



Gallop Poll

Highlights:

Our New Route Truck!
Is your horse at risk for ulcers?
Meet the Staff

Our Client Appreciation Dinner is fast approaching!

When: March 12th, 2011
Dinner served at 6 pm, program to follow

Where: Lodi High School
1100 Sauk Street, Lodi WI 53555

We hope that you can all join us! We should have an entertaining and informative program.

Highlights include:

Delicious Pork Chop Dinner
Informative talks on dentistry,
farriery, and ophthalmology
Plus more...

Please RSVP by March 4th, 608-592-7755

Madison Equine Clinic

Equine Doctors	Becky Burcalow, DVM Dave Kolb, DVM Dean Meyer, DVM Jennifer Thompson, DVM Cassie Torhorst, DVM Molly Rice, DVM Neil Ruppel, DVM
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Service Specialists	Krista Berndt Linda Jacobson Kayleen Kinnison Marcia Gosse Cathy Jo Luck Holly Priske
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Veterinary Technicians	Brenda Aeschbach Lisa Barman Carina Morris Amber Smith Nikki Voegeli
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Assistants	Amanda Sandmire Katy Ingman Lindsey Wilson
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Midwest Horse Fair—April 15-17, 2011

Friday	Dr. Jennifer Thompson—Equine-1-1: Equine Emergencies
Saturday	Dr. Molly Rice—Performance and Young Horse Dentistry
Sunday	Dr. Dean Meyer—Looking at Obesity From Every Angle

Times TBA

Our new Route Truck is galloping your way!

Here's the skinny on the new Route Truck!

As many of you know, we closed down our Middleton office this past December in order to consolidate our offices to one central location in Lodi, Wisconsin. Our Middleton office served as a convenient hub for many of our clients to pick up products and visit with our staff. We recognized that this was important to many of our clients, so we decided to start a route truck that would offer delivery of product to our clients. Our goal is to help make product delivery convenient for you. Payment is due at the time of delivery, or call the office to make a payment over the phone. Please contact our service specialists if you have specific needs or questions about the route truck.

Meet the driver of the truck—Amanda Sandmire!

Amanda Sandmire has worked as an assistant at Madison Equine Clinic for 2 years. She is proficient in the many pharmaceutical products that we sell, and is very familiar with the Doctor's Choice supplements that we offer.

Here's a sampling of the products that we offer for delivery!

- Doctor's Choice Products and Supplements
- All Equi-shine Products
- De-wormers
- Equine Oral Medications**:
 - Bute
 - Banamine
 - Thyro-L
 - Antibiotics
- Equine Injectable Medications**:
 - Legend
 - Adequan

**Please note that many medications will require a prescription from your veterinarian in order to be dropped off.

Scheduled Areas:

(geographical areas are in relation to Lodi)

Northwest 3 rd Wednesday of the month	Northeast 1 st Wednesday of the month
Southwest 4 th Wednesday of the month	Southeast 2 nd Wednesday of the month

Monthly Specials

February:

25% off fecal exam

March:

Equimax dewormers

0-11 tubes: 5% off

12 tubes or more: 10% off

April:

Fly Predators—details TBA

Meet our office staff!

With the recent consolidation of our offices, we thought it would be a good idea to re-introduce everyone to you! We hope this helps you put a face with a name when you call in to our office!

Kayleen Kinnison

Equine Service Specialist

Kayleen has worked at Madison Equine Clinic for 13 years. She currently has one quarter horse gelding and a Cocker Spaniel named Bob. She enjoys trail riding in the summer, and is interested in ranch horse competitions. She also enjoys camping and country music festivals.



Cathy Jo Luck

Equine Service Specialist

Cathy has worked at Madison Equine Clinic since last June. She has a strong interest in equine nutrition and heads up our ration analysis program. She has a yellow lab and a quarter horse gelding. She enjoys horseback riding and other outdoor activities.



Holly Priske

Equine Service Specialist

Holly has worked at Lodi Veterinary Hospital for 16 years. She has 3 quarter horses and a pony, as well as show hogs and cattle. Three dogs round out the picture! Holly is very active in the Quarter Horse showing circuit with her daughter Becca.



Marcia Gosse

Equine Service Specialist

Marcia is our newest addition, starting this past December. She is originally from Chicago and has recently moved to Wisconsin. She is currently pet-less, but that probably won't last for long! She looks forward to getting to know you over the phone!



Linda Jacobson

Large Animal Service Specialist

Linda has worked at Lodi Veterinary Hospital for 5 years. She has 6 horses and "too many cats to mention". She is passionate about Endurance and Competitive Trail Riding.



Krista Berndt

Large Animal Service Specialist

Krista has worked at Lodi Veterinary Hospital for 3 years. She has 2 dogs and 1 rabbit. She enjoys hiking, camping, boating and spending time with family.



Introducing Dr. Neil Ruppel and Dr. Cassie Torhorst!

We are thrilled to have Neil Ruppel and Cassie Torhorst joining our team of equine veterinarians. Neil will be starting with us in March, and Cassie will be joining us in June.

Neil Ruppel will be a familiar face to many of you, since he worked for four years with Dean Meyer at Madison Equine Clinic and two years with Lodi Veterinary Hospital. Neil is a graduate of UW Madison School of Veterinary Medicine. He comes to us from a practice in Oxford Wisconsin. He and his wife Amy live in Arlington and have two children, Owen (2) and Skye (1 month!).

