

Wright & Morten Equine Newsletter



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Zone Visits

We are still getting quite a few calls asking if we are doing zones and routine appointments. As we said in our "new normal" all of these things are now taking place and our zone days are running as normal. As a reminder the zones and days are:

The Zones



Great news – due to the popularity and success of our gastroscopy clinic in June, we have decided to continue to offer this during July. As a reminder...

Our Gastroscopy Clinic is Back!

And it is even better than last year.

We know that lockdown has been a tricky time with changes in management and riding routines and as such we want to offer you a cost-effective way of looking into those little niggles and concerns.

For just £75 we are offering you a full clinical examination, gait analysis, gastroscope including sedation, weight check and nutrition consultation, examination of both eyes and a dental examination! (Treatments and dental rasping if needed are extra)

This offer is open for the whole month of July! Just call our office team on 01260 280800 to book your place!

Zone	Number	Day	Call By	We Call Back By
Glossop / Marple	Zone 1	Tuesday	12pm Monday	4pm Monday
Buxton / Leek	Zone 2	Wednesday	12pm Tuesday	4pm Tuesday
Macclesfield / Altrincham	Zone 3	Thursday	12pm Wednesday	4pm Wednesday
Congleton / Holmes Chapel	Zone 4	Friday	12pm Thursday	4pm Thursday



We are on Instagram!

Why not follow us on Instagram to see regular updates, photos of what we have been up to, and tag us in when you see us - scan with phone or type in [@wmequineclinic](https://www.instagram.com/wmequineclinic)

Laminitis – A Painful Condition

With the grass growing and the number of cases on the rise throughout the summer, we felt it was time to give you a laminitis update.

Laminitis is inflammation of the sensitive layers of the hoof, known as the 'laminae' resulting in pain, inflammation and, in some cases, permanent damage to the laminae. The laminae help hold the pedal bone in place. When they become permanently damaged there is a separation of the pedal bone from the laminae which results in sinking and rotation of the pedal bone. This is a very painful.

There are many causes of laminitis, the most common causes are:

- **Carbohydrate overload** – Excess hard feed and/or grass.
- **Equine Metabolic Syndrome** - Usually seen in overweight middle-aged native ponies in which the fat stores become metabolically active and result in insulin resistance and recurrent episodes of laminitis.
- **Equine Cushing's Disease** - A disease of older horses and ponies in which an overgrowth of the pituitary gland results in overproduction of hormones that are thought to be responsible for the recurrent episodes of laminitis seen in sufferers.

Laminitis is characterised by lameness involving one or more feet which is often rapid in onset. Most often both front feet are affected, but hind feet can be involved as well.

Affected horses show a characteristic, pottery gait landing with the heel first. When at rest, most stand with their hind limbs under their body whilst leaning back to take the weight off their front feet. Generally digital pulses can be felt and most will also show a painful response to hoof testers.

Diagnosis of laminitis is made by clinical examination, blood tests and radiographs to formulate a treatment plan, which often involves working with your farrier.

Laminitis Radiography Package

Radiographs are a vital part of your horse's diagnosis and treatment. Regular radiographs are required to monitor your horse's laminitis as well as to support your farrier with the ongoing trimming and shoeing of your horse.

We endeavour to offer our clients and patients the best possible professional help but we also appreciate this comes at a cost. We are pleased to announce that we will be running a special offer over the summer period of a '**Laminitis Radiograph Package**' this discounted package entitles the client to:

- A Consultation (On farm)
- Up to 4 Radiographs for £120 inc. VAT
- Up to 8 Radiographs for £275 inc. VAT

Please note prices exclude visit fee and sedation (if required)



And Now for a Success

Story...

Schannon was first seen by our vet Lucy in January this year, where she was feeling a bit stiff and lethargic... Investigations took place and Schannon was treated. Given the nature of the condition and the treatment it was really important that Schannon lost some weight!! Being a happy Haflinger Schannon is naturally a "good doer" so this was no mean feat!

Laura, with help and advice from Lucy, has done a fantastic job of managing Schannon's weight loss. At the start of the programme she weighed 625kg and now weighs in at 455kg!! A whopping 170kg weight loss, and she has reached her GOAL!! I am sure you will agree she looks amazing! Laura has had a saddle fitted, and physio from Kayleigh at Fine Form Equine Physiotherapy. Along with the hard work that Laura has done with Schannon's re-hab, it is safe to say she has a completely different and happy pony (and owner!)

This is Schannon before her plan...



And here is the new "slim" Schannon...



If you do want any advice on diet/ weight management from us, please do not hesitate to give us a call at the office, and Lucy will be happy to review your horses diet and management with you. Don't forget we also have the weighbridge here at Somerford if you did want to bring your horse into the clinic to weigh them.