

# ALLAN HEATH EQUINE



Spring 2016

## Spring Newsletter 2016



Welcome to our spring newsletter! We have some seasonal news and offers for you. Don't forget that our newsletters are available online at [www.allanheathequine.co.uk](http://www.allanheathequine.co.uk) and the website also has information pages, a handy vaccination date calculator and details of our most updated offers.

## Flies & Sweet Itch

As the weather has switched rapidly from frost to blazing sunshine, we've seen an unwelcome rise in the number of flies and midges around our fields. Fly control is paramount at this time of year and there are numerous fly sprays available on the market. If you are trying any new sprays or products please remember to perform a small skin-test patch on your horse's shoulder or rump and leave it for 24/48h to ensure he/she is not allergic to the product.

If your horse suffers from

sweet itch (Culicoides hypersensitivity) you will know the stresses and pain of the fly season! Fly rugs, fly repellent and good turn out management are essential for horses with sweet itch.

Some products, such as Switch®, are licensed for the control of midges that cause sweet itch and are applied once per week. We also have fly tags (designed for cattle) that can be applied to head-collars or rugs and repel flies for around 6 weeks. If you are struggling to control flies or would like any more information please give us a call on 01507 606 900.



## Management Changes & Colic

As we move from winter to spring we tend to increase turn out, change feeds or supplements and increase the amount of work we are doing with our horses.

Please remember to introduce all management changes gradually to allow your horse time to adjust. Any new feed or supplements should be added in small quantities and increased gradually over a 7-14 day period. Most of us are already turning our

horses out during the day though if you are just starting to turn out please begin with a couple of hours in the evening and increase it gradually over 7 days. Horses are very sensitive to management changes and we always see an increase in the number of colic cases around this time of year.

The signs of colic can be very obvious (such as repeated pawing, rolling & flank watching) though can also be quite subtle and



easily missed (such as not being himself/herself, off feed, quiet, not produced as many droppings as normal & lying down lots).

Colic is a medical emergency and if you are concerned your horse may have colic please call us immediately on 01507 606900.

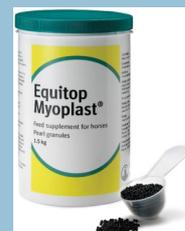
**We offer 24-7 emergency cover 365 days a year. In an emergency please ring the office on 01507 606 900 first to check which vet is on call. If you cannot get through to the on-call vet, please call the pager on 07663707622.**

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Office hours Mon-Fri  
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24 hour  
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## Spring Offer



£65

**PLUS A FURTHER  
£10 OFF WITH A  
VOUCHER!**

Equitop Myoplast is a muscle-building supplement that provides your horse with 18 essential amino acids required to build lean muscle. In combination with a regular exercise regime we have seen excellent results following 2-3 months of supplementation. Please call 01507 606 900 for more details.

£10 off voucher and payment must be presented at the time of purchase. Voucher can be downloaded from [www.equitop-myoplast.co.uk/voucher.pdf](http://www.equitop-myoplast.co.uk/voucher.pdf)