



Celtic Equine Vets

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January Newsletter

Staff News Update

Jenny, our afternoon receptionist, has left on her maternity leave but hopes to be back with us later on in the year. We are very happy to welcome Kirsty Stride to the Celtic Equine Vets team to cover whilst Jenny is away. Kirsty has many years equine experience having worked at a large local riding school and lives locally in the Forest.

Passport Reminder

We would like to remind all clients that your horses passport is required on every visit and his/her vaccination record is required at the time off vaccinating.

Wormer Offer

We are pleased to still be offering a buy one get one free offer on Bimectin and Embotape horse wormer's which are at the fantastic price of £7.96 each!

Please note that due to the high cost of bank charges, as of 1st January 2012 we are no longer able to accept cheques as payment, our portable card machine allows us to be able to accept debit/credit cards whilst at your premises and we also accept cash – we would politely like to remind you that payment is required at the time.



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"Back On Track" Free Vaccination Offer

As a practice, we at Celtic Equine Vets are keen to highlight the benefits of vaccinating your horse(s) against Equine Influenza (Flu). To get you 'Back on Track®' with flu vaccination we are pleased to offer you a flu vaccine amnesty kindly sponsored by Merial Animal Health who provide our flu vaccines. We chose this vaccine because it contains the latest flu virus strains which offer your horse the most up to date protection. Any horse that is older than 12 months of age that has not been vaccinated against flu or that needs to re-start the vaccination course can now have the second vaccine of the primary course for free.*

Equine flu is both extremely infectious and contagious and so the best way of stopping both your horse and other horses from becoming infected is to vaccinate. As a disease the signs of flu can vary from a few days of running a high temperature accompanied by the classic snotty nose and harsh dry cough, to serious life-threatening infections especially in young foals.

"Why should I vaccinate?" I hear you cry. Firstly your horse will feel exactly the same as we do when we have the flu – rotten. Also, in becoming infected your horse stands a real chance of infecting many others with the virus. Finally, as you are all probably aware, to compete your horse you will need an up to date passport demonstrating your horse's up to date vaccination status.

The benefits of vaccination were demonstrated very publicly during the 2007 Australian Equine Influenza outbreak. The horse population in Australia had never been exposed to equine flu before and as such, no horses had been vaccinated. Some infected horses

entered an Australian quarantine station near Sydney and the virus escaped. The infection spread rapidly and a total of 76,000 horses became infected, located on more than 10,000 premises throughout Queensland and New South Wales. Vaccination, along with the restriction of horse movement, stopped this infection in its tracks and prevented the flu virus from spreading all over Australia. We have chosen to stock the same vaccine as the one predominantly used in the outbreak.

To take advantage of Vaccination Back on Track® for which the 1st vaccination must be carried out in February 2012 please ring the surgery on 02380 814155 to book your visit.

*Terms and conditions apply

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1. The Vaccination Back on Track® initiative allows (eligible) horses to receive a discounted primary vaccination course.
2. The offer is only open to horses that are over 12 months of age and have not yet been vaccinated against equine influenza or are overdue a booster.
3. In order for horse owners to qualify for the Vaccination Back on Track® initiative, the initial vaccination must be during the month of February 2012.
4. The second vaccination must be completed 4 weeks after the first vaccination I.e by the end of March 2012.
5. Please note the offer does not include the cost of the first or third dose of PROTEQFLU®/PROTEQFLU-Te® vaccine.
6. Any visit fee must be borne by the horse owner.