

Fall 2008 Newsletter

Northwest Equine Veterinary Associates Has Had a Facelift!

As many of you already know Northwest Equine has remodeled its clinic in Maple Valley and it looks beautiful!

The old barn has received a complete facelift with new stall flooring, new roofing, an extra exam room, a designated area for dental work and rubber matting all over.

Now, patients may be seen at the clinic for routine appointments (which saves our clients over \$150 for an average appointment) and also patients may be hospitalized for procedures, monitoring and care. These include managing colics that do not require surgery, laceration and routine surgery cases that require post-op care, reproductive work that require daily checks, and sick horses that require monitoring and frequent treatments.

This Newsletter edition is a virtual tour of the remodeled clinic. Enjoy!



Remodeled barn with outpatients arriving for their appointments. The large parking lot is ideal for lameness exams, with ample room for truck and trailer parking and turn-around. (above)



There is a very nice sized paddock that horses may be turned out to run around and graze while enjoying the fresh air. (above)

Main office entrance. (below)





Our Assistant, Jessica Weaver, holding a patient (Lady, a very sweet, 6 year old Quarter Horse mare) in the rubber matted exam room. (above)



One of the stalls for hospitalization of in-patients. (above)

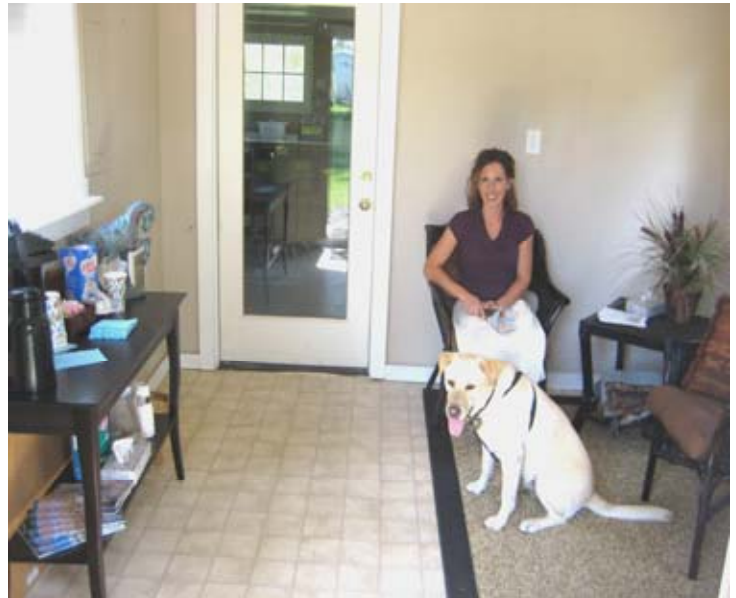


Dr. Rothschild working on a patient in the barn's treatment area. (right)



Assistant Patty Capps, performing an equine health profile blood work in our in-house laboratory facility. (upper left)

A very tastefully decorated new waiting room has been put together so clients may relax with comfort and drink fresh coffee while waiting to see the doctor, or for procedures to be completed.



A client relaxing in our new waiting room. (above)



Our Practice Manager Carol Bedier with all the paper work in her office! (lower left)

Kathryn Ellis our main receptionist handling all the phone lines and our busy appointment book! (upper right)



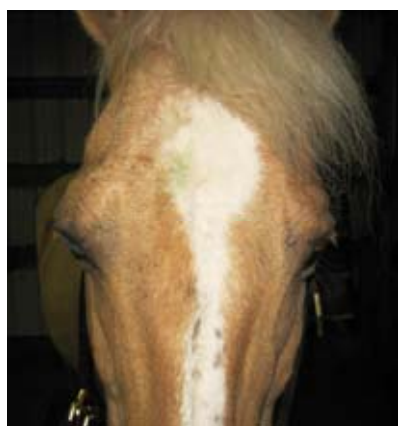
Katie Pivetta our receptionist assistant at her new desk! (above)

Tina Hurrell responsible for our billing department! (lower right)



Come by to visit our “new” clinic or call to schedule an in-clinic appointment for your horse! And remember our website “Specials & Promotions” all in-clinic appointments receive a 10% discount on your final bill and with 3 or more horses you receive a 20% discount!

