

# Equine News: September 2021

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



Old friends Autumn watch for October and 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.

**Congratulations to the South Northumberland Pony Club Games Team!**



The SNPC junior team (Anna Ridley - Twiglet, Annabelle Murray - Stripes, Bea Stephenson - Squirt, Sam Fletcher - Talulah and Madeline Bainbridge - Rosie) and senior team (Charlotte Chapman - Joey, Sarah Willey - Rolo, Erin Smith - Spot, Ava Marsden - Spider and Toby Stephenson) travelled South to Warwickshire for the pony club national championships knowing that their equine friends would be ready for anything thanks to the first aid kit supplied by Scott Mitchell Veterinary Care.

The experience was a first for many of the team members and it was a fantastic trip away. The juniors came 2nd in the tack and turn out and 8th in the competition, even after an accident left them a team member down after the 3rd race and the seniors came 7th. Very well done to everyone!

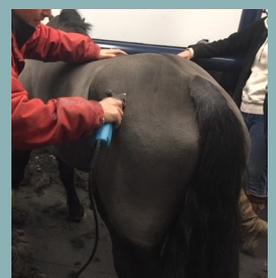
## Autumn client evening

According to Scott Mitchell tradition we are planning to hold an Autumn client evening. We would like to gauge your opinion as to what format you would like this to take—an online meeting like last year or a face to face meeting. We intend to return to face to face meetings in the future as we love to see everyone in a more social setting and make sure we send some of you home with our famous raffle prizes but we understand many people may not be confident to attend a meeting like this just yet. Please tell one of the vets, or our reception or nurse team what you think!

## Clipping clinics.... It's that time of year again!!

Be safe clipping. If your horse is difficult to clip 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).**

Please help by sweeping up after yourselves.



## Changes to COVID measures

From Monday 20th September we will be making some changes to the practice COVID restrictions: One owner per horse will be allowed into the building's stables area for admission and discharge consultations.

Please continue to call us on arrival at the practice and wait until a member of staff is available to escort you and your horse inside.

Please continue to phone to order medicines for collection and they will be delivered to you in the car park.

Please understand our decision to continue to restrict face to face contact indoors. We are a small team and COVID infection of staff members would compromise our ability to provide care to all our patients.

## Ellie's Greek Adventure



For the month of August Ellie swapped the Scott Mitchell reception desk for a Greek beach taverna. She tells us about her experience:

"I have just returned from an unforgettable trip away; 4 weeks ago I decided to book a ticket to Greece. I flew out on my own not knowing what to expect on arrival. I was living with 4 other girls, and part of a larger group of 24 from throughout the UK & Ireland.

There was a major heat wave in the first week, reaching temperatures of up to 45 degrees!! It was an experience like no other: I saw some beautiful places and swam in the clearest of waters. I also worked in a beach restaurant every evening which helped me meet new people and learn more about the Greek culture.

I have made friends for life; the tan will fade but the memories will last forever."

## Welcome to new vet Emily

We are delighted to welcome vet Emily Wilson to the equine team.

Emily originates from near York and recently qualified from Bristol University. She will be spending time assisting with in-patients and in-house surgeries as well as routine health care and emergency visits.

Emily rode and owned horses before going to college and hopes to get back into riding and horse ownership again.

She has two pet rabbits called Rupert and Rosie and also enjoys going to the gym, paddleboarding and the great outdoors!



## Zone Visits September and October

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

Zone 2 (NE19, NE45 & NE48) - Mon 13th Sept, Mon 11th Oct

Zone 3 (NE1-7, NE12-15, NE18, NE20, NE22-30 & NE61) - Sally -Thurs 2nd Sept, Thurs 7th Oct  
Liz/Steph Mon 20th Sept, Mon 18th Oct

Zone 4 (NE8-11, NE16-17, NE21, NE31-43) - Mon 27th Sept, Mon 25th Oct

Zone 5 (DH2-7, DH9 & DL13-16) - Tues 28th Sept, Tues 26th Oct

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.