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Equine Geriatric Health Checks

SPRING IS COMING.... ARE YOU READY!

Here at Hampton we care greatly for our more senior patients and like to ensure that they can enjoy a very quality of life despite their advancing years.

We are therefore offering reduced price examinations for just **£35** for any horse or pony over **15yrs** of age to help keep your horses fit and healthy into their twilight years. **The examination includes the following:-**

- **FULL examination** (checking, heart, lungs, eyes, lameness, general condition)
- **Dental examination and routine teeth rasp.** Dental disorders are very common in geriatric horses and ponies, with at least one abnormality found to occur in 95% of older ponies shown in some studies. They may not show obvious

signs and so regular dental management can help keep teeth working as proficiently as possible and keep your horse's mouth comfortable.

- **Advice on nutrition, worming and ANY concerns that you may have**
Is the diet adequate and suitable for the horses condition and ability to chew? Many common health conditions in geriatric horses can be treated or managed successfully, especially when diagnosed early in the course of the disease. Appropriate supplementation may the older horse.
- **In addition, we are also offering reduced priced blood tests for any horse or pony over 15 years of age**

TELEPHONE: 01948 820 345

A routine blood sample can identify mild or early problems such as liver disease or simply provide reassurance about your horse's health. They can also be used to monitor the horse's health during any treatment.

Exciting equine developments at Hampton!

Weight watchers We are pleased to announce that we have had a new equine weigh bridge installed. This will be very useful in terms of accurate weight measurement for our anaesthetics. In addition to this it is a valuable tool to accurately monitor your horse's weight if you are concerned about them gaining or losing weight, for example with our Equine Metabolic Syndrome patients, or in any weight loss cases or even just for accurate worming dosage. The weigh bridge has been set into the ground and so horses are very happy to stand on it (tried and tested with even some of our most spooky patients!). If you would like to bring your horses to the practice for a weigh in please do so!

Big Brother State of the art CCTV monitoring equipment has now been installed in our stable block as well as our equine operating room. These cameras will allow us to be able to monitor our patients 24/7 from computers, tablets and even our smart phones.



Dynamic scoping and Gastroscopy Hampton has now acquired the ability to offer dynamic over-ground wind endoscopy and gastroscopy/ stomach scoping at your property or gallops. Dynamic scoping is a useful diagnostic procedure for all horses that have displayed poor performance and/or respiratory noise. It allows us to diagnose conditions that occur at exercise and that are impossible to diagnose with standard resting endoscopy. The equipment uses an endoscope which is passed up the nose as per conventional endoscopy. The endoscope is attached to a custom bridle and images are viewed on a monitor. The horse is then exercised under the conditions that normally produce the noise/poor performance and enables a more accurate diagnosis leading to the most appropriate treatment and management.

HORSE CLIPPERS REQUIRED.....

November!

The male members of the Hampton team completed their Movember challenge to grow a moustache for the whole of November....sadly we will no longer have the pleasure of their 70's facial attire!

They did a great job and have raised around £400 which was donated to Prostate Cancer UK so many thanks to everyone who kindly donated at the practice or online.





Spring Equine Newsletter

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Thinking of breeding from your mare?

At Hampton we offer a comprehensive breeding service for you and your mare. Our experienced reproduction team are able to advise on the best option for you. We offer a range of services and breeding packages for:

- Fresh/ chilled artificial insemination
- Frozen artificial insemination
- Preparation of mares going to stud for natural cover
- Flushing of embryos to be transported to a recipient mare
- Embryo transfer into your own recipient mare

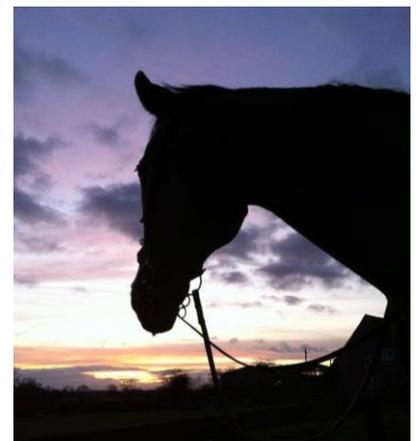


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Please sign your 'Medicinal Treatment' section of passport

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Resulting from the recent horse meat scandal, equine vets throughout the UK have been reminded by DEFRA and the Food Standards Agency of the importance of preventing horses treated with certain medical products from entering the food chain. It is reported that the number of horses going for human consumption has doubled over the last three years and now represents around 1% of the horse population. When treating horses and ponies with certain drugs we have a legal obligation to determine whether the animal in question has been declared as 'INTENDED' or 'NOT INTENDED' for Human Consumption in Section

IX of its passport. If this section is left unsigned then the assumption by the authorities will be that the horse IS intended for human consumption. I'm sure that most, if not all of you would be shocked at the thought of your horse or pony entering the food chain, but it is still very important that you sign section nine in your passport to confirm this. Many of our commonly prescribed drugs including Bute, Danilon and Prodynam are on the list of prohibited substances. If you buy a new horse and 'Section IX' has already been signed you must still countersign it yourself as the new owner.

MEDICINAL TREATMENT		
		IDENTIFICATION NUMBER OF ANIMAL ⁽¹⁾⁽⁶⁾
Part I		
Date and place of issue of this section:		
Competent authority issuing this section of the identification document:		
Part II (excludes the animal definitively from slaughter for human consumption, must be reconfirmed when the animal changes ownership)		
I, the undersigned owner ⁽²⁾/ representative of the owner ⁽²⁾ declare that the animal described in this identification document is not intended for slaughter for human consumption⁽³⁾		
Date and Place	Name in capitals and signature of the owner of the animal or his/her representative	Name in capitals and signature of representative of competent authorities
Part III - A (only valid in connection with information in Part III - B)		
I, the undersigned owner ⁽²⁾/ representative of the owner ⁽²⁾ declare that the animal described in this identification document is intended for slaughter for human consumption⁽⁶⁾		
Date and Place	Name in capitals and signature of the owner of the animal or his/her representative	Name in capitals and signature of representative of competent authorities

Are you happy with your 2014 worming programme?

Worms can cause irreparable damage to your horses gut, they can be responsible for causing diarrhea, colic and poor condition. Indreasing resistance to wormers is making it ever more important to implement an effective worming programme. We are offering tapeworm bloods tests and faecal worm egg counts, which may be useful to you. If you have any queries or to discuss a programme which suits you please contact any of the equine team for advice on 01948 820345