

## November 2010 Equine Newsletter

The dark nights are suddenly upon us and it's certainly turned decidedly chilly lately. Luckily we have replaced our office so at least it's easier to keep warm. The new office is also bigger so we have room for a retail area where you can buy wormers, dressings and bandages and other medical essentials for your horse. We're only going to sell products that we have tried and like or routinely use ourselves so you can be assured that they will "do what they say on the tin!"

### CPD

We undertake CPD or training throughout the year but the winter months are particularly busy. This month we will be attending training courses in Scotland to update our knowledge on a wide range of subjects such as medical conditions, diseases of the eye, dentistry, nutrition, lameness diagnosis and treatment and emerging diseases. Jim and Mark are also travelling to Newbury for a British Equine Veterinary Association refresher course for approved AI practices.

### Evening meeting on Equine Grass Sickness

You are all invited to a meeting on Equine Grass Sickness on 23<sup>rd</sup> November. A poster is enclosed which we would be delighted if you could put up on the notice board in your yard if there's not already one there! The talk is free and we will be having a collection for the Equine Grass Sickness fund. Grass Sickness is an horrific disease, for which sadly only a small proportion of affected horses survive. As well as being the head of the Large Animal hospital at Edinburgh, Professor Bruce McGorum is at the forefront of Grass Sickness research and it should be fascinating to hear what he has to say.

The talk is sponsored by Baileys and Norbrook and we are grateful for their support.

We have also invited members of Grampian BHS and hope to have a good turnout. Places are limited so book early to ensure your place.

We are hoping to do a further talk with Grampian BHS in February covering horse breeding including discussing cutting edge technologies such as IVF and cloning of horses. We will keep you posted.

### Client survey

We are enclosing a short questionnaire which we would appreciate you filling in and returning to us. We hope to use the feedback to continue to develop the practice in the future. All respondents will be entered into a prize draw to win a £30 gift voucher from a store of your choice.

### Dukes Vet Practice

#### Grass Sickness

##### An evening of talks and discussions

**Grass sickness; what is it and what can we do about it?**

*Speaker – Prof Bruce McGorum, Head of Large Animal Hospital and Equine Grass Sickness Unit, Royal (Dick) Vet School, Edinburgh*

**Feeding the grass sickness horse**

*Speaker – Lorna Edgar, Equine Nutritionist, Baileys Horse Feeds*

**Location:** Broadstrack Inn, Elrick, Westhill, AB32 6TL

**Date:** 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2010

**Time:** 7pm

There will be no charge, however, donations will be gratefully received for the Equine Grass Sickness Fund. We have invited Grampian BHS members and places are limited so please book your place now by contacting Linda at the practice on 013398 87010 or email [linda@dukesvets.com](mailto:linda@dukesvets.com)

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