Cassie Torhorst grew up in Oregon, Wisconsin and has been an active member of the southern Wisconsin horse community for many years. She is also a graduate of UW Madison School of Veterinary Medicine. She is currently completing an equine veterinary internship at Anoka Equine Veterinary Services near the Twin Cities in Minnesota. She and her fiancé Ryan will live in the Lodi area.



Blue Mounds Equine Center Updates

We are gearing up for a busy breeding season at the Blue Mounds Equine Center in Mount Horeb. We will be offering fresh cooled and frozen semen breeding packages at our Mount Horeb location again this year. We also have embryo transfer and semen freezing packages available. Please call for pricing and availability.

We are excited to have Katy Ingman and Lindsey Wilson working for us as clinic interns at our Blue Mounds location. Katy and Lindsey are recent graduates of UW River Falls. They both have degrees in Animal Science with an equine emphasis. They have extensive experience working on breeding farms and will be a valuable asset at our Blue Mounds location.

Our clinic office in Blue Mounds will continue to be a pick-up location for products for our southern clients. If you have products that you would like to pick up, please call ahead.



Lindsey Wilson



Blue Mounds Equine Center



Katy Ingman

UlcerGard®: Ulcer Prevention, Performance Insurance by Dave Kolb, DVM



Training. Showing. Competing. Traveling. Stall confinement. If horses participate in any of these activities, then stomach ulcers are a real risk. No matter what breed or discipline, stomach ulcers can develop and lead to painful consequences, in other words, poor performance.

Equine Gastric Ulcer Syndrome (EGUS) causes painful stomach ulceration with signs such as poor attitude, decreased appetite, weight loss, recurrent colic, suboptimal performance, diarrhea and dull coat. The horse's stomach is a single compartment that is divided into sections based on the type of lining of the stomach, roughly 2/3 squamous (upper) and 1/3 glandular (lower). The majority of the ulcers in horses occur in the upper portion of the stomach, which is lined by simple squamous epithelial mucosa. This is very much like the lining of the horse's esophagus and has very little protection from gastric acid. The bottom portion of the stomach is lined by glandular mucosa, and is fairly resistant to damage from gastric acid but it is susceptible to ulceration usually associated with non-selective NSAID drugs such as bute and banamine.

The horse's stomach functions as a mixing and storage vat. In a natural setting, horses graze almost continuously. The roughage is mixed with saliva and then gastric fluid and stored for a period of time in the stomach before moving into the small intestine. The presence of the forage keeps the fluid in the lower portion of the stomach. The glandular portion of the stomach continually produces gastric juice containing acid – up to 15 gallons a day- to accommodate the almost continual intake of roughage. As the horse grazes and chews it also produces a lot of saliva. This saliva has a natural buffering effect to keep the acid concentration at safe non-damaging levels. Feeding grain concentrates can upset this balance by replacing the forage intake and increasing the acid production. Confinement also can have a negative effect by allowing the stomach to become empty. Feeding hay during these times can be beneficial but the stomach can still become highly acidic if the horse eats the hay fairly quickly and quits chewing, therefore reducing the production of saliva.

Exposure of the squamous portion of the stomach to excess, concentrated acid is what leads to the ulcerations. This occurs in the stomach of the horse as the acid produced in the lower portion makes its way to the upper portion. This typically happens when the stomach empties of food and the acidic fluid is forced into the upper portion as the stomach collapses. Excess acid production related to feeding certain types of grain concentrates or physical or behavioral stresses can also contribute to development of ulcers.

Recent studies and nationwide gastroscopy events have shown a 60% prevalence in performance horses and up to 90 % prevalence in race horses. However, results of a study from Iowa State University shows this syndrome is much more common and develops more easily than previously believed. The study indicates that simply transporting your horse to and from one horse show, feeding him twice a day, and giving him light exercise can cause ulcers in as little as 5 days.

Because ulcers have been shown to decrease performance, their prevention becomes key to keeping horses performing at their best...something we all want from our equine companion athletes. Often, feed and management changes can be beneficial especially at home but when we subject our horses to the stresses of hauling and competing, ulcers and heartburn will likely become an issue. Use of the ulcer preventative, UlcerGard® during these periods can be very effective in insuring your horses can compete at their best.

UlcerGard® is the only FDA approved ulcer prevention for horses. It has undergone rigorous efficacy and safety testing and been proven to be highly effective in preventing the negative effects of EGUS. UlcerGard® contains the drug omeprazole, the same drug found in human Prilosec®. UlcerGard® prevents the stomach from making excess acid, keeping the level at a point that will not cause damage and ulceration to the stomach lining. The omeprazole in UlcerGard® is protected in a specially formulated paste that allows it to pass through the stomach and be absorbed in the small intestine. The omeprazole makes its way into the blood stream and back to the stomach where it has its acid decreasing effect.

UlcerGard should be administered starting 48 hours before the stressful event (hauling/competing), given once daily through the stressful period and continued 1 day after the event for the most beneficial effect. Ask us about this safe and effective ulcer prevention and prepare for your upcoming equine activities with confidence.

Upcoming Opportunity for our Clients!

Conformational Analysis and Biomechanics

April 2-3rd 2011

Presented by Deb Bennett, Ph.D

Located at Minitube of America/Blue Mounds Equine Center facilities

This clinic is brought to you by the Wisconsin Arabian Horse Association. Dr. Bennett is a world-renowned conformation analyst and biomechanics expert.

Madison Equine Clinic is co-sponsoring the event with Doctor's Choice Supplements and Minitube of America. Our clients will be eligible for DISCOUNTED ATTENDANCE RATES. There are auditor and haul-in opportunities for this clinic.

Please visit www.wisconsinarabian.com for more information about the event.

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