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Newsletter

- ***New stables complete***
- ***Infectious diseases***
- ***Intra articular hock fracture***
- ***Sequestrum in a foal***
- ***Bats***

The weeks flow by so fast largely because each day we are busy doing interesting work we enjoy. It feels like no time has passed since writing the last newsletter. Writing these newsletters is somewhat of a chore, but I enjoy reflecting on all the interesting cases we have had and on what our team has been able to do for the horses of our clients.

This month we had a few more milestones. We finished our 5 new stables which is important as many of our surgical cases come from quite long distances away. Being able to carefully monitor them in house is important in these cases. Local cases we try and get home quite quickly as we can monitor them more easily at home but as we start doing more intensive surgical cases at Lona having this extra accommodation makes a big difference.



3 of the new stables finished this month

We have seen quite a few cases of Strangles this month. This disease can be problematic in some cases but often can be successfully treated. Importantly horse owners, and professionals treating horses, need to be careful not to spread this and other diseases between horses and properties. At WEV we take this seriously. Many of you will have been frustrated when we say we can only do one outpatient endoscopic examination before properly sterilising our equipment. In the case of endoscopes this is a laborious task involving harsh chemical sterilisers which need to be handled properly. We clean our scopes in the same manner as in human hospitals between cases and although

this adds to the costs it protects our patients and their owners.



Chaylee doing the final cleaning of a scope in our preparation area at Lona

We have had our busiest surgery month so far. There has been a whole range of cases from fractures to respiratory problems. One less common case was a lateral malleolus fracture in an eventer prospect. He was observed to fall in the paddock with the hind limb flexed and this is the classic way these fractures occur. We operated this case at Lona removing the fragment and so far he has progressed very well. With a bit of luck he should still have a good chance of competing.



A pre-operative xray of the large lateral malleolus fracture which was successfully surgically removed.

Another interesting case was a thoroughbred foal with a discharging wound near his elbow. Xrays in this case showed a large piece of dead

bone and a big region of reaction and bone loss in the radius. In this foal we removed the dead bone and cleaned out all the infection and as you can see it was very close to the joint. Fortunately we were able to prevent it extending into the elbow joint and this foal too has recovered very well.



An intraoperative xray taken to localise the dead bone fragments and infected pockets. This was done to allow us to find and remove the pieces with as little trauma as possible and enabled us to avoid the elbow joint.

Nature and perhaps our influence over it has meant some really hot days this month. I was just interrupted writing this newsletter to go and attend a poor mare aborting. Unbelievably the temperature near Warwick topped 46 degrees on the way there. My last photo of this week is a view I took out of the VW's window on the way home from calls at the Gold Coast last Thursday night of thousands of bats over Warwick. A good reminder why we should continue to vaccinate our horses against Hendra virus.



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Several people commented to us that they could not see the Koala in the tree in last month's Newsletter. I had to wait until he got down into a neighbouring tree to get a more convincing photo.

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