



September Newsletter 2009

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Surgery News

Abbey Equine Centre is pleased to be able to offer our clients advanced key-hole joint surgery with the arrival of our new arthroscope in September. This nifty piece of kit allows us to insert a little camera into the joint enabling the surgeon to properly assess and repair any damage, including removing bone chips and accurately lavaging septic joints.

Dates for your Diary - September

2nd-5th BSJA Scope
3rd-6th Burghley Horse Trials
4th-6th CHAPS Championships
5th BSPS Welsh Show
8th Malvern Festival of the Horse
11th British Show Horse Association Championships
18th Leominster Horse Sale
18th Horse and Pony Sale, Brecon
19th+20th Cricklands 2-Day Show

Website

Have you visited our up-to-date website? Visit us at www.abbeyvets.co.uk! The site is regularly updated and will include any new products, ideas or offers - so get surfing!

Equistro Supplement Range!

Here at Abbey Vets we stock a large range of high purity supplements which are only available through licensed veterinary surgeons. The *Equistro* range consists of both solid and liquid supplements designed to help the respiratory, nervous and skeletal systems, along with hoof, hair, skin and water balance. With so many different supplements on the market it is important you don't waste your cash, so call Karen at the clinic today for advice.

Wormer of the Month – Equitape £9.13 (incl)

It's *Anoplocephala perfoillata* time! That's Tapeworm to you and me. At this time of year we should consider changing our worming regime to include a preparation that covers this threat. Here at the clinic we can offer helpful advice and with regular discounted offers it's best to give us a call to discuss any requirements.

If any clients have show/competition success stories then get in touch so we can include them in our monthly newsletter!

Stem Cell Therapy

Stem cell therapy is a cutting edge treatment designed to decrease healing times of tendon and ligament injuries. Our equine vets have undergone the necessary training and Abbey Equine Centre is pleased to offer this treatment. If your horse needs stem cell treatment he will need to come into the clinic so we can harvest a small amount of bone marrow. This is done standing with local anaesthetic and the horse can go home the same day. The sample is then sent to Scotland where they nurture the stem cells until there are enough to implant into the tendon/ligament. We implant the stem cells back into the point of injury under ultrasonic guidance and the horse is free to go home the same day. If you find yourself in the unfortunate position where your horse has a tendon injury, please give us a ring to discuss this revolutionary new treatment.

Equine Orthopaedic Consultant

Abbey Equine Centre is constantly striving to improve the standard of service that we offer our clients. We are lucky enough to have our own orthopaedic specialist: Emma Jones MRCVS. Emma has spent virtually all of her professional career in equine orthopaedics, most recently lecturing at the University of Edinburgh. Please feel free to ring and make a dedicated appointment with Emma and the opportunity to benefit from her expertise

Colic Warning!

Now with autumn fast-approaching we will start to bring our horses in from the field and introduce more 'hard feed' into their diet. This will undoubtedly cause an increase in colic cases. Remember, any change in feed must be a gradual one and it is important to make sure the horse is passing normal droppings. Suddenly bringing them in overnight and giving the horse as much hay as he can eat is a recipe for disaster. Even if your horse has not suffered before, a sudden change in diet can cause an impaction (blockage) in the gut which will lead to colic! Save yourself the heartache (and the vet's bill!) by being careful – and give us a call if you need any advice.