December 2022 Newsletter

Wishing all of our clients a very

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Christmas enrichment

It is lovely to spoil your horse this time of year, so here are a few suggestions to help keep them entertained!

Enrichment

To help entertain your horse whilst they may be stuck in for longer than normal it may be worth considering:

Stable mirrors	Treats hung from the ceiling	Time for your horse with other horses	Brushes attached to side of stable
Small hole haynets	Likits	Grooming	Corral to wander in
Treat balls	Walks out in hand	Obstacle courses in hand	Treats hidden in bedding





Keeping up-to-date! Don't forget to keep an eye on our website <u>www.summerleaze-vets.co.uk</u> for our latest newsletters and information. For social media users, please follow us on <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Instagram</u> comment, like and share.

Here is a list of some of the things we suggest are safe to eat:

(For a non-laminitic horse or pony) but please remember **all things in moderation**.

If your horse or pony is Laminitic you can try feeding the following as treats:

Celery, Cucumber, Anti Lam or similar commercial products Happy Hoof.

Carrots	Apples	Swedes	Peppermint
Pears	Purchased horse treats	Sunflower Seeds	Polos
Banana	Grapes	Celery	Squashes
Oranges	Watermelon	Lemon	Grass
Seeds	Pineapple	Sweet Potato	Pumpkin







With a little help of clicker training, our newest members of the team have managed to get over their fear of being camera shy! Which means, for those who haven't met them yet, we can now introduce Antonia Evans and Laura Freeman.

Laura Freeman VetMB MRCVS

After graduating from Cambridge, Laura's first job was at a mixed practice in West Cornwall. She then spent 10 years working for an equine practice in Dorset. Laura enjoys the broad spectrum of equine work and has developed a keen interest in



wound management and poor-performance cases. Outside of work Laura has two young children, Flint the terrier and Mikey, her horse. She runs a dairy, arable and beef farm with her husband and should she have any free time, Laura loves a game of tennis.

Antonia Evans BVetMed MRCVS

After graduating from the Royal Veterinary College, Antonia undertook an internship at Western Counties, working in all areas of the equine hospital.



She enjoys all aspects of equine practice, and has a particular interest in medicine and anaesthesia. Having previously evented and participated in riding club activities, Antonia is also a dedicated runner, walker and particularly enjoys exploring the south west coast path with her Saluki, Miney.



Christmas Opening Hours

For emergency treatment, please ring 01297 304007

Emergencies only: Saturday 24th December, Sunday 25th December, Monday 26th December, Tuesday 27th December

Office is open 8AM-5PM: Wednesday 28th December, Thursday 29th December, Friday 30th December

Emergencies only: Saturday 31st December, Sunday 1st January 2023, Monday 2nd January 2023

Please request medicines by WEDNESDAY 21st DECEMBER and ensure collection before our Christmas closure. Please allow extra time if you ask for these to be sent in the post*

* we cannot guarantee postal times during the festive period Summerleaze Equine Vets, Axminster, EX13 7RA 01297 304 007