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EQUINE VETERINARY SURGERY

Introducing Laura

We are very pleased to welcome Laura Spalding DrMedVet MRCVS to the team, bringing us up to 9 equine-only vets. Some of you may have already had the pleasure of meeting her at your yard these last couple of weeks. Laura graduated from the University of Veterinary Medicine Budapest in early 2020 before completing a year's internship in mixed practice. Following this, Laura stayed on as an equine vet for some time before coming to join us here at Hoo Hall.



Practice Events

At the beginning of May, we held one of our popular First Aid for Horse Owners courses.



The day was filled with a mix of theory and practical sessions - hoping to make owners feel more confident and equipped to deal with any situations they might face. Georgia and Lily kindly brought their own horses in for the practicals and we had a brilliant day here, including a few young equine enthusiasts getting involved in bandaging and taking heart rates. Thank you to all who attended.

This week we have also had some youngsters from Fletchers Farm Pony Club in Fordham who came for a tour of the practice. We set up 'Buddy' our plastic horse in the theatre and the children got to practice their newly acquired 'worming skills badge' by looking under the microscope at different slides.

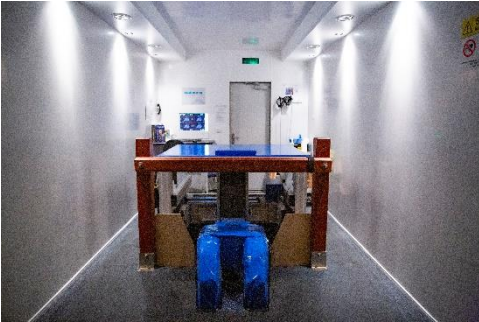
George Ingleton organises events like the ones above, as well as looking after our in-house client care. George has recently been promoted into the role of 'Client Experience & Marketing Manager' so congratulations are in order!

Events like these are a fantastic way to provide education and give a great insight into the life of a busy veterinary practice! If you would like to discuss and organise something for your society or club, please contact George at Georgina@patonandlee.co.uk



Equine MRI

We've had a very busy month here for scans in our Standing Equine MRI both of our own and with referral cases. Early, safe and accurate diagnosis is paramount when your horse goes lame and with over 250 scans performed here now, it has become a major tool in delivering gold standard lameness investigations and diagnoses. The unit is fully temperature controlled set at 20° to keep patients cool and comfortable as the weather heats up. If you would like to discuss your horse's lameness and the diagnostic options we have available, please email or call 01376 513369.



Head Nurse Anniversary

We are very happy to celebrate Georgia Thomas's first year with us as our Head Nurse. Georgia is of huge benefit to the practice with her experience in theatre and practical experience assisting our vets. In her role she manages a team of 4, overseeing the day to day tasks of our technicians and yard staff and can often be found taking radiographs or in the laboratory. Georgia also has a keen role in our practice standards awards, helping to maintain the highest standards of veterinary care for all our patients.



Summer Worm Egg Counts

Has your horse had a worm egg count yet? We recommend using Faecal Worm Egg Counts (FWECC) during the Spring - Autumn months to assess which horses require worming.



Effective worm control relies on the correct and responsible use of wormers combined with good pasture management. These tests are carried out in house in our Laboratory and are available as individual tests or we offer group discounts for large yards.

If you would like further advice with your horses worming, please contact our reception team or email info@patonandlee.co.uk.

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