



Wensum Valley Veterinary Surgeons EQUINE Newsletter

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What3Words

Do we sometimes struggle to find your field? Or are you worried about how a vet might find you if you have an accident out on a hack? There's an app for that!

There is an app called **What3Words** which gives every 3m square in the world a unique three word code. This is useful for pin-pointing an exact location, especially in rural areas where places can be more difficult to find. It is widely used by the emergency services, and we think it could be useful for us too!

If you want to find out your three words, you can download the app easily (or go to the website "what3words.com") and it will do the rest. We can then search for locations using the app and it will link onto Google maps. Hey Presto - no longer are you waiting by the gate to flag us down!

Let us know if you want your three words attached to your details on our system. It is important that you **make sure the code takes us to an entry point** so that we can gain access. You can always get two codes - access and end point, just as long as we know.

P.S. our What3Words are hope.beast.sedative - how apt!



MICROCHIPS

The law has changed - here's what you need to know.....



The Government has introduced a new law (July 2018) making it compulsory to have your horse microchipped by October 2020. This new legislation is aimed at preventing abuse and improving animal welfare. The Central Equine Database will then allow local authorities and police to track down the owners of dumped horses. It will also mean lost or stolen horses will be reunited with their owners.

Since 2009, all equines have legally required a passport. The passport must have a microchip number contained within it, so a large number of your horses will be chipped already.

If you are not sure the first thing to do is check the passport. There should be a long number (usually 15 digits) either on the front page or on the identification page. We all carry microchip scanners and will check your horse for you if you are still not certain. We also always carry microchips so we can implant one there and then if no chip is present.

How much will it cost?

We charge £15 including VAT to implant a new microchip.

(Please note this does not include a passport or identification diagram)



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