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EQUINE NEWSLETTER



**WE ARE SO EXCITED TO BE A PART OF
THE COTSWOLD CUP FOR 2022!**



The Cotswold Cup
The unaffiliated series WORTH winning!

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HEALTHY HORSE CLUB

In these uncertain times, why not join our Healthy Horse Club (HHC) and spread the cost of routine health care with a monthly payment of only £19.99.

The HHC as it offers you genuine savings whilst providing your horse with top-notch preventative health care, and let's be honest, spreading the cost of the more significant bills has got to be a good thing!

Your subscription entitles your horse to:

- > 6 monthly vaccinations
- > Worming plan with everything you need for the entire year - faecal egg counts, winter wormer, equisal tapeworm saliva test kit, plus reminders of what you should be doing and when!
 - > 6 monthly dentals, with sedation included (if your horse needs it)
 - > FOC Zone Visits - you don't have to pay the £15 visit fee.
- > Foot Balance radiographs, 1 set (front or back feet) yearly. Pick up the small problems before they become big problems!
 - > Free use of the equine weighbridge
 - > Text reminders to book annual vaccinations & dentals
 - > 5% discount off HNVG and Hestevard Supplement range.

Contact us or visit our [website](#) for more information.

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DISCOUNTED SUPPLEMENTS INCLUDE:



Bozmerix has fully recyclable packaging!

*Premium Joint Supplement, 850 g & 2.75 kg
Hoof Supplement, 1 kg
Multi-Vitamin, 3 kg
BozMerix, 1.5 kg tub or sachets
Electrolyte Extra, 5kg
Gastric Supplement, 3.2 kg
Gut Aid Syringes
Haemo Blood Tonic, 1.2l
Liver Tonic, 1l
Muscle Growth Tonic
Pro-biotic Paste, 30 ml
Veterinary Muscle Extra, 3 kg
Veterinary Pro-biotic, 750 g*



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QUIZ NIGHT AND RAFFLE

HELP US HELP THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE

*All money collected will be going to the
Disasters Emergency committee & British Veterinary Professionals Ukraine.*

WHEN: 6TH APRIL

WHERE: SIBFORD VILLAGE HALL

ARRIVAL AT 7.15 PM

QUIZ STARTS AT 7.30 PM,

FOOD IS AT 8 PM. BYOB.

£15 PER PERSON

- Teams of 1 - 4 people. We can make teams up on the night if needs be.
- **£15 per person**, incl food. Payable before the 6th; no payments will be taken on the night. Payment on account via Equine Reception.
- **Bring your own drinks.**
- Enter your team via our website, the link details are below.

Raffle prizes!

- **HNVG First Aid Kit**, worth £66
- **Five free water treadmill sessions**, worth over £200 with **Marston Stud**.
- 1 x horse chiropractic treatment from **Radway Equine Rehabilitation Centre**
- 1 x horse physiotherapy treatment from **Annabelle Galt Physiotherapy**
- 1 x dog physiotherapy treatment or hydrotherapy session from **Annabelle Galt Physiotherapy**
- **£40 voucher from CK Leatherworks**
- **2 x £50 vouchers from WG Stud** to be used either against a stud fee for one of their stallions or WG Saddlery
- **Childeric headcollar** with ears
- Vestaplas **Bozmerix supplement** worth £225!
- **Hook Norton Brewery Tour** for 2 people
- **Cobweb Cottage Services**, £120 voucher towards a trailer service

