



# AGNEW EQUINE NEWS

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## Team Agnew Updates!

HIGHLIGHTS ON WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO THAT YOU CAN FIND ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE

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**PRIZE WINNER!**  
FOR PAYING VIA OUR WEBSITE - CONGRATS TO KIRSTY LEACH!



**WELCOME ELLA!**  
NEW VET JOINED OUR AMBULATORY TEAM



**DAN AGNEW WOWS THE CROWDS**  
IN GOTHENBERG, SWEDEN!



**ROSIE JOINS AS OFFICE ADMIN & RECEPTIONIST**

## Welcome To Our First Newsletter!

We will be creating a quarterly newsletter giving you tips and highlights for the coming season which we hope you will find helpful as both horse owners and as clients of our practice. We have an active Facebook & Instagram page, but not everything comes through and not everyone is on social media so this will be another way to keep in touch.

## Strategic Worming 2023

There is a growing resistance to wormers due to heavy overuse - thus rendering them less effective - and we need to protect these wormers for the future for the health of our animals. In light of this, we offer Strategic Worm Packs which allow you test and only worm your horse or pony if they need it.

By adopting a strategy of pasture management, testing and timing the worming regime we can help to reduce the amount of resistance that is developing in our horse population. Pasture management includes removing the droppings, cross grazing, resting the ground and taking hay off of the paddock.



### 2023 Strategic Worm Pack



- 1. First Worm Egg Count Collection: March/April 2023**  
Date Sample Collected: / / 2023
- 2. Second Worm Egg Count Collection: June/July 2023**  
Date Sample Collected: / / 2023
- 3. Third Worm Egg Count Collection: Sept/Oct 2023**  
Date Sample Collected: / / 2023
- 4. Dose of Equest Pramox: Dec 2023/Jan 2024**  
Date Wormed: / / 2023 or 2024



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**“Symptoms of high worm burdens can include weight loss, colic, respiratory problems, diarrhoea or constipation.”**

Agnew Equine's Strategic Worming Pack provides a full 12 months of protection for £62.40. Included in our Worm Packs are 3 x Worm Egg Count (WEC) kits and a dose of Equest Pramox as it is still recommended to treat horses in late autumn/early winter with a wormer effective against small redworm encysted larvae and tapeworms - as these worms are not testable with FWECs. Other than this single treatment in autumn/early winter, most horses will not require treatment during the winter. We recommend the first sample is collected and submitted to us in March/April so there's no time to waste on getting yours!



## Concerned Your Horse May Have Gastric Ulcers?

EGUS (Equine Gastric Ulcer Syndrome) is a common condition in horses and can be the reason behind a number of symptoms in your horse such as poor performance, reduced appetite, weight loss, change in behaviour or colic to name a few.

***Book a Gastroscope in April for £275 All Inclusive of Scope, Sedation and Visit!***

Gastroscopy is the procedure of using a camera to look inside your horse's stomach. Book an appointment in April and receive a discount on the service valued on average at nearly 40%!

Visit

[www.horsevets.co.uk/onlineforms](http://www.horsevets.co.uk/onlineforms) to book appointments, request meds or book vettings!

## Have Your Say - Spring Client Evening

We'll be running a client evening this spring at Higher Farm in Byley, Cheshire! We're currently asking clients to give their feedback on what topic/s they'd like discussed. Do visit our Facebook page to provide feedback or email [office@horsevets.co.uk](mailto:office@horsevets.co.uk) with your preferences.

**Topic choices include: Eye Conditions - Nutrition/Weight Loss - Infectious Diseases - Colic - Wounds - Lameness - Respiratory Conditions - Ulcers**

Once we have a topic agreed we'll be announcing the date - keep an eye on our FB and website [www.horsevets.co.uk](http://www.horsevets.co.uk)

## Spring Brings Laminitis

Horses are particularly susceptible to laminitis in the spring as the lush grass begins to come through, and this year will be no



exception. Dramatic signs of laminitis are easier to spot, but keep an eye out for more subtle signs that your horse may be starting to suffer. We recommend giving your horse or pony a thorough check over each day, paying particular attention to feet to be able to spot signs early.

Here are a few suggestions that may help you identify signs of laminitis:

- Walk on hard ground e.g. concrete - does your horse adjust or shorten their stride, do they seem at all "pottery"?
- Turning in a tight circle - do they do this as normal or are they reluctant to turn or are stiff behind?
- Check digital pulses - are they normal?
- Check Body Condition Score (BCS) - do they have any regional fat pads eg. cresty neck, bulges in hollows above eyes, enlarged sheath, fat above tail? A hardening of neck crest or an increase in any of these fat deposits can indicate imminent laminitis.

Remember every horse or pony shows pain differently, so it is important to learn what is normal for your horse. Identifying laminitis signs early means we can investigate, diagnose and treat to alleviate pain and manage to avoid problematic episodes.

Also, be aware that around 90% of all laminitis cases have an underlying hormonal cause of Equine Metabolic Syndrome (EMS) or Cushing's (PPID). We have testing available to determine whether your horse or pony may be at risk.