

ALLAN HEATH EQUINE

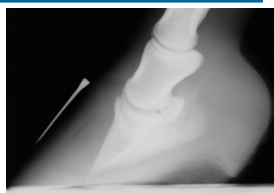


Autumn Newsletter 2015

Hello and welcome to our autumn newsletter! We have some new offers for you and some seasonal advice. The newsletters can be downloaded from our website - www.allanheathequine.co.uk.

Cushing's Disease

Equine Pituitary Pars Intermedia Dysfunction, commonly known as Cushing's Disease, is one of the most common hormonal problems affecting horses and ponies in the UK. The disease is caused by over-production of the stress hormones cortisol and ACTH and can lead to lethargy, poor performance, weight loss, muscle loss, laminitis, recurring infections, unusual fat deposition and abnormal hair coat. Not all horses show all of these signs and some horses may only show one of them. Having a curly coat is fairly diagnostic of Cushing's though not all horses get curly coats - some get a thicker coat, abnormal patches of hair or don't lose their winter coat in spring. Cushing's is easy to treat and test for, with one blood test usually being enough to diagnose the condition. The treatment is a drug called Prascend and comes in tablet form. A nationwide campaign called Talk About Laminitis (www.talkaboutlaminitis.co.uk) is currently underway which offers free lab testing until the end of October, saving you over £30 on testing fees. Their website is full of useful information and advice. If you think your horse might have Cushing's and would like a blood test please call the office.



Colic

As we approach winter our horses often undergo management changes such as alterations in turnout regime, feeding and stabling. Because of these changes it is not uncommon to see signs of colic in the autumn. We recommend all management changes are introduced gradually over a number of weeks and if your horse is showing any signs of colic (pawing, rolling, restlessness, off feed, reduced number of droppings) please call us immediately. We are planning a client evening in the near future with a talk on colic, emergencies and first aid. Please check our Facebook group regularly for updates and ask our vets for more information.

Pre-Winter Checks

We are offering a pre-winter check bundle from 15th September until 1st December. The check is an "MOT" for your horse, pony or donkey and consists of a full clinical examination including checking the heart, lungs, eyes, teeth and a routine dental rasp if necessary. The check is £54 (saving you over £40) and we are offering the checks under our "when-in-area" free visit scheme. If your horse is due a vaccination we can do this at the same time. Please ring Kirsten in the office for more details and to book in.



We offer 24-7 emergency cover 365 days a year. In an emergency please ring the office on 01507 606 900 first to check which vet is on call. If you cannot get through to the on-call vet, please call the pager on 07663707622.

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FREE VISIT SCHEME

We offer free "when-in-area" visits for vaccinations, dentals and pre-winter health checks - please ring 10-14 days before your horse's vaccination is due and we will put your name down for the scheme. Please ask Kirsten, our receptionist, for details.

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We now have a Facebook group! Please search for Allan Heath Equine and like our page to receive news, offers and advice. We welcome any feedback and would love to hear your comments and suggestions on our page. If we have recently treated your horse and you have any photographs we would be delighted to feature them - please message us via Facebook for more details!