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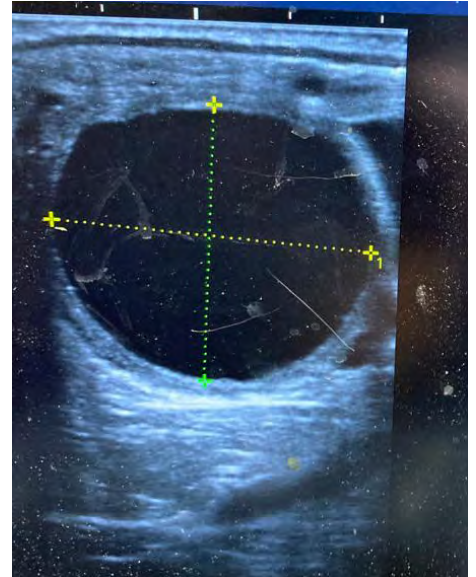
We are delighted to announce that HNVG is sponsoring the incredibly successful Cotswold Cup series of Unaffiliated Events at 70, 80, 90 and 100cm levels. We will be attending most of the events as the onsite vets and will also have a stand at our most local ones - please come and say hello and have a drink! We will also be sponsoring a prize to the best-placed HNVG client in each section at the Championships at Cirencester Park. Dates and venues are as follows:

23rd & 24th April - WAVERTON HOUSE, Sezincote, Gloucestershire
21st & 22nd May - GREAT TEW, Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire.
11th & 12th June - OXSTALLS, Stroud, Oxfordshire
18th & 19th June - WAVERTON HOUSE, Sezincote, Gloucestershire.
16th & 17th July - BARBURY CASTLE, Wroughton, Wiltshire.
23rd & 24th July - OXSTALLS, Stroud, Oxfordshire.
13th & 14th August - CROWN FARM, Ascott-under-Wychwood, Oxfordshire.
10th & 11th September - GATCOMBE, Minchinhampton, Gloucestershire
23rd - 25th September - Cirencester Park Three Day Event

We will have a stand at all events held at Waverton House, Great Tew, Crown Farm & Cirencester Park. The Pimms will be ready, but only after you've competed! Please do pop by and say hello.



For more details on the schedule and entries, click the logo!



STUD SEASON IS HERE!

With the lovely sunshine at the end of March, the 2022 stud season is well underway! Contact our experienced stud team if you would like to discuss putting your mare in foal or if you have a competition mare you are considering for embryo transfer!

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FREE* CUSHING'S TEST

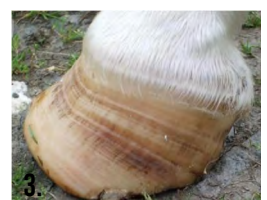
With Spring in the air, we anticipate the seasonal rush in laminitis cases! Remember, over 90% of horses and ponies that suffer a case of laminitis are also suffering from either Cushing's Disease or EMS (Equine Metabolic Syndrome).

There are now some very effective treatments for both conditions – and treatment will dramatically reduce your horse or pony's susceptibility to laminitis!

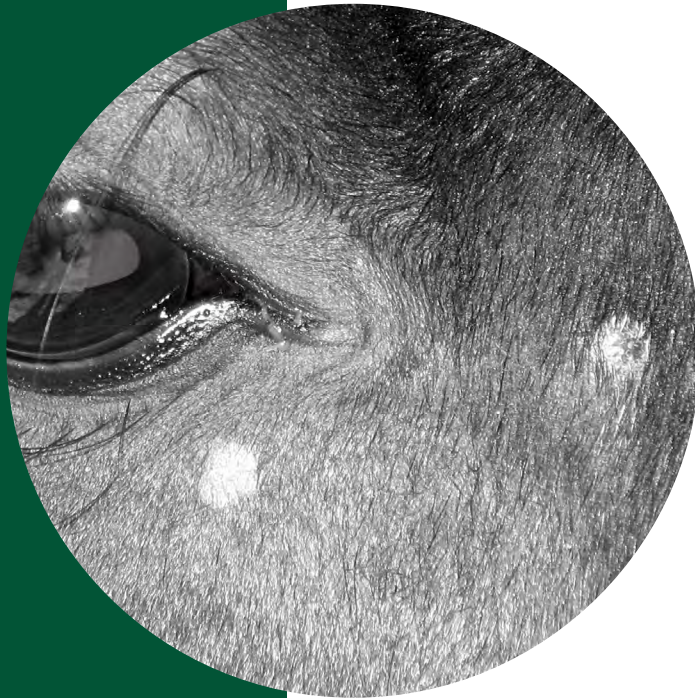
Sponsored by Boehringer Ingelheim, we can currently offer free ACTH testing to diagnose Cushing's Disease (visit, blood sample, and P&P fees still apply), so please get in touch with us if you would like to arrange to get your horse or pony tested.

