

## June 2022 Newsletter

### Farewell to Luke




After a great two and a half years at Summerleaze, on Friday Luke will be moving to pastures new in order to concentrate on his lameness and surgery caseloads.


Luke has thoroughly enjoyed his time at Summerleaze and would like to thank all of his lovely clients along with their horses and ponies of which, he has had the pleasure to treat.

He wishes everyone at Summerleaze and the clients who have made his time there so special, all the best and will be cheering the practice on from the sidelines!

### Keep Up To Date

If you use social media, please follow Summerleaze Equine on Facebook and Instagram for our current news, updates, events, information and a bit of fun.

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[www.summerleaze-vets.co.uk](http://www.summerleaze-vets.co.uk)



This month we have become aware of 2 local practices who are ceasing to provide equine veterinary services; making 4 in the last 6 months. While we intend to prioritise our long-standing clients, please be aware that, through no fault of their own, there will be a significant number of horse owners without veterinary care for their horses.

This may mean that over the next few months we are very busy. With this in mind we would ask that you plan routine visits well in advance, be aware that **repeat prescriptions may take 48hrs to be available** and please continue to be patient and kind to our support staff who will be trying their best to get the vets to where they need to be.



### CONGRATULATIONS BRYONY!

Another exam passed!

Our Equine Vet Nurse in training has successfully passed her latest exam, which will be another feather in her cap, as an SQP (E), when she completes her final qualifications in 2023!

Bryony passed Pharmacology and Dispensary Management - with a **DISTINCTION!!**

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## Vaccinations

### For tetanus on its own:

1st vaccine from 4 months old  
(if the foal's mother is vaccinated, 1st vaccine at 6 months old)

2nd vaccine 4-8 weeks later

3rd vaccine 1 year after 2nd

Booster every 2 years.

For pregnant mares a booster vaccine is recommended 4-8 weeks prior to foaling.

### For Equine Influenza and tetanus:

1st vaccine from 5 months old

2nd vaccine 4-6 weeks later

3rd vaccine 5-7 months

Boosters within a year/ 6 months of the last vaccine - flu annually and flu/tetanus every two years.



### For Equine Herpes:

1<sup>st</sup> vaccine from 5 months old

2<sup>nd</sup> vaccine 4-6 weeks later

Boosters every 6 months

### For broodmares:

5<sup>th</sup> month of pregnancy

7<sup>th</sup> month of pregnancy

9<sup>th</sup> month of pregnancy

### Vaccination Reactions

Unfortunately, as COVID vaccinations have shown vaccination reactions are incredibly common. As a result, the manufacturers of our equine vaccinations no longer provide financial support for those horses

who do have mild vaccination reactions. However, it is still important to contact us if your horse does react as your horse may require rest and non-steroidal anti-inflammatory treatment to make them more comfortable. It is also important that we log these reactions so the vaccination company is aware but also so that next time we vaccinate your horse we may be able to change something such as where on the horse we vaccinate or whether we start your horse on bute prior to the vaccination. These reactions can vary from stiffness or discomfort at the vaccination site, a lump forming at the vaccination site or a more general malaise. We strongly recommend that your horse is still routinely vaccinated particularly against tetanus, however we are happy to discuss individual circumstances with you.

**If you have any questions about vaccinations,  
please don't hesitate to contact us.**



**UPDATE:** From June 2022 the cost of our services and medications will be increasing. This is for a variety of reasons but mostly represents the increased costs that the nation is facing; particularly in the costs of fuel. Additionally, medicine and laboratory prices have increased which have a knock-on effect on the prices that we charge. The most notable change is the price of an out of hours visit which will increase to £166.00 including VAT. We hope that you understand the reasons for the increases and continue to value the service the team at Summerleaze offers.



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