Keno is a 16 year old Quarter Horse/Tennessee Walker cross gelding that when purchased by Jana Hadley (Issaquah, WA) had a white bulgy right eye. The condition had been present for over 3 years and he was practically blind in that eye. The eye had a painful and unsightly appearance, it even had cracks on its surface due to such intense stretching of the globe and cornea. The exact cause of the condition was unknown to Jana. After a few different conventional treatment failures Jana decided to give it a last attempt before resorting to removal of the eye. A consultation with Dr. Chantal Rothschild (the Board Certified Internal Medicine Specialist at Northwest Equine) and an ultrasound exam revealed severe internal trauma to the eye, with rupturing of many important structures and severe inflammation within the vitreous (the back of the eye). Dr. Rothschild gave Jana a guarded prognosis and told her: "the chances for recovery of such a severe and chronic condition are poor and he may end up needing the surgery to remove the eye to provide him with the comfort he needs". Jana didn't want to give up and insisted that something more be tried. Dr. Rothschild then performed a radical treatment with intravitreal administration of gentocin and dexamethasone in addition to subconjunctival triamcinolone. Keno tolerated very well this delicate and invasive treatment and Jana followed all the after care instructions with great devotion and love. Over the course of 3 months his eye gradually responded to treatment and decreased to nearly a normal size also becoming much clearer so that now it is possible to see through the cornea and visualize the brown of his eye (iris), his pupil and all other structures within the eye. Some of the damage to his eye is unfortunately permanent, nevertheless it has incredibly become at least 90% improved from prior to treatment! He is a much happier and comfortable horse now, and he looks even more attractive and handsome when prancing around or going out on rides!



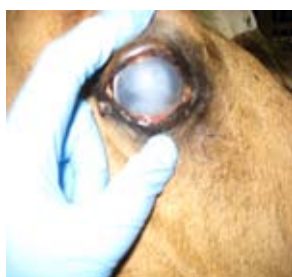
Keno prior to treatment. Note how his right eye was very bulgy and deformed (the size of a golf ball).



Keno 3 weeks into treatment, note decreasing of the size of the eye.



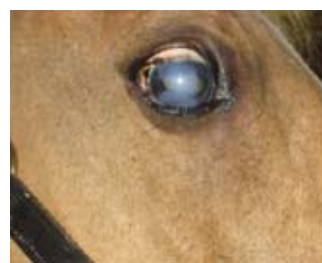
Keno 2 months after treatment: note how the right eye has decreased to nearly the same size as the left.



Keno prior to treatment, note how the eye was completely opaque with a thick white layer over cornea.



Keno 3 weeks into treatment, note clearing of corneal opacity.



Keno 2 months after treatment, note much improved transparency of cornea and easy visualization of pupil and iris (brown of the eye).

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ATTENTION! ATTENTION! ATTENTION!
New "Specials and Promotions"

You cannot miss out on this new promotion deal! Any Northwest Equine Client that refers a friend who becomes a new client receives an option between either:

10% OFF one horses dental work at their next appointment
OR
A tube of equine dewormer in the mail (Ivermectin, Strongid or Panacur)

Their friend will also receive:

A complimentary full physical and general exam of their horse in addition to a tube of dewormer.

Please ensure that the new client mentions the name of who referred them when scheduling their first appointment. You will receive in the mail a letter requesting you chose which promotion option you prefer! It's that simple!

PREVENTING MUD: www/horsesforleanwater.com is a website run by and for Pacific Northwest horse owners and offers a wealth of advice on pasture, manure and forage management, especially in light of our sodden environment.