

HORSE'S MOUTH



The Horse Clinic
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Our equine veterinary team strengthened by a specialised surgeon, Luisa Smith

We are very pleased to announce the arrival of Luisa Smith, BVMS PhD Cert ES (soft tissue) MRCVS, an excellent equine veterinary surgeon. Luisa joins us as chief Equine Surgeon with expertise in surgery, lameness and back problems.

Luisa is very well qualified and holds a Royal College Certificate in equine surgery. She has worked and trained for the past nine years in specialist referral hospitals. Luisa is currently working towards an affiliation with the European College of

Veterinary Surgeons and will achieve specialist status in early 2010.

Luisa is also a keen horsewoman and used to event as a young rider. We are thrilled Luisa has joined us and look forward to the added services we can offer.



"I used to event and still have my own horses. I think that helps me to relate well to owners and understand their problems." LS

WINTER SPECIAL

Take advantage of our winter special offer and get your horse microchipped for the special price of **£12.00**

Offer extended to 31st January 2010

Offer valid until 31st December 2009 -
Not to be used in conjunction with any other offer or discount



**Chris House
British Equine
Veterinary
Association (BEVA)
President 2009**

The challenge of presiding over the largest equine veterinary association in the world outside of the USA has been an interesting experience. Apart from running the Association, the chance to interact with Government to introduce horse welfare codes in Scotland and Wales (next

year in England), establishing occupational standards for Equine Barefoot Trimmers, encouraging the training and regulation of Equine Dental Technicians, the first steps towards phasing out hot branding in horses and licensing livery yards in Scotland are but a few of

the challenges faced in the last 12 months. Other Government suggestions have been less welcome, such as the introduction of a horse tax, hopefully which, after lobbying will disappear, at least in the short term. Being President has its benefits and I have been able to travel

extensively as an ambassador for the Association. In December my term of office comes to an end and I look forward to returning to life as a veterinary practitioner in Essex!

Chris House

Forthcoming Events...

Our ever-popular and well attended Client Lecture Evenings will return in early 2010. These informative and fun evenings are always in aid of equine charities and places fill up fast, so keep an eye on our website and local press for further details!! We pride ourselves on our client education and would be happy to get involved with local Pony Club and Riding Club events. Contact us if you would like one of our vets to do a free talk for your organisation or yard.

Local Visits

Are you aware that we offer a reduced visit fee on a Wednesday afternoon? Clients whose horses are stabled within a four mile radius of the clinic can benefit from a reduced visit fee. Please contact Equine Reception for further details.

Newsletters and Special Offers

To receive our newsletter and special offers via e-mail, contact us on 01277 823 808 or send us an e-mail: info@houseandjackson.co.uk

Have you seen the new facilities we have to treat your horse?

Hospitalisation Stables



We now have a brand new American barn with 10 stables, a treatment and consultation room and nursing station. The stables have been designed to allow comfort and intensive care for critically ill and day patients alike. This new facility is the first phase of the re-development at our clinic in Blackmore, near Norton Heath.

Fertility & Farrier Barn



The forge has been re-designed with soft rubber matting and a new set of stocks so it can function as a forge for our weekly dedicated corrective farriery clinics and to perform routine reproductive management of mares during the stud season. Your own farrier is very welcome to book the facility and our expertise for any shoeing issues.



WINTER TIPS: Over-Rugging horses

Remember that your horse is blessed with his own waterproof fur coat! He may need some extra protection if you clip him fully, and some water-

proofing if he has lost coat quality with age. Over-rugging leads to over-heating which is unpleasant for the horse and may predispose

him to skin diseases.

For more "Top Tips" visit our website

New Equipment at The Horse Clinic

Recent new additions to our extensive array of diagnostic and treatment equipment.

IRAP

is an equine blood product, an exciting new treatment for joints with the added benefit of no restrictions for competition horses. We are one of only a few selected clinics able to offer this treatment.

Stem Cell Treatment

This pioneering technique involves collecting stem cells from bone marrow and implanting them into tendon lesions. Again, we are one of the few private practices able to perform such an advanced technique.

Gastroscope

We have a new three metre video endoscope to improve the diagnostic quality of gastroscopy, an important tool in investigating equine gastric ulcer syndrome.

New Masterpulse Shockwave

This machine helps us to improve treatment of musculoskeletal injury in horses, for example proximal suspensory desmitis, a common injury in dressage horses and cobs

WHY NOT VISIT OUR CLINIC?

We are very proud of our clinic and would be more than happy to show you around the new facilities and equipment. Just give our

Head Equine Nurse, Michelle Wilson, a call to arrange a visit on **01277 823808**.

Nina Grimstead to re-join the team!

We are very pleased to announce that Nina Grimstead will be returning to House & Jackson in December. Nina has been working at the Royal Veterinary College since leaving House & Jackson in 2007.

She will be mainly involved in the small animal clinic, but will be spending some of her time doing equine work. Nina will be welcomed back by both staff and clients.

24 hour emergency service with our own vets and nurses ensures you get continuous care for your horse

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