

April 2023



PATON & LEE

EQUINE VETERINARY SURGERY

Team Fundraising

This month is a busy one for fundraising with Ben, Sophie and Daniella all getting their running shoes on and hoping to raise money for charity.

Since 2016, Ben has been running to raise money for Brooke - Action for Working Horses and Donkeys. On Sunday 23rd April Ben will be taking on the London Marathon for the 6th time and once again we'd absolutely love it if you could support him in any way possible - every donation makes a huge difference! Brooke is an international charity that protects and improves the lives of horses, donkeys and mules which give people in the developing world the opportunity to work their way out of poverty. Each year they reach over 1.4 million working horses, donkeys and mules across Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East. Their staff include vets, animal welfare experts, and advocacy and development specialists.



Just £4 can help to train Community Change agents to pass on their knowledge to children and others in the community, £10 can provide hardworking horses with much needed food, water and shelter from the scorching sun and a £20 donation can help train more farriers to heal painful hooves and protect them with well-fitting shoes.

Any donations can be made via

<https://2023tcsllondonmarathon.enthuse.com/pf/ben-2023>

Thank you!

On Sunday 30th April, our MRI technicians Daniella and Sophie are also hoping to raise vital funds by running 10 miles for a local charity in St Osyth where Sophie often volunteers. Greenland Grove Animal Sanctuary started in 1992 and is currently home to 36 horses, 6 donkeys as well as cattle, rabbits, guinea pigs, goats and sheep. The sanctuary costs around £50,000 a year to run and has no paid staff so every penny the girls raise will go towards the running of the sanctuary and the care of all the animals that live there.



If you would like to make a donation this can be done directly by bank transfer using details: Greenland Grove Animal Sanctuary, sort code 776628, Account number 27610468 Or via their JustGiving page https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/carol-jacobs-955?utm_term=jdQKxNW3r

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First Aid Training

We have listened to your many requests and are very happy to announce our popular Equine First Aid for Horse Owners course is back on Saturday 13th May 2023.

The course will run from our practice in Rivenhall from 10am until 3pm and offers a morning of lectures on how to handle equine emergencies that are likely to be encountered by anyone spending a lot of their time with horses: colic, cuts and grazes, wounds over joints / tendon sheaths etc and in the afternoon there are practical sessions in small groups on equine examinations, bandaging and functional anatomy.

The course is open to any horse owners who would like to learn about equine first aid.

It costs £30 per person, which goes towards the cost of bandage materials, course notes and transport of the horses used in the practical sessions. There will be certificates of attendance for all. Places are limited and tickets must be paid for in advance to guarantee your place. Full details will be sent out to those attending the course before it takes place, so if you are not already a registered client of Paton and Lee please provide full contact details when you apply for your course place. Refreshments will be provided (tea, coffee, squash, biscuits etc) but you should bring your own packed lunches please.

Places book up very quickly for this so to avoid disappointment please call the reception on 01376 513369.



Spring Health Check Offer

This year, once again, we are running our discounted Spring 'MOT' for your horse with any of our vets at your yard. Whether you have a golden oldie, getting competition ready or have any general health concerns you could make a huge saving.



The health check includes:

- Examination of your horse's heart and lungs at rest
- Ophthalmoscopic examination of your horse's eyes
- Opportunity to discuss any health concerns with the vet.
- Review of your horse's body condition score with the opportunity to discuss management and feeding.
- Blood sample taken for haematology, inflammatory profile and to check for liver, kidney and muscle function. (This does not include checking for Cushings, if you wish to check for this please discuss with your vet at time of visit.)

The cost of the Spring Health Check is £115 including VAT excluding visit fees which is a great saving and is also available on the half price visit days to help you save even more. Plus, where there are 5 or more horses being examined as part of the offer on the same yard, no visit fee will be charged. If you would like to make a booking or discuss further, please do contact our reception.