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Newsletter

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★ Gillivervet News ★

We are delighted to welcome back to Gillivervet, Veterinary Surgeon Alison Spooner. Alison re-joined the practice on 27th September after an absence of 2 years, in this time Alison has further developed her equine skills at a mixed practice in the North of England.



New Website

We now have a fantastic new website, designed for us by Sawley Studios. Please have a look at www.gillivervet.co.uk and send us any feedback via the contact form. All newsletters can be accessed via the website along with items of news, internet payments & services we offer.

10% Discount Offer

Does your horse require any Dental Work?



During the months of November and December we will be offering a 10% discount on all dental work carried out at the practice, please speak to a member of our reception staff to book your place.

Visits from the Vet



When booking a visit from one of our vets, please ensure you inform our reception staff when booking the call if you have any time constraints. To assist with planning your day we are able to offer you a time with a 2 hour window, e.g 10am – 12pm however the vet will usually ring you 30 minutes prior to your visit to let you know they are on the way. Please can you therefore ensure that you have left the correct contact number & you have your mobile phone turned on

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BREED FEATURE

The KWPN

The Royal Dutch Sport Horse is a Dutch-bred sporthorse with international appeal. It is willing, fearless, physically and mentally strong, and bred to perform at the highest level. It is also reliable, easy to handle, and pleasing to the eye. Because of the KWPN's planned breeding policy, the KWPN horse possesses a sound mind in a sound body. The combination of sport aptitude and an uncomplicated temperament make these horses unique and very popular at all levels of equestrian sport and breeding. Royal Dutch Sport Horses perform under top riders at Grand Prix level in international show jumping and dressage, but many are purchased by breeders, amateur riders, and horse enthusiasts in the Netherlands and abroad.



SARCOIDS

What is a sarcoid?

They are the most common form of skin tumours in horses. They can develop at any age, in any breed, but most commonly between 2 and 10 years old. Although some sarcoids can spread locally, the condition is limited to the skin and does not spread throughout the body. The cause of sarcoids is still not known, the current theory is that they are caused by a bovine papilloma virus (cow wart virus). Not all horses infected with this virus show sarcoids, so there is also a genetic component to the disease process. Family lines can therefore show a shared susceptibility. The virus is spread by biting flies so the most common sites for sarcoids include the groin, armpits, face, sheath and midline abdomen. Sarcoids can also grow on the sites of old wounds. Although sarcoids in themselves do not tend to make horses unwell, they can cause reduced ridden performance i.e. sarcoids around girth, they can also become infected and sore.

There are many different types of sarcoids and all can be confused with different skin conditions. They range from a bald patch, to a smooth lump, to a large ulcerated mass and can often resemble a wart. The following photographs show the appearance of various types of sarcoid:



Methods of treatment include application of chemotherapy cream, radiation, ligation, cryosurgery and BCG injection. It depends on the type and location of the sarcoid as to which method of treatment is used. Treatment is most likely to be successful if the sarcoid is treated early. If you are concerned your horse has a sarcoid please arrange for one of our vets to come and take a look.

The Hunting Season is almost upon us, the following tips will help keep your hunter fit & well throughout the season.

- On the day, the horse should be given a normal early morning feed & a small haynet
- If your horse goes lame out hunting do not carry on & if he has any form of open wound, STOP; particularly if it is over a joint or tendon sheath, it is essential to stop so that dirt does not get into these vital structures.
- If your horse gets a kick on the forearm or the back leg, cannon or stifle, STOP. If the horse is lame don't move it as this may cause a hairline fracture to become a true fracture. If he is not lame, walk very gently back to the box & go home. Do not carry on otherwise you may well jump a fence and the horse's leg may break
- At the end of the day carefully examine your horse for thorns, pricks to the sole, other foreign bodies, bruising, heat, pain, redness or swelling indicating inflammation which should be dealt with immediately.

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