



# AGNEW EQUINE NEWS

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**CLAIRE JOINS OUR RECEPTION/ ADMIN TEAM**



**SURPRISE BIRTH OF SUMMER THE GORGEOUS LITTLE SHETLAND**



**WELCOME, TEIGAN! NEW OFFICE STAFF ARE GREAT ADDITIONS.**



**BEEPaid WINNER WAS TIA WRIGHT - WE HAVE A WINNER EVERY MONTH**

## Welcome to new vet, Ellie!

We have a new vet for you to meet! Ellie Rowland has joined our team in September and we're excited to introduce her. Ellie is originally from Birmingham and she completed a degree in Animal Science from the University of Nottingham before moving up to Liverpool to complete her veterinary degree. Ellie developed a keen interest for equine medicine whilst at university, and recently completed a year-long internship at an equine clinic in the Cotswolds after graduating. Outside of work you can find her in the kitchen cooking and baking, doing Pilates or sipping espresso martinis with her friends. Ellie is enjoying being on the road and meeting Agnew Equine's lovely patients and clients!



## Local case of Equine Flu in Staffordshire

In September, our practice had a local positive case for Flu in a horse that was unvaccinated and had come over on a transport from Ireland. Everyone acted responsibly - but it does serve as a reminder that Flu can rear its head and all owners should be prepared.

The flu vaccination is very effective (particularly if vaccinated within the last 6 months) at reducing the severity of clinical signs and importantly the amount of virus shed by affected horses.

It is important to be aware of the clinical signs of Equine Flu:

- Dry, hacking cough
- Nasal discharge
- Fever/Increased temperature (above 38.5C)
- Lethargic
- Reduced appetite





## Pectigus

Formerly known as Ulcer Ease, Pectigus Gastric support formula assists in maintaining optimum gut health and function.

We often prescribe Pectigus after a gastroscopy has concluded a horse or pony has gastric ulcers as it can aid in healing.

It also promotes healthy digestion and absorption of nutrients in feed - and it is ideal for horses during intense training, competition or rehabilitation.

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## Cushing's: Autumn is a Good Time to Test

Equine Cushing's disease, also known as PPID, is thought to affect 20% of horses over the age of 15, and is the 5th most common disease syndrome recognised in horses and ponies in the UK.

Equine Cushing's disease is a progressive condition linked with a number of symptoms that can impact the quality of life of your horse or pony. So whilst the initial signs that your horse may show might not be of huge concern, it's likely that over time the disease will progress and more severe symptoms will develop that may have a more serious effect on their quality of life. For example laminitis, recurrent infections and lethargy are all more advanced signs of Cushing's disease.

The early clinical signs of Cushing's disease are often overlooked or simply put down to 'old age'. These include the development of a pot belly and loss of topline over the back - both associated with reduced muscle mass and strength. Other signs develop as the disease progresses, including an excessively long hair coat and delayed or even absent seasonal coat moulting.

**Early recognition and diagnosis provides you with more options to implement management and treatment strategies to keep your horse happy and healthy for as long as possible.**

If you are registered with our practice, if you suspect your horse may have Cushing's Disease they are eligible for waived lab fees for an ACTH diagnostic test via the **Talk About Laminitis** scheme - and we are here to help you through this booking process. Autumn is a good time to test as horses with this condition have an exaggerated seasonal variation in their ACTH levels at this time, resulting in exceptionally high ACTH levels compared to healthy horses.

If you are concerned your horse may have Cushing's/PPID please don't hesitate to call us for advice, or to book in for an ACTH test. We are here to help!