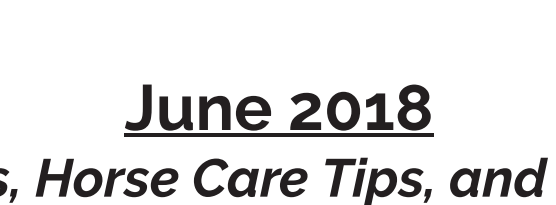




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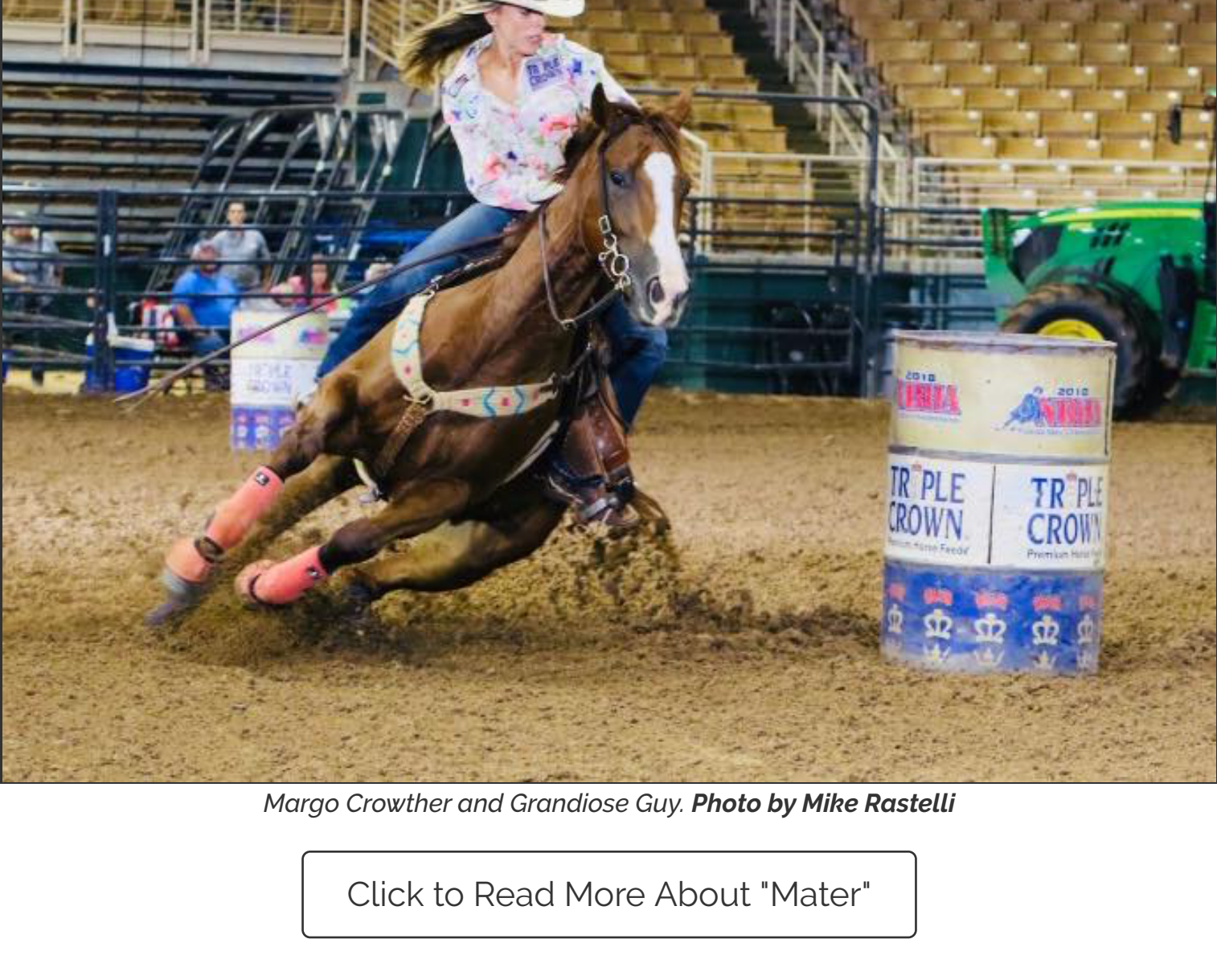
Success Story: PBEC Patient in the Winner's Circle

When Margo Crowther of Fort Myers, FL, was looking to add a new addition to her string of barrel racing horses, she made one very important phone call. That first call was to Palm Beach Equine Clinic (PBEC). Dr. Weston Davis, board-certified surgeon and veterinarian at PBEC, has been working with Crowther for several years and has helped maintain her horses and even performed some career-saving procedures.

