



WENSUM VALLEY VETS NEWSLETTER

Autumn Worming

Worm Egg Count:

- Continue 3 monthly testing
- You can coordinate your worm egg count with tapeworm testing so that if worming treatment is required they can be combined
- If you do not worm egg count, treat for encysted worms with a product containing Moxidectin in Autumn

Tapeworm Testing:

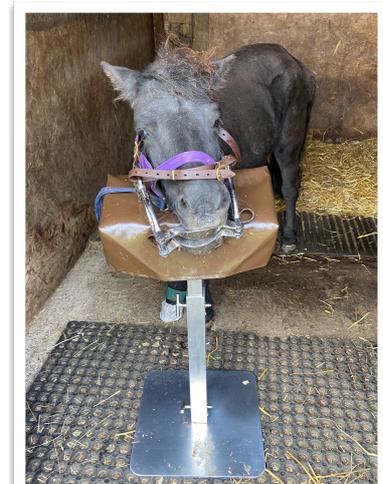
In the autumn we recommend testing for tapeworm which can't reliably be identified from the worm egg count of a faecal sample. The Equisal Saliva Test Kit measures antibodies to these tapeworm parasites from a sample of horse saliva. This is something you can collect yourself without the need for a veterinary visit. This testing is a standard part of our 'Worming Scheme' or can be requested and we will send you a swab.



What's new at Wensum Valley Vets?

The photo above shows some of the new dental equipment that the practice has invested in, in order to provide advanced dental extractions at the clinic. Tim has learnt various methods for removing diseased teeth during his Continued Professional Development including studying for a Certificate in Equine Dentistry. This skill set, means that in many of the cases that need complex tooth removals, care can be provided at our clinic.

We have also increased the number of motorised dental equipment sets for balancing teeth, to ensure their availability for routine dental care





Staff profile - Dave

Dave has been a part of the practice since 1991 and enjoys all aspects of equine and farm practice. Dave particularly enjoys investigating lameness and is looking forward to his ongoing work mentoring the newer vets at the practice Lauren and Poppy.

Dave is married to Jane, a small animal vet at Summerhill Vets, and they have two grown up sons. Outside of the practice, Dave enjoys horse riding and can often be found with his son's labrador, Loki.



every 6 months. Photographed above is our new pony headstand, perfect for keeping smaller patients comfortable during dentistry!

Lastly we have an 'oroscope,' a camera specifically used for looking in the mouth of horses and providing live images on a screen, as well as capturing photos. This technology will mean our vets can see dental pathologies and problems in more detail when needed, and show you images of the issues needing treatment when in the clinic. Viewing the complex grinding surface of each tooth, allows vets to assess for caries (cavities) and viewing from the side can spot small diastema (gaps between teeth) as well as other abnormalities.



If your horse has shown changes in appetite or is quidding (dropping food) it could be a sign of a dental problem, give us a call to book a dental exam.

