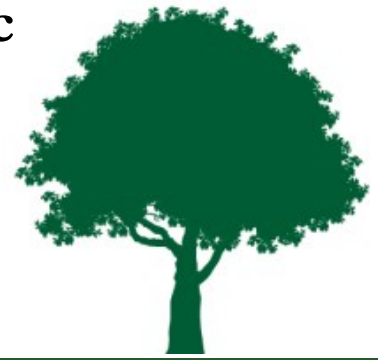


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ACUPUNCTURE FOR YOUR HORSE

We are pleased to be able to offer a new acupuncture service for our equine patients. Mel has recently undertaken training in acupuncture and is keen to develop this area of complementary therapy which is being used more and more within veterinary medicine. Many insurance companies now recognise acupuncture as a valid form of treatment.

We will be able to carry out acupuncture at your premises or at our Newton Farm Clinic in Sturminster Marshall. The first session will take approximately 45 minutes to an hour which will involve a thorough history taking, clinical examination and observation of the horse in action. This will usually be followed up with two to three subsequent, shorter sessions 7 to 10 days apart. Most horses tolerate needle insertion very well but if necessary sedation can be used to relax the horse.

Acupuncture can be used to treat a variety of problems:

Alleviation of musculoskeletal pain

- Generalised muscle soreness/spasm throughout the body (neck, shoulder, back pain)
- Chronic arthritic conditions such as spavin as seen in many of our older patients
- Sacroiliac pain
- Often used in competition horses where there is no actual complaint but useful in loosening tight muscles following a competition.

Some respiratory problems

Reproductive problems

'Behavioural' problems (often these problems are associated with pain)

Acupuncture may be used on its own (if conventional treatment has not worked) or used in combination.

If you are interested in using acupuncture on your horse or if you have any questions please feel free to ring the surgery and ask to speak to Mel for further details.