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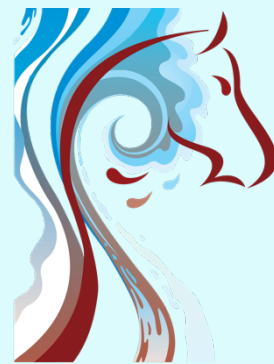
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SEADOWN
VETERINARY SERVICES

EQUINE NEWSLETTER

Delivering first-class veterinary care to the New Forest since 1923

AUTUMN 2019

WELCOME to the new look Seadown Equine Newsletter

We hope you enjoy reading this quarterly newsletter, please ensure we have your correct email address to receive all the newsletters via email. Please call or email us to check. We aim to keep you up to date with any practice news and to provide you with helpful practical advice for keeping your horses healthy and happy.

NEW X-RAY EQUIPMENT

We are pleased to announce the arrival of wireless Direct Digital Radiography (DR) to the equine clinic. This state of the art piece of equipment will enable our vets to process and view images instantly after exposure. It is fully mobile and benefits our patients hugely as our vets will now be able to view the images immediately whether out on your yard or at the clinic.



EQUINE CLIENT MEETING

WEDNESDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 2019, 7.30PM

LYNDHURST COMMUNITY CENTRE SO43 7NY

Clare MacLeod MSc Rnutr (Equine Nutritionist)
'Overweight, underweight? Managing the extremes of weight in horses & ponies'

Clare will discuss the challenges of weight maintenance in the two extremes; the overweight pony and the thin elderly horse or pony. She will give practical advice on how to manage both types for optimal health.

PLUS Seadown Vet Hannah Buteux MRCVS
(BARTA regional lead veterinary surgeon)



Hannah will be giving us an insight into the work of BARTA (British Animal Rescue & Trauma Care Association)



Tickets £3 each and include a buffet and glass of wine. Please call 023 8084 5586 or email the practice to book.

- Limited availability- reserve your tickets asap!
- All proceeds will go to charity
- Remember change for our popular charity raffle

EVERYONE WELCOME!

GASTROSCOPY OFFER

We are please to announce that for the month of November we will performing Gastroscopy procedures for a reduced fee of £250 including sedation at our equine clinic in Hythe or out on a visit (visit fee will apply).

Visit our website to find out more

www.seadownvets.co.uk/userfiles/file/pdf/Gastroscopy.pdf



If your horse is on medication for PPID (otherwise know as Equine Cushing's Disease) we advise that monitoring blood tests are performed twice per year, one of which is best done during autumn. This is done with a simple blood sample. We can then ensure the dosage is correct for your horse and therefore reducing clinical signs of the disease.



CARE ABOUT CUSHING'S FREE monitoring lab test....

Log onto the 'Care About Cushing's' website and register your horse to receive one complementary monitoring ACTH voucher code every year.

If you are already registered with Care About Cushing's log in and complete a diary entry for your horse to check its eligibility for a complimentary monitoring test. Terms and conditions apply. Free laboratory fees only. Visit, blood sampling and interpretation fees may still apply.

Equine gastric ulceration syndrome (EGUS)

What is EGUS?

EGUS describes the development of ulcers on the inner wall of the stomach caused by exposure to excessive amounts of acids produced by the stomach. As a general rule the horses stomach acids are neutralised by a constant supply of saliva while the horse eats/grazes, preventing the development of ulcers, however under certain conditions, the horse may not produce enough saliva to neutralise these stomach acids which can lead to EGUS.



What causes EGUS?

EGUS can affect any type of horse, from pony to performance horse. There are a number of risk factors which can lead to the formation of gastric ulcers including, diet, intensive exercise, physical stress/illness, psychological stress and medication, although EGUS can affect horses even in the absence of these factors.

How will I know if my horse has EGUS?

Many horses will show no signs of suffering from EGUS, however they may show non-specific signs, including poor appetite, slowed eating activity, rough hair coat, weight loss, poor performance, poor condition, colic, changes in behaviour, pain on girth tightening, teeth grinding, difficulty swallowing and excessive salivation. Your vet will be able to investigate further with the use of an endoscope to look inside your horses stomach. The procedure is relatively simple and painless and your vet will be able to give you an accurate diagnosis.

Can my horse be treated for EGUS?

Yes, EGUS can be treated simply and effectively. Initially your vet will ensure your horse's diet is suitable and discuss any improvements necessary. Other factors to consider are to avoid stress, such as prolonged stabling or long journeys. Your vet may also prescribe some acid inhibitor drugs to help your horses recovery. This usually comes in an oral paste that is given over a 28 day period. Ulcers can take between 2-4 weeks to heal completely, although severe cases can take longer.

How can I prevent my horse from developing EGUS?

As with most equine conditions, prevention is the name of the game. Feed your horse as naturally as possible allowing daily turnout, ad lib hay and hard feed fed little and often, avoid high grain/low roughage diets. Avoid stressful situations and regulate your horses exercise. Other strategies to reduce stress, such as the use of stable and box mirrors can be useful.

