



THREE COUNTIES EQUINE HOSPITAL

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Staff News

Paula Cooper was victorious in the Appaloosa Horse Club national show, with Princesse Pascale winning both the yearling filly UK & USA classes and with Peyres Catori Cat winning both the 2yr old filly UK & USA classes. Peyres Catori Cat went on to the Royal London Show 2010 to win no less than 5 classes including American Horse of Britain and Spotted Champion of Britain.



Paula Cooper with Peyres Catori Cat



Paula Cooper with Princesse Pascale

Zone Visits

Zone visits gives clients the opportunity to receive half price visit fees provided routine visits are booked in advance on set days of the week. For further information please contact reception.

Word Search Competition

y y s o g s i c r t a d o y i t i p t e u s i
i n s e o p c s e d d n i s r y b e g v a u r
e d e s i o y i n e n d o s c o p y b a i r p
g r t m y u t u n g e l s a p d t a o w a g a
e n s e n v o t b t a s s e n e m a l k m e a
n o i t a s i l a t i p s o h h i e r c y r u
a s x t a s a a i r n g a s t r o s c o p y l
m i e r t e m o y h t c r a r i j p t h b s t
b y t r a e n a c i s a n a e s t h e s i a l
y l y c t y v s o r a t a o p r h n r w a t l
u t n e m e r u s a e m b m j h a y a s w r r
a t a y g y n p s d m t a s e m y o t r a g e

There are 16 words hidden within the word search relating to some of the facilities and procedures offered at Three Counties Equine Hospital. Words can be found forwards, backwards, horizontally, vertically or diagonally.

To be in with a chance of winning 3 free worm egg counts please submit your answers via email/post to us by 31st March 2011 clearly stating your name and contact details.

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BHS Horse Accident Surveillance

The British Horse Society has launched a new initiative to gather meaningful data that will help improve horse and rider safety in Britain. If you have been involved in an incident with your horse including road accidents, dog attacks, low flying aircraft, fireworks, slippery road surfaces, wind turbines and bridgeway gates please visit www.horseaccidents.org.uk for more information on how you can help with this survey.

Pre-Purchase Examinations (Vetting)

Three Counties Equine Hospital advises that all horses are examined prior to purchase. Each year we perform hundreds of 'vettings' on all types of horses either at surgery, throughout the UK or abroad. The vetting procedure is standardised by the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, giving a professional evaluation of a horse's suitability for a particular purpose, for which a Certificate is issued.

A pre-purchase examination identifies detectable abnormalities on that day. It gives no long-term guarantee for future health or soundness. However long-term implications of any abnormality found will be discussed and we are therefore able to give an opinion as to the suitability of the horse for its intended use. As the purchaser this enables you to make an informed decision as to whether or not to proceed with purchase.



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Prior to organising your vetting you should have considered the horse's suitability for your requirements, such as height, age, colour, type, temperament and experience.

It is wise to obtain insurance cover before purchase in case exclusion affects your decision to buy. Your insurance company will advise you on their requirements at a vetting.

On arranging an examination our reception staff will request information including the address of both purchaser and vendor and intended purpose of the horse. Purchasers are welcome, indeed encouraged to attend the examination wherever possible. This allows discussion of any 'grey' areas with the horse in front of you and is often easier than trying to describe a subtle condition over the phone later. If this is not possible, please speak directly to the vet prior to the vetting.

Basic requirements and facilities for examination

- The horse must be fit to be examined, appropriately shod and have a valid passport present.
- Ensure suitable examination facilities are available including a dark stable in which to examine the eyes, a firm level surface for in-hand trotting including lunging and a suitable area for strenuous exercise. In addition a competent horse handler is required to handle or ride the horse.

Five-stage Vetting

- Stage 1:** Preliminary Examination. Identification of the horse including the presence of a microchip. A clinical examination of the horse including assessment of the eyes, heart, lungs, teeth, feet, limb and body palpation.
- Stage 2:** Trot Up. Walk and trot in hand in a straight line and flexion tests, possible lunging. Turning and backing.
- Stage 3:** Strenuous ridden exercise. Unbroken horses may be lunged.
- Stage 4:** Period of rest. This may elicit any stiffness when the horse is re examined at the 5th stage.
- Stage 5:** Final trot up, which may include repeat flexion tests and possible lunging on firm and soft surface where appropriate. With the vendor's permission a blood sample will be collected at this point.

Two-stage Vetting

Under certain circumstances, the purchaser may wish to have a limited examination involving only the first two stages of the examination. Purchasers will be required to sign a form stating their awareness that this does not provide the comprehensive information of a five stage vetting and therefore some abnormalities may not be identified as a result.

Additional Investigations

Additional investigations may be requested by the purchaser/insurance company, or as the result of concern raised during the examination and require vendor consent. These include radiography, ultrasound scans, endoscopy, pregnancy diagnosis and a breeding soundness examination.

A blood sample is routinely taken and stored for six-months at the Horseracing Forensic Laboratory, Newmarket. Analysis for the presence of medications may be performed should this be suspected.

Warranties

It is the purchaser's responsibility, advised under the Trades Description Act, to obtain a signed warranty from the vendor. This should cover areas such as freedom from vices, allergies, behaviour when shod or boxed, past performance, past medical history and the administration of drugs prior to examination, etc. A pre-purchase examination does not legally cover these areas.



Stage 1



Stage 2



Stage 3