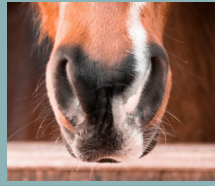


Equine News: November 2023

Equine Open Evening

“A Breath of fresh air – a guide to maintaining respiratory health”



Hexham Auction Mart

Thursday 30th November 7pm

Talks on infectious respiratory disease, the management of equine asthma and respiratory disease as a cause of poor performance.

Refreshments provided.

Raffle in aid of the Great North Air Ambulance

Free to attend and all welcome but please reserve your place equine@smvc.co.uk or 01434 608999

Supported by MSD Animal Health

Antibiotic Amnesty Campaign 2023

We're taking part this year.

Find out how you can help too.

2023
Antibiotic
Amnesty



The veterinary profession is coming together again this November to hold an Antibiotic Amnesty. The aim is to encourage clients to return any unused or out of date antibiotics. This will allow correct and safe disposal of the antibiotic medications, which will avoid **contamination of the environment and help prevent antimicrobial resistance due to inappropriate disposal.**

Antibiotics are essential to treat many conditions in both humans and animals. But they must be used carefully, to ensure they are effective when patients really need them.

If not used responsibly, antibiotics lead to dangerous side effects, delay an accurate diagnosis, and contribute to antimicrobial resistance (AMR). Inappropriate disposal of unused antibiotics also damages the environment, impacting water quality and wildlife.

Antimicrobial resistance is one of the biggest global health issues of our time. We must act, together.

Please return your unused medications to a vet at your visit or to the reception team at the surgery.

Payment link

You may have been asked to pay via “an online payment link” recently. This link (Nordhealth) connects directly with our practice management system, providing a secure and accurate method of processing your payments.

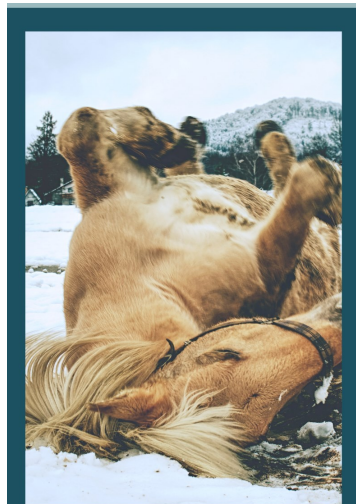
If you wish to take advantage of the 5% discount for payment at the time of treatment please let us know. Payment must be made within 24 hours of the visit.

Laminitis Prevention Club

Winter 'Good Doers' programme

If your horse or pony is a good doer? Are they carrying extra weight this Autumn?

Please sign up for the Winter good doers programme. There is a series of six on-line webinars packed with hints and information to help you help your horse to lose weight and enjoy better health. With a structured programme to help design a weight loss programme that will work for you and your horse.



JOIN OUR WINTER GOOD DOERS PROGRAMME!

The first webinar is Tuesday November 14th 7pm so don't delay sign up today!

Membership of the Laminitis Prevention Club is just £20 for a lifetime of help and support with weight management and laminitis prevention.



Keeping an eye open!

Remember the importance of monitoring your horse's eyes and getting a veterinary examination if the eye is swollen painful or cloudy. Rapid treatment can mean a quick resolution and prevent potentially sight threatening complications.

This horse presented with a painful eye, there was some eyelid swelling and the horse was holding the eye partially closed.



The cornea had been damaged and an ulcer was present. The cornea is the most superficial layer of the eye. Fluorescein stain was used to diagnosis this with a positive stain indicating there is a defect/ulcer. You can see this as a focal area of bright green. Topical antibiotic eyedrops were used to control the infection. Anti-inflammatory medications were used to keep the horse comfortable. Treatment was initiated promptly resulting in the eye being completely healed in 7 days.

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



Old friends Autumn watch for November 2023 open to all horses over 15 years old:

- Twice annual visit & health check (Autumn and Spring)
- Full standard blood profile (ACTH included for horses on treatment only)
- Gold standard dental including sedation
- 10% off vaccination and selected long term medication
- Annual worming plan including egg counts and reminders (excluding winter and tapeworm 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.

Zone Visits Nov and December

Zone 1 (NE44, NE46-47, NE49 & DH8) - Mon 6th Nov, Mon 4th Dec

Zone 2 (NE19, NE45 & NE48) - Mon 13th Nov, Wed 6th Dec

Zone 3 (NE1-7, NE12-15, NE18, NE20, NE22-30 & NE61) - usually Sally - Thurs 2nd Nov, Thurs 7th Dec

usually Liz/Euan Mon 20th Nov, Mon 11th Dec

Zone 4 (NE8-11, NE16-17, NE21, NE31-43)- Mon 27th Nov, Wed 13th Dec

Zone 5 (DH2-7, DH9 & DL13-16) - Tues 28th Nov, Tues 11th 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.

Next Dental Clinic: Wednesday 29th November

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 clinics are for routine dental procedures only, all carried out under sedation.

Dental clinic routine dental inc. sedation £70 inc VAT

Dental clinic dental plus diastema flush and sedation £95 inc VAT

Dental clinic diastema flush only inc sedation £35 in 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.