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EQUINE HOSPITAL



Welcome Dr. Blanche!

Dr. Ty C. Marshall-Blanche is a native of Ridgecrest, California. She received her Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine from Western University College of Veterinary Medicine and is joining us for a year long equine medicine and surgery internship. Her professional interests include internal medicine, ambulatory practice, small ruminant medicine, and camelid medicine. In her free time, Dr. Blanche is an avid movie watcher, enjoys playing volleyball, and gardening. Welcome Dr. Blanche!



FALL CLIENT SEMINARS

COLIC

Tuesday, October 16 at 6pm

Sponsored by Platinum Performance

Join us for a multi-part lecture on all aspects of colic. We will be discussing types of colic, treatment, and prevention. Dr. Darci Robertson of Platinum Performance will be discussing the ECQO colic assurance plan as well as answering questions about Platinum's products. Please RSVP to office@comstockequine.com or (775) 849-0120 by Friday October 12.

Equine Gastric Ulcer Syndrome

Tuesday, November 6 at 6pm

*Sponsored by Boehringer Ingelheim
(makers of Gastrogard)*

Dr. Hoyt Cheramie of Boehringer Ingelheim will be conducting a guest lecture on equine gastric ulcer syndrome (EGUS). He will discuss clinical signs, diagnosis, and treatment of this performance limiting disease. Please RSVP to office@comstockequine.com or (775) 849-0120 Friday November 2.

Pigeon Fever 101

Ty C. Marshall-Blanche DVM

Pigeon fever is a highly contagious disease which affects many horses across the United States and is commonly seen in the western states. It is an infectious disease caused by the bacteria *Corynebacterium pseudotuberculosis* which is found in the soil. Horses can become infected when the bacteria enters open wounds or abrasions.

The most common clinical presentation of pigeon fever is the formation of abscesses. These can develop anywhere on the body but most frequently develop in the chest. It results in swelling that resembles a pigeon's breast, giving the disease its name. Other common areas of abscess formation include under the belly, sheath, and udder. Less commonly abscesses can form within internal organs such as the liver, lungs, or kidneys. These horses may present with other signs such as fever, depression, inappetence or lameness. Most cases of pigeon fever occur in late summer or fall when the temperature is high and drought conditions are present.

Following a thorough physical examination, your veterinarian may recommend additional lab work to identify the presence of the infection. An ultrasound examination can help identify abscesses.

In mild cases pigeon fever is often self-limiting. It can take up to four weeks for abscesses to mature, rupture, and heal. If they do not rupture on their own, abscesses may require draining by a veterinarian to accelerate the healing process.

If a horse fails to respond to initial treatment, has internal abscessation, or develops secondary complications, more aggressive treatment such as hospitalization and antibiotic therapy may be necessary.

The easiest and most effective way to prevent Pigeon Fever is fly control (i.e. the use of insect repellents, fly sheets, and proper wound cleaning). Products like SWAT Wound Ointment applied around a wound, especially those on the ventral midline where flies frequently bite, are a great way to protect wounds from insects. If a horse on the property is infected with pigeon fever it should be isolated from other horses.

Any discharge from a suspected Pigeon Fever abscess should be collected and disinfected with 1:10 bleach solution to prevent environmental contamination. There is a vaccine for Pigeon fever that is not readily available at this time and not widely used.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding pigeon fever, remember to ask your Comstock veterinarian during our upcoming fall vaccination clinics! 🐾



What to Expect in an Emergency

Kelsey M. Tanner DVM

Equine emergencies can happen at any time and preparation on the part of the horse owner can help navigate through these stressful situations. Whether your horse is colicking, has a laceration, or is suffering from some other ailment, Great Basin Equine and Comstock Equine Hospital work together to ensure that there is a veterinarian available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to address your emergency needs. Outlined below is a brief guide to help set your expectations when calling in on an emergency basis.

When you call into the clinic, an answering service will facilitate communicating your message to the doctor on call. Doctors may have multiple calls to deal with at the same time, and due to the large geographical area that we serve, they may be 1-2 hours away from you and your horse. You can expect a return phone call within 15 minutes to discuss the best plan to get your horse seen. This may involve bringing it to the clinic so that your horse can get care in the shortest amount of time.

Depending on the location of the doctor and the details of the emergency, your horse may be seen in the field or at the clinic. It is not recommended to arrive at the clinic without communicating with the on call doctor, as you may find the facility locked, or it may not be the best location for your horse's workup. Even if your horse is seen in the field, it is important to have transportation available in case your horse needs to be hospitalized. Ensure that your trailer is travel ready, and if you do not have a trailer you should have a plan in place with a friend or neighbor who does and can provide emergency transport. In addition, your horse should be comfortable getting in and out of the trailer, so that loading in an emergency does not add stress or time to the situation.

