



SCOTT DUNN'S EQUINE CLINIC

Newsletter



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Reproduction & Stud Services

Providing personal & dedicated veterinary care

- Qualified dedicated Stud Vet
- CCTV & onsite nurses 24/7
- Stallion semen collection
- Chilled & Frozen packages
- Embryo Transfer & AI
- Taylor made packages available
- BEVA AI Approved



MiHorse Club

Why should you join?

- MiHorse Club ensures your horse is healthy, happy and ready to perform
- Receive comprehensive updates from your vet after each visit
- Save money everytime you see the vet
- Spread the cost of preventative care
- Enjoy exclusive benefits only for MiHorse Club members

Below are just some of the great benefits you will receive by joining:

- Discount of 20% on lifetime care medicines for arthritis or respiratory disease
- 10% off all other charges (incl medicines and visits)
- Annual vaccination of Flu and/or Tetanus
- Full dental examination and rasp (not including sedation)
- Two worm egg counts
- General health examination
- Multi horse discount
- The monthly charge will be £9.99 per month or £119.88 per year.

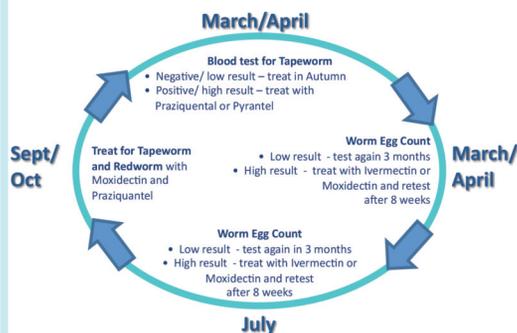
Please contact reception for further details.

Designed by
veterinary professionals

for just
£9.99
 a month

Worming Control Programme

Wormer resistance is an increasing problem. Below is a worm control guide to help you plan your worming regime:



- Pasture management - collect droppings at least once per fortnight
- New horses - treat with Moxidectin and Praziquantel on arrival (stable for 48hrs)
- Ensure you dose correctly according to weight
- After treatment - horses should be kept stabled for 48hrs to allow eggs to be evacuated
- Worm egg counts are not reliable for Tapeworm
- Pasture rotation should not take place within 2 weeks after treatment
- If treating mares or foals speak to your stud vet.

Please discuss the programme with your vet.

Please note that we need a minimum of 48 hrs notice for medication to be collected or posted so the treating vet can approve.

SHARED VISIT FEES

We would like to remind you that our visit fees are split equally between the number of clients seen at any one yard. If you would like to save on your call out fees, simply contact reception and a group visit can be arranged.

We love to hear from you!

We welcome any feedback on our services please email our practice manager laura.feather@cvsvets.com



Please send any suggestions for client talks in 2017 to:
laura.feather@cvsvets.com

Please write a Google review for Scott Dunn's Equine Clinic

- 1 Go to Google.com and search our practice.
- 2 Click the "Write a review" button
- 3 Pick however many stars you'd like to rate us and write a review of your experiences with us. If possible please go into detail. You will be asked to sign into your Google account first.
- 4 If you haven't already got a Google account. Click on "Create account" and follow the steps (2-3 minutes). Then please publish your review.

Please let us know if you had any difficulty in posting a review or if you have any other feedback for us.

Thank you for your time, it is much appreciated!

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Spotlight on...

Acupuncture

Acupuncture can assist the body to heal itself by causing physiological changes. It can stimulate nerves, increase blood circulation, relieve muscle spasm and cause the release of hormones, such as endorphins, one of the body's pain relieving chemicals and cortisol, a natural steroid and anti-inflammatory chemical.

There are many reasons for veterinary acupuncture, which can include:

- Musculoskeletal problems
- Arthritis
- Respiratory disease
- Back pain
- Laminitis
- Navicular
- Skin complaints
- Behavioural disorders

The insertion of acupuncture needles is usually quite painless. There may be an occasional moment of sensitivity as the needle is inserted, but once the needles are in place, there should be no pain.

Most animals become very relaxed and may even become sleepy. The length and frequency of the treatment depends on the condition of the patient.

Many conditions benefit from once to twice weekly treatments for 3-6 weeks but some chronic conditions may require on-going treatments to give long-term relief from symptoms.

For further details or to book an appointment with Marta Garin, please call reception.

Don't forget your Flu & Tetanus vaccinations need to be kept up-to-date.

There have been a few cases of Flu in the local area recently

- Typical symptoms include a harsh dry cough, nasal discharge, pyrexia (fever) and inappetence. Please call us immediately if your horse is exhibiting any of these symptoms please contact us immediately.
- If you go over your vaccination date by one day you will need to restart the course again which consists of 3 injections:
 - 1st vaccination
 - 2nd vaccination: 21-92 days after the 1st
 - 3rd vaccination: 150-215 days after the 2nd



Vettings



The Vetting - Definition: to make a careful and critical examination.

In reality a vetting should be viewed as a detailed survey of a horse to assess its suitability for purchase. We strongly recommend that in a pre-purchase situation a full five stage vetting is carried out by an experienced veterinary surgeon to give you a comprehensive and detailed evaluation of the horse's suitability for purpose.

What to do before the vetting:

- Be very clear about the intended use of the horse and future expectations
- Look up any relevant competition records - if there are unexplained gaps or performance issues discuss these with your trainer or veterinary surgeon.
- Request a clinical history is sent to the veterinary surgeon performing the examination
- Ensure there are adequate facilities to perform a thorough examination: a stable, trot up area, area to trot a circle on a firm surface exercise area and gallop area (where applicable).
- Seek advice from your insurance company regarding the need for x-rays and the views required.

There are two categories of 'vetting':

Two Stage or Mortality Insurance

- An examination limited to assessing the health and wellbeing of the horse; the heart, eyes, limbs, and respiratory system when the horse is at rest.
- Followed by trotting the horse up in a straight line on a level surface to assess the action.
- This examination does NOT involve flexion tests, ridden exercise, trotting a horse on a circle to evaluate the action, nor examining the horse at exercise - **we do not recommend this as a pre-purchase option.**

Five Stage Pre-Purchase

- A comprehensive examination of horse to assess its suitability for purchase for a specific purpose.
- Comprising of a preliminary examination of heart, eyes, respiratory system, walk and trot in hand and flexion tests on all four limbs, where appropriate.

- Followed by an exercise phase; trotting the horse on a circle on both a firm and soft surface, controlled ridden exercise at all paces and a period of strenuous exercise to elevate the heart rate and assess the 'wind'. Strenuous exercise is followed by a 30 minute rest period in the box. The rest period is followed by a second trot up to ensure that exercise has not resulted in any lameness issues.
- A blood sample would be taken to detect substances present in the horses system at the time of the examination, that may have masked any factor affecting the horse's suitability for its intended work. This is stored by the Veterinary Defence Society (VDS).
- We strongly advise taking a routine blood sample to assess the overall fitness and health of the horse.
- Once the examination has been completed, the markings and microchip as well as passport numbers will be recorded. All significant signs of disease, injury or physical abnormality including conformational defects will be recorded on the certificate complete with an opinion regarding the suitability for purchase.

Additional Options

Additional examinations may be required or advised at the time of the examination based on either clinical findings or insurance requirements. Radiographs, supplementary blood tests (eg. for strangles, export or breeding mares) and endoscopy will only be undertaken at the request of the purchaser and the results will be recorded on the certificate.

- Ensure you understand the certificate and any risks highlighted. Discuss all issues with the vet.
- If insurance is applicable, send the certificate to the insurance company BEFORE completing the purchase - in case of exclusions being placed on the policy.