



SHOTTER & BYERS NEWS

Client evening Wednesday 30th March 2011. Doors open at 18.30pm and talks start at 19.00pm. For more information, please see advert on page 2.

Find us on Facebook. Shotter & Byers has just launched a new Facebook page. Log on for more information about client events and special offers. Please note, appointments cannot be booked via facebook.

Vaccination Guidelines

1st vaccination (from 6 months of age)

2nd vaccination 21 to 92 days from 1st

3rd vaccination 150 to 215 days from 2nd

ALL VACCINATIONS MUST BE CARRIED OUT WITHIN THESE LIMITS. IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY AS AN OWNER TO ENSURE YOUR HORSE IS VACCINATED ON TIME EACH YEAR.



BENEFITS OF VACCINATION

Many equine influenza outbreaks are linked to horse movement. Outbreaks often occur when new horses are introduced to a yard or horses return from shows/ events where they have mixed with large numbers of other horses.

Not all shows/events require horses to be vaccinated against equine influenza in order to compete which can cause problems when an infected horse attends and exposes other horses to infection.

Once infected, it can take a horse or pony fourteen days to be clear of the virus. Even if they are not showing clinical signs, they can still spread the virus. During an outbreak, vaccinating horses which are unaffected can help reduce the level and duration of shedding and in many cases can also reduce clinical signs. Vaccination won't necessarily prevent spread of the virus, but it can help reduce the impact of the disease.

Equine influenza virus can be spread directly from animal to animal via droplets from infected, coughing horses. The virus also survives on skin, clothing and equipment so can potentially be spread by human contact. It is also known that the virus can travel in aerosols for considerable distances, and it has been suggested that windborne spread can be up to 8km (5miles).

Shotter and Byers Equine Veterinary Services, Furzen Cottage, Furzen Lane, Okewoodhill, Dorking, Surrey, RH5 5QE

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SPECIAL OFFER!

HALF PRICE MICROCHIPS

DURING MARCH & APRIL

WHILST STOCKS LAST

We are offering half price microchips during March and April whilst stocks last.

Due to current passport legislations all horses applying for a new passport must be micro-chipped.

Passports are now a legal requirement for every horse.

For more details, call the office on

01306 627706 or email

info@shotterandbyers.co.uk



SHOTTER & BYERS CLIENT EVENING Cranleigh Village Hall, High Street, GU6 8AF

Doors open 18.30pm, talks start at 19.00pm.

Topics include: An Introduction to Shotter & Byers, Care of the Senior Horse, Summer Allergies and Management of Equine Stress.

Free parking to rear, refreshments provided.

Raffle at end of the evening with prizes including Musto jacket, Fleece rug, Equitop Myoplast, Grooming box and trimmers plus more. Raffle tickets available on the night.

MICROCHIPPING

A microchip is a small implant, about the size of a grain of rice, which contains a unique serial code.

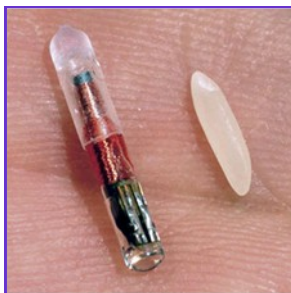
It is inserted, via an injection, into the ligament on the left side of the horse's neck. This procedure must only be carried out by a veterinary surgeon.

The horse owner's details and a unique serial code are stored on a computerised database, which links the owner to the horse. It is therefore important that the owner's details on the database are kept up to date.

Once the microchip has been implanted, it can be read easily by an electronic microchip reader.

The microchip cannot be seen – therefore, it is tamper-proof and permanent, unlike other more traditional methods of identification, such as freeze-marking.

Although microchipping is considered to be very safe, there is a very small risk of bruising, abscess formation and on very rare occasions, migration of the microchip. Your vet will be able to advise you further.



HORSE PASSPORT AGENCIES

Below are contact details of two suppliers of equine passports. It is the responsibility of the owner to request the paperwork required and once this has been received, a vet needs to complete the paperwork and ensure the horse is micro-chipped. For specific breed society passports, the society need to be contacted direct.

www.horsepassportagency.co.uk 0870 241 8263
www.bhs.org.uk or email: passports@bhs.org.uk
www.petlog.org.uk 0



SWEET ITCH AWARENESS MONTH



Janssen Animal Health have joined forces with The British Horse Society (BHS), Redwings Horse Sanctuary and World Horse Welfare (WHW) to launch the inaugural Sweet Itch Awareness Month (SIAM).

