

AUTUMN NEWSLETTER

TALES FROM THE PRACTICE

CASE STUDY

A NAIL IN THE FOOT

WITH MAX SCHUSTER BVetMed, MRCVS



Back in January whilst out riding this horse's owner noticed him go suddenly very acutely lame behind while cantering. She immediately dismounted and checked his legs to find what the problem was only to find that he had trodden on a rusty old barn door nail that was now sticking out of his right hind foot. The owner immediately rang the office to report what had happened and Max was diverted from his daily routine visits in order to attend the incident. As it was unclear how far into the foot the nail had gone and therefore the extent of the damage, we also despatched one of our nursing team, Laura, with our portable digital radiography machine.

When Max arrived at the yard the horse was very calmly stood on the yard resting his right hind foot. After an initial examination the decision was taken to x-ray the foot to see how deep the nail had penetrated and assess whether extracting it on the yard would be safe or whether he would need referral for surgical removal. Multiple views were taken of the foot from different angles to be able to fully visualise the nail, it appeared to have penetrated about 1.5 inches into the sole of the foot but didn't seem to have damaged any of the bone structures and looked as if it was still in one piece. The decision was made to clean up the foot, place a nerve block to numb the sole of the foot and extract the nail on the yard. This procedure went very successfully, the nail was safely removed in one piece and a further x-ray was taken to be sure there were no metal fragments left behind. Max then bandaged up the foot and drew up a plan for his anti-biotics and pain relief.

The horse then enjoyed a few weeks on box rest with a poultice on his foot to keep it clean and allow plenty of time for the wound to heal. Max returned 2 weeks later to repeat the x-rays of the foot to monitor its healing and check for any further damage to the pedal bone that he may not have been able to see in the initial images. He was pleased to find the foot was healing very well and that no further damage could be seen on the bone.

Today he is back to full strength enjoying the sunshine out hacking and doing dressage with his owner again.



MAGGIE CHAPMAN RVN

We are really proud to announce that our head nurse Maggie has passed her final practical exams with flying colours and has completed her training to become a registered veterinary nurse! Maggie has worked really hard with her studies over the past few years and had to fight through endless COVID disruption so we are very excited to be able to celebrate all her efforts.

As if that wasn't enough she also got married to her partner Luke in August 2022. Everyone at Tyrrells got their glad rags on for the occasion and we had a great day and an even better night throwing some shapes on the dance floor!

New Look Supplements range

Most of you will know that we have had our own supplements range at Tyrrells Equine for a few years now, offering everything from joint supplements to calmers and probiotics. The range is really popular amongst our client based with lots of people reporting a noticeable impact on their horse's health and wellbeing. The supplements we offer are manufactured by Hestevard Equine who create advanced nutritionally balanced products for the equine veterinary industry. In an effort to make the products more environmentally sustainable Hestevard have made some changes to the packaging on some of their core range of products, but don't worry it is still the same great product inside!



COMPETITION SUCCESS!

Our Practice Manager Annie brought a new pony in summer 2021, a lovely chocolate dun Connemara named Charlie. At 5 years old he's only a baby, so Annie has spent a long time carefully and slowly bringing him on, continuing his education at home and at clinics. Recently they have made their competition debut at Chesfield equestrian centre taking part in a few dressage shows. Not only did Charlie the baby behave himself impeccably both times out, but he has also won in both of the classes he has done far so is getting the reputation of being a bit of dressage diva! Who knows what the rest of the 2022 season will have in store for Annie and Charlie the baby!



GOODBYE ORIOL

This month we are sad to say goodbye to our wonderful Oriol who has been a central member of the team here since 2018. We can't thank Oriol enough for all the amazing work he has done here over the years, you will all know how kind, caring and knowledgeable Oriol is and how evident that is in everything he does. While we are sad to see him go, I know you will all join us in wishing him all the luck in the world in his new position!



We are very pleased to introduce our new vet Oliver Newman BVM, BVS, MRCVS who joined the practice in May. Oly graduated honours from the University of Nottingham in 2017 and went on to complete and internship at Alamo Pintado Equine Medical Centre, California. Oly has experience in all areas of equine practice and particularly enjoys emergency medicine, lameness investigation, and diagnostic imaging. We are all very excited to have Oly join the team and look forward to you all getting to meet him.

WELCOME OLLY

WHAT TO LOOK FOR WHEN BUYING A HORSE?

A client event hosted by Tyrrells Equine Clinic Ltd

Tyrrells Equine Clinic proudly present an evening of entertainment and education exploring all the things to look out for when searching for your perfect horse.

At 6:30 pm on the evening of the 17th November join us at Shuttleworth College Equestrian Centre (SG18 9DX) where we will be putting on an evening client event involving a live demo from an international dressage rider and an equine development specialist plus Q&A's with our vets and other equine professionals.

The evening promises to be full of insightful expertise from a range of professional perspectives.

As part of the evening we will also be fundraising for the Ukrainian Equestrian Charity Foundation to offer some much need support for more than 100,000 horses who have been affected by the conflict in Ukraine.



Tickets will be £5pp, please contact the office on 01763 287744 or email office@tyrrellsequine.co.uk to book your