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Latest News

We have had some staff changes on the yard since our last newsletter, Hannah Walkden has joined us as Head Groom/Veterinary nurse. Hannah will be responsible for the care of all the inpatients that come to stay at Garwood. Julia Burland left us at the end of January and we wish her well for the future.

This will be the last newsletter that we will be sending out in paper format. All future newsletters can be accessed via our website www.gillivervet.co.uk or they can be emailed to any client that wishes to receive them in this way.

Spring Client Evening

Modern Equine Dentistry & Gastric Ulcers

We will be holding our next client evening on **Tuesday 16th April at Shaw Hill Golf & Country Club, Whittle le Woods. PR6 7PP at 7.30 pm**

Our guest speaker will be Chris Pearce BVSc CertEM(Int Med)Cert ES (soft tissue) MRCVS

Chris is an Equine Veterinary Surgeon who runs a specialist equine veterinary dental practice "The Equine Dental Clinic Ltd" He will be spending the day training our vets in the most modern dentistry techniques and will then be giving a talk at our client evening on modern equine dentistry. Chris recently won the Petplan Equine vet of the year award (2011) and was the first vet to become an 'Equine Dentist' by passing the Equine Dentistry Certification Exam (BAEDT/BEVA) Our own vet Rob will be giving a talk on equine gastric ulcers and there will also be an opportunity to assess your horses risk of gastric ulceration

Please contact the practice to book your place

Breeding & Studwork

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.

E Mail Addresses!

We are currently in the process of up dating our computer system, this will enable us to email and text clients. Please can all clients ensure that we have an up to date mobile number and e mail address so that you are able to receive updates & newsletters from the practice.

Yard & Contact Details

If you need to book an appointment for your horse, please can you ensure that you give the reception staff the full address of the farm where your horse is kept and an up to date telephone number. This will ensure we can find & contact you on the day



Gastric Ulcers

Equine gastric ulcers have been recognised in all types of horses for a long time. Clinical signs vary between horses and are often vague however they may include one or more of the following; poor coat condition, girthing pain, poor performance, poor appetite, weight loss, behavioural changes, stretching to urinate and colic.

Equine gastric ulcers can easily be diagnosed, treated and along with management changes can be prevented.

Gillivervet is pleased to announce that we are now able to offer in house video gastroscopy to aid in the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of equine gastric ulcers.

We are also happy to be participating in the forthcoming gastric ulcer awareness campaign in May.

If you think your horse may be suffering from gastric ulcers or if you would like more information please speak to one of our vets or click on the following link

www.equinegastriculcers.co.uk



Horses on Bute

We would like to inform our clients that ALL horses that are on bute long and short term MUST have it noted in their passport. Therefore ALL passports must be available to the vet at the time of any examination.

All horses that are treated with Phenylbutazone (aka bute) also known as Equipalazone, Pro Dynam and Danilon are no longer fit for human consumption. In the back of the passport is a "Medical Treatment" section, part 2 needs to be completed by both the owner and the vet.

If you require any information please do not hesitate to contact us



Fluke Alert

Following a very wet summer/autumn, we have now seen positive cases of FLUKE INFESTATION in horses. This causes ill thrift and poor bodily condition.

Faecal samples and blood can be taken at a nominal fee to assist in the development of a fluke blood test.

Please contact the office for more details.



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