



VetGDP

Last month we were excited to introduce Ali, who many of you have been lucky enough to meet these last couple of weeks on her travels. As a newly graduated vet, it's our responsibility to give Ali all the tools she needs to continue learning and thrive in her new career. To employ a newly registered vet, practices have to join the Veterinary Graduate Development Programme (VetGDP) set by the RCVS and have an appointed adviser. This is a programme to support new graduates in their first role and enable them to further develop their professional and clinical capabilities, beyond day one competence level, to the point where they are fully competent, confident and independent veterinary professionals. Ben is a trained VetGDP adviser and has regular meetings with Ali to discuss clinical cases and log her development.



Meet Melissa



We are very pleased to welcome Melissa to the team who joins us as a yard assistant alongside Amy and will be responsible for making sure our inpatients all receive 5-star care. Melissa has grown up around horses and has plenty of experience as she previously worked at an equine university as an assistant yard coordinator and has also worked for showing yards giving her the opportunity to groom at the Royal International & HOYS. The role of a yard assistant is a challenging and exciting one with many varied tasks such as greeting clients, assisting vets, caring for the horses and maintaining our yard to the highest of standards. Welcome Melissa, we are glad to have you on board.

Email Issues

We are currently experiencing a few problems with our invoice emailing system where some clients are not receiving their invoices. If you are expecting an invoice from us or have had a reminder text but have not received the original invoice, please contact our reception and we shall resend these through to you. Thank you for your understanding and we apologise for any inconvenience that may have been caused.



First Aid Training

Due to popularity we are running another Equine First Aid for Horse Owners course on Saturday 14th October 2023. The course will run from our practice in Rivenhall from 10am until 3pm and offers a morning of lectures on how to handle equine emergencies that are likely to be encountered by anyone spending a lot of their time with horses: colic, cuts and grazes, wounds over joints / tendon sheaths etc and in the afternoon there are practical sessions in small groups on equine examinations, bandaging and functional anatomy. The course is open to any horse owners who would like to learn about equine first aid. It costs £30 per person, which goes towards the cost of bandage materials, course notes and transport of the horses used in the practical sessions. There will be certificates of attendance for all. Places are limited and tickets must be paid for in advance to guarantee your place. Full details will be sent out to those attending the course before it takes place, so if you are not already a registered client of Paton and Lee please provide full contact details when you apply for your course place. Refreshments will be provided (tea, coffee, squash, biscuits etc) but you should bring your own packed lunches please. Places book up very quickly for this so to avoid disappointment please call the reception on 01376 513369.



Colic Champions

We are proud to be one of many veterinary practices across the UK who have become Vet REACT Colic Champions, in a new scheme set up by The British Horse Society and The School of Veterinary Medicine and Science, University of Nottingham.

Colic is one of the most common emergencies that we see and research from the University of Nottingham found that more than 90% of horse owners did not feel confident in spotting early signs of colic. Most cases are mild and can be resolved with simple treatment, but a small percentage are critical or life-threatening and these critical cases will need rapid decision-making by both the vet and owner.

The campaign aims to educate horse owners about a wide range of issues relating to colic, in particular identifying the more subtle, early signs of colic.

- R Restless or agitated
- E Eating less or droppings reduced
- A Abdominal pain
- C Clinical changes
- T Tired or lethargic



Over the next year we will be working closely with both organisations to share information and advice from the REACT colic campaign to help you understand the different causes of colic and help you be as prepared as possible to give your horse the best chance of recovering.