

# NEWSLETTER

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## VETLIFE

Our practice manager Chloe is going to be running The Big Half Marathon in London on Sunday 7th September on behalf of Vetlife. Vetlife is an independent UK charity providing free and confidential support to the veterinary community, with the charity providing more support than ever, 2024 being Vetlife Helpline's busiest year.

At Farr and Pursey we have an incredible team and we are always looking out for one another. Sometimes life can be tough which is why Chloe is passionate in supporting the charity. In order to provide a high level of service we also need to look after ourselves and the team around us.

The veterinary community continues to experience significantly higher levels of depression and suicide than the general population. Vetlife works to ensure that those engaged in the veterinary community are aware of available assistance, and signposts them to sources of help should they, or a colleague, be in need of support.



**We would be extremely grateful for any donations that you can offer to support those in need that provide a fantastic service to our beloved four legged friends.**

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## TIPS FOR SOAKING HAY OVER THE SUMMER MONTHS

Soaking hay is great for our laminitic/EMS horses and ponies. Soaking for at least 8 hours at ambient temperature decreases nutrients including water-soluble carbohydrates by 24%-43% and can more than double the losses of body mass compared to feeding the same amount of dry hay. However, during this hot weather we're having, a long soaking process in very warm water can lead to microbial growth. So we recommend limiting soaking to 2 hours in very warm conditions or being careful to keep your soaking hay in a cool, shady environment.

Once the temperatures are a bit cooler, 8-12 hours will be fine again!

## UNDERSTANDING EQUINE METABOLIC SYNDROME

Read our latest blog on our website on Understanding Equine Metabolic Syndrome, expanding on EMS, preventative care and the importance of catching EMS and equine obesity early.

The weigh bridge is a great way of monitoring your horse's weight. Accurate weight monitoring is essential for proper feeding, medication dosing, and overall health management. As you may have seen, our vet nurse Lisa regularly comes out to some of you to weigh your four-legged friends. But did you know that we offer this service to all horses on a yard?

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## 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

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