months within 6 months + 21 days of competition	7 days
PC local	21-92 days	<7 months	Max 12 months	7days
BE and BD	21-92 days	150-215 days	Max 12 months within 6 months + 21 days of competition	7 days
BS, BRC, Endurance	21-92 days	150-215 days	Max 12 months	7 days

## Nottingham Vet School

Recently Euan was invited to give a lecture at Nottingham Vet School on coping with your first week in equine practice. Although this was some time ago for Euan, he managed to think back with the benefit of hindsight.



Topics discussed ranged from routine injections, to stomach tubing, and foot abscesses; as well as what to expect from your employer and a video tour of Euan's car boot!

A number of students have booked to see practice at SMVC and we look forward to having their help around the practice and mentoring them.



## Zone Visits February and March

Zone 1 (NE44, NE46-47, NE49 & DH8) - Mon 7th Feb, Mon 7th March

Zone 2 (NE19, NE45 & NE48) - Mon 14th Feb, Mon 14th March

Zone 3 (NE1-7, NE12-15, NE18, NE20, NE22-30 & NE61) - Sally -Thurs 3rd Feb, Thurs 3rd March  
Liz/Euan Mon 21st Feb, Mon 21st March

Zone 4 (NE8-11, NE16-17, NE21, NE31-43) - Mon 28th Feb, Mon 28th March

Zone 5 (DH2-7, DH9 & DL13-16) - Tues 22nd Feb, Tues 22nd 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.

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