



Nixon Equine

Veterinary Practice & Performance Assessment Clinic

For the welfare of all horses great and small

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NEWSLETTER

BREEDING FOR OPTIMUM PERFORMANCE & THE 2012 OLYMPICS

British breeding and the BEF

The British Equestrian Federation is keeping Jane Nixon busy. As the named vet for the BEF Futurity Young Horse Evaluation Scheme, Jane examined 320 foals, yearlings, 2, 3 & 4 year olds in July and August.

Youngsters are assessed for optimum performance potential by the time they are 10 years old. A thorough examination of each animal includes assessing conformation, the presence of any limb deformity or growth abnormality and foot balance.

Consideration is given to how early management of any problems uncovered might allow the youngster to achieve its full potential, if it is otherwise considered to have what it takes to get to the top in competitive horse sport.

The ultimate purpose of the scheme and criteria for evaluating each animal is to find youngsters that are or could be as good as or better than our current Olympic team horses, so they can be accepted onto the Futurity scheme and nurtured as potential London 2012 Olympic horses and beyond.

Aspley Guise R.C. AGM 2007

Aspley Guise Riding Club has invited Jane Nixon and David Trott to be guest speakers at their AGM on 22nd October at Bow Brickhill. Jane will talk about the BEF Futurity and Young Horse Evaluation Scheme veterinary assessment with particular reference to conformation and action. David will talk about the Lottery funded World Class Dressage Programme.

Readers of our autumn 2006 newsletter will know that David and Jane worked together; David being British Dressage International Director and chief of the selectors' panel for potential elite dressage horses for the 2012 London Olympics; Jane as veterinary advisor to the panel.

David says "we are looking for horses between 4 and 8 who already show talent for Grand Prix dressage movements, believed to be at least as good, if not better, than our last Olympic dressage team horses".

If you have a potential Olympic horse in your stable, make sure you attend this event. For details email alisonkenward@btinternet.com.



DID YOU KNOW?

Nixon Equine Vets was awarded RCVS Tier 2 Accreditation as one of very few UK Equine General Veterinary Practices.

Nixon Equine Vets are named veterinary surgeons to Addington Manor Equestrian Centre for all their international, national and local competitions and events. Web: www.addingtonmanor.co.uk.

VETOQUINOL AND ASPLEY GUISE R.C. HORSE HEALTH SEMINARS

Vetoquinol special client lecture

Vetoquinol will host a special Nixon Equine Vets client seminar on 7th November on the topic: How do you know when your horse is underperforming?

The Nixon Equine veterinary panel will discuss how improved diagnostics and absolutely new techniques and treatment can be useful for:

* Subtle neck and back pain
* Respiratory poor performance test
* Gastric ulceration
* Sub-clinical laminitis, Cushings disease and equine metabolic syndrome
* Advanced dental techniques to combat periodontal disease

The event takes place at Vetoquinol UK Ltd H.Q. at Vetoquinol House, Great Slade, Buckingham Industrial Park, Buckingham, MK18 1PA. Seats are limited to 25. If you wish to attend please call 01280 813258 ASAP.

Aspley Guise R.C. seminar series

In conjunction with Nixon Equine, the Aspley Guise Riding Club will present a unique Autumn lecture series on health care for the Riding Club horse to its members over the coming weeks, as follows:

DATE/TIME	LECTURE TOPIC & VENUE LOCATION
13 Nov 7.30pm	A team approach to keeping the R.C. horse healthy - Bow Brickhill Pavilion
21 Nov 1.45pm	A practical interactive guide to routine equine health care - Nixon Equine Clinic
29 Nov 7.30pm	Do you know when your horse is under performing? - Bow Brickhill Pavilion.

Places will be strictly limited and priority will be given to Aspley Guise R.C. members. If you are interested in attending please call Nixon Equine on 01280 813258 or email alisonkenward@btinternet.com.

For more information please visit our website at www.nixonequinevets.com.

