

# NEWSLETTER

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Your Horse, Your Choice

## SWEET ITCH

Does your horse/pony suffer from sweet itch? We are starting to compile the 2024 list for horses we hope to help manage the condition.

For more information please contact the office on 01442851921 or email [admin@farrandpursey.com](mailto:admin@farrandpursey.com).

Please make all enquiries & add your horse to the list before the end of October for treatment in early Feb 2024.



To those clients whose horses have previously had the treatment please contact the office if you would like your horse to be included on the treatment list for next year.



## THE IMPORTANCE OF ACTH MONITORING TESTS

Experts advise that horses being treated for Equine Cushing's disease should be monitored every 6 months to ensure that the dose of Prascend® treatment is appropriate, and to reduce the risk of recurrence of clinical signs associated with this disease. Blood tests check how well the levels of the hormone ACTH are being controlled. Once registered, your free test voucher code will be e-mailed to you 6 months after the date of your horse's last ACTH test result. Then all you need to do is call us to arrange a visit from one of our vets!

## RVCS UNDER CARE GUIDANCE

On 1st September 2023 our governing body, the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS) introduced new guidance on prescribing prescription-only medicines.

The new guidance requires that a PHYSICAL examination is performed every time antibiotics, antifungals and antivirals are prescribed. A physical examination is also required when prescribing controlled drugs (examples include Ventipulmin, codeine and gabapentin). This applies whether the medication is injectable, oral or topical (including cream and ointments) and is an important step towards ensuring responsible antimicrobial use and reducing the veterinary impact on the wider issue of global antibiotic resistance (one of the major threats to both human and animal health).

## DON'T FORGET OUR ONLINE SHOP

The site for all your horse's needs



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For long-term prescription medication that is not an antimicrobial, our usual policy of requiring an examination every 6-12 months continues to apply.

We really appreciate your patience and understanding during the implementation of these changes. We are LEGALLY REQUIRED to adhere to these new guidelines so please do respect our team members when they explain the need for your horse to be seen.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the new guidance, the RCVS can be contacted on 020 7202 0789 or [advice@rcvs.org.uk](mailto:advice@rcvs.org.uk)

► FOLLOW THE LINK BELOW FOR FURTHER INFO

## FACEBOOK

Don't forget to join our Facebook Group- get in touch with each other, share thoughts, contacts and tell us what you want!



## PREVENTATIVE DENTAL WORK CAN SAVE A HORSE'S TEETH

Check out our online videos of dental work done .

## LAMENESS SENSORS

Contact the practice for more information or to make an appointment for your horse



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