

NEWSLETTER

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BREEDING

Breeding a mare can be a wonderful experience, but foals do require extra dedication and care to thrive. A proactive approach to your mare and foal's healthcare will help towards a smooth pregnancy and foaling, and help foals get off to the very best start in life.



As a practice we would always advise you discussing your broodmare with us, and we will be happy to advise you on any aspect of the arrival of your foal. This helps us to respond immediately if we know when the mare is due to foal, and time is of the essence in these cases.

We recommend vaccinating all foals and to follow recommendations from your treating vet on worming, (as worms can cause serious problems in youngsters). Also using a supplement such as Coopers® Gut Equalise from birth (after the first suckle) can help establish a healthy balance of gut bacteria and help your foal start life in optimal health.



REPRODUCTION PACKAGES

Within the practice we have a Pre-breeding Package & an Artificial Insemination Package. However we do understand that patients and clients do have individual requirements. Please contact the practice if you would like to discuss either of these packages further or a protocol which would better suit yours and your horses needs.

TAPEWORM

Anoplocephala Perfoliata is the main species of tapeworm that affects the horse. They are white in colour with a segmented body. They usually grow to 4-5cm but can grow up to 20cm long. Tapeworm eggs are contained within the segments and are passed out in the horse's faeces.

The eggs are eaten by an intermediate host, the oribatid mite, also known as the forage mite, which lives on the pasture. They develop inside the mite for 2-4 months and then get eaten by the horse where they continue to develop into adult tapeworms.

Tapeworms will attach themselves to the gut lining, often at the ileocaecal junction between the small and large intestine, and they feed off the food present in the gut. A burden can cause unthriftiness, hairloss, enteritis and colic.

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