

Wright & Morten Equine Newsletter



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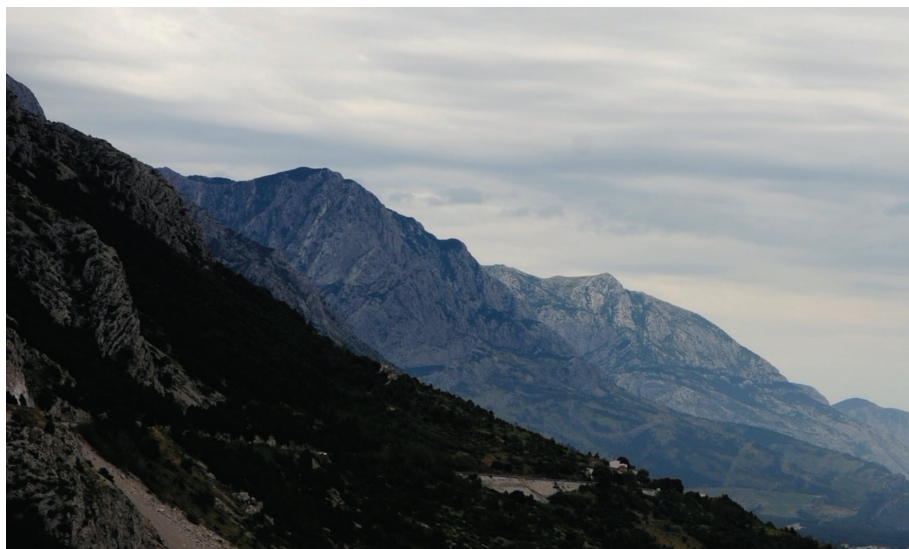
Charity News

As a team Wright and Morten Equine are taking part in the 100 squats a day for the whole of November challenge.

We will each do 100 squats every single day for the whole of November to raise money for this worthy cause (that's over 1000 squats a day!!!) cancer affects every single one of us directly or indirectly at some point in our lives so every little bit we can do to help raise money for charities like this is helpful!

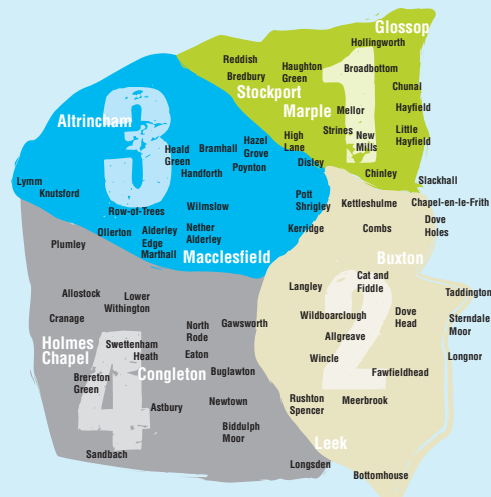
We will post pictures of us all in action on our facebook page and keep you updated! Every penny is helpful so thank you in advance for your donations!

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/wright-and-morten>



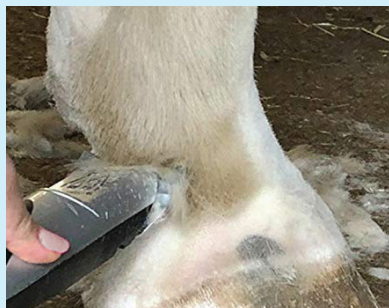
Zone Appointments

A gentle reminder that payments for zone appointments are required either in advance or on the day of the appointment. The ideal time to pay this would be either when we call you to confirm the time, or when the vet has visited. If payment isn't made by the end of that day a late payment fee may be applied.



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

Feather Clipping



Struggle with Mites/ Mud Fever? We are offering for the winter months a feather clipping service. In the clinic, we will clip your horses feathers (under sedation if required), and advise on treatment for mud rash/ mites.

Please contact the office for further information and to book an appointment on 01260 280800.

Prescription Requests

Please be aware that there is a 48 hour turnaround for prescription requests, so please do ensure that you plan ahead before you run out of your medication. We will need vet authorisation, which may involve a meds check of your horse if we haven't seen them for 6 months or more. Unfortunately there are some medication (liquids and sedatives for example) that cannot be posted and will therefore need to be collect from Somerford. We will contact you when your medication has been approved whether this is to collect from Somerford, or post to your home address.



Impaction Colic

What is an impaction colic?

An impaction colic occurs when digested material builds up in a part of the horse's gut and causes an obstruction. The passage of any further digested food is blocked and with time the blocked material becomes dehydrated.

It commonly occurs at specific parts of the horse's gut where the lumen naturally narrows.

Why does it occur?

Commonly an impaction colic occurs due to a change in management of the horse.

Dehydration, inactivity and altered gut motility are all risk factors. Classically at the start of winter we start stabling our horses for increasing lengths of time, exercising them less and altering their diets to contain a larger volume of hay/haylage which is much drier than grass. All these changes can increase a horse's risk of an impaction colic. For the same reasons horses on box rest should be monitored closely for signs of impaction colic.

What are the clinical signs?

- Smaller volume of faeces or no faeces passed
- Drier faeces
- Reduced appetite
- Colic signs including pawing, flank watching, restlessness, increased lying time.

How can we reduce the risk of our horse getting an impaction colic?

- Ensure ample fresh clean water is available at all times
- Provide a salt lick in the stables to encourage water intake
- If facilities allow turnout out as much as possible throughout the winter, or if your horse has to be stabled for long periods of time try in hand walking them regularly.
- Soak hay to increase water intake.
- Feed small sloppy feeds to increase water intake and stimulate gut motility.
- Feed several small feeds throughout the day rather than 2 larger feeds morning and evening.
- Monitor the number of faeces your horse passes in a set period of time e.g. overnight. Take note if the consistency appears to change e.g. firmer, softer.

For any more information, advice or if you have any concerns about your horse please call us on 01260 280800.



Autumn/Winter Worming

Are you prepared for the challenge of Encysted Small Redworm?

When did you last worm your horse or carry out a faecal worm egg count? Now is the time coming into Autumn to be thinking about targeting Encysted Small Redworm. Small Redworm can encyst/hibernate in the gut wall throughout the year- especially in Autumn and Winter. Sudden mass emergence in the spring can result in gut damage which can cause Diarrhoea and colic and can be fatal.

We can target these wormers with Equest® or Equest Pramox®.

At Wright & Morten we offer strategic worming plans which are tiered to suit every budget and worm management option. By taking out one of strategic worm plans your horse or pony's yearly worming program will be managed by one of our highly trained Equine nurses who are also qualified

Animal Health Advisors (SQP'S). They are on hand to discuss your testing results and prescribe wormers included in the plans throughout the year. The yearly programme includes one of the Equest® wormers so now is an excellent opportunity to take out a plan.

Bronze plan	£50	Silver plan	£90	Gold Plan	£125
2 x faecal worm egg counts		3 x Faecal worm egg counts		3 x Faecal worm egg counts	
Equest Pramox		Equisal saliva test (tapeworm)		Equisal Saliva test (Tapeworm test)	
		Equest/ Equest Pramox		Encysted Red worm blood test	
		Wormers as required following wec results		Equest or Equest Pramox if required	
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We are also offering discounts on larger yards for Faecal worm counts-

1 x wec £10 each.


5-9 wec's £9.00 each.

10 + wec's £7.50 each by prior arrangement depending on quantity.

Please call the clinic on 01260 280800 if you wish to take up a plan or require any worming advice.

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