A first aid kit is a valuable tool in emergencies. Recommended supplies include the following:

- Latex gloves • Cotton roll • Non-adherent pads • Cling wrap
- Elastikon • Thermometer • Stethoscope • Scissors

Keep your supplies in a clean, dry location that is easily accessible. Only use these supplies as instructed by your veterinarian.

As the horse owner, you are the best person to recognize signs of distress in your horse, since you know their normal behavior. Additionally, heart rate (normal 24-40 bpm), temperature (normal 98.5- 100.5 F), and respiratory rate (8-16 bpm) can help you confirm whether something is wrong. These are things you can check before calling your veterinarian, in order to provide them with a more thorough picture. You should also have any pertinent medical history ready including any medications administered. You should also consult with your veterinarian prior to administering any medications, including banamine and bute.

If you are unsure whether your horse should be seen or if the signs they are showing are truly an emergency, call the clinic to consult with a doctor. They can advise you in how to proceed, and it is much better for your horse to be seen earlier rather than later. Additionally, there is an after hours emergency fee in place for calls seen outside of regular business hours, and this fee increases based on the time of service.

Keeping a clear head and acting promptly can mitigate the effects of your horse's emergency. If you have any further questions regarding emergency care, please do not hesitate to call Great Basin Equine or Comstock Equine Hospital. 🐾

FALL VACCINE CLINIC SCHEDULE

AREA	DAY	DATE
Washoe Valley 1	Sat	8-Sep
Washoe Valley 2	Tues	18-Sep
Washoe Valley 3	Wed	26-Sep
Washoe Valley 4	Thurs	25-Oct
SW Reno 1	Wed	12-Sep
SW Reno 2	Thurs	4-Oct
SW Reno 3	Wed	17-Oct
SW Reno 4	Sat	13-Oct
SW Reno 5	Sat	27-Oct
Mt. Rose/Pleasant Valley 1	Tues	18-Sep
Mt. Rose/Pleasant Valley 2	Thurs	11-Oct
Mt. Rose/Pleasant Valley 3	Sat.	29-Sep
Lemmon/Antelope Valley 1	Thurs	20-Sep
Lemmon/Antelope Valley 2	Sat	6-Oct
Lemmon/Antelope Valley 3	Tues	2-Oct
Spanish Springs 1	Tues	25-Sep
Spanish Springs 2	Sat	3-Nov
Spanish Springs 3	Wed	3-Oct
North Valleys 1	Thurs	20-Sep
North Valleys 2	Wed	10-Oct
Golden/Sun Valley 1	Wed	12-Sep
Golden/Sun Valley 2	Thurs	4-Oct
Carson/Dayton 1	Thurs	13-Sep
Carson/Dayton 2	Wed	3-Oct
Toll Rd/VC Highlands 1	Thurs	27-Sep
Toll Rd/VC Highlands 2	Wed	24-Oct
West Reno/Verdi-Mogul 1	Tues	25-Sep
West Reno/Verdi-Mogul 2	Wed	17-Oct
Palomino Valley 1	Mon	15-Oct
Carson Valley 1	Fri	14-Sep
Carson Valley 2	Fri	12-Oct
Stagecoach/Silver Springs 1	Fri	5-Oct

FALL CLINIC PRICES

Farm Call	20
Physical/Wellness Exam	20
Rhino-Influenza*	30
Strangles I.N.*	35
Rabies*	21
Deworm*	17-24
Deworm (Foal/Mini)*	14
Fecal Exam	23
Clean Sheath	35
Sedation- Starts At	45
Coggins	32
Health Certificate (First 2 Horses)	45
Health Certificate Additional Horse	15

*Tax not included. Prices of dewormers vary depending on what deworming strategy your horse requires.

A 10% discount will be applied to owners with 5 or more horses, and the farm call fee will be waived. Not applicable with any other discount.

Manufacturer's Immunization Support Guarantee: The vaccine company will pay for diagnostic & treatment costs up to \$5000.00 for your horse if he or she has been vaccinated by one of our doctors and becomes infected by West Nile, Influenza, Tetanus, Eastern Equine Encephalitis and/or Western Equine Encephalitis within one year of vaccination. This guarantee excludes Strangles and Rhino virus.



**YOUR HORSE
NEEDS A
DENTAL EXAM
EVERY YEAR!**

Dentistry Pricing

We are offering our dentistry prices at \$170 plus sedatives. Sheath cleanings may be added for the discounted price of \$40.




\$170.00

We are continuing the Dental Health Maintenance Plan. Any horse that has dentistry performed annually will receive the discounted price of \$125 plus sedatives. This plan is ideal for horses that require more frequent dentistry.

\$125.00

To best service our clients, all of our doctors have received extensive training and continuing education opportunities in the field of equine dentistry.

The discounted price includes:

-  Sedation Examination
-  Full Mouth Speculum Examination
-  Dental Equilibration (performed with hand & power tools)

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