

Sally Takes the Natural Approach to Horse Care

Keen to get the most out of life, Sally Wrigglesworth makes the time to combine her busy, high profile role in banking and savings with her love for showing and training Arab horses.

Based in Oxfordshire, Sally has adopted the natural approach to horse care and is a keen follower of using herbal-based supplements and natural parasite control.

Sally currently has two horses to look after: the Russian-bred stallion, Plumbum, rising 5, who she imported from Holland two years ago, and Kasharima who is 13 and who she produces for friends.

Already a big winner on the Arab show circuit it took Sally more than two years' searching to find Plumbum. "Over the years I have produced a lot of horses but

Plum is very special and has that star quality," she says. "Obviously, to show at a high level your horses have to look in the best of health and regular parasite control is one of the starting points.

"Plum is a National and multiple Champion In Hand and is a multiple champion under saddle. He always catches the judge's eye and has that 'look at me' attitude. He thinks he is a bit of a star!

"This year we will be out around twice a month at shows with the aim of qualifying for the Horse of the Year Show. The plan for 2008 is to base him in Holland so that he can compete at the European In Hand shows."

Kasharima has had a very successful In Hand career - a British National and multiple Champion - but then Sally was asked by her owners to break her and produce her under saddle which is very exciting. Fingers crossed, we hope she will do very well. Sally explains: "I like to keep horses in as natural a way as possible, they are all turned out and I vary their work to keep them fresh and to help prevent them from becoming bored. The horses go out every day and although they are show animals I quite like seeing them covered in mud after a good roll in the field!"

Over the years Sally has used a number of methods to worm her horses but then decided to investigate a more natural way of combating parasites. She came across Verm-X, the leaders in natural parasite control.

Sally says: "I met Verm-X founder Philip Ghazala at an open day two years ago and it was inspirational to talk to someone who had the same philosophy and values when it came to caring for horses and ponies, and dealing with parasite control.

"I have used Verm-X ever since and have been delighted with the results. The horses look really well and they really enjoy the taste. We give them the Verm-X powder every 10 to 12 weeks and they literally lick the bowls clean: they love it.

"It has been a real breakthrough for one of our horses. Using a syringe for parasite control was always difficult; he always played up. Now, just being able to put Verm-X in the feed is so easy."

As Verm-X products are herbal and contain 100% natural ingredients they are kinder on the gut wall than other methods may be. Available in easy-to-use packs, Verm-X is very economical. Verm-X is recognised for Environmental Best Practice in farming and agriculture by the Government supported Green Apple Awards, for their work and success in bringing a natural product into a traditionally chemical and man-made market.

