

New Reproduction Suite



This is a completely separate examination area, purpose built for the handling of mares and foals to improve the ease of scanning, artificial insemination and embryo transfer.

With 2 sets of stocks and a foal enclosure this area enables us to carry out procedures more efficiently.

Good luck goes to Michelle Barber who is awaiting results of her final year practical nursing exam and to Hannah Hughes who is awaiting her 1st year nursing exam results.

Congratulations to our nursing assistant Jade Goff, who is now enrolled on the Equine Veterinary Nursing course and will be commencing her training in September.

A sad farewell to Claire Booth, who is off to Australia in September to work during their equine breeding season. On behalf of staff and clients alike we would like to wish her all the best for the future. We have thoroughly enjoyed working with Claire and she will be sorely missed.

Opening Hours

Monday to Friday: 8.30am – 6.00pm

Saturday: 9.00am – 12.00pm

At all other times during out of hours an equine vet will be available to answer incoming calls.

Important changes in Equine Passports and Microchipping

Horse passport legislation is being updated this year, the major change being that **foals** registered from 1st July 2009 and adults not previously issued with a passport **must be microchipped** containing a unique code number, as part of their equine passport.

Legislation states that foals require an equine passport within 6 months of birth.

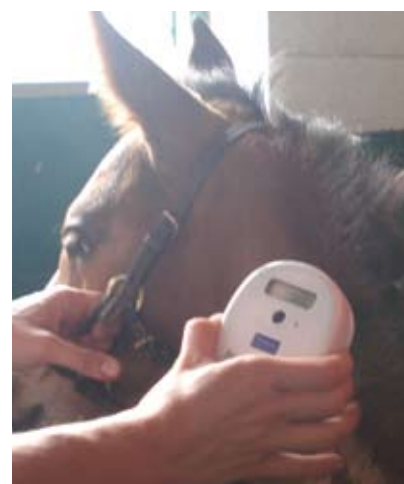
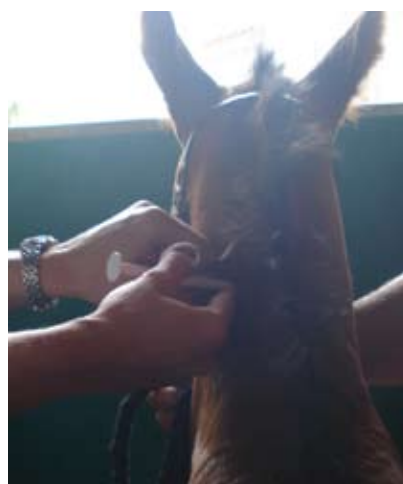
If you wish to have your horse or pony microchipped with an existing passport then you need to advise NED (National Equine Database Ltd) of the microchip number directly. Imported horses, with a non-UK, EU passport, which have been previously microchipped can now also be registered directly with NED. Registration is free online, or you can apply in writing to the address below:

National Equine Database Ltd, Stoneleigh Park, Kenilworth, Warwickshire, CV8 2TF
Email: info@ned.uk.com



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Benefits of Microchipping



Many owners choose to microchip their horses as a security measure against loss or theft. Microchipping can act as a deterrent and help to identify stolen or ill treated animals.

TVC Equine Clinic uses Virbac BackHome microchips. All animals implanted with BackHome microchips are automatically registered with the BackHome data base company "Anibase". For the purpose of lost animals' reunification the database links in with "Petlog" and the central reunification telephone number service.

Are you worming your horse properly?



Roundworm

Worming your horse or pony is essential to ensure their good health. Worm burdens can lead to poor performance and illnesses like colic. By using a good worming programme worm related diseases can be prevented and the level of pasture contamination reduced. We can devise a suitable

programme for you, taking into account your horse's individual needs.

Do you need to change your worming programme?

Most importantly you must know when you last wormed your horse and the brand of wormer that was used. We will advise you which type of wormer is required according to the time of year as some parasites need particular wormers at certain times.



Microscopic worm egg

By using faecal egg counts and blood tests to detect tapeworms your horse's parasite burden can be assessed and the choice of wormer chosen. If the same wormer is used excessively or inadequately the worms may survive the treatment and can develop resistance over time.

These tests can help detect these situations and help eliminate the worms before your horse becomes ill.

Ideally everyone on the yard works together by using the same programme, keeping the grazing pastures "poo

picked" and not missing doses. Yard programmes need to involve all horse owners so that same wormers can be given at the same time. Remember ALL horses contribute to pasture contamination.

Eggs found on the pasture that infect the horse come from gut dwelling adult worms. By worming all the horses at the same time the amount of eggs landing on the pasture reduces by simultaneously killing the adult worms in the horses' guts. This means the pasture remains at a lower egg burden for longer, increasing the worming interval.

Your horse will not take wormer by syringe. Is there anything you can do?

A very common problem is "spit out" where a horse objects to the oral syringe type wormers and spits out a blob of wormer. Unfortunately that "blob" contains a huge portion (50-80%) of the wormer meaning your horse has been seriously under dosed and therefore not properly wormed. Worming tablets for roundworms and tapeworms are now available, which can be hand fed or put in feed making dosing easy and stress free.



EQUIMAX® Tabs

Time of Year	Parasite	Drug
Winter	Encysted small redworms	Single dose of Moxidectin (Five day course of fenbendazole.)
Spring	Roundworms and tapeworms	Combination products that contain ivermectin and praziquantel treat both types of parasite in a single dose. Alternatively a double dose of pyrantel may be given.
Summer	Routine treatment for roundworms	Ideal routine wormers are ivermectin or pyrantel. Unless faecal egg counts are being performed and indicate differently, these treatments should be given at the manufacturers recommended dosing interval (8-10 weeks for ivermectin and 4-6 weeks for pyrantel).
Autumn	Tapeworms and bots	Combination products that contain ivermectin and praziquantel treat all types of parasite in a single dose.



Do you know the weight of your horse/pony?

Guessing your horse's weight is notoriously inaccurate and weights can be under or over estimated by as much as 20%. Inevitably guessing the wrong weight leads to incorrect dosing of your horse. Many horses' bodyweight varies throughout the year depending on exercise levels and diet so doses may change during the course of the year. Weigh tapes are readily available and TVC Equine Clinic has a weigh bridge which you are free to use which would allow you to calculate the correct dose of wormer.

For advice on worming your horse or pony please call Towcester Veterinary Centre Equine Clinic on 01327 811007

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