

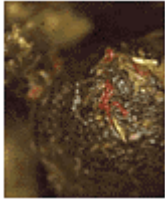
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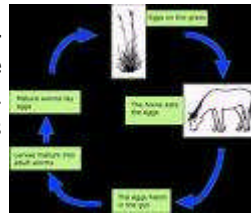
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Worming

Autumn is an important time of year on the equine worming calendar. If you are following a regular worming program now is the time to treat for encysted small redworm larvae and tapeworms. We would recommend equest pramoX for this purpose (£17.40) which covers all worm species.



For those of you who are undertaking strategic worming programs now is the time to provide and faecal sample for worm egg count and a blood sample for tapeworm testing.



Once the weather becomes cooler small redworm eggs ingested from the pasture hatch and burrow into the gut wall where they encyst instead of developing into adults. As more eggs are ingested the number of encysted larvae increases. In the spring time there is a mass emergence of all the encysted larvae from the gut wall causing severe diarrhoea.



Shires Veterinary Practice provides your horse with a complete healthcare service all year round.

Services we offer include:

- Vaccinations
- Passport Applications
- Vettings
- Colt Castrations
- Dentistry
- Endoscopy
- Ultrasound
- X-ray
- Full 24 hour emergency cover to our clients

For help and advice 24 hours a day, please telephone 01785 813955

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Gastric Ulcers.

Gastric Ulcers are thought to be very under diagnosed throughout the equine world. Common symptoms include dullness, lethargy, increased crib biting and poor performance. At present the only licenced drug to treat ulcers is gastroguard which is prohibitively expensive. Boehringer have just launched a new feed supplement aimed at helping to alleviate the symptoms of ulcers. Equitop Pronutrin is available from us over the counter, if you would like to try it give Paul a ring.

Dentistry.

I am hearing from many of you that you are having problems getting hold of Qualified EDTs (equine dental technicians). Both Paul and John are now doing a lot of dental work and would be delighted to check your horses teeth for you. Why not combine a dental check with annual vaccinations so saving on visit fees. In addition we often sedate horses enabling a better examination, thorough treatment and the use of electrical grinding equipment if needed. So no need to get us to sedate the horse and the EDT to do the work, we can do it all at one visit.

Antibiotic resistance trial.

Leahurst (Liverpool Vet School) are looking at the prevalence of MRSA and general antibiotic resistant bacteria in horses. Paul and John have kits in their cars for sampling horses. The procedure involves taking a nasal swab, obtaining a dung sample and filling in a questionnaire. If you are willing to take part then please ask us when we are on your yard.

Daily surgeries at:

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**Please telephone for an
appointment**

Warwick Triathlon.

You may be amused to know that a team from Shires (including Paul) recently entered the Warwick triathlon team relay and won!! We did it for charity and have so far raised nearly £1000 for a children's adoption charity. If you would like to make a donation in support of our efforts then please contact Paul at the surgery.



*Caring for your animals throughout
Staffordshire*

ID Chips (Microchipping)

The best way of ensuring your horses identity is infallibly recorded is microchipping.

ID chips contain a unique reference number which is then registered against your details on a national database. The ID chip is placed just to the left of the crest at mid neck level. Scanners read the chip and reveal its unique number.

If your horse is not chipped, why not get one implanted at the same time as this years vaccination for **only £16.50?**

Please phone the office to arrange this.

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All foals born on or after 1st July 2009 will have to be microchipped by law

Our website is now fully functional, why not visit or contact us:

www.shiresvets.co.uk