

Equine News: March 2023

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EQUINE OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 29th March
2023

The Auction Mart, Hexham
7.00 pm arrival for tea and coffee
7.30 pm talks start

Topics and speakers

- Patrick Pollock: Back problems and their treatment
- Euan Laidlaw: The value of foot balance in the treatment and prevention of lameness
- Liz Mitchell: Practical strategies in the prevention of laminitis

The famous Scott Mitchell Raffle,
collecting for here4horses will take
place on the night!

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Book your place:

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Equine Open evening:

Back Problems and their treatment

Equine surgeon Professor Patrick Pollock of Glasgow University will be joining us to share his knowledge on this challenging topic. Patrick now regularly visits the Scott Mitchell Surgery bringing his wealth of experience to assist us with more complex diagnostic and surgical procedures.

The value of foot balance in the treatment and prevention of lameness

Euan Laidlaw will discuss the benefits of foot balance x-rays and working together with your farrier to achieve optimum foot balance and comfort for your horse.

Practical strategies in the prevention of laminitis

Liz Mitchell will discuss the latest research in this area and our new prevention package in conjunction with Kelly Thomas from Horse Weighbridge North East.

It's back! After a break of several years we have the return of the famous Scott Mitchell Raffle. This year we are collecting for **here4horses**, an equine welfare charity based in the North East. There are some amazing prizes so please remember to bring a few pounds. Support this worthwhile cause and have a great chance of taking home a prize. Thank you to all the businesses who have kindly donated prizes

All are welcome but please reserve your place at equine@smvc.co.uk, via our facebook event or by phone 01434 608999.

Next Dental Clinic: Wednesday 22nd March 2023

Dental clinics will take place at the surgery on the last Wednesday of every month.

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



Smiles for Sarah and Swallow

You may remember we featured Swallow in our November newsletter when he was recovering from an usual condition that we suspected to be oak poisoning. The team at SMVC were so delighted to see this photo of Swallow out at a dressage competition looking the picture of health. And we love that big smile on Sarah's face!



Congratulations to Sophie

Congratulations to client Sophie on joining the Rowen Barbary Horse Feeds team and qualifying Hugo for the national Novice dressage championships. Wishing them the best of luck!



Zone Visits March and April

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

Zone 2 (NE19, NE45 & NE48) - Mon 13th March, Tues 11th April

Zone 3 (NE1-7, NE12-15, NE18, NE20, NE22-30 & NE61) - Sally -Thurs 2nd March, Thurs 6th April
Liz/Steph Mon 20th March, Mon 17th April

Zone 4 (NE8-11, NE16-17, NE21, NE31-43) - Mon 27th March, Mon 24th April

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

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.

Donkeys are Different

Donkeys are often thought of as small horses but donkeys are different, they have different physical and behavioural needs to horses.

What are the similarities?

- Preventative healthcare in horses and donkeys is largely similar.
- Influenza and tetanus vaccines at the same intervals as horses.
- Routine dental care every 6-12 months.



(This is especially important due to donkeys living longer than horses.)

- Regular hoof care and trimming, usually every 6-10 weeks
- Worm control plans – pasture management, egg counts and wormers if required.

Note donkeys should not be given combined wormers e.g. Equest Pramox

How are donkeys different?

1. Diet – Straw!

- Donkeys have evolved to live in areas with sparse and low quality forage, they can digest very fibrous plants. Donkeys are browsers not grazers.
- UK pasture is too lush for them and can lead to problems such as obesity and laminitis.
- Donkeys should be fed 1.5% of their body weight in dry matter for maintenance.
- Donkeys with no dental/health problems should be fed a diet of 75% straw in summer and 50% straw in winter. The remainder should be made up with hay/haylage or restricted grazing.
- Provide vitamins and minerals by an unmo-lassed lick or a low calorie forage balancer.