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THANK YOU FOR THINKING OF US!



HAPPY 2024!
FUN TEAM AGNEW CELEBRATIONS OVER CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR



AGNEW ELVES!
OUR CHRISTMAS PHOTOS GOT LOTS OF LOVE!



ONLINE SHOP
SO MUCH ACTIVITY AND INTEREST IN OUR SUPPLEMENTS SHOP

2024 Strategic Worm Packs are Ready!

Club together with friends or family and SAVE! We feel strongly about ensuring everyone on your yard is taking worming health seriously so we wanted to provide an extra incentive:

Pricing for ONE PACK is £67.20

Pricing for TWO to FOUR PACKS is £65.00 each

Pricing for FIVE or MORE PACKS is £63.40 each

Despite the reality of rising costs - we're able to keep prices down and include shipping - meaning for many of you the overall price will actually be lower this year!

Included in our Worm Packs are: 3 x Worm Egg Count (WEC) kits (which include sample pots, latex gloves and pre-paid postal envelopes). We recommend the first sample is collected and submitted to us in March/April, the second sample in June/July and the third in Sept/Oct every year. 1 x targeted treatment of Equest Pramox to be given in late autumn/early winter. Tapeworms and Inhibited Small Red Worms cannot be accurately assessed by WEC so they require this treatment.

Our Worm Packs are not only effective, but also great value and also included is advice from our team and vets. Expert interpretation of results of Worm Egg Counts is important, as a low level of worms can actually be beneficial to the health of your horse and your horse is only treated if they actually need it - which is not only better for your horse, but also better to avoid contributing to the growing resistance to wormers due to heavy overuse. Any questions please give us a call on 01782 510502!



2024 Strategic Worm Pack



- 1. First Worm Egg Count Collection: March/April 2024**
Date Sample Collected: / / 2024
- 2. Second Worm Egg Count Collection: June/July 2024**
Date Sample Collected: / / 2024
- 3. Third Worm Egg Count Collection: Sept/Oct 2024**
Date Sample Collected: / / 2024
- 4. Dose of Equest Pramox: Dec 2024/Jan 2025**
Date Wormed: / / 2024 or 2025



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Sweet Itch Vaccine

Sweet Itch (Culicoides Hypersensitivity) is a skin disease caused by an allergic reaction to midge bites.

The affected areas are usually the mane, back and tail or sometimes the belly and legs. Itching causes rubbing, hair loss and skin damage. Horses can then end up in a cycle where they become very irritated by the constant itching causing more damage and infection.

A vaccine is available to assist in the prevention of Sweet Itch which was originally developed against ringworm. **It is used off-licence and must be administered by Feb/early March so act soon!**

If you are interested in info about the vaccine call us on 01782 510502.

Visit
www.horsevets.co.uk/onlineforms to book appointments, request meds or book vettings!

Oesophageal Obstruction (Choke)

Choke refers to an obstruction in the horse's oesophagus rather than in the airway - and although often quite dramatic in appearance, choke is not imminently life-threatening and most cases resolve themselves.

However, complications can occur and can be serious if an obstruction is not cleared.



Although foreign bodies can be the cause (twigs etc.) the most common obstruction is caused by impaction with feedstuffs. Inadequately soaked feed such as sugar beet pulp or cubes which continue to swell and poorly chopped carrots and apples are frequent causes of obstruction. Dental problems in the older horse such as missing teeth, large hooks, or wave mouth can prevent adequate mastication (chewing) of the food before swallowing so be sure to book regular dental checks.

Signs of choke include:

- Difficulty swallowing
- Coughing
- Distress at not being able to swallow
- Not interested in food
- Repeated extension of the head and neck
- Nasal discharge containing saliva and/or food material
- Saliva drooling from the mouth
- Sweating in the neck region

If you think it's choke - remove food and water and encourage the horse to 'relax' quietly in a stable or small area. Mild cases of choke will often resolve within 30 minutes or so. If, however, the horse is significantly distressed, or the obstruction does not seem to be clearing - call us!

Our vet will arrive and do an examination - and based on what they find options are to treat conservatively with muscle relaxants, anti-inflammatories or mild sedatives. In some cases it may be appropriate to heavily sedate the horse and flush out the obstruction via nasogastric intubation. In many cases after clearing, your horse will require a course of antibiotics to prevent secondary issues (inhalation pneumonia) in the lungs.