

Wright & Morten Equine Newsletter



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Nic Harries

Huge congratulations to our vet, Nic Harries, who has been awarded the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons Certificate in Advanced Veterinary Practice in Equine Dentistry.

This adds to her current qualifications in Equine Dentistry, Equine Surgery and Orthopaedics.

Very well done Nic! In true Wright and Morten style, we celebrated with cake!



What3words?



Street addresses don't always point to precise locations, and we sometimes struggle to find you and your horse. This may be because we are not able to see the name of your property, or the postcode isn't quite accurate, or you may be on a big yard with loads of stables. This can delay us getting to you and giving your horse the treatment he or she needs.

What3words is an App that has given every 3m square in the world a unique 3 word address. It will help us find your horse's exact location much faster. For example, our Somerford Equine Clinic reception window is "influencing.gradually.rungs".

Our vets now have what3words on their phones, and we would like you to use it too. Please, where possible can you provide us with the unique three words for your horse's stable? We are really confident that this will speed up our journey times and mean we can spend more time with you and your horse!



Dental Clinic

Have you noticed your horse dropping food when eating? Has your horse become funny with the bit? Is your horse overdue a dental, or is your horse due a dental and you just fancy a bargain?

During October and November our Equine Dental Vets Nic and Mark (who both have a wealth of experience and extra qualifications in equine dentistry) will be at our Somerford Park Clinic offering dental appointments (including sedation) for just £60 – a saving of £20 from our routine dental fee.

Not only this, as an extra special offer, if you book into one of these days we will also use our brand-new state of the art oral endoscope to help assess your horse's mouth (this is usually worth £156!) you will be able to take home images of your horse's teeth in digital format and IT IS INCLUDED IN THE PRICE!



Call 01260 280800 quick to book your place! We have a limited number of places offered as first come first served. Appointments are 1h long, please arrive 5 minutes before your appointment time and report to reception.

New Website – is now live!

<https://www.wmvets.co.uk/equine>

Take a look and let us know what you think – it looks great! Great news is you can now make a payment online, and order a repeat prescription by following the simple instructions.





Autumn/Winter Worming

Are you prepared for the challenge of Encysted Small Redworm?

When did you last worm your horse or carry out a faecal worm egg count? Now is the time coming into Autumn to be thinking about targeting Encysted Small Redworm. Small Redworm can encyst/hibernate in the gut wall throughout the year- especially

in Autumn and Winter. Sudden mass emergence in the spring can result in gut damage which can cause Diarrhoea and colic and can be fatal.

We can target these wormers with Equest® or Equest Pramox®.

At Wright & Morten we offer strategic worming plans which are tiered to suit every budget and worm management option. By taking out one of strategic worm plans your horse or pony's yearly worming program will be managed by one of our highly trained Equine nurses who are also qualified Animal Health Advisors (SQP'S). They are on hand to discuss your testing results and prescribe wormers included in the plans throughout the year. The yearly programme includes one of the Equest® wormers so now is an excellent opportunity to take out a plan.

Bronze plan	£50	Silver plan	£90	Gold Plan	£125
2 x faecal worm egg counts		3 x Faecal worm egg counts		3 x Faecal worm egg counts	
Equest Pramox		Equisal saliva test (tapeworm)		Equisal Saliva test (Tapeworm test)	
		Equest/ Equest Pramox		Encysted Red worm blood test	
		Wormers as required following wec results		Equest or Equest Pramox if required	
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We are also offering discounts on larger yards for Faecal worm counts-

1 x wec £10 each.

5-9 wec's £9.00 each.

10 + wec's £7.50 each by prior arrangement depending on quantity.

Please call the clinic on 01260 280800 if you wish to take up a plan or require any worming advice.

Anniversary



In September we celebrated 3 years at our new clinic! How the time has flown by... We have seen very many clients through the doors, and have loved meeting so many of you, and really hope you have enjoyed the facilities and our hospitality, in spite of the reason you were here!

I know we all love working here, and the only comment we would make is that we could do with a bigger one!!!!

Sadly in current circumstances we have been unable to celebrate with you all, as we would normally do, but we would like to take the opportunity to thank you all for your support at the clinic and look forward to hopefully starting some client evenings etc. at some point in the future.

To rug or not to rug...

It's that time of year when it's warm during the day but going off quite cool at night. This puts us in a difficult situation with management, specifically with regards to rugging. We find ourselves grabbing an extra jumper or jacket when we pop to the yard- but does this mean we should start putting some layers on our horses too?

When we feel colder it's easy to think our horses must be colder and therefore need a rug. However, with the fluctuating temperatures this can lead to horses overheating which causes a short-term welfare issue. In the long term, over-rugging can actually be detrimental to their health- horses naturally lose weight in the winter and this is actually a good thing to reduce their risk of laminitis the following spring.

Horses have evolved to maintain their body temperature through a mechanism called thermoregulation- domestic horses have the same in built mechanism as wild horses! In normal conditions the healthy horse is able to maintain its core body temperature at a static state of approximately 38 degrees, irrespective of the surrounding conditions. Think of the cold nights where your horse has access to a stable/field shelter but chooses to stay out in the wet and wind! When temperatures drop below zero degrees horses are able to divert their blood flow to their internal organs to keep them warm. Therefore assessing how cold your horses' ears and legs feel is a poor indicator of how warm your horse is!

It's also important to remember that being stabled increases the environmental temperature that the horse or pony is exposed to. So the weight of rug needed for during periods of stabling may need to be

lighter than the turnout weight.

Below is a basic guide to suggested weight of rug required for turnout depending on whether the horse is clipped or unclipped.

Temperature	Clipped Stabled Horse	Unclipped Stabled Horse	Clipped Turned out	Unclipped Turned out
10 to 15 degrees	Light weight or zero fill (100g)	Nothing or zero fill	Nothing or Light weight (100g) or zero fill	Nothing
5 to 10 degrees	Light weight to medium weight rug (150-250g)	Light weight (150g)	Light weight plus neck cover (150g)	Nothing or light weight (100g)
Zero to four degrees	Medium weight to heavy weight rug (250-300g)	Medium weight (200g)	Medium weight with neck cover (200g)	Lightweight or medium weight (150-250g)
Zero to minus 10 degrees	Heavy weight rug with neck (300-400g)	Medium weight with neck or liner (200-300g)	Heavy weight with neck cover +/- liner (300-400g + liner)	Light or medium weight with neck cover (150-300g)
Less than minus 10 degrees	Heavy weight with liner/ under rug and neck (500g)	Heavy weight + neck (300-400g)	Heavy weight with liner and neck + hood (300-500g + liner)	Heavy weight and neck (300-400g)

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