



Wensum Valley Veterinary Surgeons EQUINE Newsletter

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Equine Dentistry at Wensum Valley Vets

DID YOU KNOW... we have purchased two new battery-powered motorised dental systems in the last 18 months. By investing in this, and a full range of dental equipment, we are able to offer you a professional and comprehensive equine dental service. We can carry out both routine and advanced dental procedures on your horse. We also continuously invest time and money into professional development to ensure our vets are up-to-date with new procedures and techniques.

During our routine dental work, we ensure that your horse's mouth is as comfortable as possible, whatever their age or role in life. We sometimes find problems which require more advanced work to be carried out.

These include, but are not limited to:

- Loose Teeth
- Fractured Teeth
- Infundibular Caries (equivalent to a cavity)
- Diastema (gaps between the teeth, often containing rotting food)

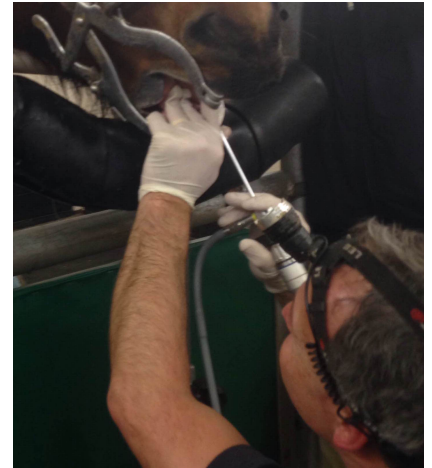
Many of these issues can be incredibly painful for your horse and they may need advanced dentistry in order to treat the problem. Some will be covered by insurance for vets fees.

Horses with dental issues may show a variety of clinical signs such as:

- Ridden performance issues and / or temperament change
- Quidding (dropping food)
- Weight loss
- Reluctance to eat

As well as our powerfloats, we have invested in a state-of-the-art wireless radiography unit, to ensure we get high resolution radiographs of your horses head when needed.

Most advanced procedures we perform at our clinic under 'standing sedation' and local anaesthetic blocks, but when needed, we are able to get a visiting dental specialist to carry out some techniques - such as filling infundibular caries.



Equine Metabolic Syndrome and Cushing's Disease

Last month, our newsletter highlighted the diseases that significantly contribute to the risk of your horse developing laminitis. Between them, these conditions play a part in over 90% of laminitis cases seen.



We are still seeing new cases of laminitis develop, and going into winter provides the perfect opportunity to **get on top of your horse's weight** management. With less grass on the pasture we can control the amount of hay our horses are receiving, to ensure that next spring and summer we are not fighting a losing battle.

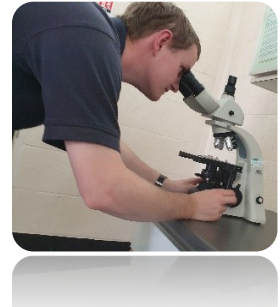
To recap, Equine Metabolic Syndrome and Cushing's disease can both be tested for by taking some blood. This allows us to make an informed plan on how to manage your horse's weight and **reduce** the risk of your horse developing laminitis.

If you would like to know more, feel free to give us a call or download last month's newsletter from the 'Factsheets' section of our website - www.wensumvalleyvets.co.uk

Targeted Worming Programme

We are still offering our Targeted Worm Egg Count Programme for your horse. This package provides everything you need to ensure appropriate management of your horse's worm burden responsibly.

- Four Worm Egg Counts per year
- Egg Count Reduction Test when required
- Equisal Tapeworm Test
- Veterinary advice on all aspects of worm management
- 10% off all recommended wormers



If you would like to sign up, you can find a registration form and more information on our website: www.wensumvalleyvets.co.uk in the 'Equine Factsheets' section or give us a call and we can send you one.

New (and Improved) Website

Our new website is now up and running, there is still a little bit of information to add, but we really like the look and feel of it.

The website is there for you to use, and we would appreciate any feedback you may have. This could include:

- Any additional information you would like to see on there?
- Any aspects that you find difficult to use or that don't display correctly on your device?
- Any features that you think work well?

If you do have any feedback, please contact us - ideally by the form on the website 'Contact Us' page



If you have any questions regarding equine dentistry, laminitis, targeted worming or any other concern about your animal, please don't hesitate to call us!

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