



Expansion of the Barn

We have recently drawn up plans for a major expansion programme at The Barn to cope with the increasing demand for our services.

It is hoped that if planning is granted we will be able to add the following to our existing facilities:

- New stable block for in-patients
- Further isolation facilities
- New larger operating theatre
- New separate anaesthetic induction and recovery box
- Extra examination areas with another set of stocks
- Diagnostic room for ultrasound and x-ray
- Larger scintigraphy (bone scanning) suite
- Outdoor all weather arena
- New vet's office and library
- Increased office space for staff

Our plans are being submitted as this goes to press, and we very much hope that East Dorset District Council look favourably on our application.

The plans can be viewed in reception at The Barn, and shortly at the Council offices in Furzehill.

We would like to thank all our clients who have kindly written to East Dorset District Council expressing their support.

New X-Ray Facilities

We have recently upgraded our existing diagnostic equipment by installing a brand new Agfa digital x-ray system known as a CR system.

The x-rays are taken in exactly the same way but are processed and 'developed' digitally by computer. The resulting image is viewed on a computer monitor and the images are able to be scrutinised using computer processing to change the magnification, contrast and exposure. We are delighted with the quality and it has made us more efficient as well as making life easier for clients to view the images.



Screen-shot from the new x-ray system

Top Tips for Winter

- ◆ Feed top quality forage and feed plenty of it
- ◆ Weigh haynets and hard feed to ensure feeding levels are right
- ◆ Use dust free management: haylage, sealed rubber matting in stables and fibre bedding is best
- ◆ Keep your horse warm and dry with a good breathable turn-out rug
- ◆ Anticipate cold weather problems: lag pipes, ensure ice is broken in water troughs - try a tennis ball in the water to help prevent freezing
- ◆ Put shavings, hard core or specialist matting in gateways to reduce mud
- ◆ Check your horse twice daily
- ◆ Have us check your horse's teeth - winter is when they are needed most!
- ◆ Consider a winter health-check - we can offer a full examination, blood tests, a worm egg count and worming advice. Please contact us for more details.

Pet Plan Veteran Insurance

Good news for the oldies : Pet Plan will now insure any horse, pony or donkey up to the age of 20 years old (this may be subject to a veterinary examination or 'vetting') for both illness and injury.

Even better, if you continue with your insurance policy after their 20th birthday, your animal will be covered for illness and injury until they are 25 years old. Any horse can still be insured for accident and injury after the age of 20 as previously.

Welcome to new staff

We would like to welcome Tim Adams BVSc MRCVS to our team of Veterinary Surgeons. Tim qualified from Bristol in 2005 and is coming to us from Bude in Cornwall.

He has been instrumental in encouraging BEVA (British Equine Veterinary Association) to set up the Emergency Service Protocol after his father's pony was stuck in a cattle grid. The lack of a coordinated rescue team meant that the pony

was stuck for several hours before help arrived. The Emergency Service Protocol aims to bring together vets, fire services, police and the Highway Agency so that any serious accident involving an equine can be dealt with as quickly as possible. The Barn has signed up to this scheme so that we will be available to help at the police's request.

Unfortunately, Tim's arrival sees the departure of Ruth Morgan who has been with us

for the last year. We are all sorry to see her go but wish her all the best for her move to Norfolk.



Tim Adams BVSc MRCVS

New Anaesthesia Recovery System

Leaving a horse at the Barn for an operation is undoubtedly a very worrying time. Most owners will understand what operation is being performed and why, but understanding what happens during the anaesthetic, and what safety measures are in place can help to reassure.

During the operation, the horse breathes in a mixture of oxygen and anaesthetic vapour (isoflourane).

Intravenous fluids are administered and the horse's blood pressure and heart are carefully monitored. The horse's bladder is catheterised and emptied before recovery as a full bladder may encourage the horse to stand before he or she is fully awake.



An operation underway

When the operation is over, the horse is moved off the operating table onto the padded floor and helped to recover using a newly installed assisted recovery system. This is a system which has been pioneered by anaesthetists at Zurich University and has been installed at many equine hospitals throughout Europe.

A system of pulleys and ropes attach the horse's head and tail to clutches outside the recovery box controlled by the anaesthetist. As the horse attempts to stand, the ropes are pulled taught which stabilises the horse and assists with its first attempt to rise. Once standing, the rope tension helps prevent the horse falling back down, or hitting the recovery room wall. So far we have been very pleased with the result, and results Europe-wide show a reduction in anaesthetic recovery injuries.

Winter Client Evenings

This winter we will again be running a series of four client evenings. The first will be held at Damerham Village Hall on November 29th, then we will be at Beaulieu Village Hall on December 6th, followed by Corfe Mullen Village Hall on January 16th 2008. We will also be arranging an evening at Brangsgore Village Hall, date for this evening is yet to be announced so please contact us or check the website in due course for more information.

We will be speaking on various topics but if there are any topics you would like to see covered in these or other client evenings please contact us by phone, fax or e-mail (details on the front of this newsletter). Similarly if you would like to attend, please contact us to reserve a place. Anyone is welcome, and we very much hope you will attend and take the chance to meet the vets and staff in an informal setting. There is always a pub nearby and anyone is welcome to join us for a drink afterwards!

We're on the web!

For more details of our services, facilities and equipment, as well as useful client information, visit us at:

www.barnequine.co.uk

THE TEAM - this issue - the vets



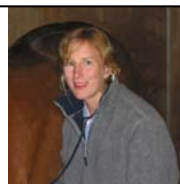
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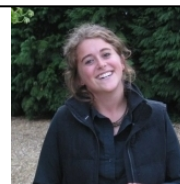
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Congratulations are due to Martin, Helen and Amy, who some of you may have noticed now have some more initials after their names. This is the result of hard work and the passing of examinations.

Martin recently passed the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS) Certificate in Orthopaedic Surgery and Helen passed the RCVS Certificate in Equine Practice. These post-graduate Certificates are very well respected within our profession for being challenging, their purpose being to encourage vets in practice to continue education to the highest standard. Having said that many vets only achieve these qualifications from a University position,

and indeed Martin was the only vet from a private practice to pass in his subject of Orthopaedics. We are proud to have one of the highest proportion of vets in a practice in the UK with such qualifications.

Congratulations are also due to Amy who recently passed the British Association of Equine Dental Technicians (BAEDT) Examination. This is a theory and practical examination in equine dentistry and Amy becomes only the 6th vet in the UK to have passed this examination. This continues our practice commitment to equine dentistry, and Amy will now help Chris with the advanced in-house and referral dentistry.

