

Our busy clinic!

Things are starting to feel a little more normal at Alnorthumbria Equine. We are continuing to work safely—you can read more about how we are doing this on the second page of this newsletter.

On top of a very busy June, we had our regular remedial farriery clinic over two days as it was in such high demand! Jim Ferrie and Richard Cain did a fantastic job as usual—we are very lucky they come and provide a high standard of remedial farriery to support our clients horses. Jim made a handmade shoe for a larger horse with a healing pedal bone fracture—have a look at how big it is compared to a normal thoroughbred shoe!



Resumption of racing

Now that racing has resumed, and with Newcastle being the trailblazing course for the resumption of British Horseracing, Lesley has been attending several race meetings recently. It has been a new experience to have a quiet Northumberland Plate Day, as only race officials, doctors, vets, jockeys and trainers are allowed through the security gates and onto the racecourse. PPE including masks are worn by all and a 2m social distancing has to be followed at all times. Well done to everyone at Newcastle Races for showing the world how it is done, and for being the first major sport back after COVID-19!



Resumption of British Eventing

We are all looking forward to getting stuck into some eventing, both as competitors and providing the veterinary cover for these events! Our first fixture on a professional basis is Burgham International Horse Trials, now rescheduled for 20th-23rd August—we can't wait!



Microchips:

This October it becomes a legal requirement that all horses, ponies and donkeys are microchipped regardless of age in order to allow owner traceability and therefore help to prevent abuse. However, it will stand that you have until 6 months of age or the end of December to get your youngsters chipped.

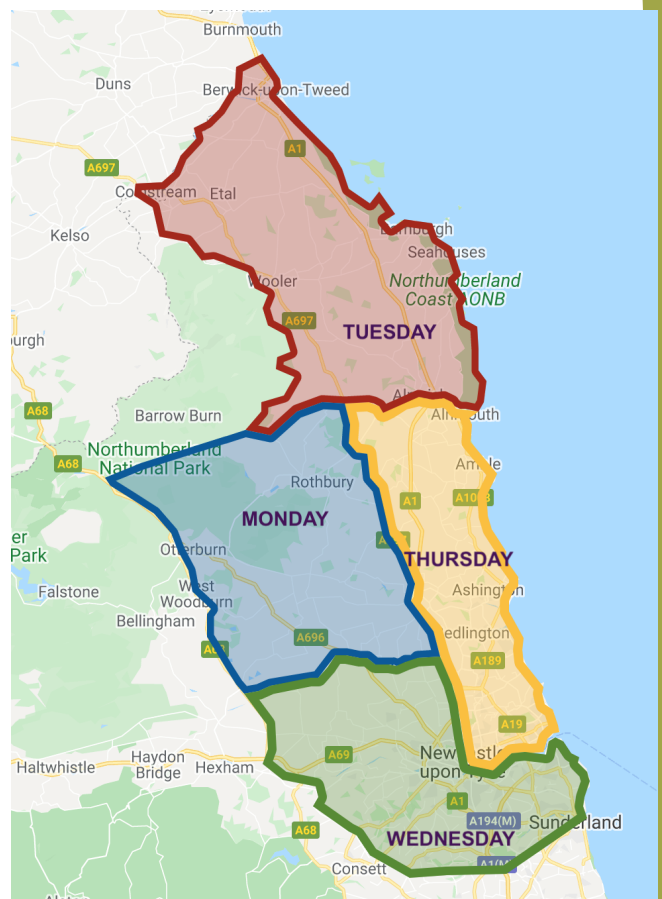
Microchipping is a quick procedure which consists of the insertion of the chip using a needle in the crest of the neck, so is less likely to move. It is easy for us to do at the time of vaccination or dentistry, so is ideal to add on when your horse is having routine health care. If your horse does not have a chip or if you aren't sure please do ask one of our vets to check for you. Some horses have a passport but they might not be chipped, especially elderly horses.

Coronavirus Update:

We are continuing to carry out most of our normal work, subject to a strict risk assessment. At the time of booking your appointment, you will be asked a few short questions below to ascertain the safety of carrying out the work. Where there are concerns about the safety or necessity of carrying out work, you will be passed to a vet to discuss the practicalities of carrying the work out.

We are still not carrying out any dentals unседated, due to the risk associated with doing so without someone controlling the head of the horse. We may also need to postpone some procedures, or have horses brought into the clinic to allow us to carry out some procedures safely, while maintaining our 2 metre distance at this time. Please have a face mask available in case it becomes necessary to assist the vet.

We are asking all clients to ensure that only one person is present with the horse we are examining. This is for the safety of our staff and our clients. We are regularly reviewing the situation, and further information will be made available on our Facebook page and in future newsletters.



We are pleased to continue to be able to offer £5 zone visits. Free visit if 3 or more horses seen at the same time on the same yard.

Please remember that all zone work is strictly payment at the time. If you would like an estimate