This time, Crowther turned to Dr. Davis to ensure that her intended purchase of a new horse was a good fit. When she met Grandiose Guy, known to her as "Mater," she had to have him. The Quarter Horse gelding was named the Barrel Futurities of America (BFA) Horse of the Year just after she purchased him in 2017, crowning him the top four-year-old in the country.

"When I was thinking about buying him, I called Dr. Davis and sent him videos of the horse working to review," said Crowther, who started the purchase process late last year. "The horse was in Georgia, so he reviewed them from PBEC in Wellington and gave me the stamp of approval. Once a pre-purchase was performed, I sent all the x-rays to Dr. Davis and he told me to move forward.

"I trust Dr. Davis and the team at PBEC so much!" continued Crowther. "Barrel horses work hard and it's so important to have a great relationship with the veterinarian who oversees their care and knows them well in order to keep them happy and healthy."

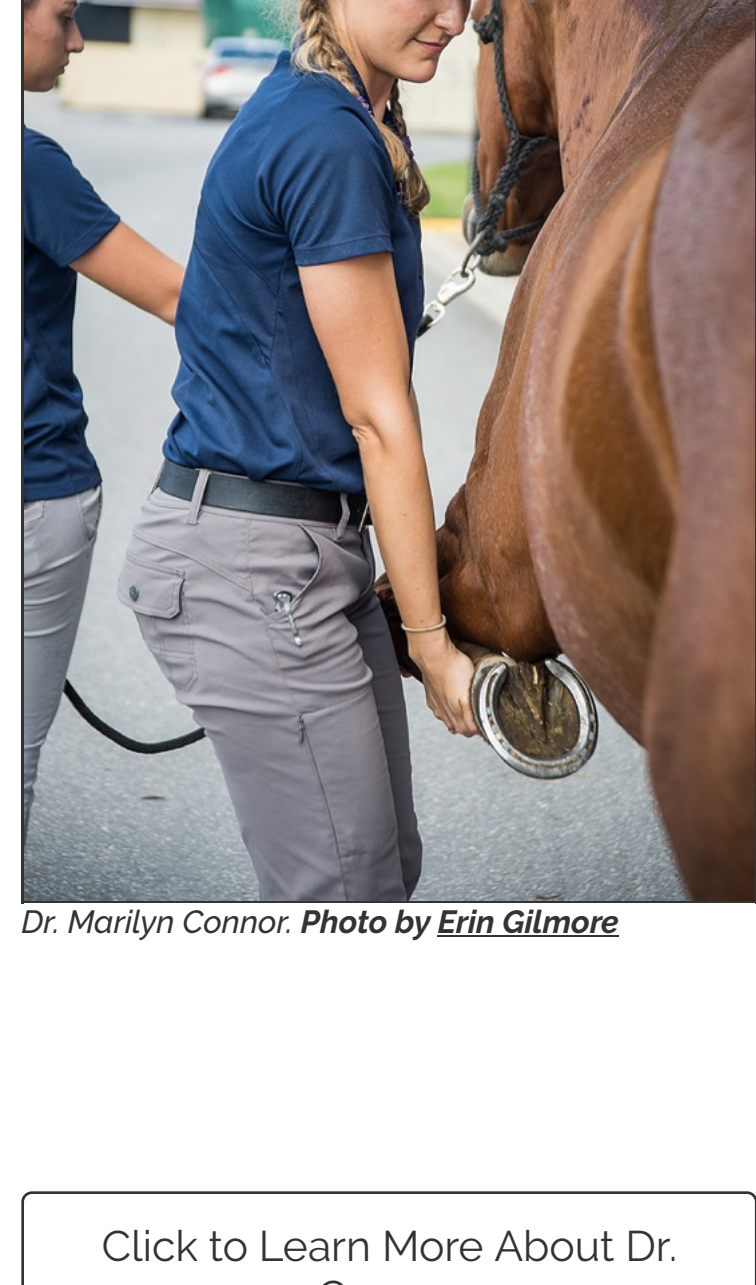


Margo Crowther and Grandiose Guy. Photo by Mike Rastelli

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Meet PBEC Veterinarian Dr. Marilyn Connor

