



PATON & LEE

EQUINE VETERINARY SURGERY

Award shows that our clients really do CARE!



We are delighted to have won a national prize for the veterinary practice with the most clients signing up to the new equine 'CARE' study. It speaks volumes about our wonderful clients, so if you signed up THANK YOU! You're always so pro-active, especially when it comes to such an important equine health issue as laminitis.

We promoted the CARE study here on our newsletter, on our Facebook page and website, but you did the rest of the hard work! Now we get to enjoy a free day of Continued Professional Development at the British Equine Veterinary Association (BEVA)

Congress 2016. Our newest recruit Sam Harrington MRVCS is going to take full advantage. The programme at BEVA Congress looks fantastic this year, so he's sure to learn lots.

The CARE study, funded by World Horse Welfare, is collecting information about the health and management of Britain's horses and ponies; documenting how these may change over time and particularly how this affects the risk of laminitis developing. The study is a collaborative effort involving the Royal Veterinary College, the Animal Health Trust and Rossdale Equine Hospital. Paton and Lee has had the most horse owners signing up to submit regular online updates regarding their horse's routine care. Anyone that owns or cares for a horse or pony in Britain can sign up to the study.

CARE study recruitment closes at the end of July 2016, with data from existing members being collected until the end of the year. There is still an opportunity for interested owners to enroll before the July deadline. For more information about the study visit www.careaboutlaminitis.org.uk or contact danica.pollard@aht.org.uk

Time for some detective work?

Could your horse or pony be suffering from Cushing's Disease (PPID) without you realising? Are you worried about laminitis? Is your pony aging, or showing any symptoms of PPID (curly coat, laminitis, excessive drinking, patchy sweating etc)?

Maybe it's time to do some detective work, starting off by having a chat with your vet about the potential risks. If we think it's clinically indicated, we might advise a blood test to check the ACTH (Cushing's hormone) levels. The laboratory fee for testing ACTH is FREE from June until the end of October 2016 for all new tests or tests on previously untreated horses and ponies. A normal visit fee and blood sampling / examination fee will still apply, as well as P&P – it's only the laboratory fee itself that is free.



For further information about Cushing's disease visit our website, or visit www.talkaboutlaminitis.co.uk to download your voucher now and enrol on the "Care and Connect" programme. Your contact information is requested by the promoter - Boehringer Ingelheim (BI) - in order to invite you to join TAL "Care & Connect", an online information and case management resource for horse owners interested in PPID. BI invitations always contain an opt out and owners will never be called or information passed on to 3rd parties without their consent.

New *improved* Worm Care Packages



Our worm-care packages have now been improved to include a kit for sending in your faecal samples for worm-egg counts, making the process of submitting samples simpler than ever. Now when you subscribe to our annual worm care package you'll be sent a kit containing the wormer you require, plus three Ovatec® Plus faecal collection kits and pre-addressed postage envelopes for returning them to the practice (postage not included).

If you haven't thought about joining our Worm Care Package before, it's well worth considering. Lots of our clients have now signed up. It's 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.

EquiSal Tapeworm Kits



Whilst on the subject of worms and worming, we now stock the EquiSal kits that test for tapeworm using your horse's saliva. Until now we've had to use a blood test which becomes expensive when the laboratory fee, visit fee, sampling fee and postage are all taken into consideration. With EquiSal, the laboratory fee is included in the price and you take the saliva sample yourself, following the instructions with the kit, so once it has been purchased from us for **£19.50** there are no extra costs. The results will be reported to our vets, who will then give you independent and expert advice on what they mean and what treatment should be given, if any.

Summer events 2016

We love supporting local events and we'd love to see you at them, so why not put these dates in your diary?



Essex Heavy Horse & Country Show – Sunday 7th August 2016 opposite Barleylands, Billericay. Visit <http://essexshirehorseassociation.co.uk> for details.

The Countess of Warwick's Show – August 28th and 29th at Little Easton, near Great Dunmow. Visit <http://countessofwarwickshow.org> for details.

Chelmsford City Racecourse – Various dates and events throughout the year. Visit <http://www.chelmsfordcityracecourse.com> for further information.