



EQUINE VETERINARY SURGERY

Season's Greetings to all!

We'd like to wish all our wonderful clients a very Merry Christmas. As always, we hope that next year brings you plenty of healthy, hiccup-free, horsey happiness. If you do ever need us, our vets will be here for you, 24/7 and 365. For all things non-emergency, our office hours over Christmas are:

Saturday 23rd December – 9am-4pm (As normal)

Christmas Day & Boxing Day – Closed. Emergencies Only Call 07894 682937

27th-29th December – 9am-5pm

Saturday 30th December – 9am-4pm

Monday 1st January – Closed. Emergencies Only Call 07894 682937

Plan ahead for post. We will be able to post out medication until 21st December, but with the increased volume of Christmas post we cannot guarantee delivery times on last-minute orders. Thank you.

Petplan Veterinary Awards 2018.



We have always been extremely grateful for the support our wonderful clients have given in nominating us for the Petplan Veterinary Awards. The nominations are now open for 2018, and we'd love to call on you all once again. If you've been pleased with the service provided from Paton and Lee over the past 12 months, it would be great if you could take the time to let Petplan know about your experience. You can nominate for the following categories: Practice of the Year; Practice Support Staff of the Year; Vet Nurse of the Year and Vet of the Year. Thank you so much!

<http://www.petplan.co.uk/vetawards>

Zone Days for 2018

2017 has been a record year for our half price visit fee 'zone days', with more horse owners than ever saving money on their routine veterinary work. With good planning, our half price visit fee days are the best way to save on your routine veterinary work – vaccinations, dental examinations, and health checks, etc. Because of their popularity, terms and conditions do apply for our zone days – you won't be able to choose a specific vet for them, and you won't be able to choose the time of your visit, but we'll ring you in advance to let you know when we'll be arriving. You'll also have to pay in advance or at the time. Full terms are on our website, where you can also find posters for each of our 6 zones throughout the region, giving the timetable for 2018.

<http://patonandlee.co.uk/details/24>



Marathon Effort 2018



Thanks to the amazing generosity of all our wonderful clients, Ben managed to raise a whopping **£4,715.11** for Brooke – Action for Working Horses and Donkeys by running the 2017 Virgin London Marathon. In 2018, Paton and Lee are hoping to go a huge step further and reach a whopping **£6000** target! This time, both Sam and Ben will be running the London Marathon together. They've started their training and cut back on the cakes, but there's a long winter ahead and your support will really encourage them as they put in the miles during the cold dark nights. The work of Brooke is vitally important to millions of working horses and donkeys around the globe and any help you can give will make a huge difference. The boys have set up a fundraising page, so you can donate online or via the office.

www.virginmoneygiving.com/Team/benandsam_patonandlee

Thank you!

Free* ACTH tests extended until 31st December



The 'Talk About Laminitis' scheme that provides free laboratory tests for Cushing's Disease (ACTH) has been extended until the end of the year, so if you have any concerns that your horse or pony might be showing signs of Cushing's (curly coat, patchy sweating, recurrent infections, laminitis, drinking excessively etc) there's still time to book in with the office. It is the laboratory fee for testing the ACTH levels that is offered free of charge – there is still a fee for any visit and for taking and reporting the blood sample. Further information is at www.talkaboutlaminitis.co.uk

The Gift of an Apple this Christmas...



Paton and Lee are proud to support the fantastic work of Essex Horse and Pony Protection Society. It costs the EHPPS £16,000 per month to keep the Sanctuary operational. They fund the charity in a number of ways: fundraising events, grant funding, legacies, donations and membership to name but a few. If you would like to make a donation towards the work of the EHPPS this Christmas, you can use the Apple logo to write your personal message on when donating. All apple donation baubles will be hung on the Sanctuary's Christmas tree for their visitors to read. All monies raised by the apples will, as ever, be spent on the direct care of the EHPPS's resident horses and ponies.

You can send your apples to Essex Horse and Pony Protection Society, Pitsea Hall Lane, Basildon, SS16 4UH

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