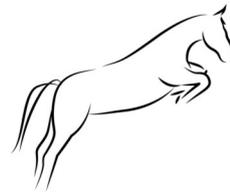


Torch Equine Vets Newsletter

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Foot Balance Offer

Poor foot balance is a common finding that can adversely affect your horse's performance. Long term foot imbalances can greatly increase the risk of future lameness.

Correcting foot imbalance is a gradual process that should be tailored to each individual horse. Radiographic assessment of the feet is an extremely valuable tool, providing information about foot conformation, foot balance and bony changes within the hoof capsule. Radiographs will allow your vet and farrier to collaborate as a team to identify specific farriery requirements, aid appropriate trimming and shoeing of the hoof and guide targeted treatment of injuries.

Our new foot balance package includes assessment of foot conformation and four foot radiographs. There is no need to remove shoes and sedation is included. The radiographs will then be analysed and forwarded to your farrier to ensure your horse benefits from the combined knowledge of both professions.

Price: £120 inc.vat

Torch Equine Vets - RESEARCH

We are currently involved in a research study by The Animal Health Trust in Newmarket. The AHT is a long established charity dedicated to treating and researching disease in animals and has been responsible for some major advances in our ability to combat ill health.

The new research project, collaborating with the Royal Veterinary College (RVC) and the University of Nottingham, aims to help owners protect their horses, ponies and donkeys from infectious disease. It hopes to increase awareness, improve best practices and ultimately nationwide horse health.

Horse owners will be contacted and asked to complete a questionnaire by post on their management and measures to help prevent infectious disease.

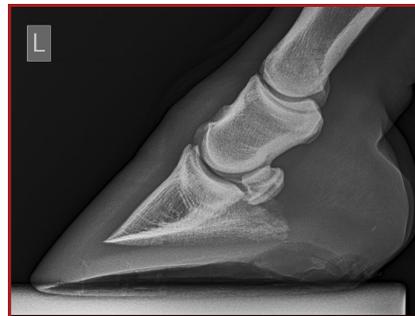
The study is nationwide and aims to have 1000 completed questionnaires to help formulate a comprehensive 'Best Practice Manual' for biosecurity.

Please let us know if you do not wish us to share your name and address with the study. We are assured that any shared data will not be passed on beyond the research study at the AHT.

To ensure we are able to spend enough time with each horse, this offer cannot be booked on a zone visit day. A standard visit fee will apply, alternatively you can bring your horse to Mullacott Equine Hospital.

Ideal candidates:

- Horses with conformation issues
- Performance horses aiming to reach their maximum potential
- Chronic laminitic horses



TENDON & JOINT THERAPY

Due to the acquisition of new high quality in-house equipment we are pleased to be able to offer IRAP and PRP therapy for the treatment of tendon injuries and degenerative joint disease. Both therapies work by harvesting anti-inflammatory mediators from the horse's own blood which are then prepared and injected into the affected tendon or joint, under sterile conditions.

These treatments, alongside the use of STEM CELLS (already offered by Torch Equine Vets), form an exciting new generation of 'Regenerative Therapies.'

To discuss this treatment further please contact one of the Torch Equine Vets.



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Congratulations to....

Chris and Katy Spear whose middleweight show hunter '**Storm XVII**' (pictured right with Katy) ridden by **Jenny Lo-vel** has qualified for Horse of the Year Show.

Judi Bristow-Roome and Brownscombe Felix who have qualified for The Mitsubishi Motors Grassroots Championships at Badminton in 2017. There are also many others who are currently chasing qualification at present so best of luck to them.



Pippa Clifton and Fiasco won their Elementary Area Dressage qualifier in fine style and head to the Pet Plan National Championships at Hartpury College on 12-16th April 2017

Sally Jobson Scott's six year old mare **Dolce Vita DB Z** was selected, for the second year running, to compete at the World Show Jumping championships for young horses at Lanakan in Belgium.



Tracey Shawyer and Maria Wright whose Arab racehorse **Winscott Red Eagle ('Spin')** came third in the first Heritage Arabian Racing Club (HARC) race to be held in the UK, at Chelmsford City on 25th September. It was a superb training performance by Tracey's daughter Maria as '**Spin**' was only beaten by two much more experienced horses. We will watch the progress of their small stable of Arabs keenly over the next 12 months.



We were pleased to sponsor the annual **Inter-yard Showjumping Competition held at Coxleigh Barton**— Congratulations to the winning team 'The Coxleigh Bay Boys' (left).

£350 was raised for Devon Air Ambulance.



STAFF NEWS



Thank you for welcoming new vets **Kathryn Munday** and **Nathalie van Heesewijk** into the fold, they are already proving great assets to our practice. **Nathalie** (pictured left) has just been awarded the postgraduate qualification of *Advanced Veterinary Practitioner in Equine Medicine (Cert. AVP Equine Medicine)* which involves an incredible amount of extra study so well done to her!

Hazel Brearey retired this summer after more than 17 years service at the practice. We all miss her kind and caring presence here. **Hazel's** contribution to the Mullacott practice over the years has been enormous and she certainly deserves a well earned quieter time without a phone ringing in one ear and a vet asking the impossible in the other!

We are delighted to welcome **Sarah Betts** (pictured right with her horse Bentley) to our Equine administration and accounts team. **Sarah** has been an equine client with us since moving to Devon and has a good knowledge of equine matters.



Miriam Mansfield a longstanding and valuable member of our reception team at Mullacott has embarked on a very exciting new venture outside the practice. We send her our kindest wishes and thank her for all expertise over the years.

We have welcomed **Elisha Anton** (pictured left) to the reception team this summer who is already proving a very capable member.

Paul and Harriet Jarvis welcomed their new arrival **Imogen** on the 12th of July. They have been overwhelmed by all the kind wishes and cards they have received.

