

September 2024



Let's 'Stamp On Flu Together' this September

During September, we are holding an equine influenza vaccination scheme to help owners get their horses' vaccinations up-to-date. It is important to protect your horse against influenza so to help with this, we are offering the second vaccination in a primary course of three FREE of charge, saving £55 per horse*.



To participate the **first** vaccination must be given in September, with the **Second** (free) vaccination given in October (a minimum of 21 days after the first vaccine).

If your vaccinations have lapsed, or you have a young horse that needs to start a new course, contact the office and book your appointment today on 01376 513369.

*Please note that a normal visit fee applies. Why not use our half price visit fee 'Zone' days to save even more in September? To receive the FREE second vaccination your account must be cleared before the second vaccination is given.

Charity First Aid Day

At the beginning of August, Abi, Georgia, and George spent a Saturday at [Essex Horse and Pony Protection Society](#), where they hosted an equine first aid course to raise vital funds for the charity. We work very closely with this charity, visiting most weeks to treat their horses and know just how important their work is for the welfare of abandoned equines.

The course involved a great mix of theory taught by Abi Uden MRCVS and practical sessions by Abi and our head nurse Georgia, aiming to teach owners the confidence, skills and knowledge to handle any equine emergency they may encounter.

We all had a fantastic day and had some wonderful feedback about the day. A big thank you goes to our hosts at EHPPS and their lovely equine residents that were very well-behaved models for the day. Another big thank you goes to all who attended – we helped raise over £750 on the day plus additional sales from our first aid bags.



New Products Available

We are very pleased to be offering some new products here at the practice. We have recently teamed up with Audevard offering their gastric supplement, Ekygard, their popular Balsamic Control and the triple action joint supplement Ekyflex Athro Evo. If you'd like further information on these products, please do email us.

Summer Social

We always try to get together over the summer months for team building and just to have some fun!

Recently, we spent the evening playing mini golf at Rivenhall Golf Centre. We split ourselves into 3 teams and had a fantastic evening with lots of laughter and it certainly brought out the competitive spirit among a few of our team members! We are very fortunate to have a great team that enjoy spending time together and feel this is so important when it comes to giving your horses the best possible care.



Pony Club Visit

Earlier this month, Lily visited Essex Union South Pony Club at their Non-Residential Camp at Downhouse to teach members all about their ponies teeth and the importance of good equine dentistry. Lily had a great afternoon helping members to work on the pony club equine dental badge, with a practical session involving a very well behaved pony named Charlie and our skeleton head which is a brilliant way to let the youngsters see and feel what's actually going on inside their ponies mouths.

Autumn Cushings Testing

As we move into Autumn, it's a great time to test for Cushings Disease if you are suspicious of symptoms in more elderly horses or ponies (over 15 years old). In normal horses there is an Autumn surge in ACTH as the day length shortens, but in horses with Cushings disease this increase is much exaggerated, so testing for early-onset Cushing's is more sensitive between August and November. We can offer in-house testing with blood sampling from £57.50 inc VAT plus £40 for the test itself, or we have more comprehensive packages for metabolic testing in older ponies that includes Cushings and EMS tests. Speak to your vet to see if this may be beneficial for your horse and for any other details.