



Summer 2015 Newsletter

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News from the Team

As always spring and summer are a busy time of year for the Tyrrells team. Spring saw the arrival of two new fluffy members to Tyrrells. Ellie, a gorgeous 8 month old beagle x poodle, belongs to nurse Maggie and 6 month old dachshund cross Chip belongs to vet Lauren. We think you will agree they are both very cute! One person working especially hard at the moment is vet Lauren who recently started studying towards a Certificate in Advanced Veterinary Practice along side her busy work schedule. Focusing on Laurens particular area of interest, internal medicine, the certificate will take 2 years. Good luck Lauren!

Good news came recently for accounts manager Susan and her lovely black gelding Diesel. Diesel has been having some time off after receiving treatment for a hindlimb lameness at the clinic. A recent check up with vet Juliette gave Diesel the all clear in time for plenty of riding this summer. Happy hacking Susan and Diesel!



Forthcoming events

Contessa Riding Centre Fun Show

On Sunday the 16th of August Contessa Riding Centre are holding their annual open fun show and Tyrrells Equine are excited to be sponsoring the Family Mount class. Other classes at the show include Novice Fun Show Jumping and Mounted Fancy Dress and there is also a Vaulting Demonstration from the Contessa team. The show is a fun day out for all the family and takes place at Contessa Riding Centre, Willow Tree Farm, Colliers End, Nr. Ware SG11 1EN. For a schedule or more information about the show contact Contessa Riding Centre on 01920 821792 or contessariding@aol.com.



The Gosling Cup

The Gosling Cup is the premier Pony Club competition for branches in Area 8 (Norfolk, Suffolk, Essex, and Cambridgeshire, East Hertfordshire and East Lincolnshire.). This year the Gosling Cup is being hosted by Puckeridge Hunt Western Branch and Tyrrells Equine are proud to not only be sponsoring the water jump but also be the vet on call at this special event. The Gosling cup takes place annually and is comprised of tack and turnout, dressage, a team ride, cross country and show-jumping. Taking place on Sunday 30th of August at Luffenhall nr. Stevenage Tyrrells will be having a stand at the event from which we will be running a prize draw and giving out information. We hope to see you all there!



Vaccinating against Equine Influenza and Tetanus

Despite the potentially severe consequences of a 'flu outbreak or tetanus episode it is estimated that less than 40% of the U.K's horse population are vaccinated. Here are some facts about 'Flu and tetanus you may not know.....

Causes, Symptoms and Recovery -

Equine influenza or 'flu is a highly infectious viral disease which affects the respiratory tract. Symptoms include dry, harsh cough, nasal discharge and muscle soreness. 'Flu is a serious disease which can have a prolonged recovery time - in some cases recovery will take up to 6 months and it is recommended that all affected horses be given 6 weeks complete rest following an outbreak.

Tetanus is caused by the bacterium *Clostridium tetani* entering the body through a wound. This bacterium is found in soil throughout the U.K and therefore all horses are at risk. Signs of tetanus include muscle stiffness, difficulty moving and eating and heightened response to stimuli such as light, noise and movement. Tetanus can be fatal and the treatment required is often involved and expensive. Whilst vaccinated horses can still get 'flu and tetanus the severity of symptoms and recovery period are likely to be greatly reduced.

What can you expect from a vaccination from Tyrrells?

The vaccines used by Tyrrells are the most up to date available. Viruses such 'flu constantly mutate to form new strains. The vaccines used by Tyrrells contain the most recent strains of 'flu which are those most likely to be a threat to your horse. Not all veterinary practices use these up to date vaccines.

When vaccinating your horse a Tyrrells vet will not simply administer the vaccine and leave. Before giving the vaccine a Tyrrells vet will take the time listen to your horse's heart and lungs and make a brief health assessment or discuss any minor concerns you may have.

How do I get my horse vaccinated against 'Flu and tetanus?

Horses require an initial course of 3 vaccinations before going on to yearly boosters. After the initial vaccination is given the 2nd is required 4-6 weeks later and the 3rd 6 months after that. Yearly booster must be given within a year of the previous vaccination. In the event that this date is missed an initial course is required again. Vaccinations are given into the muscle of the neck or chest of your horse. Occasionally horses may have a reaction to a vaccination resulting in a localised swelling around the vaccination site. Reactions such as these will usually resolve in a few days with out need for further treatment. On the day of a vaccination it is advised not to work your horse hard but gentle exercise is ok.

For further information on vaccinations or to book an appointment please contact the clinic on 01763 287744 / office@tyrrellsequine.co.uk

The cost of a vaccination with Tyrrells is *just* £35 for Flu and £39 for 'Flu and Tetanus inclusive of VAT and a visit charge may apply (July 2015)

