

Client evening

We are pleased to announce that our Annual Winter Client Evening will be held on **Thursday 15th of November 2018** at Alnwick Ford Equestrian. Our Guest speaker will be Christopher Bartle who is the British Eventing Team's High Performance Coach.

Christopher himself has represented Great Britain internationally in both dressage and three day eventing. He has had many years of competing at world and Olympic championships and in 1997 won Badminton Horse Trials. Following a successful ridden career he went on to train the German Olympic three day event team for sixteen years, during this time the team won gold at the 2008 Beijing and 2012 London Olympic games alongside several European and World titles. Since 2016 Christopher has trained the British senior eventing team who won the 2017 European championships.



Day to day Christopher is kept busy teaching riders of all levels at the Yorkshire Riding Centre.

The evening will consist of a talk by Christopher and then a ridden master class with two groups of riders being mentored by Christopher. Christopher is also bringing along "Rock on Ruby" which he has designed to help to teach riders how to ride different types of cross country fence. There will be a light buffet and refreshments and time to browse Christmas gift stalls. Tickets are £20, to book your place please contact reception at Fairmoor.

Practice News

- Welcome to new trainee nurse **Natasha**: Natasha worked as a stable jockey for James Fisher and Quainton Stud before joining Alnorthumbria in August 2018. She has completed her first year of her nurse training and enjoys critical care nursing, nursing foals and lameness work ups. In her own time Tash competes her two horses in British Showjumping competitions.
- There was a full contingent of Alnorthumbria staff at the ever successful **Blair Castle Horse Trials**. Max was on duty for cross country whilst Lesley was competing with Danny! Sarah Holmes was as ever great support and groom to Lesley whilst receptionist Emma Brodie was up helping a friend who was competing. However wet the weather became it wasn't enough to put a dampener on an extremely fun weekend in such beautiful surroundings.
- Safe journey to Lesley who is privileged to be heading out to North Carolina for the upcoming **World Equestrian Games** as FEI treating vet.
- **Edward** passed a 4 month training module to update his certificate in equine practice and maintain his Advanced Practitioner status.



Skin grafting in horses:

When horses have extensive or non-healing wounds, skin grafting can be a useful technique to use to help to speed up the process of healing. Skin grafting can also help improve the cosmetic outcome when treating extensive wounds.

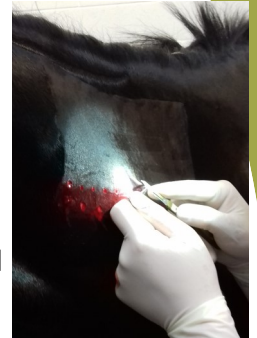
Skin grafting is usually carried out in sedated horses, and requires grafts to be harvested from the side of the neck or chest of the horse. This is carried out following preparation of the site with water and surgical spirit. Local anaesthetic is injected into the skin around the site to ensure the horse does not feel the grafts being collected. 2-3mm grafts are usually collected. No sutures are required at the site of harvesting the grafts and these small wounds will heal without scares.

The grafts are then implanted into the wound bed using a special curved set of forceps, or by making a smaller hole in which to sit the grafts. It is important that the wound bed has the best granulation tissue possible (free from infection, healthy tissue with all excessive granulation tissue removed) to give the grafts the best possible chance of surviving in the new site. The collection and implantation of grafts can be carried out simultaneously.

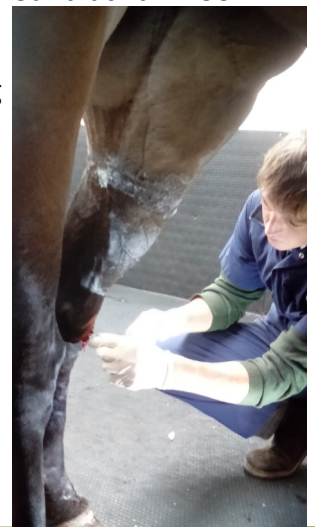
Other methods used to help close large wounds can include tension relieving incisions around the wound, and different suture methods such as tension relieving suture patterns or 'walking sutures' which are used to help reduce the tension across the wound edge. This ensures the wound edges are kept together as best as possible, and not pulled apart by tension across the wound.

Usually the wound will be dressed and this dressing left in place for 5 days to allow the grafts to become attached to the underlying tissue. Restriction of movement may be necessary, and can be achieved using a splint or large bandage. The grafts will become apparent at 15-20 days following grafting and will allow for quicker wound healing.

Harvesting pinch grafts from the neck



Placement of grafts to a wound at Fairmoor



Updated price list:

- Standing colt castration **£125 incl. VAT** including the drugs for sedation. Please note that a visit fee also applies for colts that are NOT brought into the Fairmoor Equine Clinic. This does not include Tetanus cover, any drugs required post-operatively, or treatment in the event of post-op complications.
- Gastroscopy clinic at Fairmoor on Tuesdays. £195 including all sedation required. No further discount for HHP clients.
- Clipping service; we will again be offering our sedated clipping service at Fairmoor clinic. The cost of this is £115 including all sedation required. There will be an additional charge of £10 for legs.



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