For the 5th year running Nixon Equine will sponsor a winter dressage series at Milton Keynes Eventing Centre. To qualify gain 58% and be in the top 3 in any dressage class at MKEC. The winner receives a Nixon Equine championship sash and numnah. Winner and runner up receive a PS Hastie veterinary manual. Rosettes to 10th place. Website: www.mkec.co.uk.

Nixon Equine Vets is pleased to announce that additional specialist equine vets will soon be joining the practice, with particular interest in AI artificial insemination & embryo transfer.

You can keep up with all the latest Nixon Equine news online at www.nixonequinevets.com.

LATEST CARBON DIOXIDE LASER SURGERY TREATMENT FOR EQUINE SARCOIDS



Equine sarcoids

Nixon Equine has imported a high intensity carbon dioxide laser from the US; the only one of its type in the UK, for the removal of sarcoids.

Sarcoids can affect any horse and are a cause for pre-purchase vetting failure. The most common equine skin tumour, they can interfere with tack, rendering the animal unable to work and may necessitate euthanasia.

Often occurring at many sites on affected animals, ulcerated sarcoids are an obvious cause of discomfort. Flies can spread them from infected to non-infected horses. Many treatments exist, including topical cream, cryo or laser surgery to destroy tumours.

Laser surgery

Treatment choice depends on body location and whether the lesion is aggressive. Surgical removal of sarcoids using laser-surgery has been found to be successful for sarcoid removal and minimising the risk of recurrence.

We hold monthly sarcoid clinics and accept referrals from other practices. For advice on sarcoid removal and carbon dioxide laser surgery please call Nixon Equine on 01280 813258 Monday - Saturday 8 - 9 am or email us at info@nixonequinevets.co.uk.

Pictured left, Jeremy Kemp-Symonds with a "patient" undergoing sarcoid removal using carbon dioxide laser surgery at the Clinic.

LATEST PERIODONTAL AND EQUINE DENTISTRY TECHNIQUES AND TREATMENTS

Periodontal developments

As a progressive veterinary practice, Nixon Equine is committed to keeping abreast of the latest techniques as part of its continuing practitioner development (CPD) policy.

Equine dentistry is evolving at a rapid rate and to aid us applying the new knowledge and techniques we have purchased an Equine Periodontal Unit from the US. This new equipment is the ultimate system for the treatment of equine periodontal disease.

We also work with an advanced equine dental technician who uses the new dental techniques under veterinary guidance.

Simply rasping sharp edges and reducing hooks is no longer sufficient! Proper dental care is needed. One of the major causes of tooth loss in equines is advanced periodontal gum disease and infundibular necrosis.

Equine dental treatment

Preventing premature tooth loss and decay is less expensive than the eventual cost and risk of oral extraction and ongoing expense of a specialised diet of an equine missing one or more cheek teeth. Help is at hand...

Our new Equine Periodontal Unit provides comprehensive protection and dental care for your horse, including cleaning out debris and filling cavities. Other benefits include:

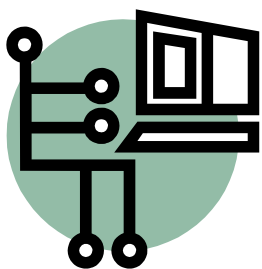
- * Much improved performance.
- * Hygienic treatment stops tooth decay.
- * Happier horse that utilises food better.
- * Maintains the horse's teeth long-term.

More information can be found on our website at www.nixonequinevets.com.

Pictured right, Jane Nixon with her own horse Diamond King II undergoing treatment with the Equine Periodontal System.



NIXON EQUINE CAN BE CONTACTED FOR EQUINE VETERINARY EMERGENCIES 24/7



Nixon Equine is pleased to accept referrals from other veterinary practices on any aspect of poor performance issues, sarcoid removal and equine periodontal treatment on a strictly ethical basis. Please call Jane Nixon: see right >>

24/7 EMERGENCIES CALL 01280 813258

ADVICE AND TELEPHONE CONSULTATIONS: Please call Jane Nixon between 8 - 9 am Mon to Sat on 01280 813258 or email jane@nixonequinevets.co.uk.

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