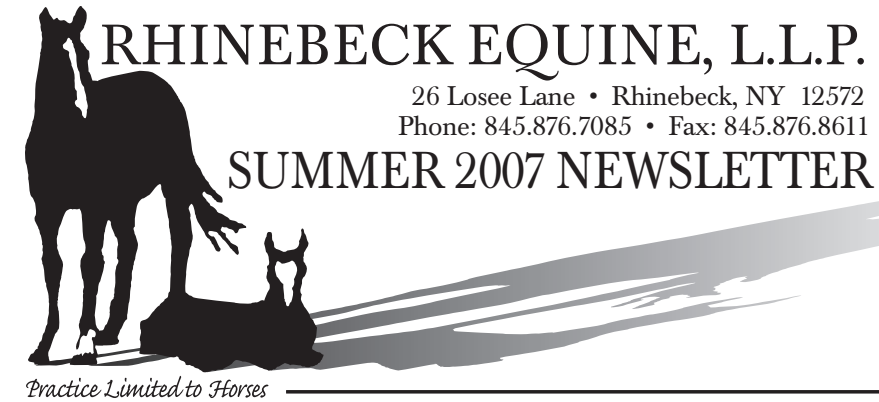


UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION PLEASE



Please spend a moment to call Jamie at extension 1001 to update your account information, including a new barn location, new driving directions, new cell phone number, or to correct our information about your horse(s). We like to have a full description of each of our patients in our records. In addition, in the event of an emergency, we need to have a failsafe way to contact you. If you have special instructions about the care of your horses, such as "no heroic measures" or "if I can't be reached, please save my horse's life even if surgery is required" we can place this information in your record. Feel free to leave your information by voice mail.



Paul C. Mountan, D.V.M.
James D. Mort, D.V.M.
Jeffrey A. Williams, D.V.M.
Amy L. Grice, V.M.D.
Nina Deibel, D.V.M.
Lance H. Bassage, II, V.M.D., D.A.C.V.S.
Heather J. O'Leary, D.V.M.
Christine M. Adreani, Ph.D., V.M.D., D.A.C.V.S.
Andrea Sotela, D.V.M.

PLEASE WELCOME ANDREA SOTELA D.V.M.



Dr. Sotela will join Rhinebeck Equine in July 2007, and brings experience, enthusiasm and dedication to the team. She grew up in Maryland riding hunters and jumpers on the East Coast circuit. As a young woman she also worked as a technician for several years for Dr. Robert Barber, well known horse show veterinarian, where she gained a strong background in lameness diagnosis, and became determined to become a veterinarian.

After earning her BS in Animal Science at the University of Maryland, Dr. Sotela attended veterinary school at Ohio State University, graduating in 2006. She completed an internship at the Littleton Large Animal Clinic in Colorado in June 2007.

Dr. Sotela's special interests are sports medicine, imaging, and lameness. She enjoys riding her mare whenever she has time, speaks fluent Spanish, and looks forward to exploring the Hudson Valley.

WWW.RHINEBECKEQUINE.COM IS FINALLY BORN!

Please visit us on line at our new website. It certainly took us much too long to complete our site, but we think you'll be pleased with the result. Read about our practice's history; see pictures of our hospital facility; learn more about our doctors and the services we provide. Included are

links to other equine sites and Rhinebeck Equine documents about vaccinations and deworming. You can watch a slide show of a horse having surgery, and read about some common diagnostic imaging tools. Please let us know what you think!

RHINEBECK EQUINE, L.L.P.
26 Losee Lane
Rhinebeck, NY 12572



“PAY NOW” PRICING FOR PHARMACEUTICAL ITEMS AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES

In the past, we priced our pharmacy items to account for losses from unpaid accounts, because lack of payment for one item created the need to sell 3-4 more of the same item simply to break even. However, in order to better serve our clients, we have instituted a new policy in our pharmacy and a two tier pricing structure is in place. When items from the pharmacy are purchased, a discounted price will be offered if these items are paid for at the time they are received. This payment can be made by cash, check, or credit card. You may wish to have a credit card on file with our office in order to have this benefit if you will not be present at the time of the veterinarian’s visit.

This discount is only available to those clients in good standing with account balances aged less than 90 days.



NUCLEAR SCINTIGRAPHY

We are happy to announce that we are expecting installation of a MIE nuclear scintigraphy unit in June. This cutting edge technology will enhance our diagnostic imaging capabilities. Nuclear scintigraphy has proven to be the standard for diagnosis of many orthopedic injuries that are not easily localized using traditional examination and imaging techniques. The technique is extremely sensitive in that it enables the detection of many injuries or inflammatory conditions prior to the development of any radiographic abnormalities.

