

Shires Vets *Equine Services*

Monday to Friday 8:30am - 5:30pm

24 hour emergency cover



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Preventative Care

Vaccinations

Horses can be vaccinated from six months of age. The core vaccines are for equine influenza (flu) and tetanus.

Equine influenza symptoms can be quite severe and include a high temperature, cough, depression, loss of appetite, nasal discharge and stiffness. If your horse is stabled on a busy livery yard or regularly goes to competitions, it is essential that they are vaccinated against influenza.

Horses are very susceptible to tetanus infection. Tetanus is a disease caused by the Bacterium *Clostridium Tetani* and is often fatal in unvaccinated horses. We strongly recommend you get all your horses and donkeys vaccinated against tetanus.



Dental Care

At Shires, we are delighted to look after your horse's dental health. We have invested heavily in high quality dental equipment, while Paul Snape has undertaken the advanced dental techniques course to supplement his interest in the field.

The modern approach to the routine care of your horse's teeth involves the use of motorised dental kit. The powerfloat provides a superior finish, is less time consuming and is less traumatic to the soft tissue of the mouth.

Some horses will not tolerate a gag or having their teeth rasped either manually or with the motorised tools. However, we can sedate these horses, allowing us to perform a thorough dental examination and treatment.



Medical Investigations

Many horses suffer from coughs, sneezes, poor performance, weight loss and gastric ulcers, among other things. We are able to investigate all these conditions at your yard using our portable equipment including:

- Gastroscope
- Endoscopes
- Ultrasound scanner
- Digital X-Ray
- ECG machine

Shires Vets also offer comprehensive worming advice and worming year packs. Using our in-house laboratory, we are able to offer rapid analysis of blood and faecal egg count samples.





Lameness

Lameness can occur in both sports and pleasure horses at any time, and is one of the most common problems we hear about from horse owners. Often time consuming and difficult to diagnose, lame horses will sometimes require a full lameness work-up to come to a diagnosis.

Once we have identified the cause of lameness, we can then decide what course of treatment is most appropriate. If you're worried your horse might be lame, call us to arrange a lameness examination.

Zone Visits

We offer the option of booking your routine call-out on the day our vet is in your area. We have split our area into zones which we will visit on certain days, which reduce your call out fee (this is to be paid on the day, otherwise the visit will be charged at full price). All visits must be booked by 5.00pm on the evening before your zone day.

Precise times for zoned visits cannot be offered in advance but we will endeavour to give you an estimated visit time, on the day, when our route has been set. Your zone depends upon the postcode of where your horse is kept.

To find out more about our zones, and to book an appointment, please call us.



Visit our website

Scan the QR code to find out more about our equine services.



Pre-purchase examination (vetting)

The pre-purchase examination (vetting) is a very important part of buying a horse and allows us to pick up any issues which may affect the performance of the horse or the safety of the horse and rider.

Our pre-purchase examination aims to identify and quantify any risk in order to help you decide whether you wish to proceed with your purchase.

Other Services

Here at Shires Vets Equine, we also provide a number of other services including advanced diagnostics and castration advice.

To find out more...

**about any of our equine services,
please call 01785 850218
visit shiresvets.com
or email eccleshall@shiresvets.com**



Equine Rewards

At shires Vets Equine, we understand how important it is to you to provide your horse or pony the best care possible. We have developed our Health Club to allow you to spread the cost of that care through monthly direct debits which are convenient and secure.

Our horse health plan is not insurance, instead it provides regular health and dental checks, vaccinations and a 12-month strategic worm plan. Extra benefits include 10% discount on all products and services that you may require from us, for your horse.

Call us on 01785 850218 to find out more.



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