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Petplan Veterinary Awards are back!

We have always been extremely grateful for the support our wonderful clients have given in nominating us for the Petplan Veterinary Awards, with many of our vets and support staff receiving certificates over the years. The nominations are now open for 2024, 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. It gives our team a huge boost to receive a certificate of nomination and we display them with pride in our reception. It's super quick, anonymous and 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!

In-House News

At the end of this month we will be wishing Daniella well on her maternity leave. We will miss her lots but are all super excited for her to become an amazing mum and can't wait for her to visit us with her new addition.



We will also be saying a short good bye to Lucinda as she goes travelling for the month of November with her partner to New Zealand. We can't wait to hear all about it and know we shall be getting daily updates and photos of the amazing scenery sent home just incase we start to miss her!

In November we are looking forward to being joined by Issy Rouse for a few days each week who will be going our nursing tech team to help assist the vets and care for our inpatients. Issy is well known to the practice with great horse skills and is also training to become an Equine Dental Technician.

New Regulations

The Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS) who is the regulatory body for all veterinary surgeons in the UK has introduced new regulations on 1st September 2023 that affect how Veterinary Surgeons can prescribe 'prescription only medications (POM-Vs)' such as antibiotics and controlled medications.



The key changes that will affect you as horse owners are:
Any type of antibiotics, controlled drug or POM-V can only be prescribed after your horse has had a physical examination by a vet. This applies to all antibiotics, including oral, injectable, and topical (creams and ointments). Antibiotics cannot be given based on photographs only - a physical examination of the animal is required legally.

Supporting Local



We like to team up with local equestrian businesses to support them with sponsorship and recently we have had a fantastic jump produced for Beechwood Equestrian Centre. We love to see pictures of you out and about with your horses so if you spot one of our banners please do take a photo & tag us on facebook/Instagram.

The Shine Walk

Our fabulous office ladies Vicky & Zoe are teaming with Tony's wife Debbie, son Rory and our previous head nurse Cassie to raise money for cancer. On the evening of 28th October the group will be lacing up their trainers and taking to the streets of Cambridge to walk 10k, hoping to raise vital funds for research into Cancer.

So many of us have loved ones who have been affected by this terrible disease and we would love to help the ladies raise as much money as possible. If you would like to sponsor, please use this link:

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/team/the-locks-the-tin-can-ladies>. THANK YOU ☺