Taking place throughout April, the campaign will raise awareness of the serious and distressing condition and highlight the preventative measures that should be carried out to alleviate sweet itch, together with the importance of management of the condition.

Proper management can normally alleviate the problem and action taken early can dramatically improve the animal's chance of getting comfortably through the sweet itch season.

Management options: move affected horses away from standing water and boggy land, stable at morning and dusk, apply fly repellents. The most effective repellents are light rugs and hoods.

Clinical signs may include: severe pruritus (intense itching), hair loss, thickening of affected skin, flaky dandruff, weeping sores, sores/pruritus are commonly found along the neck, mane, forelock and tail. In severe cases this may also be seen on other areas of the body. The horse may show signs of general lethargy and irritability and attempting to scratch itself on anything possible.

Please contact the office if you require any further information.

LAMINITIS

With Spring fast approaching, now is the time to start preparing against an attack of laminitis as the grass in the paddocks will begin to shoot up, full of goodness and nutrients. It is important to remember that laminitis is a very painful and serious condition which can affect any type of horse, pony or donkey at any time of the year.

Prevention is better than cure and below are some feeding and management tips to help reduce the risk of laminitis:

- Call the vet immediately if laminitis is suspected, it should always be treated as an emergency
- Provide a deep clean shavings bed to help support the feet
- Provide a high fibre/low sugar diet and choose Laminitis Trust approved feeds where possible
- If your horse/pony is overweight, decrease his calorie intake; feed clean, low nutritive value hay or soak hay overnight to reduce sugar content. Always discuss any dietary changes with a vet before making them

Once your vet advises it is safe to turn out your horse, grazing should be closely monitored:

- Use sheep to graze down spring and autumn grass or use a grazing muzzle
- Turn out late at night and bring in by mid morning to potentially reduce the amount of sugars and fructans he eats
- For some horses, grazing is not an option, in these cases turn out into a ménage or bare paddock



STRANGLES

Strangles is one of the most commonly diagnosed infectious diseases affecting all species of equines worldwide. The disease which is caused by the bacterium streptococcus equi remains one of the most feared diseases due to its debilitating effects and is highly contagious.

Symptoms are usually not seen until 3-14 days after the horse has been in contact with the bacterium. Symptoms include:

- Depression and dullness
- Loss of appetite
- Fever
- Development of a cough
- Nasal discharge
- Abscesses which often burst discharging highly infectious, thick yellow pus



How it is spread

Strangles can be spread easily by direct contact between horses or indirectly by handlers, equipment or contamination of the environment which often leads to a large outbreak with many horses being infected

Prevention

It is imperative that any horse showing signs of strangles or horses suspected to be carrying the disease should be isolated immediately along with any horses the affected horse has been in contact with to prevent further spread and your veterinary surgeon should be contacted immediately

DO WE HAVE YOUR CORRECT DETAILS?

We are in the process of updating our records and will be transferring to paperless billing starting the beginning of June 2011. We will also keep in touch with any correspondence by email. In order to help us with this and to ensure you are being charged the correct zone fee and are not paying too much, please fill out the form below and return to:

Shotter & Byers Equine Veterinary Services, Furzen Cottage, Furzen Lane, Okewood Hill, Dorking, Surrey, RH5 5QE
or email: info@shotterandbyers.co.uk

Unfortunately, there will be a small administration fee for postal invoices of £1.80

NAME:

ADDRESS:

POSTCODE:

TEL: HOME:

MOBILE:

OTHER:

EMAIL:

HORSES NAME:

AGE:

DATE OF BIRTH (if known):

BREED:

SEX:

COLOUR:

HEIGHT:

INSURED: YES/NO

INSURANCE CO:

MICROCHIPPED: YES/NO

CREDIT TERMS

In order for Shotter & Byers to maintain the level of service that our clients have become accustomed to, we are no longer able to provide credit on account. It is strictly 30 days, we do understand that you could be waiting for an insurance company or payment from an employer but we reserve the right to charge interest on overdue accounts. It is very important that everybody pays their invoice promptly to ensure that essential services, equipment and medicines can be provided.

We ask that you do not embarrass yourselves by expecting credit terms with Shotter & Byers. We would also like to take this opportunity to inform all of our clients that insurance claims will only be processed by Shotter & Byers upon receipt of payment of your insurance excess fee (please contact your insurance provider for the amount) and insurance administration fee of £18.00.

All drugs dispensed to clients via the office whether it be collected in person or posted must be paid for at the time of ordering.

Signed: _____ Date: _____