WE'RE IN THE NEWS! Injured horse saved by Iraq military medical invention

Olivia Yendall, 19, feared her Welsh Cob, April, would be put down when its hoof was almost severed by barbed wire. But while April was in veterinary hospital, visiting equine experts used a specialist machine to treat the wound and the animal is now recovering. Ms Yendall said it was "a miracle" the horse survived.

Following the incident in May, veterinary wound specialists Prof Derek Knottenbelt and Georgie Hollies, who had been visiting Seadown animal hospital in Hythe, used the specialist saline pump - called a Versajet - which can clean inside the most serious wounds without causing further damage.

Prof Knottenbelt said: "In reality, the horse had no right to survive - the tendons, tendon sheath, joints, ligaments all seemed to be damaged in that heel area. We either had to do something or put April down."



Read the full article

<https://www.seadownvets.co.uk/news/injured-horse-saved-by-iraq-military-medical-invention>

Ophthalmology Referrals

Unlike other veterinary practices in the New Forest area, Seadown also offers an excellent ophthalmology referral service for equines and all small animals.

Our referral service offers a comprehensive and up to date range of diagnostic, including ophthalmoscopes, slit-lamps and tonometers. We also carry out advanced ocular surgery including treatment of eyelid deformities, corneal ulcers, eye enucleations etc.



This special ophthalmology referral service is run by two of the Seadown Directors: Kate McMorris and Anna Jennings who are both Advanced Practitioners in veterinary ophthalmology. Nickie Collins, who became an Advanced Practitioner in Veterinary Ophthalmology in 2015, completes the full time Seadown ophthalmology team.

It's a highly respected and busy referral service undertaking both the everyday and also the more advanced surgical procedures. The ophthalmology referral service at Seadown was originally founded by Ian Mason who has now retired as a Seadown director but still visits the practice on a weekly basis to undertake any additional eye referrals and as part of the BVA/KC certification scheme to screen puppies and examine pedigree dogs for inherited eye defects.

Pilley performance horse back on top after eye removal

A PERFORMANCE horse has shown there is life after uveitis, despite losing an eye to the devastating condition.

Lusitano gelding Tetua has performed with Pilley-based owner Patrick Kempe for years, taking the lead in the London New Year's Day parade and numerous other performances.

The 18-year-old gelding is still active and features in liberty performances; however what started as a weeping eye soon developed into a more serious condition.

READ THE FULL ARTICLE: <https://www.seadownvets.co.uk/news/pilley-performance-horse-back-on-top-after-eye-removal>



If your horse has a particularly challenging eye case, or one that requires specialised equipment or attention, your vet may suggest you see one of our ophthalmologists. It is important that such cases are referred to us direct from your vet. We need your horse's clinical history to be able to report back and liaise with your vet about further treatment options.



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tips to keep your horses eyes

In good health

1 An ocular problem is always an emergency and your vet should be contacted immediately. Minor ocular injuries today can turn into major disasters tomorrow, and your horse's vision can be affected forever.

2 Eye examinations should be a part of your regular care routine when you groom or tack your horse up to ride, look out for any irregularities.

3 Fly masks will help keep flies and dust out of your horse's eyes, plus provide some protection from UV light, which is important for horses with light pigment around the eyes, such as Appaloosas and bald faced horses.

4 You should ask your vet to examine the back of the eye if you suspect that your horse's vision is compromised or if he spooks easily.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Wedding congratulations to our equine vet Kirsten Harman and her husband Che'. Their beautiful wedding was held at their home during August.

Check out Hannah Buteux article on Rescuing Horses in Sticky Situations online
<https://www.seadownvets.co.uk/news/rescuing-horses-in-sticky-situations>



FAREWELL TO PETER TUNNEY

Seadown Legend Peter Tunney retired from practice in the summer. Peter qualified from Glasgow University in 1981 and began working at Seadown in 1986. He had a brief spell in New Zealand, before returning to the New Forest. Having originally begun in practice as a mixed animal vet, Peter concentrated on equine and farm work in 2000, with his passion and knowledge for the New Forest enabling him to become Honorary Vet for the New Forest Pony Breeders and Commoners Defence Society. Peter regularly provides veterinary care at The New Forest Show, The Boxing Day Point to Point and many other local events.

Peter's gentle approach to his patients, along with his extensive knowledge and clinical skills, have gained him a large following of loyal clients, whilst his sunny nature and sense of humour make him popular with his staff.

Peter is well known for his amazing driving and navigational skills. He also manages to fit 'everything but the kitchen sink' (there may be a sink, we haven't checked lately!) in his car. There is a running joke within the practice that if we cannot find something, it must be in Peter's car.

Peter has completed many challenges over the years, including cycling from Lands End to John O'Groats and an epic 400km cycle route in the French Alps, raising money for charities close to his heart. His cycling will no doubt keep him busy during his retirement, as well as sailing and spending time with his lovely wife Liz and daughters Anna and Amy.

Peter will be greatly missed by all of us here in his Seadown family. We wish him all the happiness in the world and hope that he enjoys his very well deserved retirement (and if you find yourself at a loose end PT, please pop in and see us!!!)



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