



PATON & LEE

EQUINE VETERINARY SURGERY

FREE VACCINATION OFFER.



Have your horse's vaccinations lapsed? Do you have a new horse that needs to start a vaccination course? Earn a **FREE** vaccination worth **£39** this February!

It is estimated that only 40% - 50% of UK horses are currently vaccinated – meaning all horses are at risk, as 70% of a population needs to be vaccinated to prevent epidemics of equine influenza occurring.

Paton and Lee are pleased to be taking part in **Equine Flu Awareness Month**, in conjunction with Merial Animal Health, The Animal Health Trust and the HBLB, offering a vaccination amnesty to ALL horses over 12 months of age, who have either never been vaccinated or whose vaccinations have become overdue. The **'BACK ON TRACK' Vaccination Amnesty** offers the second dose of vaccine **FREE** when given as part of a primary course for customers of Paton and Lee.

Please contact us on 01376 513369 to book your horse into the 'BACK ON TRACK' vaccine amnesty. Your usual visit fee will still apply. The **FREE** second vaccination will only be given once any outstanding debts are cleared.



Recommend a Friend for a Fiver



Even if your vaccinations are fully up to date, you could still bag yourself £5 by recommending a friend whose horse isn't vaccinated to start their course with Paton and Lee this month – and they'll get their 2nd vaccine **FREE**. Throughout 2017 we're offering £5 off your vet's bill if you recommend a friend to use Paton and Lee. The offer is valid for any new clients you recommend, or returning clients who didn't use us throughout 2015 or 2016. **Just ask the person you're recommending to mention your name when they register with us.** We'll credit your account by £5 once they settle their first invoice – it's a simple as that. You can recommend as many people as you like, so all those £5's could easily add up!



Marathon Effort

Following his half-marathon last year, Ben's latest challenge is to go the full distance for **Brooke – Action for Working Horses and Donkeys** in the Virgin London Marathon on 23rd April 2017. Ben is training hard and trying to raise as much money as possible. So far, thanks to the wonderful generosity of our clients, Ben has already raised over **£1000** – so **THANK YOU** if you've already donated! It's easy to donate – just visit his fundraising page at www.virginmoneygiving.com/ben_patonandlee or donate via the office. His fundraising target is a whopping **£3000** so he's going to need all the help he can to get there. Thank you once again!



Celebrating 25 Years:

On 10th February, Jonathan Lee BVSc MRCVS celebrates 25 years of working at Paton and Lee. Having graduated from Liverpool University in 1990, Jonathan returned to his home county and began working with Iain Paton in 1992 ... and hasn't left (or aged) since!! Congratulations Jonathan – the Milkybars are on us!



GASTROSCOPY OFFER



UP TO 50% OFF GASTROSCOPY IN FEBRUARY 2017

It's estimated that up to 100% of racehorses and 63% of performance horses could suffer from gastric ulcers, but many don't show any clinical signs. The only certain way to check is to examine the horse's stomach by performing a gastroscopy.

What causes ulcers?

Travelling³, competing and training^{4,5} can all increase the risk of gastric ulcers developing.

How can you tell if your horse is at risk?

Signs are difficult to spot but they can include poor appetite, impaired performance, poor body condition, change in temperament and colic.

Can they be treated?

If a horse is found to be suffering from gastric ulcers, an effective oral treatment is available. You will also receive advice about management changes and you may be given an anti-ulcer gastric supplement.

What to do if you suspect your horse could have a gastric ulcer.

The only definitive way to diagnose gastric ulcers is with gastroscopy. During February we are taking part in the 2017 Fit to Go: Innervision Gastric Health Month. All horses undergoing gastroscopy in February will get up to **1/3 off** the normal price of the procedure. In addition, on Friday 24th, Monday 27th and Tuesday 28th February we will be holding three special gastroscopy days at our main practice and the procedure will be **half price** on those days.

Gastroscopy at Hoo Hall: • Normal price £220 • Offer Price £150 • Special Gastroscopy Day Price £110

Gastroscopy at your yard: • Normal price £300 • Offer Price £230

Prices do not include any sedation required or any visit fee for gastroscopy at your yard.

To find out more please contact the practice on 01376 513369 or info@patonandlee.co.uk

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Worm Care Packages – Now's the perfect time to join.

If you haven't thought about joining our Worm Care Package before, now's the perfect time. Lots of our clients have signed up because it's such a simple, affordable way to get the best possible independent and expert advice about managing your horse's worming programme. The package covers an entire year of worming advice and standard worm treatment for your horse including:



- 3 worm egg counts between March and November, with a text reminder service so you won't forget
- Equest® Pramox treatment (up to 700kg) for effective larvicidal and tapeworm treatment once during the winter period (December to February).
- Professional veterinary worming advice tailored to your individual needs, including an email follow-up of your own worming programme.

The service costs **£49.50** per horse. Full details are online, or call and ask to speak to Zoë Windley MRCVS.

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