

# **Equine Newsletter** November 2018



**EQUINE** 

Plans for our autumn client evening are coming together. If you have not already



heard our guest speaker for the evening is Christopher Bartle. Christopher is the British Eventing Team's High Performance Coach. The evening will be held at Alnwick Ford Equestrian, Longframlington on Thursday 15th of November. The evening will also include an auction and raffle to support the Great North Air Ambulance. Auction prizes including a days hunting with the Morpeth and Tyndale Hunts,

500 litres of heating oil

from Rixs Petroleum supplies and a pallet of haylage from Silvermoor.

#### Programme for the evening

5.30pm Evening starts with light refreshments, shopping and raffle ticket sales

- 6.30pm Christopher Bartle presentation
- 7.30pm Refreshments, shopping and raffle ticket sales
- 8.00pm Ridden masterclass demonstration featuring local event riders—Ben Hobday, Emily Parker, Harry Mutch and Jamie Atkinson
- 9.30pm Auction and raffle in aid of the Great North Air Ambulance

Tickets for the evening are £20 and can be purchased by contacting the clinic on 01670 897597

## Service promotions

Remember our discounted dental day has moved to a Wednesday! Meaning a routine dental at the Fairmoor Equine Clinic on a Wednesday costs only £68 including sedation (£52.20 without)! With access to standing stocks, dental oroscope and specialist equipment for more complicated procedures such as diastema work, filling of caries and tooth removal.

- As we head away from the warmer months now is also a good time to think about getting any colts/stallions castrated. We are delighted to offer a routine castration at £125 inc VAT and all drugs necessary for the procedure (does not include a visit charge or tetanus protection)
- New legislation from the first of October 2020 will require all horses to be microchipped. This is something that can easily be done at the time of vaccination or any time when we are out seeing your horse.

We have a great selection of local gift shops and artists who will have stalls on the evening for you to browse during the intervals.

Kate Simpson Art – Northumberland based artist specialising in farm animals, pet portraits and wildlife paintings Also has a selection of gifts including china mugs, cushions, prints etc. www.katesimpsonart.uk

Elaine Carmichael and Linda Henderson – country themed lampshades and notice boards

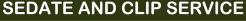
The Black Horse Shop – equestrian wear and equipment

Buchan and Buchanan - handmade stocks, stock pins and hair accessories www.buchanandbuchanan.co.uk

Coffee and Kin – Nespresso coffee pods, freshly roasted coffee beans, and loose-leaf tea pyramids www.coffeeandkin.co.uk

Fiona Bell Luxury Christmas Wreaths – handmade wreaths using lots of fresh foliage, lotus heads, dried limes/oranges and fresh

Hannah Hubb - with a selection of Stella and Dot Jewellerywww.stelladot.co.uk



At Fairmoor Equine Clinic

Sedate and clip ONLY £115

including VAT and all drugs

(additional charge of £10 for clipping legs



### **Winter Worming Advice**

## **Responsible Use of Wormers Key to Maintaining Efficacy**

As most owners will have gathered by now gone are the days of worming every horse every 3 months with no testing or scientific reasoning. It used to be thought if all horses were constantly wormed we could eradicate worms altogether. There are multiple issues with this ideology, not least of which is resistance. Just as bacteria can become resistant to popular antibiotics through overuse, worms can become resistant to commonly used anthelmintics (wormers). In fact over worming kills all the non-resistant worms and only leaves the resistant worms alive, creating an overpopulation of resistant worms which are free to breed and pass on their resistant genes, rendering our wormers completely useless.

It is for this reason we must limit our use of anthelmintics in all species to as much as possible. To this end before worming any pony, horse or donkey, it is really important to check if they have a dangerous level of worms or not. If there is only a small burden we may recommend that worming isn't actually required, saving you a sometimes expensive wormer, and ensuring when or if your horse does need worming you can also be confident the wormer will actually work! Throughout the year we generally recommend your horse should have a faecal worm egg count (FWEC) performed every 3 months. For tips on collecting the best possible faecal sample please speak to you local branch as this may effect the accuracy of our testing. Another top tip to prevent resistance and potentially save money is to always worm your horse with the correct dose for your horse's weight, ideally use horse weigh scales or at the very least a weigh tape.

Faecal worm eggs counts show us the egg shedding of adult egg laying female round worms however will not indicate infection of tapeworms. For this reason we also recommend testing for tapeworms using a saliva test once or twice yearly (normally spring and autumn). The other exception is the encysted form of small red worms. This occurs in the winter months only, when part of the lifecycle of small red worms form a cyst in the gut wall and do not lay eggs, they are therefore effectively undetectable by egg count (a saliva test is currently being developed but is not available yet) and they will only respond to a wormer containing the anthelmintic moxidectin. It is for this reason we recommend treating most equines, during the winter months, with a moxidectin based wormer. Depending on your horse's saliva test it is also possible to combine the moxidectin wormer with praziquantel in order to treat for tapeworm. It is still a good idea to perform a faecal worm egg count at the same time as although it won't affect what wormer we use it gives you a good idea of the challenge to your horse from worms over the summer months helps us monitor resistance.

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Amongst the other discounts and benefits, membership to the Horse Health Program includes a faecal worm egg count every 3 months, an annual tapeworm saliva test, and your autumn wormer (moxidectin or moxidectin and praziquantel combined), ensuring the correct worm management

alnorthumbria veterinary group EQUINE An evening with Christopher Bartle **Performance Coach to the GB Eventing Team** Thursday 15th November 2018 5:30pm At Alnwick Ford Equestrian, Longframlington NE65 8EQ Presentation on WEG 2018, 'Rock on Ruby' and ridden masterclass demonstration. Light buffet from 5:30pm, presentation starts 6:30pm and masterclass 8pm. Retail therapy and raffle on the evening! Tickets £20 To purchase tickets please call Fairmoor Equine Clinic on 01670 897597. Alnwick Ford Norbrook Kindly sponsored by: BELSAY Boehringer Ingelheim

throughout the year. For any further guidance on the best worming protocol for your horse or yard please contact one of our vets on 01670 897597.

