

UPDATE

Welcome to another edition of our Practice News.

After a crazy start to the year with the well-publicised outbreak of equine influenza, we haven't had much time to regroup before this year's foals have started arriving along with plenty of lush green grass and sadly too many cases of laminitis. With a fairly mild winter we are seeing more and more horses and ponies coming out of winter carrying too much weight. Our #FitnotFat campaign has focused on people's

perceptions of what is a 'normal' healthy weight and we had some very interesting and slightly random guesses for our Guess the Weight competition that we ran at the beginning of the year. Don't forget that our weigh scales at the clinic are available for all LLEP clients to use as often as you want and are completely free.

We were completely overwhelmed with the number of new horses that we vaccinated in February and March and it's now really important that we keep those horses protected and make sure they complete the full course. Many of you sensibly decided to pull your vaccines forward in line with recommendations from many of the governing bodies and at the time of going to print these guidelines haven't changed.

DIARY DATES

PRACTICAL FIRST AID WORKSHOPS

Tuesday 4th & 11th June at Loch Leven Equine Practice

DISSECTION CLINIC

Tuesday 25th June at Loch Leven Equine Practice

ROYAL HIGHLAND SHOW

Thursday 20th – Sunday 23rd June 2019

BLAIR CASTLE HORSE TRIALS

Wednesday 21st – Sunday 25th August 2019

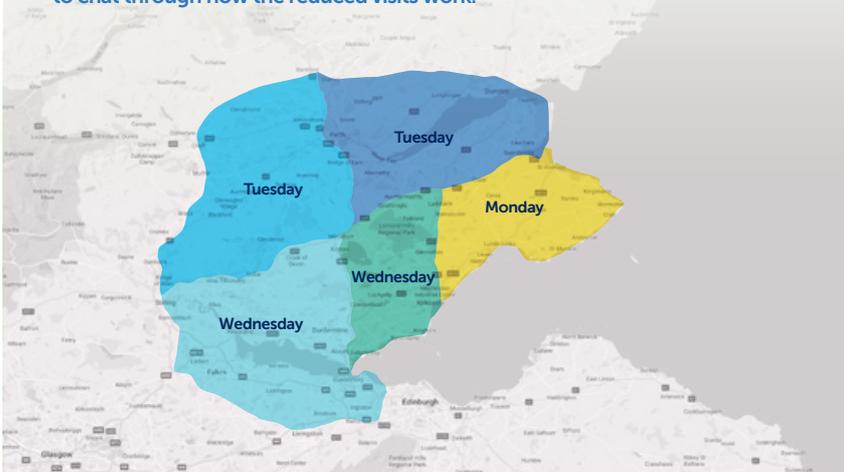
LOOKING AFTER THE OLDER HORSE TALK

Monday 23rd September 2019

Reduced Visits...

Our reduced visit days which cover set areas on set days each week, allow us to improve the efficiency of our vets driving time and pass this saving on to our clients by offering reduced visit fees. Reduced visits are only £21 and can be shared equally between clients on the same yard reducing the cost even further.

The map below shows the area and the different days and there is more information on the Client Info page on our website www.lochlevenequine.co.uk Alternatively just give the office a call on 01577 841010 and they will be happy to chat through how the reduced visits work.



FREE VISIT

BOOK IN FOUR OR MORE HORSES ON THE SAME YARD FOR A DENTAL EXAMINATION AND GET A FREE VISIT
VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.LOCHLEVENEQUINE.CO.UK FOR FULL TS&CS

Meet the Team

Jenny Croft BVMS CERT EP MRCVS
ADVANCED PRACTITIONER IN EQUINE PRACTICE



FAVOURITE PART: My favourite cases are medical, anaesthesia and advanced dentistry cases and I love working in a fun team.

I LEAST LIKE: Being presented with horses caked in mud!

OUTSIDE WORK I LOVE TO: Spend time with my baby boy, my family and friends. If there is any spare time, I love to bake, walk and train my dogs, crochet (for charity) and ride my motorbike.

MOST INSPIRED BY: Professor Derek Knottenbelt

I'D MOST LIKE TO GO TO DINNER WITH....: My Grandma who passed away when I was 9 years old. She was the best Grandma ever. I'd love to be able to spend more time with her.....If we are talking celebrities though, Paul Walker for certain!!



LLEP Round the World Challenge

As if we aren't busy enough we wanted to set ourselves a challenge this year! Last year we raised an incredible amount of money for our chosen charity Hannah's Willberry Wonder Pony so with the bar already set quite high we knew we were going to have to go big on this year's fundraising efforts.

So this year the team at LLEP and Lochberry will be cycling/running/walking around the world, all 18,000 miles to raise money for two different charities. The first Hannah's Willberry Wonder Pony needs no introduction. Most of us know someone who has been affected by some form of cancer and we all share Hannah Francis' love of horses. With Lochberry leading the challenge we hope we can raise lots more for this very special charity.

The second charity that we are fundraising for is Vetlife. They do an incredible job supporting people working in veterinary practice who are either struggling themselves with poor mental health or have been directly affected by others who are in need of help and support. This amazing charity has helped some of our own team and we will be sharing our own experiences during the challenge as well as raising awareness of the work that Vetlife do to help and support the whole practice team. Knowing how important exercise is for mental wellbeing we decided we needed a big physical challenge! The exercise bike is in place at the practice and we are ready to go.

You can follow our progress on our Facebook page and if you would like to make a small donation you can go to our Just Giving page at: <https://www.justgiving.com/teams/LLEParoundtheworld>

#LLEParoundtheworldchallenge



Case Study

DENTALS AND SEDATION



Jenny recently went out to visit Ruth with her Welsh Section D cob 'Buzz' who was due a routine dental. Buzz had previously received dental treatment from an EDT without any sedation.

Ruth is a member of the LLEP Healthy Horse Club and has attended several of our client workshops including the dissection evening, and the dental workshop where Ruth was pleasantly surprised to learn why we recommend that all horses receive sedation for a dental. Sedation allows a full oral examination using a headstand, light and mirror rather than just "a quick feel for points".

This helps identify even the smallest lesions in the mouth. After sedating Buzz, Jenny spent a while just assessing his mouth. Not only did he have some sharp enamel points requiring routine attention, but Jenny also found a number of infundibular caries. Infundibular caries (or decay as it is sometimes known) is the most common type of decay in horses' teeth.

Cemental hypoplasia (incomplete filling of the cheek teeth infundibula with cementum) is the most common reason for this decay. This begins when the teeth are formed - so at a very young age. Thankfully Buzz's caries don't require immediate action, but now they have been diagnosed we will monitor them carefully. Buzz is provisionally booked in to come to one of our popular dental clinics with Jane Haden MRCVS where we offer a free oral endoscope.

This will be done to fit in with his next dental check in 3 months time where we will decide whether we just need to monitor the caries for now or whether we need to perform infundibular restorations (horse fillings in essence!) on these teeth.

This is just one example of the benefits of sedation in equine dentistry. The sedation is not just to make the vet's life easier, it allows us to do a full assessment so pathology is not missed. Had Buzz not been sedated, this pathology would have remained undetected resulting in multiple fractured teeth that require extraction and causing Buzz severe discomfort.

FREE MICROCHIP CHECK WITH YOUR VACCINATION

NEW LAWS ARE BEING INTRODUCED THAT AFFECTS EVERY HORSE NO MATTER HOW OLD. ALL HORSES IN SCOTLAND WILL HAVE TO HAVE A MICROCHIP, GET AHEAD NOW AND GET A FREE CHECK WHEN WE ARE OUT VACCINATING YOUR HORSE.