



PATON & LEE

EQUINE VETERINARY SURGERY

Petplan Veterinary Awards 2018 – Still Time To Nominate!



We are delighted to have received two nominations for the 2018 Petplan Veterinary Awards already, one in the Vet of the Year category and one for Practice of the Year. The nominations are still open until **January 12th**, and we'd love your support, so 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>

January Special Offer

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Throughout January we are offering **more than 10% off** the price of our 3kg tubs of Veterinary Multi-Vitamins. This supplement is recommended for any horse or pony requiring routine mineral and vitamin supplements to promote and maintain optimum health, which particularly at this time of year, coming through the horrible winter weather, is important to consider. The supplement is an excellent choice for patients with laminitis or patients on a strict diet, because unlike most vitamin and mineral supplements it does not contain any glucose, so you can provide all the vitamins and minerals your pony needs without adding to their calorie intake. Our range of veterinary supplements are quality-assured and professionally developed for Paton and Lee. Usual price £46.26. Offer price **£40** – 60 days' supply.

Zone Day Posters Available Now

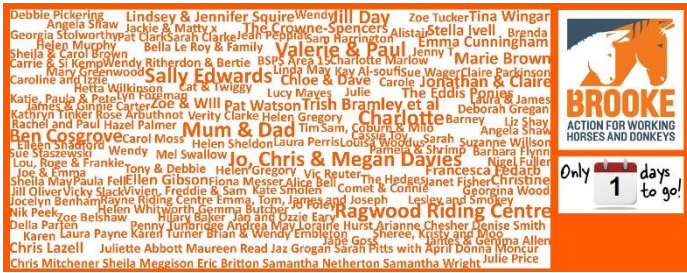
2017 was a record year for our half price visit fee 'zone days', with more horse owners than ever saving money on their routine veterinary work. With good planning, our half price visit fee days are the best way to save on your routine veterinary work – vaccinations, dental examinations, and health checks, etc. We now have laminated 'Zone Day' posters available for each of our 6 zones, showing the days that we'll be in your area throughout 2018. If you would like a copy of a poster for your yard, just call or email the office on 01376 513369 or info@patonandlee.co.uk and we'll be happy to post one out.

Because of their popularity, terms and conditions do apply for our zone days. Please make sure you book at least 48 hours before your zone day. 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 copies of the posters if you prefer to print your own.

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



Marathon Effort 2018 – Donations Board Now Open



On Sunday 22nd 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**. Last year, Ben raised **£4,715.11** for this great cause, all thanks to your generosity. In 2018, Paton and Lee are hoping to go a huge step further and reach a 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 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!

Free* ACTH tests extended for 2018



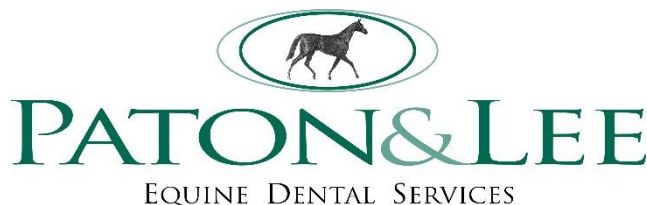
Due to its ongoing popularity, the 'Talk About Laminitis' scheme that provides free laboratory tests for Cushing's Disease (ACTH) has been extended for the whole of 2018, but now it's for **first-time tests only**. If you have any concerns that your horse or pony might be showing signs of Cushing's (curly coat, patchy sweating, recurrent infections, laminitis, drinking excessively etc) you can book via the office to have a vet come out and take a blood sample. *It's the laboratory fee for ACTH levels that is offered free of charge – there is still a visit fee and a fee for taking and reporting the blood sample. Further information is at www.talkaboutlaminitis.co.uk



Charlotte's Maternity Leave

Charlotte has now started her maternity leave and while we're super-sad and miss her lots, we're also very excited about her becoming an amazing mum and we can't wait for her to come back soon with her new addition to the family. Good luck Charlotte!

In the mean-time, we're also looking forward to welcoming an excellent new vet to our team as Tom Woods DVM MRCVS joins us to provide maternity cover. Tom is an Australian veterinary graduate who has been working up in Northumberland until now, but has connections in Essex and is excited about moving to the area.



Ben has now completed and passed his Certificate in Advanced Veterinary Practice after 2 years of study. He joins Charlotte, Chloe, and Zoë as a certified 'Advanced Veterinary Practitioner'. In April, Ben will take one final examination at Liverpool University to make that qualification up to an Advanced Veterinary Practitioner in Equine Dentistry – CertAVP (ED), just as Zoë is an Advanced Veterinary Practitioner in Equine Medicine – CertAVP (EM). In April 2018, we will be renovating our existing standing surgery and dentistry facilities to create a truly modern equine dental clinic – all part of our continuing push to improve standards and services at Paton and Lee. Ben will also be hosting a series of talks on the recent advances in equine dentistry later this year, so watch out on our Facebook page for details. If you have any questions about your horse's teeth, head problems or dentistry, please feel free to contact Ben via the office at any time.