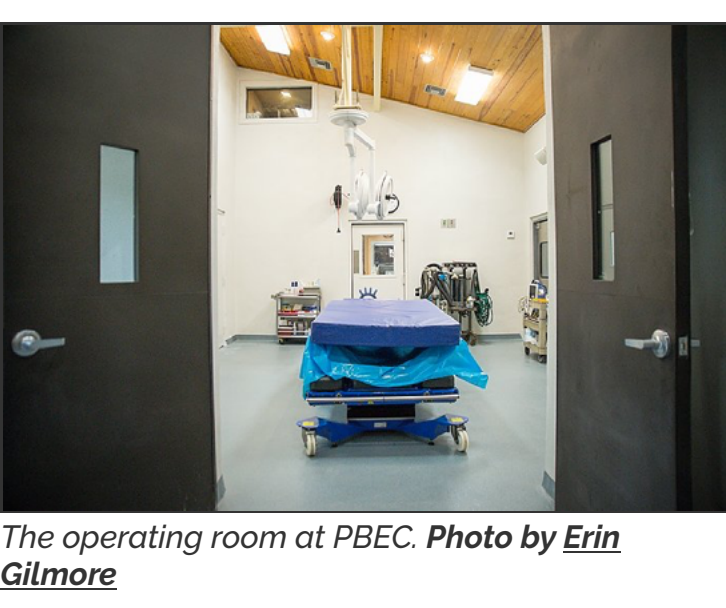
For some, becoming an equine veterinarian was always their calling. But, for PBEC's own Dr. Marilyn Connor, a diverse education and a healthy serving of life experience gave her options. Originally hailing from just north of Dallas, TX, Dr. Connor grew up around horses, but initially set her sights on going to medical school to study human medicine. Her undergraduate studies started at Tulane University in New Orleans, LA, before she transferred back to her home state of Texas to graduate in 2006 with honors from Texas A&M University with a Bachelor of Science degree in biomedical science and minors in chemistry and business.



Dr. Marilyn Connor. Photo by Erin Gilmore

After conducting a Master's level research project on the effects of social stress on an animal model of multiple sclerosis, Dr. Connor broadened her horizons and moved to New York. While in New York, Dr. Connor spent three years as a research analyst and junior stock trader at a New York-based hedge fund. On her weekends, Dr. Connor volunteered at a therapeutic riding program in Brooklyn, NY, where she taught riding lessons to children, adults, and veterans. It was during her time volunteering at the therapeutic riding program, that Dr. Connor realized she wanted a career where she was able to help both people and animals. Ultimately, this passion led her to go back to Texas where she attended four years of veterinary school at Texas A&M University.

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The operating room at PBEC. Photo by Erin Gilmore

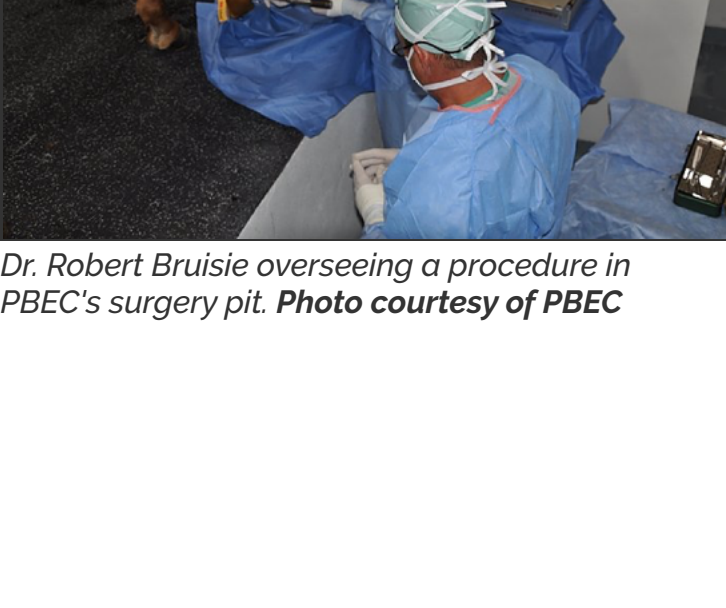
PBEC Featured Service: Advanced Surgical Technology and Talent

