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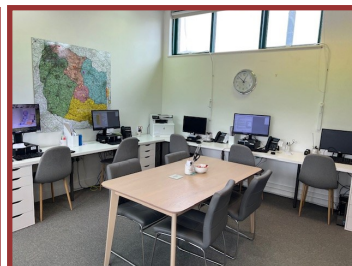
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We have moved!

We've had an exciting few months at Avonvale and we are delighted to announce that we have now moved to new offices and have become a fully ambulatory practice.

Our new offices, The Churns, are situated on the beautiful Upton Estate, just a short drive from our old practice – situated between Leamington and Banbury. Our vets will be based here, along with our reception team, nurses and administration team. Our clients are welcome to pop up and see us at anytime, whether it be to collect drugs, prescriptions or pay a bill!

Our in-house laboratory is also located here, offering same day results for routine blood tests, over-night pre-breeding cervical smears and culture along with our in-house faecal worming egg counts (FWECC) and worming packages.



Going fully ambulatory

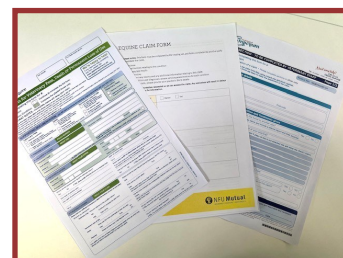
We're already carrying out a full range of services on yard, focusing on our ambulatory equipment and expertise we will now be solidifying our services for years to come. We offer a full range of on yard services including full lameness investigations, gastroscopy, medical investigations, x-rays, endoscope, laser sarcoid removal, ultrasound, pre-purchase examinations (vettings) and advanced dentistry with oroscope (see page 3). Most of our kit is battery operated so does not rely on mains electricity.

We also have an experienced nursing team who are available to accompany our vets where needed, so that most procedures can be carried out on yard, with a highly qualified team.

Free Insurance Administration

We know that dealing with insurance claims can be very time consuming. At Avonvale, we are happy to assist with the administration of any insurance claims - completely free of charge!

If your horse is insured, please advise the vet at the time of treatment. Complete an insurance claim form and then send it to: insurance@avonvaleequine.co.uk. We'll then arrange for the treating vet to complete the form and we'll send to the insurance company, along with all the supporting documentation they need.



We can arrange for settlement to either be sent to you if you've already paid for treatment or to come directly to us if not. All you need to pay is your excess up front, at the time of treatment. If your claim isn't approved, then you will be eligible to pay for the treatment within your normal credit terms.

Office Hours

Mon-Fri 8:30am - 5:00pm



24hr Emergency Service

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Partnering with Lynwood Stud, Wolston

Another exciting development is our partnership with Lynwood Stud, based in Wolston, between Leamington and Coventry (CV8 3FQ).

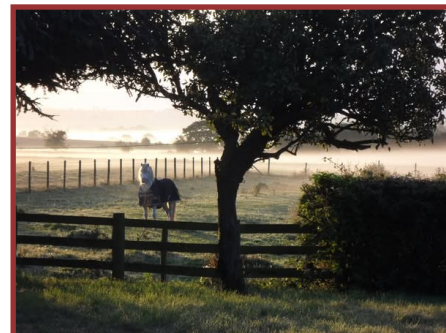
We will be basing ourselves there for any routine procedures that can't be carried out on yard. An example would be for a poor performance assessment, where no suitable lunging area is available. We can see you at Lynwood Stud and have use of their facilities to ensure we carry out a full and complete assessment of your horse.

We will also carry out our discounted gastroscopes and foot balance clinics at Lynwood, an ideal base in the middle of our catchment area.

Avoid call out fees

We will be available at Lynwood Stud on Thursdays for all procedures. If you want to take advantage of our Lynwood base to avoid a call out fee, then we can see you for anything from vaccinations to mare scans and acupuncture on Thursdays.

More involved procedures, such as lameness investigation or gastroscopy can also be booked at any time to suit you, with no call out fee.



