

UPDATE

Welcome to our new bi-monthly practice newsletter which we have launched to keep you all up to date with the goings on at LLEP.

We have got lots of information for you including some regular features such as Diary Dates, New Offers and Practice News as well as informative articles and case studies. Our E-News will still be landing in your mailboxes and if you aren't on our mailing list and would like to receive these please just drop us an email at: marketing@lochlevenequine.co.uk.



DIARY DATES

CLIPPING CLINIC

Thursday 8th November,
Wednesday 5th December &
Thursday 10th January 2019

DENTAL CLINIC

Friday 23rd November &
Friday 21st December

GASTROSCOPE CLINIC

Thursday 1st November &
Thursday 6th December

LASER CLINIC

Monday 12th & Tuesday
13th November, Tuesday 11th
& Wednesday 12th December

CLIENT WORKSHOP - LOWER LIMB DISSECTION

Monday 3rd December,
7pm – 9pm

CLIENT WORKSHOP - DENTALS

Saturday 24th November,
10am-1pm

New for Autumn 2018 FREE PRACTICAL WORKSHOPS

DENTAL WORKSHOP

(MAX 15 PEOPLE)

Our new dental workshops are a great opportunity to come and see how much equine dentistry has advanced in the last few years. So much more than just rasping teeth, this is a great opportunity to get a birds eye view using our oral endoscope to show what a thorough dental examination now involves. Using a live patient, we will demonstrate the benefits of sedation verses no sedation and finish up with our wonderful plastic model Horace to give everyone a chance at rasping teeth.

LOWER LIMB DISSECTION WORKSHOP

(MAX 16 PEOPLE)

Not for the squeamish! This workshop uses cadavers and will provide a very practical way to learn about the structures of the lower leg, their function and some of the more common injuries.



*To book your space, please call
the office on: 01577 841010
or email us at:
admin@lochlevenequine.co.uk*

Meet the Team

SIOBHAN

JOB TITLE: RVN (VET NURSE)



FAVOURITE PART:

Tough question. I love scoping and radiography. I also really enjoy spending time with the patients, getting to know them and doing my best to help them.

I LEAST LIKE:

Tomatoes and drug boxes not being stacked facing the same direction.

OUTSIDE WORK I LOVE TO: Walk my dogs Tink and Penelope (actually belongs to Mum). I spend as much time with my nephews Archie and Hamish as I can and chilling out with my friends! I'm also partial to a cider or two while watching rugby.

MOST INSPIRED BY: My best friends. And the one and only Beyoncé - What would Beyoncé do?

I'D MOST LIKE TO GO TO DINNER WITH...: David Attenborough, The Hairy Bikers, Beyoncé and Pink and Patrick Dempsey because he's beautiful!



Practice News

www.lochlevenequine.co.uk

We are very excited to introduce our new website which launched last month.

We are constantly looking at ways to improve our client experience and the new website now includes a shop for all your supplements and first aid supplies, allows you to register your horses, request appointments and pay your invoices easily as well as lots more information on our all new Healthy Horse Club.

There is lots of information and fact sheets for clients as well as a separate portal for referring vets, including case studies from Hugh. Have a look around and we would love to hear your feedback!

Volunteer Vets

Hugh Somerville MRCVS, Karen Wilson MRCVS and Siobhan Carfray RVN joined a team of five other equine vets to volunteer their time and expertise for an educational and welfare castration clinic held at Bowhouse Equestrian Centre.

The day was organised by the BEVA Trust which is a charitable arm of The British Equine Veterinary Association (BEVA) and run in association with the British Horse Society (BHS) with support from the Blue Cross, Redwings Horse Sanctuary, Bransby Donkey Sanctuary, RSPCA and World Horse Welfare.

22 horses attended the clinic for worming, microchipping, passporting and dentistry with 18 colts and stallions being castrated by the team of vets. The aim of these events is to reduce accidental breeding, improve welfare, help with identification and traceability of horses and to engage with horse owners about the importance of good quality veterinary care. [You can read more about the day on our website.](#)



Practice Standards Award

We recently received our Practice Standards Award from the RCVS after a rigorous inspection. The scheme is a voluntary initiative which recognises practices who are maintaining the highest standards of veterinary care. It offers peace of mind to clients of accredited practices and a more informed choice to the animal-owning public. To become accredited, we volunteer for an inspection every four years and have met a range of minimum standards including hygiene, 24-hour emergency cover, staff training, specialist equipment and protocols.

"At least 2 members of the clinical team hold post graduate qualifications. The premises was very well designed, spotlessly clean and had excellent facilities. Documentation was very well organised. The practice was extremely well organised, with stock control particularly efficient. Everyone that we spoke to impressed us with their competence and enthusiasm. All members of this practice should be extremely proud of the very high standards of service that they are providing for their patients and clients."

RCVS Practice Standards Inspecting Officer 2018

Case Study

GASTRIC ULCERS



There are a wide variation of clinical signs that horses suffering from stomach ulcers can show including severe signs such as weight loss and colic.

There are also many horses we diagnose with stomach ulcers who present as fit and in good body condition. The photographs below show stomach ulcers which were diagnosed following gastroscopy of an event horse who over the preceding few months had started to become reactive when being tacked up and reluctant to move forward from the leg when ridden. Lameness, back and dental exams did not identify any issues therefore a gastroscope was performed.

This horse was found to be suffering from grade 2 squamous ulceration and grade 3 glandular lesions. She was started on an initial month's course of treatment along with making some simple feeding and management changes. After the 4 weeks of treatment, a second scope was performed and the ulcers had completely resolved and importantly her general demeanour was much more relaxed and was reported by the owner to feel like a different horse to ride. Long term to help prevent the ulcers returning she will continue with the small changes made to the management and feeding and be maintained on a gastric supplement.



If you would like to have a chat to one of the vets about concerns that your horse could be suffering from stomach ulcers or to discuss ways which you can help reduce the risk of your horse developing ulcers, then please telephone the office on 01577 841010 or you can find more information on our website www.lochlevenequine.co.uk