



## Another 5 Stars in the Petplan Veterinary Awards



We are delighted to announce that for the second year running we have received 5 nominations for the Petplan Veterinary Awards – the Oscars of the veterinary world! It was especially rewarding that our wonderful practice manager, Sherry Brierley, was nominated posthumously for the Practice Manager of the Year Award after so many years of dedication, care and service to the practice. It means a great deal to us to receive the support and approval of our wonderful clients, for whom we always try to do our very best. Thank you all!



### Six Become Seven

In February our team of equine vets increased from six to seven when Sam Harrington BSc(Hons) BVSc MRCVS joined us from Kent. Sam graduated from the University of Liverpool in 2015 before moving out to Lexington, Kentucky in the USA for an externship at the Hagyard Equine Medical Institute working mainly with Thoroughbreds and focusing on orthopaedics, medicine and anaesthesia. Sam is a keen sportsman and plays football to a high level. He is also involved in conservation and habitat management and volunteers with the Kent Wildlife Trust.

### Time for a weigh-in?

The practice has several new services to offer in 2016, including our new portable equine weighbridge. Getting an accurate weight for your horse is important, especially for dosing with wormers and other medications, or as part of a controlled weight-loss or weight-gain programme for conditions such as equine metabolic syndrome, laminitis, or following illness. The weighbridge is available for our clients to use at the clinic by appointment for just **£5** per horse. Once you've booked a weigh-in, our nursing team will be on hand to help you. We can also book appointments to weigh horses at your yard, but a standard visit fee and £15 set-up charge will apply, so this is most efficient for larger groups of horses. Full details are available on our website – just search for weigh-in on the home page: [www.patonandlee.co.uk](http://www.patonandlee.co.uk)

### Worming Care Packages



We now have a simple and affordable way for all of our clients to get the best possible independent and expert advice about managing their horse's worming protocol. Our worming care package covers an entire year of worming advice and standard worm treatment for your horse including:

- 3 worm egg counts between March and November, with a text reminder service so you won't forget
- Equest<sup>®</sup> Pramox treatment (up to 700kg) for effective larvicidal and tapeworm treatment once during the winter period (December to February).
- Professional veterinary worming advice tailored to your individual needs, including an email follow-up of your own worming programme.

The service costs **£49.50** per horse. Full details are available online, or call and ask to speak to Zoë (vet).



## One last winter clip?

Have you got one last winter clip to do before the spring weather arrives and their summer coats come through? Paton and Lee offer a clipping service at the clinic. Simply book your appointment with the office in the usual way, and then you can drop your horse off at the clinic in the morning and collect him or her looking all fresh and squeaky clean later on the same day. No hairs up your nose, no fuss, and no need to have a call-out and sedation fee if your horse requires sedation, because we'll have a vet on hand to give sedation if it's required. Our fees for this service are:

Full clip - **£53** | Hunter clip - **£43** | Blanket clip **£40** | Trace clip - **£32**

**£40 standard sedation fee (if required) – see website for details and terms**

## Behavioural consultations

Following our fantastic day with Gemma Pearson from the University of Edinburgh back in October 2015, we have been developing an equine behavioural service at the practice. Chloe and Ben are heading up this service, but all of our vets have been getting more experience with using equitation science techniques. Ben is now a member of the International Society of Equitation Science, and having been honing their skills over the winter period, both Chloe and Ben are now in a position to offer equine behaviour consultations for the following conditions:

- Head-shy horses (difficult to bridle, worm or touch their ears, for example)
- Needle shy horses (do you dread the vet coming out for routine vaccinations?)
- Horses that require sedating for the farrier (how much does a set of shoes cost you?!?)
- Horses that resent other procedures such as treatment of their feathers, grooming, tacking up, touching the belly, having their tail touched etc.



As we gain more experience in this developing area we will be able to offer further-reaching behavioural consultations. Also, to continue building our experience, we are offering a fantastic **money-back guarantee** on all of our initial consultations for clients who are not completely satisfied with the outcome. Initial consultations cost **£50** plus the standard visit fee. Follow up consultations, if required, are charged at our normal hourly rate.

## Evening Talk – Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2016

**“Competing at your best.”**



**Have you ever felt nervous whilst riding or competing? This talk is for you!**

We are thrilled to announce that our guest speaker at 7.30pm on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2016 will be **Charlie Unwin**, Performance Psychologist to many stars of the equestrian world including Sharon Hunt, Lucinda Green and the Great Britain Young-Rider and Junior Teams. Charlie is not only a fantastic psychologist who will be able to improve both your competition performance and general riding, he is also a great communicator and engaging speaker. This promises to be our best evening talk yet, so make sure you book your place by contacting the office on **01376 513369**. Full details are available on our website and Facebook page, as always.

**Thank you once again for choosing to use Paton and Lee to treat your horse, pony or donkey.  
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