



**WeaverHouse Equine treats horses all over the UK and Channel Islands. If you would like your horse treating, please contact us and we will try to arrange an appointment for you asap. The call out fee can be shared amongst several horses - for full details call 0845 519 8614**

Hi there everyone. Well I can not believe just how fast this year is going ! One minute we are all out riding in t shirts, the next the clocks have gone back and I have been blown across the school in the windiest and wettest of weather ! Well, my first competition is actually looming as I write this ! I have my first ever dressage competition next weekend. It is really strange as in all my years of riding, inc showjumping and hunting I have never really ever shown an interest in dressage. But once I started trying to learn it, wow, I am hooked. It is so much harder than I ever thought it would be, so I am really looking forward to the show ! Of course I will let you all know how I get on and will blogg it on the main [WeaverHouse Equine](#) page ! The messages of support from many of our clients continually asking how I am getting on is really very much appreciated. It has not been an easy ride by any standard, but my horse Paddy, is just the most amazing lad. I feel extremely lucky to have found him, and amazingly, Toby seems to like him, which means we are all very honoured ! Look after yourselves and your mounts over the coming months. As the cold nights draw in, riding becomes a challenge, to say the least. Right, now, let me watch Youtube again and try to remember these dressage tests .....



Kindest Regards as always,

Andy

Practice Manager – [WeaverHouse Equine](#)

The island of Guernsey .....

We have recently started treating horses on the beautiful island of Guernsey. What started as 6 horses has now grown and grown, thanks to our amazing island support co-ordinator, by the name of Debbie Seville ! Debbie is really amazing. Not only does she organise all our treatments, but also organises our transport from yard to yard – which runs like clockwork ! On top of that – yes there is more – Debbie has also told us where the best places to eat are, and most importantly, has told us where the best fish and chip shop on the island is !!!!! Adam and I would like to say a massive thank you to all our clients on Guernsey, for their continued support, but a huge thank you must go to Debbie. Her tireless efforts do not go unnoticed, and without her help, we would not be able to fit all our clients in. We always look forward to our visits there and we do hope that the client list continues to grow so we can spend more time on the island.

*The Equine team is complete now ! We have Charlotte Ridgwell, Morag Seville, and a new member of the team Pearl Cazabon. Pearl is a fully qualified practitioner who has a keen interest in the Equine side of the business. Pearl is currently shadowing Adam on his travels across Cheshire, and hopes to qualify in the coming months, which will enable her to build up her own list of Equine Clients. The Equine side of the business continues to grow, and to supply the demand, recruitment and selection in this side of the business is always open. If you are interested in joining our team, please send us an email for the attention of A Antoniou to the address below.*

**Tom Austen**

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## Professional Osteopaths Caring and Maintaining Your Horses Back Health

### PREVENTING AND TREATING MUD FEVER

**Mud fever** on the lower limbs is common during periods of wet weather. **Good management** is vital, so try these tips to help keep the condition at bay.

- 1. Consult your vet** to obtain an accurate diagnosis and proper treatment plan
- 2. Where possible, eliminate any recognizable trigger factors**, such as mud or mites
- 3. Stable the horse on clean bedding** and turn him out in a manège or a **well-draining field**
- 4. Carefully clip** (not shave) the affected area, so that air can get to it and allow it to dry
- 5. Clean scabs** regularly with a suitable antiseptic wash (such as chlorhexidine) and warm water to reduce infection. Your vet may first need to sedate the horse to do this effectively
- 6. Carefully dry the area** using clean towels. Blot with kitchen paper or even use a hairdryer with a circuit breaker to prevent the skin remaining wet and waterlogged
- 7. Apply an ointment or lotion** as an emollient to maintain hydration of the skin. Your vet should be consulted
- 8. Deep heel cracks and big open sores** should be dressed with a and covered with cotton wool or gamgee. Otherwise, leave the legs unbandaged to allow them to breathe. Bugs flourish in damp and dirty areas, so keep the limbs warm and dry
- 9. Severe cases with obvious infection** may need **antibiotics**, which need to be

