

ALLAN HEATH EQUINE



Winter 2015

Winter Newsletter 2015



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

Zone Visits - Starting in January!

We are introducing free of charge "Zone Visits" in January. These will replace our current "When-In-Area" visits and will be available for vaccinations, dentals and routine blood tests.

We will have four zone areas, which will all be visited on either Tuesday or Wednesday every two weeks.

To book into the zone you need to ring the office at least

24h in advance. We will allocate times for visits on the morning of the zone so it is important that you keep the whole day free.

Unfortunately we are not able to offer any other services other than vaccinations, dentals or blood tests on the zone visit. If, on a zone visit, other services are required at the time a visit charge will apply.

Please call the office for more information or to book in.



Atypical Myopathy

This is a debilitating condition caused by ingestion of sycamore seeds, which contain the toxin Hypoglycin A. The disease is most frequently seen in autumn but can occur throughout the year.

Storms and high winds can cause seeds to travel long distances, increasing the number of cases seen during autumn and winter.

Typically horses present with colic-like symptoms, or with signs similar to

tying up such as sweating, dark red urine, muscular pain and stiffness.

The disease is rapid in onset and progression and requires urgent veterinary treatment. Horses will require aggressive therapy and likely to need to be referred to a hospital.

Prevention is better than cure! Avoid grazing your horse on pastures containing sycamore seeds during the high risk period (autumn-spring), or fence



off areas containing seeds and fallen leaves. Make sure your horse has plenty of grazing or supplement the grazing with hay if the pasture quality is poor.

If you are concerned or would like more information please contact us.

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
9am-2pm

24 hour
Emergency cover

Christmas Competition Winner!

This is Summer, a Shetland mare owned by Wendy Bailey. She is adorable, cheeky and loves competing at in-hand jumping.

We chose Summer as our winner because she looks like she's enjoying the festive season!



Everyone at Allan Heath Equine wishes you and your horses a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

