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Newsletter

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Microchips and Passport Regulations

All horses and ponies need to have a passport identifying the animal. Horses must now be **microchipped** to be able to get a passport. Owners of foals need to obtain a passport for it on or before 31st December of the year of its birth, or by six months after its birth, whichever is later. Owners of older horses who have yet to apply for a horse passport should do so **immediately**.



For further information please contact us or call:
Defra Helpline on 08459 33 55 77

Insurance Claims Made Easier

Making a claim on your equine insurance policy can be both a complex and daunting prospect for any horse owner. Insurance claims tend to be made at a time when owners are upset and distressed, therefore we have put together some tips that will make the process less stressful and run more smoothly:

- Once you have decided to make a claim, you should contact your insurance company for a claim form; alternatively these can be downloaded from their website.
- If any third parties have been involved i.e. Leahurst, then separate claim forms must be obtained and sent to each organisation.
- When obtaining your claim form, please find out how much your excess is as this varies between insurance companies.
- In the event of two different ailments i.e. a colic episode and a lameness, two claim forms must be completed and two excess' paid.
- You should fill in the information required from the policy holder and sign the form
- On completion, the claim form and excess should be forwarded to Gillivervet Ltd.
- **We will not be able to process the claim until the excess is received.**
- The client does not need to worry about sending Gillivervet invoices with the claim form as we will create an insurance invoice that have all items and amounts listed.
- If the treatment is ongoing after a claim has been made, you need to check with the insurance company whether you need to fill in a claim continuation form. In most cases, additional invoices can be forwarded with the claim/policy number attached.
- Surcharges are added to the accounts automatically and these will be removed once the insurance claim is settled.
- In order for us to keep our clients informed, we will still send out monthly statements so that you are aware of your account and any payments that have been made. This is useful as you are still liable for any amounts not

BREED FEATURE

Thoroughbred

The thoroughbred is a horse breed best known for its use in racing.

They are considered a "hot-blooded" horse, known for their agility, speed and spirit.

The thoroughbred was developed in the 17th and 18th Century in England, when native mares were crossbred with imported Arabian stallions.

Thoroughbreds are used mainly for racing but are also bred for other riding disciplines such as showjumping, eventing, dressage, polo and hunting.

They are also commonly crossbred with other breeds.



The thoroughbreds distinguishing features are that they are tall and slim and typically stand at 15.2hh to



Farrier Day at Gillivervet

Here at Gillivervet we endeavour to encourage training and development in all areas. We have close links to all local farriers and invited them to attend a training day on site. A huge thank you to all those farriers that made the effort to come along. The training, which was organised by Mustad, proved a great success, focussing on correct shoeing and foot balance.



Correct shoeing is an essential aspect of horse health and well-being and we can not stress enough the importance of having your horses feet correctly maintained on a regular basis. Every Wednesday here at Gillivervet, our resident farriers Mark Gilliver and Simon Watson dedicate a day for horses to visit the practice for shoeing and treatment, along with carrying out any remedial work that is required. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require any more information.

Winter Ailments Roadshow

For many horse owners, the winter months can be stressful and hard work. The bad weather and poor ground condition can contribute to a range of problems such as mud fever, rain scald, chills etc. The vets at Gillivervet will be getting together and inviting you to join us at our Winter Ailments Roadshow where we will discuss the problems that may occur over the coming months, how to treat them and answer any questions you may have.

It is also a great opportunity to come and meet the staff at Gillivervet and get to know other horse owners in the local area.

We will be holding 3 roadshows, starting at 7.30pm, refreshments available:

Ryders Farm Equestrian Centre, Kearsley: Monday 23rd November
The Old School House, Ulnes Walton Lane Leyland: Tuesday 24th November
Croft End Riding Centre, Bardsley: Wednesday 25th November



Please contact us for more information.



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