



## Help us raise money for Pilgrims Hospices!



Following the crazy suggestion from Frankie Hann at Milbourn Equine of doing a sky dive for charity, David McDonald and his wife Anna, Rachel Hayes and her partner James Emson and Sanne Minnema soon found themselves kitted out and hanging from the edge of a plane 12,000 feet up in the air. Thankfully everyone made it down safely and in the process managed to raise £3643.00 for the Pilgrims Hospices. Thank you so much to all those that donated and supported.

We are also continuing to raise money for Pilgrims Hospices by selling our calendar with all proceeds going direct to them. It's only £8 and available from your local branch. Great for a last minute stocking idea!

## Winner of Milbourn Equine Client Survey Voucher

The lucky winner of our Client Survey draw for 2018 is Nicola Hawkins who receives a £25 voucher to spend on our services.

You can complete our client survey by visiting the Client Care section on our website.

## Wishing all our clients and their horses a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



We sincerely hope you do not require our services over the festive period but if you do need us as always we will be available for any emergencies.

We are open as usual except:  
24th December - Close at 2pm  
25th December - Emergencies only

26th December - Emergencies only  
31st December - Close at 5pm  
1st January - Emergencies only

**Equine ID protects your horse**  
Subsequent to the introduction of legislation on the 1st October 2018, it is compulsory for all horses and ponies to be identified with a microchip and passport.

- A microchip is a small, coin-sized device that is inserted into the horse's body.
- The microchip contains a unique identification number that is linked to the horse's passport.
- The passport is a document that contains the horse's details and is issued by the relevant authority.
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**Equine ID: What you need to know**

As of 1st October 2018, all horses in England must be identified with a microchip and passport.

- You can find the UK Equine ID website ([www.equineid.gov.uk](http://www.equineid.gov.uk)) and get in touch with the relevant authority to check the details are up to date. If anything is incorrect then get in touch with your passport issuing authority (PIA).
- If you lose a horse or your horse is lost, stolen, or otherwise that is brought out of the land of sale, you must let your PIA know within 10 days and they will then issue a 14-hour notice to update the passport.
- All horses imported permanently to the UK must be registered with a valid PIA within 30 days of their arrival.
- If your horse was born before 1999, from 2019 and on, if you have not had their passport, you have two years to ensure they are microchipped. If your horse was born after this date, then it should already be microchipped.

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## New Equine ID regulations

The government has recently introduced a new law that takes effect in October 2020 which requires all horses and donkeys to have a microchip. At present, all horses and donkeys need to have a microchip to obtain a passport but older horses may have a passport which was issued before microchipping became compulsory. For these horses, a microchip will need to be inserted before October 2020. This can be performed on a zone or standard visit at a charge of £30.



## Equine of the month

Did you know we run a monthly Equine of the Month photo competition? Send us a photo with a little bit about your horse and they could be chosen. All ponies, donkeys and horses can enter just post them on our Facebook page with #equineofthemonth.



## Hawkhurst Vets Eventful Year

**Our vet Katie Preston has had an amazing year -**

After a fabulous eventing season with the incredible 'pocket rocket' TJ including 8th at Chatsworth 3\*, 18th in our first 4\* event (the highest level) at Luhmühlen in Germany and 17th in the British Open Championships we headed to the prestigious Burghley Horse Trials - a real childhood dream!! It was just the most incredible experience from start to finish. I was certainly more excited than nervous and loved every minute being there with such a special horse - we achieved a personal best dressage and he gave me the most thrilling xc ride to finish clear and fast and very happy. He came out sound and full of energy for the SJ and jumped amazingly to finish 24th - such an amazing result I still can't believe it!! Great to have Harriet Fairhurst by my side too taking great care of TJ and being nervous for me.

To cap my amazing season I have been shortlisted for the prestigious Horse and Hound Awards - Amateur Rider of the year. The winner is announced at their gala ceremony at Cheltenham racecourse which will be another exciting evening for me.



**Our Hawkhurst Clinical Director Howard Newitt was invited to be part of the FEI Veterinary Commission at the recent World Equestrian Games in Tryon, USA.**

The veterinary commission is responsible for the welfare of the horses including conducting the horse inspections (trot-ups) and ensuring that medication requests are within the rules. We also were part of the quarantine team assessing all non-USA horses during their 42hour quarantine.

There were horses competing from nations from all corners of the globe and it was a fantastic experience to see all of the different types of elite horses and meet people from many countries. The difficulties with the venue have been well publicised but we should consider that the organisers took the games on at short notice when the original venue (Bromont, Canada) pulled out so without them there would have been no World Games.

Many of the people working at the games are volunteers and if any of you get the opportunity to volunteer at a major sporting event, I would encourage you to take it as it will be a unique time to meet lots of interesting people and to get involved with elite sports stars.



## 5 Jobs to do before next spring!

1. Ensure your horses and ponies are the **CORRECT WEIGHT** - if they are overweight, now is the ideal time to do something about it. If they are carrying too much weight, they will be prone to laminitis when the spring grass comes through... prevention is better than cure!

Having an accurate weight for your horse is essential so you can worm and feed accurately. Milbourn Equine Vets have a mobile weighbridge that can be brought to your yard if a group wish to have a weigh in! Please call us to arrange.

2. Check your **WORMING PROGRAMME** meets the current recommendations: all horses and ponies should be wormed for encysted redworm yearly and tapeworm twice yearly regardless of their Worm Egg Count results. This is because these worms are not detected by WEC. Equisal Tapeworm saliva test can be used to identify whether your horse has a tapeworm burden and is available from the practice. Worm Egg Counts are run here at Milbourn Equine, with a result, Veterinary Advice on wormers and worm management usually the next day!

3. Double-check your horse's **VACCINATIONS** are up to date before the competition season starts. Remember that ALL horses should be vaccinated for tetanus every two years as this disease lives in the soil and vaccination will offer protection on the occasions when minor wounds could be a problem. Pregnant mares should receive Equine Herpes Virus (EHV) vaccinations at months 5, 7 and 9 of pregnancy as this virus is known to cause abortion.

4. Take advantage of our competitively priced **DENTAL** work to ensure your horse's mouth and teeth are healthy and any problems treated before the Spring. Horses are incredibly good at hiding severe dental pain - so often problems such as tooth infections and fractures are only picked up on routine examinations!

5. Make sure your **FLY RUGS AND FLY MASKS** are clean and repaired if necessary, so that they are ready to be used as soon as they are required.

## Welcome

We would like to welcome Danielle Johnson BVSc MRCVS to our vet team at Ashford. Dani grew up in East Sussex, before leaving to study Veterinary Science at Liverpool University in 2010. After graduating, she began working at a small animal and equine practice in North Yorkshire. After three years she decided move back down to the South to be closer to family, and joined Milbourn Equine in 2018. She enjoys all aspects of equine veterinary work, with a particular interest in dentistry. In her free time she enjoys riding, netball, racquetball and cooking. We also welcome Lara Pulsakowska to our Ashford reception team. Lara joined us in October having recently moved from Hertfordshire. Lara has been around horses for more than 20 years and has been lucky enough to work on some top yards helping her gain the experience she has today. She also currently helps run a competition/breaking yard. All of her spare time is spent with her little girl Layla and out regularly competing at weekends.



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