



Hoorah we hear you all shout! After what feels like a rather long winter, the shortest day has been and gone and Spring is fast approaching! No doubt you are all filling up your calendars with this year's events and beginning to get your horses into shape for the show season. Keep us up to date with how you are getting on—spills and thrills! Find us on Facebook on our Kernow Farm and Equine—Equine Page.

### Sweet Itch.....Nothing "sweet" about it!

With the changeable weather sweet itch is something to start thinking about. Sweet itch is a type of allergic reaction to midge bites – the body has an overreaction to the midges' saliva which can cause a horse to itch uncontrollably. As you can imagine, this can be very irritating for the horse and repetitive itching can become sore. The best treatment is prevention by using a combination of measures below early, prior to the midges appearing, will help if your horse is prone to sweet itch.

- Avoid the midge – windy, well drained paddocks will have less midges. They are most active at dusk and dawn, it will be helpful to stable your horse at these times.
- Use tight fitting fly rugs including face masks – this is the most effective prevention e.g Boett rugs.
- Repel the midges! Use midge repellent products especially ones that include DEET
- Stop your horse from scratching and making themselves sore by fencing with electric fences/removing trees and other objects they could scratch on

If you think your horse is having a bad reaction, it is best for a vet to examine them so we can prescribe medications to relieve the immediate itching and stop the itch/scratch cycle. The best thing to do is prevent bites before the midges ever appear.

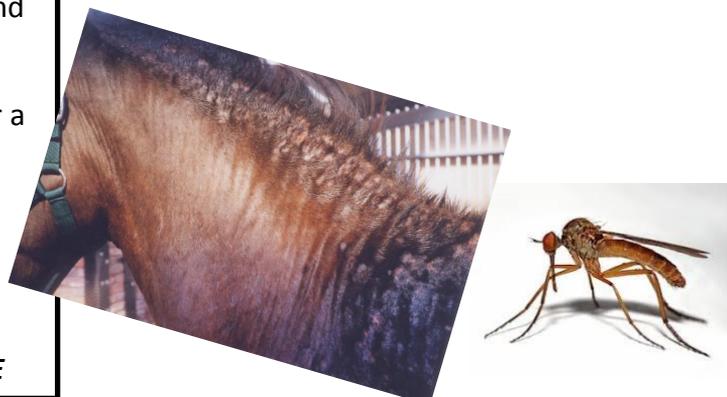
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### KFE'S WINTER TOP TIPS

The cold weather is here to stay for a while.

#### Top winter tips for keeping your horse happy!

- Providing tepid water can help your horse stay hydrated and prevent impactions, as they can be reluctant to drink very cold water when temperatures are freezing.
- Rubber buckets make it easier to knock out ice compared to plastic buckets.
- In the eventuality of snow... make sure you have adequate feed so you can offer a little extra when the grass is covered in snowflakes.
- If your horse is kept cosy under rugs, make sure you take them off every day to check for rubs and sores.
- Get your horses teeth dental checked to ensure they can make the most of their food.
- Stay warm and keep riding!



Please do not hesitate to call us on 01208 76403. Office hours 8.30am-5-30pm Mon-Fri and 8.30am-12pm Saturday and we have vets available 24 hours a day.



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With the season soon upon us its time to think about our worming programmes. Resistance to worming products is becoming an increasing problem for horse wormers and vets. We can take the worry out of worming by providing your horse with a tailored care package which helps to prevent resistance and can save you money too!

### What's Included....

- **Three faecal worm counts**—to find out if your horse has worms or not.
- **Worming and Pasture Management Advice**— a vet will discuss the results of the worm counts and make recommendations for treatment based on your horses results
- **One FREE Equest Pramox Wormer**—to be given during the winter months.
- **Discounted Wormers**—if your worm count is positive you will get access to discounted worming products.
- Free worm egg count reduction tests

**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

## 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.**



## EQUINE COLIC EVENING

AT KERNOW FARM AND EQUINE

**28TH FEBRUARY 7PM**



- SIGNS
- POSSIBLE CAUSES
- TREATMENT
- PREVENTION

### \*\*\*SPECIAL GUEST\*\*\*

TOPSPEC SPECIALIST VET TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT:

- DIET & FEEDING
- KNOWLEDGE OF DIGESTIVE SYSTEM
- QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS



**PLUS MARK BAKER FROM ZOETIS WILL BE ATTENDING WITH MICROSCOPES TO SHOW WORM EGGS AND LARVAE AND THE IMPORTANCE OF WORMING.**



## PLUS FREE GOODY BAGS

FREE TO ATTEND, DONATIONS APPRECIATED TOWARDS OUR CHOSEN CHARITY

REFRESHMENTS INCLUDED

LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE PLEASE CALL TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST

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### \*\*MICROCHIP OFFER EXTENDED\*\*

THE LAW IS CHANGING AND ALL HORSES MUST BE MICROCHIPPED BY 2020.

IF YOU NEED YOUR HORSE MICROCHIPPED MAKE USE OF THE SPECIAL OFFER WE ARE EXTENDING FOR THE REST OF FEBRUARY AT ONLY **£15 INCLUDING VAT (VISIT CHARGE APPLIES)** THE CHIPPING CAN BE DONE AT ANY OTHER ROUTINE VISIT SUCH AS VACCINATIONS/TEETH RASPING ETC.

**\*\*\*KEEP YOUR EYES PEELED FOR OUR EQUINE FIRST AID PRACTICAL WHICH WILL BE HELD AT BARGUSE RIDING CENTRE! THIS WILL BE DELIVERED BY OUR EQUINE VET TEAM GIVING YOU HEAPS OF PRACTICAL KNOWLEDGE AND ADVICE TO GIVE YOU THE CONFIDENCE TO HANDLE MINOR AILMENTS YOU MAY COME ACROSS WITH YOUR HORSES.\*\*\***

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