



CONTACT

Western Counties Equine Hospital

NEWS...

Spring has now arrived at last and those horse owners with mares in foal are looking forward to seeing the arrival of this year's foals.

The vet team have been busy dealing with colic cases and several joint flushes here in the hospital over the last few weeks as well as hosting an evening for local vets discussing Atypical Myopathy a very relevant subject for the horse community.

Luke Poore has been on study leave in South Africa for two months, and is due to return at the beginning of May.

The first client evening of the year is scheduled for Monday 18 May 2015 with a 7.30pm start, we are covering all aspects of Laminitis with Luke and Hayley leading the sessions. There will be a light buffet supper. Please ring reception by Thursday 14 May to let us know you are attending for catering numbers. We do hope you will be able to join us. The second date for your diaries is Thursday 24 September when we will be awarding our annual training bursaries and we would welcome any suggestions for the categories in 2015. Last year we covered Riding Club and Pony Club and in the first year, racing, eventing and breeding. The 2014 training bursary winners are all pursuing their training and competition commitments, we will look forward to reporting on their progress in our next newsletter.

You may have noticed a new voice on the phone when you have contacted reception, Caroline Sutton has joined the team, she has recently moved to Culmstock with her family and although without a horse of her own at present is busy riding out locally when not at the Hospital.

We are pleased to communicate that four of our veterinary surgeons have been awarded Advanced Practitioner status by the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, the only equine practice in Devon or Cornwall with vets who have received this status. The awards to our vets cover a spectrum of equine veterinary areas including orthopaedics, medicine and equine practice and reflect a greater level of knowledge and experience in that area of veterinary practice. In addition the qualification reflects greater time spent keeping abreast of developments in that field over and above the minimum requirements for continuing professional development (CPD) that all vets must undertake.

At Western Counties all our vets are experienced to deal with the routine problems that your horse is likely to encounter and we believe that clients being seen by one or two vets in most situations allows better working relationships and trust to develop. The specialisation that we have within the practice however also equips us to deal with the most challenging and difficult problems that your horse may encounter and we hope gives you confidence in the high level of veterinary care that your horses and ponies will receive from us.

AI PACKAGES

We have competitive and comprehensive packages for our clients who are considering breeding from their mares this year – we are happy to send a leaflet, email the relevant details to you or follow the links on the website and please do discuss any thoughts you may have with the vet team.



EQUINE SUPPLEMENTS

The subject of equine supplements has been investigated thoroughly over the winter by the vet team here at Western Counties. There are a myriad of products to be found for sale to cover every aspect of your horse's health!

We are now pleased to be able to offer a range of high quality equine supplements that can benefit your horse in a variety of ways. Across the range the ingredients are of the highest quality and each batch is tested to be free of any competition prohibited substances and is fully traceable for added peace of mind for competition horses.

The products range from a general multivitamin supplement, through to hepatic support and hoof supplements. In addition we offer two joint supplements, both containing high levels of Glucosamine HCl and Chondroitin Sulphate and MSM with one in addition containing Hyaluronic Acid. All of these have been shown to have beneficial effects on the joint environment in horses with joint disease.

The products are competitively priced and in addition to tie in with the Laminitis Client Evening in May we are offering 10% off the Hoof Supplement until the end of June 2015.



EQUINE METABOLIC SYNDROME AND METFORMIN

Over the last few weeks the directors have been looking at where the Hospital purchases its drugs for the pharmacy and from which company to see if we can improve prices for our clients and in conjunction with our client evening covering Laminitis, we are offering Metformin tablets at a very competitive price with a 10% reduction in costs from May.

