



PATON & LEE

EQUINE VETERINARY SURGERY

The National Equine Health Survey – 23rd – 30th May 2016



Stand up for horse health and join the National Equine Health Survey

Paton and Lee has pledged support for the National Equine Health Survey. We are urging owners and keepers of horses and ponies to take part in the survey between 23-30th May, to help improve the future wellbeing of horses everywhere.

The National Equine Health Survey (NEHS) is a short, sharp snapshot survey of general horse health that is already helping to make an important difference to the health and welfare of horses and ponies. It is run annually during the month of May by leading charity Blue Cross, in partnership with the British Equine Veterinary Association and with the support of many of the country's leading equestrian charities and organisations.

Over the past five years NEHS has developed to become one of the UK's most significant endemic disease monitoring initiatives. The results are referenced in leading veterinary and equestrian publications and papers and are regarded as valuable benchmarks for our general knowledge of horse health.

Last year survey records were returned for almost 15,000 horses ponies, donkeys and mules. The NEHS data collected year on year has revealed crucial information about common diseases such as skin problems, lameness, weight issues and colic. The results are shared across the sector to help define priorities for future research, training and education.

Gemma Taylor (Education Officer) said: "NEHS is helping us to steer equine awareness, education and research with the sole purpose of safeguarding the future healthcare of our horses. By giving five minutes of your time to complete the survey you can help to make a lifetime of difference."

Zoetis UK Ltd and Dodson and Horrell are kindly supporting the initiative by helping Blue Cross cover the costs of running the scheme.

The next survey is planned for 23rd-30th May 2016. Visit our website www.patonandlee.co.uk and follow the links to register, or email NEHS@bluecross.org.uk. Everyone who takes part will have the chance to win some amazing prizes all kindly donated including: a pair of Lister Star Clippers; a pair of Ariat Skyline GTX boots and a pair of tickets for Olympia, the London International Horse Show.

Is your horse back in training mode?

Lots of us are really getting back into the swing of things with our horses now, what with longer days and more bearable weather! If you're putting your horse through its paces once again and you'd like some help with building lean, fit muscle, Equitop Myoplast® could be a really useful training supplement for you. We currently have £10 off vouchers available on our website, so before you order make sure you've filled one out. Equitop Myoplast® is a unique and natural supplement for horses, packed with 18 key amino acids including 10 essential amino acids. This provides the building blocks for efficient lean muscle development without horses becoming 'fizzy' or bulking up on fats and oils.

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Summer events in 2016

In 2016, Paton and Lee will be on duty at a number of events across the region again. We love supporting local events and we'd love to see you at them too, so why not put these dates in your diary now?



Hadleigh Show – Saturday 21st May at Holbecks Park, Hadleigh, Suffolk. Visit <http://www.hadleighshow.co.uk> for details.

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.

Equine First Aid for Horse Owners – Bookings Open!

Equine First Aid for Horse Owners – **Saturday 1st October 2016** from 10am until 4pm. If you haven't been on this course yet, our advice is to book early. Places are limited because after a morning of lectures it's all hands-on practical sessions with real horses. Great for building confidence in any first-aid emergency. The course costs £25, which includes full course notes and your certificate of completion. Contact the office to book your place now – 01376 513369.

Please note: full payment is required to secure your booking. Refunds can only be offered on places cancelled at least 14 days before the course.

Equine Dentistry

Equine Dental Care has advanced significantly in recent years. A variety of new dental conditions are now recognised with new treatments available. It has become clear that a 'routine' dental examination (i.e. using an equine dental gag, flushing the mouth clean and looking with a head torch) may not be enough to diagnose some dental diseases. Whenever dental disease is suspected, a comprehensive dental examination should be performed. This requires sedation and the use of a dental mirror, or ideally endoscope, so that every part of the mouth and teeth can be visualised. The practice has a portable dental endoscope to carry out such examinations on site. A full dental examination may be recommended by your vet as part of any weight-loss investigation, poor-performance work-up, head-shaking investigation or whenever horses are having trouble eating.

We now have Equine Veterinary Mouth Wash in stock, which can play a useful part in the management of periodontal disease and peripheral dental caries. We also stock large 300ml equine dental mouth-wash syringes. A starter kit including a 5L bottle of the mouth wash plus a dental syringe costs £30. The mouth wash alone is £10 per 5L bottle.



**Thank you once again for choosing to use Paton and Lee to treat your horse, pony or donkey.
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