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ROUTINE DENTALS

Not many people enjoy going to the dentist, but we all know regular check-ups can prevent issues later in life. Your horses' dental health is no different. Their diet consists of tough fibrous forage and they need an optimal grinding surface to ensure they get the most nutrients out of it.

A horses' adult teeth are very long, and continuously erupt as the surface is worn down. Abnormal wear on the teeth can lead to the formation of sharp edges and hooks which can cause ulcers against the gum and tongue, both of these can be very painful. A horses' prey animal-like nature means they can act incredibly stoic in response to pain and tend to not show signs of discomfort until the dental pain is too much. Young horses have softer, baby teeth which can wear faster than in adults. This can mean that hooks can form more quickly. They are also growing and changing, so small dental problems can worsen if not nipped in the bud. This is why it is important that younger horses under 6 years are checked at least every 6 months.

How to recognise dental problems?

- Dropping food (quidding)
- Difficulty eating
- Weight Loss/poor condition
- Bad odour from mouth
- Nasal discharge
- Head tilting or shaking
- Ridden problems/evasion
- Colic or choke
- Facial Swelling

Advantages of using your vet vs a dental technician

- Can save you money when linked with other routine work
- Only a vet can prescribe or administer sedatives for procedures/painkillers and antibiotics if required.
- If a serious dental issue is discovered, your veterinarian is capable of performing any necessary treatments or surgery to properly address the situation.
- Access to x-ray equipment
- Veterinarians are licensed professionals who have had extensive education in many veterinary areas (not just dentistry) and can consider oral care and related issues as part of the overall "big picture" of your horse's health.

Having regular dentals in ridden horses ensures that your horse responds well to the rider and reduces fussiness on the bit. It can also ensure your horse is getting the most from their diet to maintain performance.

Senior horses are the most prone to dental disease as the tooth growth changes as they age. They are far more prone to tooth loss, gaps between teeth which traps food and periodontal disease (inflammation of the gums which can be very painful).

Depending on your horse, we recommend a dental exam every 6 to 12 months with a rasp if it is required. Sometimes the vet may need to sedate your horse, this is so that the most complete oral exam can be carried out and improves safety for your horse, the vet and yourself.



Please do not hesitate to call us on 01208 76403. Office hours 8.30am-5-30pm Mon-Fri and 8.30am-12pm

IS YOUR EQUINE CHIPPED?

ITS LAW BY OCTOBER 2020

If horse owners do not microchip their horses by October 2020 they could face sanctions from their local authority including a compliance notice and, as a last resort, a fine of up to £200

UNSURE IF YOUR HORSE IS MICRO-CHIPPED?

If you are at all unsure whether or not your horse is chipped let us know and when we come out for any routine work we can scan them to see if your horse is chipped.



****Keep the cost down even more:****

- Check if your horse also needs a routine vaccination/dental or health check
- Are there other people on your yard that need their horses chipped/checked/vaccinated/teeth, if so share the visit charge.
- Don't forget if we examine, vaccinate or perform a dental on FIVE or more NO visit charge will be applied.

CORONAVIRUS AND EQUINE DENTALS SPECIAL OFFER!

As things are slowly starting to get going again now is a great time to ensure your horse is ready for action with things like vaccinations and dentals up to date. In order to help maintain a 2m distance between vets and owners we are running a special offer on dentals to include sedation. Sedating horses means, once injected, vets will be able to safely carry out a thorough dental exam and teeth rasp whilst maintaining a 2m gap. Kernow Equine Vets are offering this dental exam and sedation for £75. To book please call 01208 76403 today.

*Please ensure there is a stable with some bedding available to carry out the exam.

The Kernow Farm and Equine worm care package costs just £55 a year!

Let us take the worry out of worming, worms are kept under control helping to keep your horses healthy and active. For more information call us on 01208 76403

MEET THE TEAM

Although many of our vets conduct equine work, the most familiar faces you will see are below, from left to right we have Alistair Todd, Anna Wilkinson and Kitty Jenkins. We are on call 24/7 should you need us in an emergency and always at the end of the phone for some friendly advice. Contact us on 01208 76403.



Pros to Microchipping:

- Keeps you up to date with the law.
- Helps with horse ownership disputes as long as details kept up to date.
- To identify horses that have fallen victim of abuse/abandonment.
- Purchasers and Vets can protect themselves by checking at pre purchase examinations that it is the correct horse.
- Many stolen horses have been reunited with their owners due to micro-chipping.

Could you be the face of our next newsletter?

We would like you to send us a picture of your horse, each newsletter will feature a new photo of the month! Please send to Ruth at info@kernowfarmandequine.com

FIVE FOR FREE!

AN EXCITING OFFER FOR KERNOW FARM AND EQUINE CLIENTS

If we examine, vaccinate or perform a dental examination and teeth rasp on FIVE OR MORE horses in your yard, NO visit charge will be applied.