Spot the signs:

- *Laminitis (3)*
- *Lethargy*
- *Recurrent infections*
- *Reduced fertility*
- *Increased thirst/urination*
- *Muscle wastage (1)*
- *Abnormal fat deposits*
- *Abnormal sweating*
- *Abnormal coat (2)*



SARCOIDS



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With Spring and warmer weather soon to be on its way, now is the ideal time to think about dealing with any sarcoid your horse may be suffering from.

Whilst sarcoids can appear like warts in their early stages, they are a type of skin tumour. They are locally aggressive but do not spread to your horses' internal organs. The exact reason why sarcoids develop is not fully understood. However, it is accepted that bovine papillomavirus (BPV) plays a part and probably triggers the development of the sarcoid when a horse encounters it.

Sarcoids develop in places flies feed (eyelids, ears, armpits, belly, groin and wounds), and it is likely that feeding flies play a role in spreading the sarcoid from the initial site to other sites on the same horse. Therefore, any sarcoids that have developed over winter are best treated prior to the fly season to reduce the risk of flies seeding them to other sites on the horse. Another reason for treating before the fly season is practicality.

There are numerous sarcoid treatments, depending on the site and type of lesion. One of the most frequently used is laser surgery. During surgery, the sarcoid is cut away with a surgical laser, and the surgery site is left open to heal over the next few weeks by filling in with granulation tissue. The success varies depending on the type of lesion, but in about 83% of horses, there will be no recurrence. Managing the open surgery site is easier when we don't have flies to contend with!

If your horse has a sarcoid that you wish to discuss, then please call the surgery to arrange a discussion with one of our vets, or email a photo to equine@hooknortonvets.co.uk and one of our vets will call you back to discuss.



As well as performing standard price castrations on visits we are also offering reduced price castrates for any performed at our clinic on the dates shown below. Special offer prices are £195 incl.VAT for a standing castration, or £275 incl.VAT under GA. At the same time, if you also need a microchip and ID paperwork completed, we can offer this at a discounted rate of £50 incl.VAT.

The 2 remaining dates available for a discounted castrate at our Equine Clinic are:

- > 11th April
- > 25th April

Please call 01608 730085 for more information or to book your appointment.

Colt castration is usually performed when the colt is 6 months – 2 years old, depending on its appearance, growth and temperament. Our equine vets routinely perform geldings under standing sedation and local anaesthetic. This has the advantages of:

- > None of the risks associated with general anaesthesia
- > Reduced costs compared with a gelding done under general anaesthesia

What happens when a horse has a standing castrate?

The vet will examine the heart and lungs to ensure that the colt is fit to be sedated and perform a visual examination of the scrotum. Then, a sedative combination is given via an injection.

The colt's groin is cleaned with surgical scrub, and local anaesthetic is injected into each testicle. The operation site is re-scrubbed, and the surgeon scrubs up and prepares the instruments. The gelding procedure itself doesn't usually take very long. No sutures are placed in the incision, and the wound is left open to allow drainage. If necessary, a tetanus antitoxin is administered. Finally, the colt is allowed to recover quietly in the stable.

What happens afterwards?

A small amount of blood and fluid will drip from the wound for 30-60 minutes. We recommend box rest for 24-hours, then they should be turned out to encourage exercise. This will reduce post-operative wound swelling, although it is likely that there will be some swelling of the sheath. If you have any concerns about the wound or your horse appears off colour, you should contact us without delay.