

MiHorse Club Gets a Facelift!

Many of you will already be aware of our old health scheme "MiHorse Club. We are delighted to announce it has now been upgraded to the **Horse Health Programme** with even more included to maintain the correct health plan for your horse/pony/donkey.

****New and included in the Horse Health Programme

- 10% off all veterinary treatment including medicines
- 20% off selected lifetime care medicines
- 1 Annual dental **including sedation** (if required/requested)
- 4 Annual faecal worm egg counts (MIHC only included 2)
- 1 **Annual tapeworm saliva test**
- 1 **annual Autumn wormer** (if required/as directed by vet)

All of this extra for only £1 extra per month meaning a monthly fee of £10.99 (or £9.99 for any additional horses). For those already on MiHC you can either call us now to upgrade or upgrade at the end of your current MiHC year.

We are very pleased about this offer as even the healthiest of horses who only receive the minimal but necessary work (i.e. all faecal worm egg count, annual autumn wormer, annual dental) will be saving over £150 per year!



Case Study: Nail Penetration Injury of the Foot

Penetrating injuries of the foot are quite common and we have recently been out to see a horse who had stood on a nail as shown in the x ray below; this horse was lucky as the nail avoided the vital structures in the foot. The nail was left in position until we arrived - this helps us assess the site, angle and depth of the penetration and also means we can see the position of the nail on X ray images. This is important to know as the navicular bursa and coffin joint can sometimes be penetrated, resulting in sepsis (infection). Once these images are obtained then the nail can be removed and treatment initiated. Further diagnostics (such as an MRI scan) can be performed if required. Some cases may only necessitate paring of the nail tract, poulticing and pain relief, however if the navicular bursa or coffin joint are found to have been penetrated, flushing of the affected structure under general anaesthesia is required.

As with any wound, penetrating foot injuries can also introduce bacteria causing tetanus. Tetanus is potentially fatal and very difficult to treat, however it is completely preventable with vaccination. This is part of the routine vaccination schedule but if your horse obtains a wound and is not vaccinated it is essential that tetanus antitoxin is given to provide protection for that injury. However we strongly advise horses are vaccinated so tetanus is not a concern with any wound they may obtain.



Practice News

-We are delighted to welcome back vet **Amie Wilson** (at least temporarily)! Amie and her partner Richard have been off for over 12 months on a round the world trip and have been to over 24 different countries! We are so glad to be welcoming back Amie who will be working as a locum vet for at least 3 months, although we are appealing to all our clients to add pressure to Amie when you see her to stick around!

-**New Website** we have recently upgraded our old website to include more interactive features, newsletters and up to date staff profiles. Please take a look at www.alnorthumbriavets.co.uk, as it is very new if you spot any mistakes don't hesitate to let us know. Over the coming few months we hope to add more staff photos and photos of the clinic. This newsletter along with the farm newsletter will also be uploaded every month.

-Ed and Euan had an extremely busy day in February examining and performing routine dentals on all the ponies and horses at the **RDA Morpeth**. We are extremely proud to support the RDA and keep the animals fit and healthy so they can work to their full potential.

-Once again we were delighted to have **Chris Pearce** who is a European and RCVS recognised specialist in equine dentistry visit the practice to examine a number of horses who had complicated dental disorders.

-We are pleased to announce that we will be running our very popular farrier training day on the 18th of April at the Gubeon Equestrian Centre and Fairmoor Equine Clinic. The course is open to farriers, veterinary surgeons and physiotherapists and will cover a range of topics from the following speakers; Jim Ferrie FWCF, Wayne Preece FWCF and Henrik Berger FWCF. The cost for the course is £90 and places can be booked by contacting Barbara Buglass at Fairmoor Equine Clinic (01670 897597).



Client Evenings:

February saw our penultimate client evening given by **Stephen Bradley** on broodmare management covering everything from conception to foaling with a very informative section on artificial insemination and the use of frozen or chilled semen, thank you to all who came and we hope you are now all prepared for the upcoming season!

Please join us on **Monday April 9th** at **Fairmoor Equine Clinic** for the last of our current client evening series. Lesley Barwise-Munro will be presenting "**Causes of Poor Performance and Current Treatment Options**". The meeting will start at 4pm, with tea and coffee provided. This practical demonstration will prove to be very popular and spaces are limited so please book ASAP to ensure your place.



Service Promotion:

Castration Special - Due to continuing high demand we are extending offer on colt castrations again, at the extremely competitive price of **£89 incl. VAT** including the drugs for sedation. Please note that a visit fee also applies for colts that are NOT brought into the Fairmoor Equine Clinic.



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We continue to run our excellent value Friday Dental Promotion

This applies to horses brought to our Fairmoor Equine Clinic (Morpeth) for a Routine Veterinary Dental Exam every Friday.

Pre-booking necessary.

**Routine Dental Examination
with Sedation—£68.00,
without Sedation—£52.50**

Call the Clinic to book your horse's dental now on
01670 897597