



**KERNOW**  
FARM & EQUINE

# MAY EQUINE NEWSLETTER

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Royal Cornwall 2019 is just around the corner and we are super excited to be the Show Vets again this year!



**COME AND FIND US DOWN BY THE CATTLE SHED FOR A FREE DRINK AND A CHAT VETS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO TALK TO FOR ADVICE AND INFORMATION THROUGHOUT ALL THREE SHOW DAYS!**

**Make sure your vaccines are up to date**—RCS insist that all horses competing have had 6 monthly flu boosters. These must be done at least 7 days prior to competing.

**Dentals**—have you had your horses teeth checked ready for the season? If not our experienced equine vets can come out and check for any issues ensuring you and your horse are fit and ready to go.

THERE WILL BE A CHANCE TO WIN SOME LUXURIOUS HAMPERS IN OUR RAFFLE. ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS OUR CHOSEN CHARITY OF THE YEAR—BODMIN MOORLAND PONY REHABILITATION. PLEASE COME AND SUPPORT US.



## TOP TIPS FOR TRAVELLING HORSES SAFELY

With showing season fast approaching, now is the time to plan for a safe and stress free journey.

**Before travelling** make sure that the trailer is in good order and in clean condition. A trailer that travels quietly and smoothly will provide a more comfortable and safe ride for your horse.

**Loading** is often the most stressful part of travelling. It is important to allow plenty of time so that the process does not feel rushed, and you and your horse both stay as calm as possible. If your horse is young or not used to being loaded, practice loading before you are due to travel.

**Protective wear** is important to ensure that your horse is safe and comfortable during transportation. Tail bandages and leg protection (either bandages or boots) are important to protect from rubs and scrapes caused by getting trapped under the partition or kicking at the sides. Poll guards are also worth considering to protect your horse from head injuries. As always, it is vital to ensure that the protective wear is well fitting and the horse is comfortable wearing it during travel, to avoid further stress.

Make sure that your horse's management is kept as normal as possible, during travel and whilst away at shows. Avoid sudden changes in diet by using your own hay, and ensure you are carrying plenty of extra hay and water just in case of delays. Allow enough time for regular rest breaks to offer hay and water. Dehydration can trigger health problems such as colic.



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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## Supplements

Here at Kernow Farm and Equine we have a range of supplements that can be used alongside a balanced diet to aid your horses nutritional support. The range includes a premium joint supplement, haemo tonic, veterinary multi-vit, equine gastric aid and a veterinary hoof supplement. These products are the result of extensive research and development with world leading Professors. Our collaborative approach focuses on equine health and well being, certified and sustainable ingredients together with scientific formulas for maximum nutritional and performance benefits to the horse.



**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.

**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 ASTHMA

Equine asthma, previously known as COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disorder) or RAO (recurrent airway obstruction), is one of the most common causes of respiratory disease in horses.

### WHAT IS IT?

It is an inflammatory disease caused by an allergy, and is most commonly thought of as a disease of stabled horses, whereby horses can be sensitive to the dusty hay and bedding when housed indoors. However, with summer fast approaching it is important to remember that equine asthma can also manifest itself in horses kept out at pasture, this condition is known as 'summer pasture associated obstructive disorder' (SPAOD), and is likely to be due to a pollen allergy.

### SYMPTOMS

Clinical signs of equine asthma include a persistent cough, nostril flaring, increased respiratory rate / effort, as well as exercise intolerance. If you are concerned that your horse may be suffering with a respiratory disease, your vet will be able examine and perform further diagnostic tests to confirm a suspicion of equine asthma.

### MANAGEMENT

If your horse is susceptible to SPAOD, the mainstay of management involves environmental control. Affected horses should be restricted from being turned out to pasture at high risk periods. Ideally they should also be kept in a dust-free environment, such as a clean stable with rubber matting, or alternatively replace straw bedding with shavings, sawdust or paper. Thoroughly soaking your horses hay can also be beneficial in the management of equine asthma. Alfalfa hay has been associated with less respiratory problems than grass hay. In some cases, appropriate environmental management may be enough to control the symptoms of SPAOD, however more severely affected horses may also need veterinary treatment in order to manage the horses condition.



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