



To Our Clients and Friends,

Fall is here after a long, hot summer, and it's time again for routine preventative care for your horses.

After over 13 years, Thal Equine continues to offer exemplary customer service and complete equine veterinary practice to our region. As part of our commitment to client education, this fall we are hosting seminars for horse owners interested in learning more about horse health care.

We look forward to seeing you again soon.

Sincerely,

Doug Thal DVM DABVP
And the staff at Thal Equine

Thal Equine Joins Facebook

Although we are still trying to figure out how to navigate this "social media," we've been assured by our staff that a Facebook page is essential.

We have several case reports, articles and information posted on our Facebook page, and we are rapidly gaining friends.

Please visit our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/Thalequine and let us know what you think!

Las Vegas and Mora Area Appointments

Dr Thal will be visiting the Las Vegas/ Mora areas for appointments on the following dates:

- Thursday, October 14th
- Thursday, October 28th
- Thursday, November 18th

Clients that live in and around Las Vegas and Mora, please call the office to schedule your appointment on one of these dates.

CASE REPORT: COLT WITH ANGULAR LIMB DEFORMITY

By Samuel P. Smith MS DVM,
Thal Equine

This two month old colt presented to Thal Equine with a severe angular limb deformity, a common problem. If caught early, many angular limb problems can be addressed. In this case, a trans-physeal bridging operation was performed. This involved placement of screws and wires across the inside (side growing too fast) part of the growth plate (physis) of the left forelimb. The outside of the physis in this case was allowed to continue to grow, thereby allowing the limb to straighten.

See our **facebook page** for more.



Colt prior to surgery



X-ray, before surgery.



X-ray showing screws and wires bridging growth plate.



Above, July 28. Notice the left fore carpus, or knee, is almost fully straightened.

THAL EQUINE 2010 FALL SPECIAL

Fall is an important time to evaluate horses to insure they are going into the winter in good health. Our standard fall vaccine is flu/rhino. See www.thalequine.com for an updated article titled "Infectious Diseases and Prevention 2010." Three additional reasons to consider the Thal Equine 2010 Fall Special:

1. **Regular care.** Routine vaccinations and a program of parasite control are important for your horse's health.
2. **A good investment.** OUR FALL SPECIAL INCLUDES A BRIEF VETERINARY AND DENTAL EXAM. We will answer any questions you have as we examine your horse. Finding and preventing health prob-

lems early on can save you money in the long run.

3. **Quality products.** WE USE ONLY SUPERIOR QUALITY VACCINES AND DEWORMERS, TAILORED TO YOUR HORSES' NEEDS. Vaccines are not all created equal. Proper administration prevents most adverse reactions and insures maximal efficacy. Our vaccine manufacturers stand behind their products and will help pay for treatment should your horse contract the disease that the vaccine is intended to prevent.

Call now for your appointment.

Thal Equine \$20⁰⁰ Brief Consult - Oct. through Dec. 2010

• *I've been wondering what this swelling is above my horses' eye, is it serious?* • *My horse keeps dropping feed but he just had his teeth floated, what is the problem?* • *My horse has developed this strange dry skin condition, how can I resolve it?* • *My horse is lame and I just want a general idea of what the problem might be.* • *My horse just doesn't look as healthy as he could, what kind of management changes can I make?*

Have a lingering question about your horse? Do you want an experienced equine veterinarian to talk to you about an issue you might be having? Call Thal Equine and make

an appointment for a "Brief Consult." These can be medical, surgical, reproductive, lameness, behavioral issue or any other issue pertaining to the health of your horse. The cost is only \$20.00 plus tax total unless other services are performed.

Calls are at our clinic only – no farm calls. Expect 5 to 10 minutes of the veterinarian's time for this brief exam; enough time to briefly examine your horse and point the way towards a solution. This is a great opportunity for you and your horse to come meet us and see what our practice is about.

Northern New Mexico's Only 24-Hour Emergency and Colic Surgical Hospital!

Office Hours: 8 a.m. - noon, 1 - 5 p.m. Monday through Friday • Saturday 8 a.m. - noon
24-Hour Emergency Service for clinic calls and mobile service to the Santa Fe area

Please see our website www.thalequine.com for a complete list of services.

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Clinic/Emergency number: **505-438-6590** Email: drthal@thalequine.com

NEWS FLASH!

San Marcos Feed Store, our neighbor just off Highway 14, has been an asset to our business since our arrival here.

The Feed Store (505-471-9298) has just purchased the Wagon Mound Ranch Supply's complete line of farrier supplies, the region's best selection. This will be a great resource for horse owners and farriers alike. Congratulations, Tom on your new line of products!



Sand Accumulation: A Common Cause of Equine Colic

By Samuel P. Smith MS DVM, Thal Equine



Sand accumulation is a common cause of diarrhea and colic in horses stabled on sandy soils. Typically, horses ingest sand by eating hay that is fed on sandy ground, or grazing stubble on sandy pasture. Over time, large amounts of sand may accumulate in a horse's colon, causing serious problems. Horse people should be aware of this problem and anticipate it before it happens. Prevention involves not feeding on sandy soils, and using psyllium to help move sand out of the intestine.

See our facebook page for the full length article, including illustrations.

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 easily 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 web site: www.thalequine.com/Articles.html.

DR. THAL'S RECOMMENDED VETERINARY SUPPLIES

Overnight shipping, competitive prices. See our web site-
www.thalequine.com - Preferred Veterinary Products page

FALL AND WINTER 2010 HORSE OWNER EDUCATION CALENDAR

Examining Your Horse, First Aid and Bandaging

Saturday, October 23 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the clinic

Learn how to take basic vital signs, how to safely and properly apply a bandage, how to stop bleeding, and much more! \$20⁰⁰ materials fee payable when you RSVP.

What Horse Owners Should Know About Colic and Colic Surgery

Saturday, November 20, 1 to 3 p.m. at the Jemez
Room at the Santa Fe Community College
6401 S. Richards Ave, Santa Fe, NM.

Maps on the web site: www.sfcc.edu or get
directions when you RSVP

An updated version of the lecture Dr. Thal has given several times before. Everything the horse owner and professional should know about this common problem, in 2010. Includes a thorough discussion of the causes, diagnosis, treatment and prevention of intestinal problems in horses.

Horseman's Basic Anatomy and Conformation

Saturday, December 11, 2010
11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the clinic

Dr. Thal will use live horses to demonstrate basic anatomy and conformation concepts. \$10⁰⁰ lab fee.

Space is limited for all events.

Please call our office to RSVP at 505-438-6590.

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