



Wendover Heights Equine

Winter Newsletter

Dear Client

Happy New Year to you all! We hope you all had a great Christmas and New Year and that your horses stayed healthy. We have been very lucky so far this winter to have such mild conditions. It really does make a huge difference not to be battling with snow and ice, although it is only January!

New vet - Nikki Pursey

Many of you will now have met Nikki who has proven to be a popular member of the team. We are pleased to announce that she will be joining us on a permanent basis as of 1st February this year. Look out for Nikki's article in Chiltern and Thames Rider magazine in February on Emerging Equine Diseases.

Equine Day

In November we ran the first equine open day at H&C Pearce in Thame. The equine team each presented short lectures on a variety of subjects including colic, wobblers syndrome, overground endoscopy and emerging diseases, in addition there was a junior vet corner and an equine anatomy quiz. The shop was also open and full of Christmas bargains. Thanks to those of you who attended the day was a huge success; approximately 200 people came through the door. Due to such positive feedback we plan to make this an annual event so look out for this years date for your diary!

Winter Healthcare package

Due to popular demand offer EXTENDED till 31st March 2012

Its not too late to book a Winter Healthcare package for your horse or pony. We have amended the package this year and it really is fantastic value for money. The package includes the following and is £95.00 plus VAT, normally available until 29th February 2012:

- Full health profile of your horse
- Flu, tetanus or flu & tetanus vaccination
- Routine dental check and teeth rasp
- Full clinical examination of eyes, heart and lungs
- General basic blood profile
- Soundness assessment
- Weight check & nutrition advice

If your horse or pony is not due for a vaccination before the end of March or you normally use an equine dental technician for his teeth then please call and speak to Rachel Jones, Equine Coordinator as we can usually substitute another procedure in place of these. Please note your horse's annual booster vaccination can be brought forward.

Find us on Facebook

Don't forget to join us on Facebook for information about the practice, forthcoming events, past and present news and lots of interesting pictures!

Gastric Awareness Month – May 2012

May is gastric awareness month and to support the awareness campaign we will be holding another Gastroscopy clinic day with Dr Tim Brazil, European Specialist in internal medicine.

We will be looking for eight horses suspected of having or suffering with clinical symptoms of gastric ulcers. The signs can be misleading and wide-ranging, from sensitivity when being groomed or girthed to weight loss and poor performance with lots of variables in between. The great part about the clinic is that it's free to our clients. All you have to do is bring your horse along at the allotted time. If you are interested in finding out more about this year's clinic on the 9th May and reserving a place for your horse please contact Rachel Jones, Equine Coordinator. By prior arrangement you can also attend without your horse if you have a particular interest in the subject.

War Horse

Finally its here! This long awaited Spielberg blockbuster is particularly close to our hearts at Wendover Heights Equine. Nick Snookes was the vet responsible for all 150 horses on set and out on location during the filming of War Horse. We also look after the film horses on a routine basis throughout the year. If you are planning to see the film do take plenty of tissues and look out for Nick's name in the credits!

Wednesday 7th March 2012 - Skin diseases

Join us at H & C Pearce in Thame for the first talk of the year given by Clare McKinstry MRCVS. Clare will be talking to us about the vast array of skin conditions that can affect our horses particularly at this time of year and coming into the spring. To reserve your place please contact us on 01296 623 439 or equine@whvc.co.uk. We look forward to seeing you there!

Best wishes
Rachel and the Equine Team