

ALLAN HEATH EQUINE



Summer Newsletter 2015

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

Routine Dentistry

Dentistry is a very important part of the routine care of your horse and we recommend all horses have their teeth checked at least once per year. Horses' teeth erupt constantly until the age of around 25 and are worn down throughout the year with chewing. Sometimes teeth can wear down unevenly, resulting in sharp edges which can cause ulceration of the cheeks or tongue, pain and can even make chewing so difficult that the horse may drop food from its mouth ("quidding") or begin to lose weight. To work properly in an outline, the lower jaw must be lowered and moved forwards, which will be difficult if the teeth are overgrown or ulceration is present so horses with dental problems will often resent or fight the bit. Routine rasping can be carried out by your veterinary surgeon. We offer free "when-in-area" visits for dentals and a free dental exam at vaccination visits. Please call the office for more details.



Welcome to Abi!

We have said a fond farewell to Orla, our locum and have welcomed our new vet Abi to the team. Abi qualified from the Royal Veterinary College in 2013 and has been working in Northamptonshire since. She has always held a passion for equine practice and has a particular interest in gastrointestinal medicine and hepatic disease. Abi is looking forward to meeting you all and getting to know her way around Lincolnshire!



Breeding Season

Allan is enjoying the breeding season and we have seen some lovely foals this year. The practice offers complete pre and post-covering examinations, early pregnancy diagnosis (16d onwards) and carries out artificial insemination using chilled and fresh semen (for frozen semen the mare should be at an AI centre). Please call in if you would like to book an appointment or for advice.

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 ring a vet directly and they do not answer, it may be because they are not on duty that night!

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Office hours Mon-Fri
9am-2pm

24 hour
Emergency cover

FREE VISIT SCHEME

We offer free "when-in-area" visits for vaccinations and dentals - 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.

Flies!

Unfortunately we've hit the time of year when flies and insects are beginning to appear and bother our horses. If you have a horse with sweet itch you'll know how difficult the summer months are and how crucial fly and insect control is. If you are struggling with your horse please ring us for advice. We have fly repellent tags which repel flies and insects for up to 5 months - all you need to do is braid one into your horse's mane or attach it to the headcollar. Other things we recommend are fly rugs, sprays and masks. Fly control is particularly important in horses with sweet itch and horses with sarcoids.