



Spring 2015 Newsletter

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News from the Team

Spring 2015 has brought both highs and lows to the Tyrrells team -

Fantastic news for vet Juliette who along with her horses, Jess and Boodles, has been selected for sponsorship as part of the Petplan Equine sponsored rider initiative. Initially short listed as one of 18 riders Juliette received over 60 nominations and was visited by Petplan Equine to meet the horses and watch her ride. As one of the successful applicants Juliette will receive support in her 2015 eventing career. Congratulations Juliette!

In sad news our super receptionist and insurance administrator Lindsay is leaving us for pastures new after nearly 4 years at the practice. Lindsay is starting an exciting new role working for an insurance company. Tyrrells wish Lindsay every success in her new career.

Tyrrells are excited to welcome new receptionist Kirstie Robson to the team. Experienced veterinary receptionist Kirstie has previously worked at Berry House Vets and has a degree in Equine Science. Kirstie has her own gorgeous chestnut ID Brannigan with who she enjoys hacking and show jumping. Welcome Kirstie!

Success for the Gambia Horse and Donkey Trust

Many thanks to all our lovely clients who generously donated towards our collection of unwanted equipment for the Gambia Horse and Donkey Trust. We received a huge amount of equipment which has now left the practice and is on route to Gambia where it will be distributed to those who need it. During her recent visit to help the Horse and Donkey trust in Gambia Tyrrells vet Juliette was able to see first hand how much donations such as ours are appreciated.

Calling all Yard Owners and Managers

In April Tyrrells Equine will be holding an evening specifically dedicated to issues affecting those responsible for the management of stable yards. If you are a yard owner and manager and would like to register your interest in this event please contact the clinic 01763 287744/office@tyrrellsequine.co.uk



Pre-purchase Examinations -

It is often in the spring-time that our clients will consider the purchase of a new horse to enjoy through the rest of the year. But what is involved in the Pre-Purchase Examination or vetting process? The Tyrrells vets explain.....

The aim of a pre purchase examination or 'vetting' is to carry out a thorough veterinary examination of the horse intended for purchase and to attempt to identify and assess those factors of a veterinary nature that may affect the horse's suitability for its intended use, so that the prospective purchaser can make an informed decision whether to proceed with their chosen purchase.

A pre purchase examination consists of 5 stages, to carry out the stages completely and competently the vet will need somewhere firm and flat to trot the horse.

If you are having a full 5 stage vetting there will also need to be someone present who is capable of riding the horse and facilities to do so.

The examination is an evaluation of the horse on that specific day, therefore the vet can only pass judgement on clinical findings encountered on that day and is not responsible for any injuries that occur after this date.

At the end of the examination a certificate will be completed noting down any significant findings of disease, injury or physical abnormality, and providing the veterinary surgeon's opinion as to whether or not, on the balance of probabilities, those findings prejudice the horse's suitability for purchase and its intended use. The stages consist of:

Stage 1 - Thorough external examination of the horse at rest, ideally in a stable. It includes an examination of the incisor teeth, of the horse's eyes in a darkened area and listening to the horse's heart and lungs at rest.

Stage 2 - The horse is walked and then trotted in hand to detect abnormalities of gait and action. This should be done on firm, level ground. Flexion tests of all four limbs and trotting in a circle on a firm surface may be carried out if the vet considers it safe to do so. The horse will be turned in tight circles and backed for a few steps.

Stage 3 - The horse is usually ridden and given sufficient exercise to: Allow assessment of the horse when it has an increased breathing effort and an increased heart rate Allow assessment of the horse's gait at walk, trot, canter and if appropriate, gallop and allow the assessment of the horse for the purpose of stage 5

Stage 4 - The horse is allowed to stand quietly. During this time the cardiovascular and respiratory systems are monitored as they return to their resting levels.

Stage 5 - The horse is trotted in hand again to look for any signs of strains or injuries made evident by the exercise and rest stages.

A blood sample may be taken for storage (usually 6 months) for possible future analysis for substances in the horse's system which may have masked any factors affecting the horse's suitability for the purchaser's intended use.

If you wish to have a limited (2 stage) examination it does not include stages 3-5 and is therefore limited in its scope and may not detect important factors that may otherwise influence the decision to purchase the horse. You will be asked to sign a disclaimer before the examination to state you understand that it is a limited examination. **For further information about vetting's please contact the clinic on 01763 287744/office@tyrrellsequine.co.uk**

