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PATON & LEE

EQUINE VETERINARY SURGERY



Season's Greetings

We'd like to start by wishing all our wonderful clients a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. As always, our dedicated team will be here 24/7 if you need us in an emergency. Our office opening hours over the Christmas period will be:

Tues 24th December – Closed from 1pm
Weds 25th & Thurs 26th December – Emergency Only
Fri 27th December – Open 9am – 5pm
Sat 28th December – Open 9am – 12.30pm
Sun 29th December – Emergency Only
Mon 30th & Tues 31st December - Open 9am – 5pm
Weds 1st January - Emergency Only
Thurs 2nd January – Normal Hours Resume

Medication orders for Christmas

As we move into the festive season, we understand that delays with the Royal Mail are likely. To ensure you receive any medications required over the Christmas period, we kindly ask that you order them as soon as possible.

Medication can be ordered over the phone or online at <https://shorturl.at/6CHIO>

Collection from the practice is always welcome & for your convenience, we have a secure, locked box at the practice available upon request for out of hours collection.

Where possible, please allow a minimum of 48 hours notice when requesting repeat medications or written prescriptions. We will try to be as efficient as possible however each medication request must be reviewed & approved by the prescribing vet before it can be dispensed & with our vets often on the road, this can take some time.



Do you have a horse that suffers from Sweet Itch?

A vaccine which is designed to prevent ringworm in horses has shown great promise (off license) in recent years at also reducing the clinical signs of sweet itch.

The vaccine needs to be given before the horse develops seasonal symptoms of sweet itch so it's advised to have the first dose around early-mid February then another 2 weeks later.

The product needs to be imported from abroad and this takes time therefore we do need to know in advance if this is something you are considering for your horse.

For more information or to register your interest please call the practice on 01376 513369 or email info@patonandlee.co.uk.

Zone Days 2025

Zone day posters for next year are now available to view and download on our website or if you'd like a hard copy for your yard notice board, please do drop us an email and we will happily to send this to you.

Our zone days are exceptionally popular because they're the best way to save money on your routine veterinary work – vaccinations, dental examinations, blood samples and health checks etc. We even offer an additional vaccine and dental discount exclusively on zone days.



Terms and conditions do apply for our zone days – you won't be able to choose a specific vet for them or be able to choose the time of your visit, but we'll ring you the day before to let you know a time for the following day. You'll also need to pay in advance, which is easy to do over the phone or via our website. Full terms are on our website, where you can also find a fully interactive Google Map to check exactly which zone your yard is in.

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

Winter Worming

Have you planned how your approach to worming this year? Our packages for 2025 are now available. These plans are extremely popular because it's a simple, affordable way to get the best possible independent and expert advice about managing your horse's worming. We use Faecal Worm Egg Counts (FWEC) during the spring - autumn months to assess which horses require worming as the future of effective worm control relies on the correct and responsible use of wormers combined with good pasture management. Full details of our packages are available online or if you'd like any advice with our horses worming please email the practice.

12 Days of Christmas Giveaway

Keep an eye out on our Facebook this month for a chance to win some fantastic prizes. We have our famous 12 days of Christmas packed full of goodies from the practice and local equine businesses we work closely with.

If you're not already following us, Facebook is the best place for up-to-date news, information and interesting cases from the practice. Have a look, and hopefully you'll win yourself a last-minute Christmas treat! www.facebook.com/patonandlee

