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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN JULY

July is traditionally a quiet month in Equine practice in this part of the world. So, during the coming month we are going to focus on finishing the upgrade to our facilities at Lona, Tias' farm, and getting our systems running better.

We have made big advances in our facilities with the yards complete, the stables almost complete and the office largely settled in. As many of you will have realised Tias's vehicle was off the road for 5 weeks due to a complete engine failure but it is now running well again. Frank is settling into his vehicle and getting more organized by the day.

During July we have a number of conferences and other commitments outside the practice. Tias, in his roles for the ANZCVS will be away at the Gold Coast overseeing examinations, attending Board meetings and lecturing at the annual Science Week conference. This runs from the 5th to the 11th July. From the 19th to the 24th July is the Bain Fallon conference which is the main equine conference of the year. Tias will be judging some of the presentations early in the week with Frank and Chaylee attending some of the later days.

We will ensure during these weeks either Frank or Tias

will still be available enabling the provide services to you if needed at all times.

An exciting new development for our practice is the introduction of our new website. The address is: warwickequinevets.com.au As some of you will have noticed we also have a Facebook page as well.

We will be using these vehicles to improve communication with our clients allowing information about the practice including forms, news and general advice to be more readily available.

UPDATE ON CANCER EYE CASE

Fortunately we have some good news to report on the Stock Horse with the cancerous growth on his eye.

Last week he was examined again and his eye now is very settled and where there was a protruding cancer now there is flat healthy tissue.

Although he will need to be monitored closely for recurrence, it is a very encouraging result so far.



The raised cancer before cryosurgery



Healthy flat reddish tissue one month after surgery which will settle over time. A good result due to early detection and intervention

Heel laceration in a yearling

This month we have an interesting wound case. As veterinarians we often see bad traumatic wounds in young horses. Young horses often have little respect for wire and are known to do all sorts of silly things to hurt themselves. Our case this month is "ET", who is a valuable Warmblood yearling in which the owner had invested a lot of time and finances into producing.

One morning our owner walked down to the paddock to find "ET" had put her foot through the wire fence. The wound was quite severe with trauma down to the cartilage of the pedal bone. Indeed, she was very lucky that the coffin joint was not damaged by the wire as the wound was right on top of the joint. Only 50% of the wound could be sutured closed which was done using a nerve block. A large deficit at the edge of the wound had to be left open. This meant the wound was very unstable when she moved. As the coronary band was affected, there is risk that the growth of the hoof wall in future will be compromised.

After discussing with the owners, we decided the best way to manage the wound was with a cast. This does two important things; firstly it keeps the wound stable for better healing and second, it means that the owners do not have to do regular bandage changes on a strong unhandled young horse. The disadvantages of using a cast are that you can get complications such as rubbing the skin even while the horse is confined to a box. So far the owners have been very good at managing her as they are quite experienced and her cast is not causing significant problems. We will keep you up to date on the outcome of this foot wound in our newsletters and on Facebook



The heel laceration after partial suturing. A large defect remains which we were unable to close



After the initial cast was applied

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Our goal is to provide excellence in clinical service to all our equine patients.

A professional, compassionate and caring approach with good communication, and up to date services.

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