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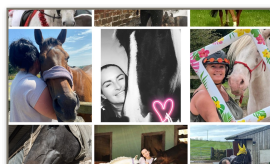
Team Agnew Updates!

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UP TO THAT YOU
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ARNIE'S APRIL FOOLS
BROKE THE
INTERNET. HE'S NOT
MOVING TO NEPAL!



**HAPPY
MOTHER'S DAY**
EQUINE MUMS COUNT
TOO!



SERVICE OVERVIEW
WE'VE REMINDED
EVERYONE OF ALL OUR
DIFFERENT OFFERINGS



**'TAKE YOUR WIFE TO
WORK' DAY**
GAYLE JOINED ARNIE
ON THE ROAD!

8 Tips for Preventing Spring Laminitis

As lush spring grass begins to flourish after a long, wet winter, the risk of laminitis rises sharply—especially in native breeds and good doers.

- 1. Recognise the Risk** - If you own a native pony, cob, good-doer or if your horse has a cresty neck or fat deposits, they should be treated as high-risk for laminitis. Genetics likely play a significant role, so don't wait for symptoms—proactive management is the best protection and testing is available.
- 2. Avoid Grazing Overweight Horses on Spring Grass** - Lush spring grass contains high levels of fructans (plant sugars), making it a major risk factor for laminitis—especially in overweight animals. Restricting or eliminating access to rich pasture is often the safest choice for at-risk horses.
- 3. Use Grazing Muzzles Wisely** - A well-fitted grazing muzzle can reduce grass intake by up to 80%. Ensure it fits comfortably, allows access to water, and suits grass length. Monitor your horse to ensure they're coping well.
- 4. Monitor Body Weight** - Effective weight management is critical for laminitis prevention. Use a weigh tape or scales regularly and learn how to body condition score your horse. This helps you identify trends before they become problems. Consistency is key—track changes month by month.
- 5. Review the Diet** - Feed a low-sugar, low-starch diet. Choose a Laminitis Trust-approved feed or low-calorie balancer, and avoid cereals, molasses, and treats - and soak hay.
- 6. Keep Them Moving** - Regular exercise—riding, lunging, or in-hand work—supports weight control and metabolic health, especially when paired with diet management.
- 8. Act Early and Stay Vigilant** - Once a horse or pony has experienced laminitis, they are significantly more likely to suffer future episodes. Early intervention and consistent management can prevent long-term damage. Regular veterinary check-ups, blood tests (e.g. for insulin and ACTH), and farrier visits are all essential parts of a proactive approach.





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A Little Change from the Dispensary

We wanted to let you know about a small - but important - change here at the practice which many of you are likely already aware of. Medications requested via the office need to be paid for before they leave the practice - whether they're being posted, collected, or dropped off.

We totally understand that life gets busy—we've all said "I'll pay soon" and then needed more reminders than we'd like to admit (we're guilty too!). Most of our lovely clients do pay promptly, but there are times when payments get delayed, forgotten or avoided, and chasing them up takes time and energy we'd much rather spend caring for your horses. For a small independent practice like ours, medications are a real cost, and when we don't get paid, it puts a tangible strain on our day-to-day operations.

So we hope you can understand this policy—it helps us keep providing the care you and your horses deserve!