With three board certified surgeons on staff, PBEC offers some of the most advanced surgical capabilities in the world to its patients. Head of surgery Dr. Robert Brusie, as well as Dr. Weston Davis and Dr. Jorge Gomez, make up the team of PBEC's three board-certified surgeons who are adept in many procedures that require high levels of expertise and advanced equipment.



Dr. Mike Myhre and Dr. Weston Davis perform surgery in the PBEC operating room. Photo by Jump Media

"Between Drs. Gomez, Davis, and myself, we perform just about every soft tissue and orthopedic surgery that is done in our field. Personally, my greatest sense of success is when I see a horse back after surgery going as well or better than it was prior to surgery." ~ Dr. Brusie



Dr. Robert Brusie overseeing a procedure in PBEC's surgery pit. Photo courtesy of PBEC

PBEC is also one of a select number of private equine facilities in the country to be approved by the American College of Veterinary Schools to provide surgical residency programs. This gives PBEC the opportunity to train potential board-certified surgeons. Current Surgical Residents include Dr. Mike Myhre and Dr. David Preist.

Whether it's their own cases or the plethora of referrals, Brusie and his team of talented surgeons perform some of the most advanced elective and emergency procedures seen in the study of equine veterinary care. Commonly, PBEC specializes in successful treatment of emergent colic cases, as well as sport-related injuries such as condylar fractures.

Making industry headlines with the installation of a ground-breaking surgery pit, PBEC has made surgical procedures such as condylar fracture repairs more comfortable for veterinarians, owners, and, ultimately, the horses themselves. The four-and-a-half-foot recessed area allows surgeons to perform procedures on anything from the horse's hock and below from a standing position. Since the horses are standing, they can forego general anesthesia in place of a mild sedative and local nerve blocks, which has drastically improved outcomes.

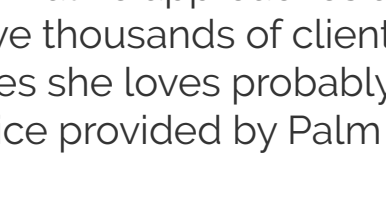
"Doing these procedures while the horse is standing and not under general anesthesia takes a lot of the risk away, and also means a faster recovery from the time the horse comes in to the time it recovers," said Dr. Gomez. "Amazingly, horses tolerate it really well, and it is very convenient for us as surgeons. Condylar fractures can spiral all the way up through the cannon bone, and they have a tendency to develop complete catastrophic fractures. That risk can be significantly increased by the recovery from general anesthesia. Our goal is always to have the best result for the horse, as well as the client."

Let's Get Social!

Here's what was happening this month on PBEC's social media channels.



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From The Waiting Room

What our clients are saying...

"Dr. Lukens did a great job on a very complicated case. Always professional yet empathetic, he led us through one hurdle after another. Looking for solutions and drawing on all of the resources available at the clinic to get him to the other side. Dr. Brusie, consistent with his reputation, was great. He was patient with pushy questions about the use of alternative approaches and supportive in follow-up calls and care. I'm sure you have thousands of clients - I just wanted you to know that with this one and the horses she loves probably too much could not be happier with the care and service provided by Palm Beach Equine Clinic!"

~ Adult amateur dressage rider Susan Feeney on Wolfi, a horse that suffered an injury to his right hind leg, which resulted in two deep puncture wounds and a large, deep bone bruise requiring four surgeries in five months.



Raising The Bar In Equestrian PR

