



To Our Clients and Friends,

As we come to the end of summer, and with fall around the corner, I want to thank clients and other veterinarians who have supported our practice so far this year. I also want to reach out to those who we have not seen. Our practice is reaching a higher level, as we continue to offer more and more new services that are not found elsewhere in the area. I am happy to say that Santa Fe and northern New Mexico now has an established, properly staffed and completely equipped equine hospital and surgical facility.

We are excited to announce that we have just purchased what many consider to be the best Digital X-Ray system on the market. We have improved our intensive care and isolation facilities, and we continue to train our staff to provide the best service for you and care for your horses. We continue to offer workshops and seminars for clients interested in learning more about horse health care.

This fall we are offering very affordable routine preventative care, and promotions on lameness and performance horse work and digital x-ray. We want to encourage you to get the best care for your horses, and we want to show you what Thal Equine can do for you and your horse. Give us a call or stop by for a visit.

Sincerely,

Doug Thal, DVM

2008 Rabies Report

This year, the rabies vaccine has become listed as a "core vaccine" by the AAEP – the American Association of Equine Practitioners, meaning that it is strongly recommended for all horses under all circumstances. A few reasons for this recommendation include:

- Rabies is a very rare brain disease but is always fatal. Infected horses can infect human handlers.
- There has been some increase in the number of rabies cases in domestic animals in the last 10 years.
- A new equine rabies vaccine is effective and not expensive and is very safe. It is given once annually and only requires one shot to start.

*Note: The only other AAEP core vaccines are Eastern and Western Encephalitis, West Nile, and Tetanus.



Dr. Thal and Dr. Manuelito taking digital x-rays in the Thal Equine Hospital barn.

Thal Equine Goes Digital with the EKLIN DIGITAL X-RAY SYSTEM

We recently invested in the state-of-the-art digital x-ray machine, the Eklon Mark III. There are many other brands on the market, but we did the research and purchased the best digital x-ray system available. Digital x-ray of this quality brings a whole new level of diagnostic ability to performance horse lameness evaluation and purchase exams!

The Eklon Mark III is a true digital x-ray, not computed radiography (CR). With CR, an image is only produced after the exposed electronic "film" is placed into and interpreted by a separate computer processor. This takes extra steps and lots of extra time. While the very best CR systems produce great images, the basic CR systems produce images that are not comparable to high quality true digital x-ray.

Our true digital system produces fantastic images that appear within two to three seconds of being taken, allowing for real time adjustments in x-ray technique to get the most information possible. This enables us to develop an immediate treatment plan. Quality images of difficult-to-image areas like the shoulder and neck can be taken with our system – even in the field.

You need to see the quality of these images! FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 2008 WE ARE OFFERING 10% OFF ON ALL DIGITAL X-RAYS. We also are offering 10% off on all lameness and performance horse evaluations.



In the market for a new horse? Don't miss the free PRE-PURCHASE EXAM SEMINAR TWO VETERINARIAN'S PERSPECTIVES

A free seminar will be held on **Sunday, September 21, 2008 from 9 to 11 a.m.**

Dr. Doug Thal and Dr. Dan Marks will present an in-depth seminar on how they approach a pre-purchase exam. Dr Thal will describe the many aspects of a purchase exam and will relate that to things that the prospective buyer should

consider. Dr. Marks is a former United States Equestrian Team veterinarian with many decades of experience in the English performance horse world. He will provide more detailed insights into the pre-purchase exam in the English performance horse. **Attendance is limited so please RSVP at 505-438-6590.**

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FALL SPECIALS

Our Basic Fall Special - NOT JUST A VACCINE! Every Fall Special includes:

- Flu/rhino vaccine
- Dental exam (with 10% off all dentistry through October 15, 2008)
- Brief physical exam
- Discuss any healthcare or management issues with the veterinarian
- Suggested deworming discounted
- Rabies vaccine, (*recommended, see article Page 1*)
- Call for pricing. Discounts for barns.

Office call fees for Fall Work are waived through October 15, 2008, so come on in!
Call for an estimate and appointment.

IS YOUR HORSE AFRAID OF THE VETERINARIAN? NEEDLE SHY? OTHER BEHAVIORAL ISSUES?

Look no further than Thal Equine for the best in management of the difficult to treat horse. Dr. Thal has a long established interest in working through these issues with horses. He can teach your horse to accept veterinary treatments without drama and teach you to safely and effectively provide basic care to your horse. If you have a horse that is difficult to treat or inject, give Thal Equine a try. You'll be amazed.

See the article "How to perform veterinary treatments without drama" on our website: <http://www.thalequine.com/Articles.html>.

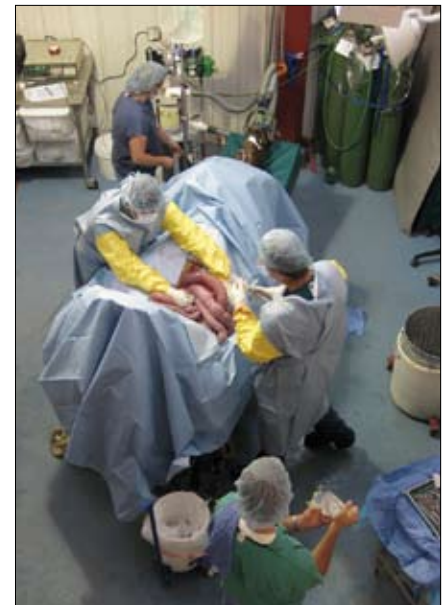
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