A nuclear scintigraphic scan or “bone scan” is carried out by administering an intravenous dose of a drug labeled with a radioactive marker to the horse. The drug is preferentially taken up by bone in higher concentrations where the bone is more metabolically active. This includes areas of injury or inflammation, such as fractures or arthritis, as

well as normal areas such as a physis or “growth plate”. A few hours after the drug is injected, the horse is scanned with a gamma camera that detects the radioactivity. A computer translates this information into an image of that particular part of the body or skeleton. The images are evaluated for “hot spots”-areas of abnormal increased radioactivity that indicate the location of potential problems or injury. This information is then correlated with the horse’s clinical history, lameness examination results, and results of any radiographs or sonograms to reach a definitive diagnosis. The technique is very safe, in that the dose of radiation is extremely low, and the scan is carried out with the horse standing and lightly sedated.

We are excited to be able to offer you and your horses this improved level of service and care.

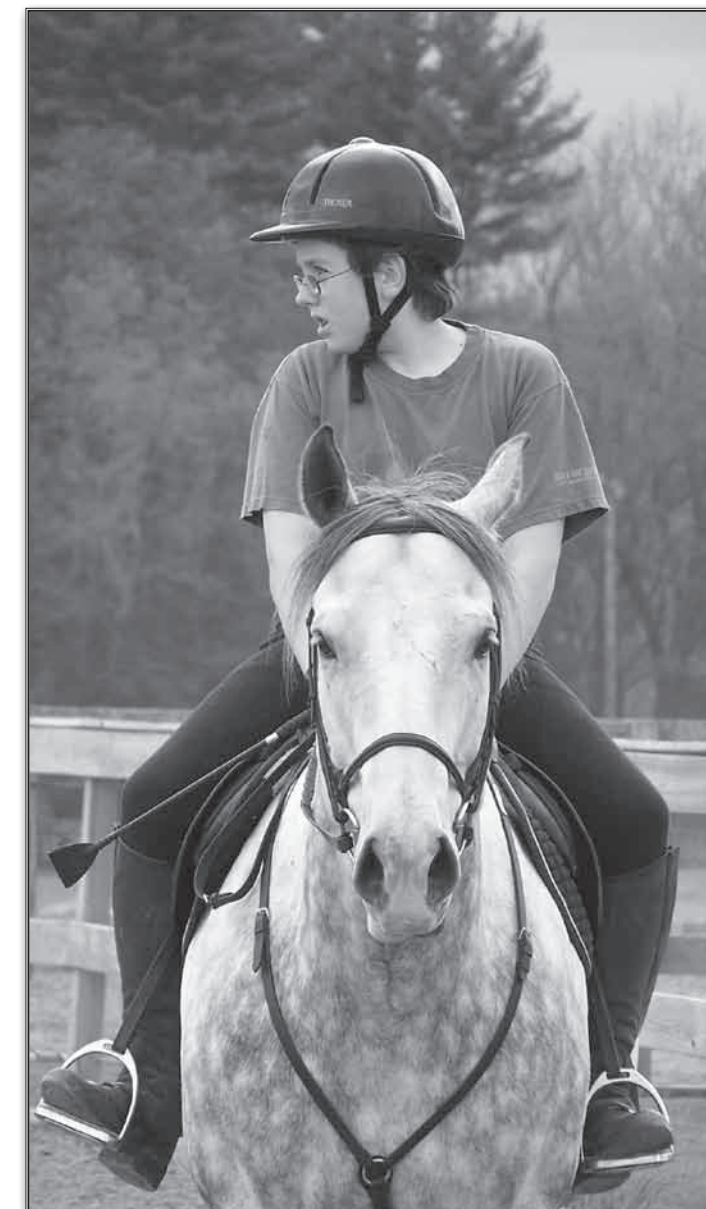
NEW INTERNS WELCOMED; FAREWELL TO OUR DEPARTING COLLEAGUES

In mid June we welcome our second crop of interns: Dr. Danielle Brinker, Dr. Sara Hodgdon, and Dr. Laura Parisio. They will be rotating duties between surgery, anesthesia, and field service over the next 12 months. Drs. Brinker and Hodgdon graduated in 2007 from Cornell, and Dr. Parisio from the Royal College of Veterinary Medicine in London. We look forward to mentoring their first year in equine practice, and helping them achieve confidence in their skills.



We say goodbye to Dr. Melissa Smith, our very first intern, who is heading to North Carolina for an ambulatory position before applying for a surgical residency. Her year as a surgical intern at Rhinebeck Equine has given her a multitude of experiences with trauma, colic, and routine surgeries. She is well equipped to be a wonderful equine veterinarian. We will miss her ready smile, calm quiet nature, and cheerful willingness. A year has passed so quickly!

Dr. Kim Kreider, who has been with us as a short-term intern since February, will begin a Sports Medicine internship at Hagyard, Davis, and McGee of Kentucky in July. She has been a wonderful help during her stay, and we wish her much success in her career.



DR. HEATHER O’LEARY TO COMPLETE HER ACUPUNCTURE TRAINING IN AUGUST

After spending a week each month over the last year in intensive training, Dr. O’Leary will be certified in acupuncture this summer. She is enthusiastic and excited about being able to offer this modality to our clients. Though grounded in Western medicine, she is also offering herbal medications in selected

cases. She plans to continue her education in alternative therapies by pursuing training in animal chiropractic in the future. Please call the office to schedule an appointment for your horse with Dr. O’Leary.