

Equine News: November 2021

Autumn Client Evening

We are all really looking forward to seeing everyone at our client evening:

**Thursday 25th November 2021 at 7- 8.30pm
Hexham Auction Mart Function Suite**

Tea, Coffee and biscuits will be provided .

Seating will be distanced and the area well ventilated so wear warm clothes.

Our vets Colin, Charlotte, Steph and new vet Euan will present some case studies about: **sarcoids, colic, dentistry and pre-purchase examination.**

There will also be a chance to have your questions answered by the panel of vets. You can submit your questions in advance to equine@smvc.co.uk.

The evening is open to all clients and their friends and family.

Please phone the surgery on 01434 608999 to reserve your place.

We will continue to monitor local risk factors and may need to change our plans accordingly.

Atypical Myopathy

Bare fields and gusty autumn weather can heighten the chances of horses contracting this fatal disease, which is caused by the ingestion of sycamore seeds.

Horses do not typically choose to eat sycamore seeds, however when pastures are bare, there is a greater tendency for them to be ingested. Wind can also cause seeds to spread faster and further.

Horse owners are advised to take practical steps to prevent the disease by limiting access to sycamore seeds:

1. Identify trees both around grazed fields as well as those in close proximity. Exclude horses from affected areas using electric fencing or stabling.
2. Feed supplementary hay to try and prevent horses from excessive foraging.



Dental Clinic Thursday November 25th

Our routine dental clinics will be held on the last Thursday of the month at the surgery with our new vet Euan who has a particular interest in 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 (a saving of £27.50 on the usual price of a routine dental).



**Dental clinic routine dental including sedation
£70 inc VAT**

**Dental clinic routine dental and diastema
flush £95 inc VAT**

Dental clinics are for routine dental procedures, including examination, power rasping enamel overgrowths, and diastema cleaning and flushing all carried out under sedation. The level of sedation used will be tailored to your individual horse to ensure relaxation of the tongue to allow a thorough examination using the dental mirror and to ensure the health and safety of the horse, the vet and any handlers.

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

Be Safe Clipping!

If your horse is difficult to clip ask about sedative options or why not take advantage of our clipping clinics. Bring your horse and clippers to the surgery and we will sedate your horse in one of the outdoor stables with top ups as required and you **pay only for the cost of sedation (electricity, use of a stable and clinical time are all FREE!**

Remember to always use a circuit breaker!

Don't forget to look after your old friend this autumn and release their inner youth!

Old friends Autumn watch ends November 2021, open to all horses over 15 years old:



- Twice annual visit & health check (Autumn and Spring)
- Full standard blood profile
- Gold standard dental including sedation
- 10% off vaccination and selected long term medication
- Annual worming plan including egg counts and reminders (excluding winter and tape-worm treatment)

All this for just £180! (better than half price!)

Terms and conditions: Annual membership fee or renewal must be paid in full prior to Autumn Watch visit. The discount on long term medications applies to selected pharmaceutical products only; please ask for details. Discounts on vaccination and long term medication apply for 12 months.

Welcome to new Vet Euan

We are delighted to welcome experienced equine vet Euan Laidlaw to the equine team at Scott Mitchell. Euan is originally from Ayrshire and since graduating has worked in Australia, Northumberland, and the Borders.



He has a particular interest in equine dentistry and enjoys working with sports horses, hunters, and Thoroughbred and Standardbred racehorses (on and off the track). In his free time he also enjoys cycling, skiing, and all country sports; although he claims to be distinctly amateur at them!

Zone Visits November and December

Zone 1 (NE44, NE46-47, NE49 & DH8) - Mon 1st Nov, Mon 6th Dec

Zone 2 (NE19, NE45 & NE48) - Mon 8th Nov, Wed 8th Dec

Zone 3 (NE1-7, NE12-15, NE18, NE20, NE22-30 & NE61) - Sally -Thurs 4th Nov, Thurs 2nd Dec
Liz/Steph Mon 15th Nov, Mon 13th Dec

Zone 4 (NE8-11, NE16-17, NE21, NE31-43) - Mon 22nd Nov, Wed 15th Dec

Zone 5 (DH2-7, DH9 & DL13-16) - Tues 26th Oct, Tues 14th Dec

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.

Remember, remember the 5th November!

We know that fireworks can be a real worry for horse and pet owners. The Blue Cross have produced a useful list of tips to manage your horse at this time.



It is usually best to keep your horse in their normal environment where they will feel most calm. Some treats and music may help in some cases.

Remember to keep yourself safe; do not ride if fireworks are likely and do not enter the stable or field if your horse is very distressed but try to calmly reassure them from outside to reduce the risk of injury to yourself.