

## Practice News

**Farrier CPD Day**-April saw FEC host another CPD day for vets, farriers and physiotherapists where we had an extremely distinguished panel of Jim Ferrie FWCF, Henrik Berger FWCF and Jay Tovey FWCF. The day was a mix of classroom based lectures (kindly hosted by The Gubeon Equestrian Centre), and practical demonstrations held at Fairmoor Equine Clinic. Thank you to Lesley Barwise-Munro, Jim Ferrie and Barbara Buglass for all the organisation and planning.



**Equine Veterinary Dental Association**— Ed and Kate recently travelled to Newmarket to take part in the first ever EVDA conference, which was a fantastic opportunity to hear the top veterinary dental specialist present the latest research and techniques. Ed is performing a wide variety of specialised dental techniques here at the Fairmoor Equine Clinic as will Kate on her return from maternity leave in August.



## Case Report

As spring has eventually sprung, the grass is starting to grow and our ponies, horses and donkeys are now being turned out, we have seen a sharp rise in the number of cases with skin issues. There are multiple causes of **itchy and irritated skin** including amongst others, parasites, diet, endocrine disease, infections and allergies. Each cause can be very difficult to determine but an accurate diagnosis is vital in implementing the correct management and treatment of skin complaints.

Allergies specifically can be difficult to determine and sometimes require long investigatory periods, including withdrawal trials (from food or bedding) and looking for clinical improvement.

Here at Alnorthumbria we are very pleased to be able to offer an alternative with some much faster and less time consuming diagnosis.

Last week vets Goncalo and Euan performed intra-dermal allergen testing on a horse



that had presented with a history of itching and skin irritation. The procedure involved injecting a very small dose of 41 different allergens into the skin of the horse, these included a range of plant pollens, insects and fungi. After injection of the allergens the skin thickness at the site of each injection was measured at 1, 6 and 24 hours to identify if the

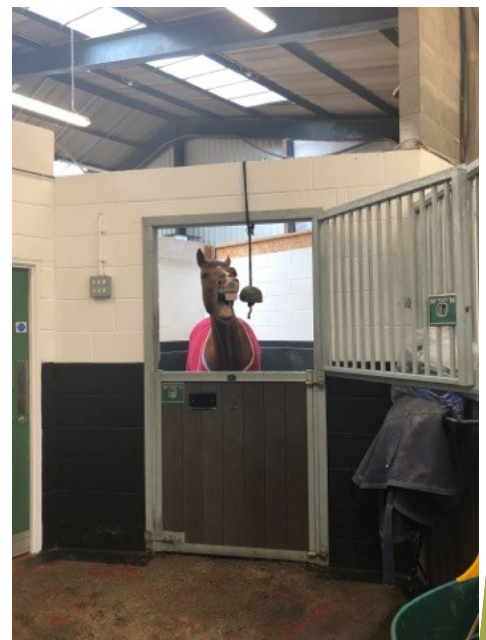
allergens had generated an immune response. The results of intra dermal skin testing can then be used to create an allergic specific immunotherapy injection that can be injected to desensitise the horse against the particular allergen which has been causing the irritation.

### Service Promotions



**Is your horse a swinger?** We are now stocking Silvermoor Swingers and will soon be stocking Treatsies! Silvermoor Swingers are a hanging forage block made from 100% natural ingredients with no added sugar which can be hung in a stable with multiple benefits. Not only do they prevent boredom they also provide a healthy addition to be used to

compliment the horses' diet and can help manage weight. They are safe to use for laminitics and insulin resistant horses and those suffering from gastric ulceration. Please pop in or call reception to try one out!



**Castration Special** - Due to continuing high demand we are extending our offer on colt castrations, 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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