



# Gillivervet Ltd.

## Newsletter

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## Gillivervet News

We are delighted to inform everyone that we have a new Veterinary Surgeon starting with us in February. Emma Docherty BVMS MRCVS graduated from Glasgow in 2010 and is joining us from the RCVS equine referral hospital. Emma has been involved with horses from a young age and was a regular member of the senior pony club teams and has competed with British Eventing.

Our new facebook page is proving to be a huge success as we now have almost 500 clients who are able to access our page for the latest news and updates. If you haven't yet seen our facebook page then please have a look and let us know what you think.



WE'RE ON  
FACEBOOK!

## Spring Client Evening

### "The Farriers Approach to the Lamé Horse"

Come along to our Spring Client Evening on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2012 with Mr Andrew Poynton FWCF.

The evening will be followed by question and answer time.

The evening starts at 7pm at The Brinsop Country Inn,  
A6, Blackrod, Bolton. BL5 3NJ  
(close to J6 of the M61)

All are welcome but please ring the office to book your place as places will be on a strictly first come first served basis.



## BREED FEATURE

Fell ponies are native to the North of England, and are mostly found in Cumbria, in the old counties of Cumberland and Westmorland, where probably they roamed from pre-historic times. By the Iron Age, equines were in relatively common use in Britain. They averaged 12.1 hh in height and resembled the modern Exmoor breed in terms of overall build. By the later part of the Roman occupation, somewhat later than the improvements in other domestic species, the average height of British ponies had increased to around 13 hh.



## \*\* NEWSFLASH \*\*

Alarming, we have seen several cases of tetanus over the previous few weeks. It is a VERY serious disease and even if it is treated in the very early stages, the horse is unlikely to survive.

Horses are very susceptible to getting tetanus which is caused by the bacterium Clostridium Tetani. Symptoms become progressively worse starting with general muscle stiffness, reluctance to eat as they have restricted jaw movement (lockjaw), flared nostrils, their third eyelids come across their eyes, increased heart & respiratory rate, colicky & eventually they are unable to stand.

Thankfully, tetanus is easily preventable through vaccinating your equines.

The vaccination protocol consists of two injections 4 – 6 weeks apart, a booster 12 months later, then a booster every two years. The tetanus vaccine is also very affordable, with the primary course costing under £30. We strongly recommend that all horses are vaccinated against this often fatal disease.



## WORMING YOUR HORSE



At Gillivervet, our vets recommend a strategic approach to worming your horse. Current estimates suggest that approximately 20% of horses carry 80% of the worm population. This means that by blanket worming all horse on a yard results in unnecessary treatment of horses without a worm burden, is an unnecessary cost at a time when every little helps, and most importantly increases the risk of resistance in the worm population.

By performing a worm egg count which currently costs £11.40, and or a tapeworm blood test, our vets can advise on the best possible strategy to worm your horse. Please contact us at the practice for further details or to arrange a visit by one of our vets.

## Stud Work at Gillivervet

Spring is just around the corner and mare owners may be thinking about the forthcoming stud season. Whether you are thinking of natural covering or artificial insemination we can help. Gillivervet is a British Equine Veterinary Association approved centre for Artificial Insemination using fresh, chilled or frozen semen. We have "Stud Packages" in place which are optional schemes where the mare owner pays in advance a "one off" fee to cover routine scanning, drugs and fertility treatment for up to 3 breeding cycles. These schemes can be used whether the mare is visiting one of our stud owner clients or here at Garwood.

As mares are required to have had a clitoral swab and blood tests done before going to stud it is necessary to get the wheels in motion in plenty of time. At Garwood we are able to provide excellent stabling for mares with or without a foal at foot.

If anyone is interested in putting their mare/mares in foal this year please ring the practice and we can explain the different procedures and packages we have to offer.



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