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EVENING TALKS

Following the recent success of our evening talk on colic and laminitis, we are planning another evening talk on 22nd September at 7.30pm. This time the topics will be First Aid and Tendon Injuries, and the talk (with refreshments) will be held at the clinic.

LAMINITIS

Now that the weather has changed (again!), grass growth on pastures is forging ahead – the risk of laminitis is very real under these conditions. Take care not to allow at-risk ponies and horses too much free access to grazing – prevention is always better than cure!

WORMING

Remember to keep up to date with worming. After having wormed in the Spring, horses are now due the next dose of wormer or preferably a worm egg

count. Reports of resistance to wormers are on the increase, so wherever possible a faecal worm egg count should be performed to establish whether or not you need to worm. For a worm egg count, bring a small sample of fresh dung (from that morning) to the Practice in Hook Norton. The new website

www.smartworming.co.uk

offers an on-line worming planner with free text or email reminders when a worm egg count or worming dose is due. Confused about worming? Call the Practice and ask to speak to Sarah for a personalised worming programme for your horses.

ZONE VISITS

Our free visit scheme is up and running and is working well. Free visits are available in your area one day each week. To qualify for a free visit you need to be flexible about time on the day of the visit and book at least 2 days in advance.

The day before your visit, you will be given a 2 hour slot for your visit. In order to keep the day running to schedule, horses should be in (or caught, if you don't have stabling) for those 2 hours.

For more information call the Practice and ask for a zone visit information pack.

TYING-UP

The cubbing season will soon be upon us - when bringing horses back into work for the new hunting season remember to increase work before feed to prevent tying-up. There usually is no great need to give much hard feed until after roadwork is done and you are ready to start fast work!

MORETON SHOW

Hook Norton Vets will again have a stand at the Moreton Show on 3rd and 4th September - come along and chat to us and have a look at our interactive display!