

Damory Veterinary Clinic

Equine Newsletter



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What should I be doing in Autumn?

- Worm for tapeworms
- Pre-Winter dental check
- Stock up on Winter feed (especially hay/haylage)



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New Equipment

X-ray Machine

Our upgraded digital and wireless x-ray machine has arrived! The new machine will improve the quality of images taken and degree of processing we can achieve.

Choosing to invest in a wireless system allows us to improve our efficiency, flexibility and patient safety as there are no long wires to dangle around horses.

Our equipment is also battery powered so we don't even need electricity. This will allow us to x-ray in an emergency in the field, if it is appropriate to do so.



Video Gastroscope



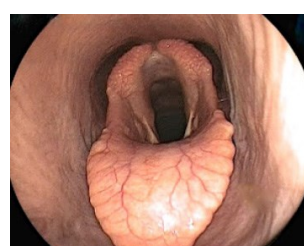
We have also upgraded our gastroscopes to a video system. This will mean that an image is displayed on a colour screen during the examination of your horse. Hopefully this will help you to see any abnormalities that we may detect. It is possible to save images for printing and record videos of the examination.

The gastroscope is used in the diagnosis of stomach ulcers which are a common cause of poor performance, colic, lethargy or poor condition. In addition the system can be used to investigate:

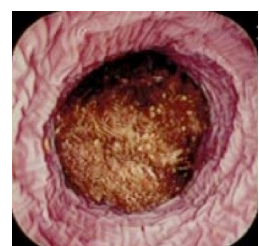
- Repeated episodes of choke: Oesophageal disorders may be visualised
- Respiratory noises at exercise such as laryngeal paralysis
- Chronic respiratory disorders such as coughing due to asthma (aka COPD)



Gastric ulcer



Equine larynx



Blocked oesophagus

New Supplement Range

We have launched our new “own-brand” supplement range. These products are **UK competition safe**, have **guaranteed analysis and traceability**. The large array of supplements available on the market can be confusing and we have taken time assessing them to come up with a set of products that we feel are useful complements to our veterinary care.

Veterinary Glucosamine is our new joint supplement containing 99% pure glucosamine. It is a feed supplement for the nutritional maintenance of healthy cartilage and joints. Horses with **lameness or stiffness** issues can benefit from glucosamine on its own or as an adjunct to other treatments. It is also helpful in horses recovering from orthopaedic surgery and very popular for older patients with chronic arthritis.



Veterinary Haemo Tonic is an iron-enriched, B vitamin syrup. This formulation uses a sorbitol base which helps in the absorption of B vitamins across the gut wall. It is helpful clinically in horses showing **mild anaemia** and horses **recovering from a viral challenge** (often showing signs of lethargy and poor performance). It can also be used as a food additive in **competition horses** in hard work to support recovery and performance.



Veterinary Gastric Supplement is a nutritional support for horses **recovering from or prone to gastric disturbances**. It contains prebiotics, amino acids, seaweed extract and specific minerals to aid the recovery and maintenance of a healthy digestive tract. It does not replace Gastrogard™ (omeprazole) for treating horses with ulceration but can be used after treatment to try to reduce the chance of ulcers recurring.



Veterinary Hoof Supplement is formulated to contain high levels of biotin, calcium, zinc, methionine, bio-available sulphur and amino acids to aid in hoof repair and growth. This supplement can be beneficial to horses that have suffered **laminitis**, those with **cracked or damaged feet** or horses with **poor hoof quality** where you are aiming to promote hoof horn growth and improve hoof horn quality.



Please feel free to call us at the surgery to discuss any of the new supplements.

STAFF NEWS

We take Continuing Professional Development seriously and have been active attending various courses and conferences, keeping up to date with the latest research and ideas. Many of the vets attended the British Equine Veterinary Association's annual congress in Birmingham. Other courses including specialist meetings on Equine Internal Medicine have been enjoyed. Finally Lizzie and Julian will attend a stud medicine refresher course in December in readiness for 2017.

