



# PATON & LEE

EQUINE VETERINARY SURGERY

## Charlotte and Reuben



We're delighted to announce that on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February, Charlotte gave birth to baby Reuben. Both Mum and Reuben were quickly back home before the snow came along and caused chaos for the rest of the week! They're doing really well. Reuben arrived at 6.04am, which by our reckoning means he owes Mum an out-of-hours fee!

We're all looking forward to Charlotte coming back to work ... except perhaps Charlotte, who's just looking forward to getting some sleep at some point!

## Coming Soon! Charity Client Evening with Richard Davison



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If you haven't booked your ticket already (and lots of you have, so thank you!) there's still time to join us for a charity evening talk with guest speaker Richard Davison. Richard is a true elite equestrian, with a lifetime of experience in equestrian sport. A four-time Olympian and European medalist, Richard has been at the forefront of the international dressage world for more than three decades. Between 2008 and 2012 he was the British World Class Performance Manager and British Team Dressage Captain. Along with the rest of his family, Richard also has a wealth of experience with showjumpers, eventers and racehorses, so he has knowledge to share with everyone equestrian! After a short presentation by Tony Lock MRCVS on investigating poor performance issues from a veterinary surgeon's point-of-view, Richard will be speaking about riding and training sports horses, including how to understand when there are performance problems versus normal training issues, and how to feed information back to your veterinary surgeon when you feel that something is wrong. The combination of talks should prove fascinating for all horse owners. Richard will also be taking Q&A's on the evening, so there will be plenty of time for interesting discussion.

The Evening with Richard Davison will be on **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 7pm** for buffet food and refreshments, 7.30pm the talk starts. The venue is The New Rickstones Academy, Conrad Road, Witham, CM8 2SD.

The venue is limited to 300 people, so please book early – we have been fully booked for previous evenings.

**£5 per person.** Call the office to book and pay – 01376 513369. All proceeds will be shared between two local equestrian charities that Paton and Lee are proud to support: Essex Horse and Pony Protection Society and Greenland Grove Animal Sanctuary. Physical tickets will not be issued, but you will receive email confirmation within a few days of booking and your name will go on the guest-list, which will be required for entry. Tickets are non-refundable. We can't wait to see you all there for a great evening!

## Marathon Effort 2018 – Donations Continue

On Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2018, both Sam and Ben will be taking on the gruelling 26.2 miles of the Virgin Money London Marathon to raise funds for **Brooke – Action for Working Horses and Donkeys**. So far, the boys have raised **£3391.42** thanks to your huge generosity. That's a brilliant **56%** of their whopping **£6000** target! We have now started a digital donations board of honour, which will be regularly posted on our Facebook Page, thanking all our donors like we did last year. The site for online donations is [www.virginmoneygiving.com/Team/benandsam\\_patonandlee](http://www.virginmoneygiving.com/Team/benandsam_patonandlee) or you can donate via the office – don't forget Gift Aid on your donation, and if you'd like a mention on our honours board and our Facebook Page, don't forget to leave your name. Ben and Sam like to thank everyone individually, so surnames are useful for working out who has donated!



*Thank you!*

## Petplan Nomination Success



We've had another successful year with the Petplan Veterinary Awards, with 5 nominations for the practice. It's always fantastic when our support team get recognised, so we're delighted that our Yard Manager, Jo Martin, has had a nomination for the Practice Support Staff of the Year Award. Well done Jo, you do an amazing job out on the yard looking after our inpatients in all conditions, day-in, day-out! It has also been great to receive an overall nomination for Paton and Lee in the Practice of the Year category. In the Veterinary Surgeon of the Year category, nominations were received for Zoe Wilson, Tony Lock and Ben Portus. Well done to everyone, and a huge thank you to our amazing supportive clients for nominating us.

## 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<sup>®</sup> 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 Wilson MRCVS.