

# Equine Referral Hospital News

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## Langford Vets @ Nutwell

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Launching in May, elective procedures will be available in a new location, on the beautiful Nutwell Estate. Langford Vets Equine are here to support cases from referring vets across the South West.

#### Some of the services offered by our weekly visiting clinicians;

Selected surgical procedures both orthopaedic and soft tissue, with RCVS Specialist in Equine Surgery Yvonne Elce. Including; arthroscopy for OCD, diagnostic arthroscopy, sequestrum removal, splint bone fracture, upper airway procedures (such as laser Hobdays and sinuses), cryptorchid surgery, hernia repairs, skin tumour excisions, kissing spine surgeries.

Medicine work ups and procedures with RCVS Specialist in Equine Medicine Sarah Smith.

Including; echocardiography (ECG), liver biopsy, EquiPENS™, melanoma vaccines, recurrent colic / weight loss investigation, metabolic testing, intradermal skin testing, gastroscopy.

#### Also available:

Dental procedures (with our veterinary equine dental clinician Sam Bescoby) including extractions, infundibular restorations and diastema treatments.

Ophthalmology consultations and eye surgeries with Specialists Claudia Hartley and David Donaldson.

Lameness work-ups with our Lameness Locator® and orthopaedic ultrasound (e.g. stifle joint scanning) with Specialists Lucy Meehan and Yvonne Elce

Acupuncture with Katya Potter from our Medicine Team.

For enquiries about services available @ Nutwell please contact the Langford Vets Equine Referral Hospital Team on: 0117 394 0786



## Vet CPD@ Nutwell - 15th May 7pm "Foal to Five-Year Old" - Limited spaces available

On 15th May Langford Vets @ Nutwell will be hosting an evening's vet CPD on "Foal to Five-Year Old". Specialists Yvonne Elce and Sarah Smith will discuss the surgical and medical advances of recent years which optimise transition from a foal to a healthy young competition horse. This evening will also include a tour of the facilities at Nutwell, as well as an opportunity to meet our clinicians and ask questions about the new service.

Join us at 7pm for cheese and wine.

We are keen to hear what our referring vets would like from equine CPD at Nutwell, as well as to support local practices in delivering the very best in equine veterinary care.

15th May 7pm - 9pm, Nutwell Estate, Lymptone, Exmouth, Devon EX8 5AN



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## We are pleased to welcome Ellie Cypher to the surgical team!

Ellie is a California native who graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelors in Neuroscience from the University of California Santa Cruz followed by Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from the University of California Davis. Her Equine Surgical internships were completed at Chino Valley Equine Hospital in southern California and Massey University in New Zealand. She then went on to complete a Large Animal Internal Medicine Fellowship and Large Animal Surgery Residency with the University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine.

Ellie has interests in large animal surgery including equine and small ruminants.



## Our brand-new equine medicine intensive care unit is now complete.

This state-of-the-art facility allows investigation and critical care of patients in isolation when there is higher than usual risk of infectious disease. The facility allows for round-the-clock care whilst maintaining the highest biosecurity standards.

## Headshaking clinical trial ongoing:

The Equine Referral Hospital (University of Bristol) are continuing their ground-breaking research into headshaking in conjunction with the University of Oxford and BOVA UK trialling a new natural and safe treatment. Our recent Facebook campaign has resulted in lots of new contact but we still need more horses to complete our trial. If you are interested, or know of anyone with a headshaker who would be happy to take part in a feed supplement-based trial please visit our website [langfordvets.co.uk](http://langfordvets.co.uk).

We are proud that Dr. Veronica Roberts and the equine medicine team are on the cutting edge of development of new treatments for this debilitating condition.



## We want to give a huge thank you to everyone involved into the equine cardiology CPD event on 24th April.

The CPD was sold out; an enjoyable day was had by all listening to talks from our cardiology team on common cardiac conditions, the most recent research in equine arrhythmias and the latest work in human medicine as it is beginning to be translated into the equine world.

## Our Junior Clinical Training Scholar in Equine Medicine and Surgery; Rachael McKinney has been sharing the findings of her research project with other vets in our recent company-wide seminar.

Rachael is working along-side our ophthalmology Specialist David Donaldson to create an in-depth map of the muscles around the horse's eye. The outcomes of this project will help to explore the possibility of using different techniques to perform nerve blocks in the equine eye, which could potentially be safer and more effective than current methods.

This valuable research is therefore important for refining the techniques which allow for surgery and examination of the equine eye. Rachael is hoping to complete this project before she finishes her internship position, and we are looking forward to seeing the positive impact that Rachael and David's work will have on the field of equine ophthalmology world-wide.



## What is a Junior Clinical Training Scholar?

A Junior Clinical Training Scholar is a fully qualified vet (MRCVS) undertaking additional in-depth training in specific fields under the guidance of our team of highly qualified equine Specialists. These vets come to train in our hospital to develop their skills even further and perhaps one day (after taking a three year Senior Clinical Training Scholar role, aka "residency") become a Specialist too.