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MUDDY COVER STAR
IS GAZZA - AND YES IT'S STILL RAINING!



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ROBIN MODELLING OUR NEW BRANDED MERCH



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HANDY VIDEO FROM ARNIE ON DISPENSING



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY
CELEBRATING OUR AMAZING LADIES

Vet Niamh: A Day in the Life!

Niamh joined our practice last September as a new graduate and to say that she's taken to it like a duck to water would be an understatement! She's shared a typical work day with us here...

"My day normally starts with touching base with the office team and the other vets at the practice. I check my diary and grab everything I need for the day before setting off.

This particular day started with assisting Robin with a repeat gastroscope to confirm ulcer treatment had been successful. I always enjoy these types of visits accompanying the directors, as they give me a great opportunity to learn from the more experienced vets. This horse's ulcers had completely healed which was a really rewarding way to start the day!

Next was a vaccination and a dental for two very well behaved ponies. I love these routine visits as it provides a chance to get to know our lovely clients and their horses in a non-emergency setting!

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Speaking of... on the way to my next routine call, a colic was called in close to me. Time is of the essence with colics so our fabulous office team diverted me and I headed there immediately. Whilst this mare was obviously in discomfort, the attentiveness of the client and efficiency of the office team meant I could start medical management quickly. Thankfully she responded fantastically and a follow up phone call a few hours later confirmed she was back to her normal self. These calls can be daunting at times as a younger vet but it's reassuring to know support is only a phone call away any time I need it. Also, having experienced colic with my own horses, I know how scary it can be for an owner and how important it is to provide support as a vet, something I try to do in these situations.

Back to the routine calls - next on the list was a passport sketch, microchip and first vaccine for a foal. No matter how many I see, the novelty of foals will just never wear off! I love these calls not just because I get





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foal cuddles, but also because it's a great opportunity to give these youngsters a positive, first vet experience. It's also so exciting to know we get to watch them grow over the years.

I finished up the day by examining a foot abscess; after such a wet winter we've all seen quite a few of these! Paring the foot to release the pus and pressure build up made this guy feel much more comfortable, and with a super stylish poultice on, he was on the road to recovery.”

Strangles Awareness Week 2024

We are an Ambassador for Strangles Awareness Week (SAW) which is a global collaborative initiative aimed at preventing and managing Strangles - the most common infectious equine disease.

Strangles is a highly contagious upper respiratory tract infection caused by the bacteria *Streptococcus equi* - and it can cause devastating impacts to horses, owners and yards.

The signs of strangles can vary enormously between cases, with some horses only exhibiting very mild signs, such as mild nasal discharge, which can be mistaken for other less serious respiratory diseases. More typical signs of Strangles include the following:

- Depression
- Loss of appetite/ Difficulty eating
- Raised temperature
- Cough
- Nasal discharge, often thick and yellow (purulent or pus like).
- Swollen lymph nodes (glands) around the throat
- Drainage of pus from the lymph nodes around the jaw
- Sweating in the neck region

Strangles is endemic within the UK. This means that it is relatively common within the horse population. Outbreaks cause major economic problems, particularly on big yards, as affected yards should not allow horses to leave or enter the premises during this period and quarantines are put into place which can have big impacts. The first step is communicating when Strangles is suspected - and we can step in immediately to help with a management plan. Follow our Socials 6 - 12 May for more prevention tips and information!