Avonvale AI Services at Lynwood Stud

We will be offering chilled and frozen semen AI packages in partnership with the highly experienced Lynwood Stud. Whether you are a performance horse breeder or just want a foal from your mare, our experienced stud vets can help you. We work with horse breeders of all sizes, from thoroughbred stud farms to individual horse owners.

Our comprehensive stud packages offer excellent value for money, when breeding from your mare. Combining the experienced veterinary team at Avonvale with the experienced stud team at Lynwood, we can provide excellent care for your mare. Lynwood offer stud livery to individual mares and mares with foals at foot, providing comprehensive livery services including appropriate turn out.

Our Equine Reproduction Services include:

- A comprehensive equine Artificial Insemination (AI) package (frozen or chilled semen)
- Storage of frozen semen
- Equine infertility investigation—including uterine biopsy and hysteroscopy
- Management of the pregnant mare
- Post foaling care of the mare and foal

For more information on Avonvale's stud packages, please contact our Reception team on 01295 670501 or email: reception@avonvaleequine.co.uk.

On our website we have some excellent blogs, including some on AI and foaling. Visit: www.avonvaleequine.co.uk.



The Use of the Oroscope in Equine Veterinary Dentistry

Enhancing Equine Dental Care

Veterinary equine dentistry is an evolving field that plays a critical role in the overall health and performance of horses. Equine dental problems can significantly impact a horse's welfare - from subtle changes in behaviour to more overt difficulties in eating or ridden work. As the understanding of equine oral health has advanced, so too have the tools used by veterinary professionals. Among the most significant technological advancements is the introduction and widespread use of the oroscope, a specialized oral endoscope designed for equine dentistry. This sophisticated tool has revolutionized how equine dental exams and procedures are conducted, greatly improving diagnostic ability and treatment outcomes.



An oroscope is a type of endoscope specifically adapted for examination of the oral cavity of horses. Structurally, it is a slender tube equipped with a light source and a camera or optical system, allowing detailed real-time visualisation of the inside of the horse's mouth. Traditional examinations, which have relied on speculums and headlamps, may limit our ability to detect deeper or more subtle dental problems even in the heavily sedated horse. The oroscope, equipped with a magnifying camera and light, allows us to inspect every tooth surface and surrounding tissues with precision.



Key Advantages

- **Improved Visualisation:** Magnified, well-lit images help detect early-stage dental disease, fractures, sharp points, and soft tissue lesions that could be missed otherwise.
- **Accurate Diagnosis:** The tool helps pinpoint the possible causes of vague symptoms, allowing for targeted treatment and better outcomes.
- **Documentation:** Photos and video footage can be recorded for case management, expert opinions or referral, and of course to explain issues to you.
- **Guided Treatment:** Dental procedures like rasping or extractions are safer and more effective, as vets can work with direct visual feedback.
- **Preventive Care:** Regular oroscopic exams enable early detection and intervention, reducing the risk of serious dental issues.

When is it used?

After sedation and flushing out the mouth, we can use our oroscope before during and after routine dentistry or as a diagnostic step when an issue has been identified. Images are saved and can be referenced during procedures, document the progression of lesions or for client communication to help you understand what is going on with your horse. This may be followed by odontoplasty (removal of sharp edges), further treatments or further diagnostics.



Benefits

For horses, oroscopes mean a rapid and detailed level of examination and earlier diagnosis. You as an owner gain increased peace of mind and clearer understanding, while us as vets experience greater accuracy and a much more detailed level of examination.

Considerations

Oroscopy requires investment in equipment and training for our vets but at Avonvale we believe in upskilling our whole team, and it may lead us to recommend additional imaging such as radiography or even specialist referral. Due to this investment, it will come as no surprise that we need a horse adequately sedated and restrained!

That being said, in summary, the oroscope is now an essential part of equine dentistry! Remember, dentistry including the oroscope can be undertaken as part of our free zone visit scheme.

Summer Fun!

We had some great entries into our recent Summer Fun photo competition. Here are some of the photos and congratulations to the winner Tara Keates with the gorgeous picture of her two boys having lots of fun with their ponies. We had two runners up - Caroline Horsley (left) and Billy-Jo Howe (right). Thank you to everyone who participated.

RUNNER UP



WINNER



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