

## Autumn Newsletter 2015

### Talk About Laminitis

#### Free Cushing's Test

Boehringer are still offering free Cushing's test vouchers until the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2015. If your horse is prone to laminitis why not use this great offer to rule out Cushing's? The voucher is available from: [www.talkaboutlaminitis.co.uk](http://www.talkaboutlaminitis.co.uk). This website also offers information on the disease, diagnosis, aftercare and treatment. It also offers a care and connect area where you can create an account and monitor your horses progress and receive reminders when follow up ACTH tests are due. An information pack written by expert veterinary surgeons can also

be downloaded to provide you with all the supporting information you need.

Please talk to your veterinary surgeon for more information or call the office on 01488 71999



#### Did you know?

90% of laminitic cases are caused by an underlying hormonal disease.

#### Are your horses vaccinations due?

#### IF SO BOOK YOUR APPOINTMENT TODAY!

##### Tetanus Vaccination

1<sup>st</sup> Vaccination -> 1 Month -> 2<sup>nd</sup> Vaccination -> 1 Year -> 3<sup>rd</sup> Vaccination -> every 2 years -> Booster Vaccination

##### Equine Influenza Vaccination

1<sup>st</sup> Vaccination -> 1 month -> 2<sup>nd</sup> Vaccination -> 6 Months -> 3<sup>rd</sup> Vaccination -> less than 365 days -> annual booster vaccination

The above timings are guidelines from the drug companies. FEI and The Jockey Club requirements differ from the above recommendations.

#### Is your first aid kit able to cater for all wounds great and small?

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It is very likely your horse may wound itself whilst in the field or out and about. You need a well stocked first aid kit to deal with wounds if they arise. A sturdy box with a lid is essential to keep items clean and dust free. A list of contents and useful numbers (veterinary surgeon, insurance company) should be attached to the inside of the lid. Below is a list of suggested first aid kit contents.

- Metal bowl
- Sterile saline
- Antibacterial cleanser
- Wound gel
- Antibiotic spray
- Wound powder
- Petroleum jelly
- Dressings (Melolin)
- Cotton wool
- Gamgee and tough cut scissors
- Synthetic bandage (Soffban)
- Conforming bandage (Knitfirm)
- Adhesive bandage (Vetrap/Elastoplast)
- Round ended scissors
- Latex gloves
- Thermometer

The first aid kit should be stocked up after every use and expiry dates checked regularly. All items mentioned above are available to purchase from the hospital.

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## October – Test or Treat time

The routine use of blanket worming in horses is no longer recommended as it can speed up the emergence of resistant worms. It is much more effective to test the worm burden of horses and only dose if necessary. This can also prove to be more cost effective to the horse owner. We have compiled a new worming programme, copies of which can be downloaded from the website ([www.valleyequinehospital.co.uk](http://www.valleyequinehospital.co.uk)), collected from the office or sent by email on request.

EquiSal  
Tapeworm

*We now stock the Equisal Tapeworm kits. For more information please contact the office on 01488 71999/enquiries@veh.uk.com*

### Case Study: Sally 19 year old Piebald Cob - Fractured Splint Bone

Sally was admitted to The Valley Equine Hospital for evaluation of a traumatic injury to her left hind splint bone. On examination by Alastair Kay, Sally had an open skin laceration over the top of her left hind splint bone. Radiographs taken at the hospital confirmed Sally had a severe comminuted fracture (a fracture that has broken into two or more pieces) of her splint bone. Sally underwent a general anaesthetic and had the whole of the splint bone removed and the wound debrided and cleaned. She was placed in a Robert Jones bandage and recovered well from the anaesthetic. Sally received 5 days of medications, remained comfortable throughout her stay and then was allowed to go home. Sally is having regular checkups with our veterinary surgeons and is making excellent progress with her recovery.



**Valley Equine Supplements** – our branded supplements are now available from our Facebook shop or via <http://valleyequinehospital.aradium.com>



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