



PATON & LEE

EQUINE VETERINARY SURGERY

Charity Evening with Richard Davison



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We are delighted to invite you to a charity evening talk with guest speaker Richard Davison. Richard is a true elite equestrian, with a lifetime of experience in equestrian sport. A four-time Olympian and European medalist, Richard has been at the forefront of the international dressage world for more than three decades. Between 2008 and 2012 he was the British World Class Performance Manager and British Team Dressage Captain. Along with the rest of his family, Richard also has a wealth of experience with showjumpers, eventers and racehorses, so he has knowledge to share with everyone equestrian! Richard will be speaking about riding and training sports horses, including how to feel when there are performance problems versus normal training issues, and how to feed information back to your veterinary surgeon when you feel that something is wrong. He will also be taking Q&A's on the evening, so there will be plenty of time for interesting discussion.

The Evening with Richard Davison will be on **Tuesday 3rd April at 7pm** for buffet food and refreshments, 7.30pm the talk starts. The venue is The New Rickstones Academy, Conrad Road, Witham, CM8 2SD.

The venue is limited to 300 people, so please book early – we have been fully booked for previous evenings.

£5 per person. Call the office to book and pay – 01376 513369. All proceeds will be shared between two local equestrian charities that Paton and Lee are proud to support: Essex Horse and Pony Protection Society and Greenland Grove Animal Sanctuary. Physical tickets will not be issued, but you will receive email confirmation within a few days of booking and your name will go on the guest-list, which will be required for entry. Tickets are non-refundable. We can't wait to see you all there for a great evening!

February & March Special Offer



Does your horse need to build condition and strength following the winter months? Throughout February & March we are offering **more than 10% off** the price of our 3kg tubs of Myocel-BCS for Optimum Muscle Mass. Myocel-BCS is a complementary feed for horses containing high levels of amino acids, as well as important antioxidant Vitamin E for horses in training or during periods of muscular development or rehabilitation. This is the ideal time of year to supplement protein for your horse, as we come out of the winter and begin to increase their training and exercise ready for the season ahead.

In working horses, Myocel-BCS increases lean muscle mass, improves overall appearance and physical well-being, improves strength, and supports muscular development in youngsters. Our range of veterinary supplements are quality-assured and professionally developed for Paton and Lee. Usual price £79.95. Offer price **£70** – 60 days' supply.



Marathon Effort 2018 – Donations Board Now Open



On Sunday 22nd April 2018, both Sam and Ben will be taking on the gruelling 26.2 miles of the Virgin Money London Marathon to raise funds for **Brooke – Action for Working Horses and Donkeys**. So far this year the boys have raised **£1354.42** thanks to your huge generosity. That's a brilliant **20%** of their target, which is a whopping **£6000!** We have now started a digital donations board of honour, which will be regularly posted on our Facebook Page, thanking all our donors like we did last year. The site for online donations is www.virginmoneygiving.com/Team/benandsam_patonandlee or you can donate via the office – don't forget Gift Aid on your donation, and

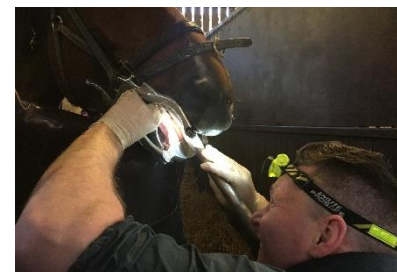
if you'd like a mention on our honours board and our Facebook Page, don't forget to leave your name. Ben and Sam like to thank everyone individually, so surnames are useful for working out who has donated!

Thank you!

Tom joins the Team



We are delighted to have welcomed Tom Woods DVM MRCVS to the Paton and Lee Team in January, providing maternity cover for Charlotte. Tom graduated in 2014 from the University of Melbourne in Australia and initially worked in mixed practice in Australia, before pursuing his passion for equine work. Last year, Tom moved to the UK and continued in equine practice. His ambition is to become a specialist equine surgeon, so hopefully we won't put him off the idea! Tom is shown here getting involved in some surgery and equine dentistry with us during a busy first month.



#dontbreakyourvet

A significant proportion of equine vets will, at some point in their career, end up unconscious or hospitalised following an injury directly related to their work. The journal Equine Veterinary Education has just published research to back this up. To help address this serious issue, the British Equine Veterinary Association (BEVA) have launched “Don't Break Your Vet” week to encourage horse owners to help reduce the risks that vets sometimes face.



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Don't Break Your Vet week comprises of a series of seven short video tutorials featuring vet and equine behaviourist Gemma Pearson (who has also given client talks at Paton and Lee and trained our vets in equine behavioural work). The videos provide quick and simple techniques that will help horse owners prepare their horses to be quiet, relaxed and safe for veterinary, and other procedures, including clipping and giving oral medication such as wormers.

You can watch all the videos via our Facebook page, or on the BEVA YouTube Channel.

“Many accidents reportedly occur when vets are trying to work with horses who have learnt to avoid examination or treatment and where handlers are not in full control” says David Mountford, CEO at BEVA. “Gemma's work at the Royal School of Veterinary Studies and her amazing videos show how a little preparation can have a big impact on horse, owner and vet safety.”