

Equine News: January 2022

New Year Flu Vaccine Amnesty

If your horse's vaccination cover for equine influenza is not up to date, why not make it your new year's resolution to get them fully protected and ready for the opportunities of 2022? Even if you don't like to compete you could enter a pleasure ride or attend a clinic for like-minded riders all safe in the knowledge that your horse will have protection against catching equine influenza (Flu).

For horses who have their first dose of Flu or combined Flu and Tetanus vaccine in January the second dose of vaccine will be given free of charge.

Normal visit charges will apply—remember to save on visit charges you can make use of our monthly zone days. The recommended interval between first and second vaccine is 4– 6 weeks.

Always remember to check the competition rules regarding vaccine intervals before you compete as there is significant variation between the competitive disciplines.

Next Dental Clinic Thursday January 27th

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

Dental clinic routine dental and diastema flush £95 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



After the success of last year's virtual client evening the practice will, again this year, be offering our clients a series of virtual client evenings with independent speakers. The program, produced by XLVets, provides a selection of really interesting topics by some of the country's leading experts. 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 and we will send the link.

Wednesday 26th January	Gillian Higgins BSc BHS Senior Coach, Dip (RM) MSM, ITEC (equine), MCAM, MIAS, MRAMP	Understanding your horse's back
Wednesday 16th February	James Crabtree BVM&S CertEM(StudMed) MRCVS.	Preparing your mare for breeding
Wednesday 16th March	Gemma Pearson BVMS Cert AVP (EM) MScR CCAB MRCVS	Understanding your horse's behaviour and training for success

Top tips to stay healthy this winter

- Try to ensure your horse has some exercise every day: turn out, hand-walking or ridden. This is important to assist gut movement, help reduce joint pain in older horses and help with weight management.
- Avoid over rugging your horse: the warm moist environment under a rug can increase the risk of skin disease.
- Make sure your horse's teeth have been examined and any issues addressed, to help maintain optimum weight and reduce the risk of choke.
- Body condition score your horse regularly; remember you should be able to easily feel ribs and crest should be soft. Those prone to putting on weight should aim to finish the winter in lean condition.

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.



"Is that a bright star?" No, it's just the surgical light....

Prince had surgery on Christmas Eve so had to stay with us at the clinic over the Christmas weekend. On Christmas Day, nurse Rebecca, and vets Euan & Charlotte, attended to him at the clinic. Looking at their smiles, they still managed to have fun!! Huge thanks to all our nurses and vets for the sacrifices they make over the festive season to look after horses that our clients entrust to our care. Even over Christmas, our patients are never left alone.

SAVE MONEY!!

January is often a time when we are all looking for a few money saving ideas so don't forget our year round offers:

- Monthly reduced price zone visits for routine procedures
- Visits for 5 or more horses on the same yard are charged at the zone visit price on any working day.
- 5 % discount on all fees and medicines when payment is made on the day
- Monthly dental clinics at the surgery offering reduced cost routine dental treatment
- 2.5% discount on all transactions when you sign up for direct debit.

Zone Visits January and February

Zone 1 (NE44, NE46-47, NE49 & DH8) - Mon 10th Jan, Mon 7th Feb

Zone 2 (NE19, NE45 & NE48) - Mon 17th Jan, Mon 14th Feb

Zone 3 (NE1-7, NE12-15, NE18, NE20, NE22-30 & NE61) - Sally -Thurs 6th Jan , Thurs 3rd Feb
Liz/Euan Mon 24th Jan, Mon 21st Feb

Zone 4 (NE8-11, NE16-17, NE21, NE31-43) - Mon 31st Jan, Mon 28th Feb

Zone 5 (DH2-7, DH9 & DL13-16) - Tues 25th Jan, Tues 22nd 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.