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Palm Beach Equine Clinic Helps Mini Donkey Return to Health

When Natasha Masri purchased Gypsy, a then four-month-old miniature donkey, on October 21, 2022, she could not wait to take her new pet home. Less than two weeks later Gypsy arrived at Masri's farm along with four other miniature donkeys and horses.

While the other new animals were thriving at Masri's farm, Gypsy's health slowly started to decline. By January of 2023, Masri could tell that Gypsy was not herself. The young miniature donkey was lethargic, laying down a lot, and losing weight. Masri called her regular veterinarian to examine Gypsy. After a few days it was evident that Gypsy's condition was not improving so Masri and her veterinarian decided to call Palm Beach Equine Clinic in Wellington, FL, for an internal medicine specialist.

Dr. Fernando Marqués is a board-certified internal medicine specialist at Palm Beach Equine Clinic.
Photo courtesy of Dr. Fernando Marqués

"Within two hours Dr. Fernando Marqués was at our farm ready to help," recalled Masri. "When I met Dr. Marqués my anxiety vanished because I could tell he knew what he was doing. He was very good about talking to me as he was working with Gypsy, which was invaluable to me as someone without a medical background."

Dr. Fernando Marqués with Gypsy.
Photo courtesy of Dr. Fernando Marqués

Dr. Fernando Marqués, a board-certified internal medicine specialist, began his evaluation of Gypsy by asking Masri for the miniature donkey's medical history. Masri explained Gypsy was lethargic, losing weight, had a fever, and had bloodwork abnormalities. Dr. Marqués then continued with a physical exam to learn more about Gypsy's overall health.

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Sport Horse Educational Night Highlights Podiatry

Dr. Stephen O'Grady and Dr. Hilary Clayton both spoke about the importance of correct podiatry in competition horses.
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Sport Horse Educational Night on Wednesday, March 8, 2023, at The Wanderers in Wellington, FL, was well attended by members of the local equestrian community. Dr. Stephen O'Grady of Palm Beach Equine Clinic and Dr. Hilary Clayton spoke about the importance of podiatry in sport horses. Thank you to Boehringer Ingelheim, Covetrus, and Zoetis for sponsoring this informative evening.

PBEC Service of the Week: General and Preventative Medicine

Having a reliable veterinary partner by your side is important whether your horse is an Olympic athlete or a pasture pet. Palm Beach Equine Clinic provides general care and preventative medicine to help keep your horse healthy and happy throughout their life. Building a long-term relationship with a veterinarian who understands your unique horse can be extremely beneficial in identifying and treating issues as soon as possible.

Palm Beach Equine Clinic offers general care and preventative medicine for horses of all disciplines and levels.
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Essential components of a horse's well-being care include routine vaccinations, deworming, coggins, blood tests, proper nutrition, regular dentistry, and farriery. Regular wellness exams of your horse's overall body condition and soundness should be performed with attention to the eyes and capillary refill time. It is also important to examine mucous membranes as well as listen to the lungs, heart rate and rhythm, and gastrointestinal sounds.

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PBEC Photo of the Week From the Winter Equestrian Festival

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Palm Beach Equine Clinic Works With AcutePlus

AcutePlus is a veterinary Wellness Membership Plan offered through Palm Beach Equine Clinic. The program is designed to give veterinarian practices a way to create a customized annual plan that they can offer directly to their clients and patients. AcutePlus provides veterinary discounts, equine protection, and equine loss protection.

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