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PBEC Success Story: Quick Action Saves Lauren Knopp's Foal

Keeping an eagle eye on foals in their first weeks of life is not only fun, but close monitoring can also be lifesaving, as U.S. FEI dressage rider Lauren Knopp discovered in July 2024. Luckily, quick action from Knopp, her home veterinarian, her repro vet, and the team at Palm Beach Equine Center (PBEC) in Wellington, FL, all came together to bring about a positive outcome.

Knopp noticed that something wasn't quite right when her two-month-old Hanoverian foal-at-foot Poof started having diarrhea. She called her reproduction vet Dr. Erin Newkirk, who handles her foals' wellness care, and asked her to look at the filly, who is by Dark Pleasure out of Knopp's Dancier mare, Dakota.



"I'd like to thank PBEC and the team who helped Poof so much; I am so grateful." – Lauren Knopp

"Dr. Newkirk came on the second day of diarrhea and did an exam, pulled blood, and gave her Biosponge [an equine health supplement designed to help support healthy gastrointestinal function] and probiotic, and within a few minutes she became ataxic, meaning that her coordination and balance became really abnormal," said Knopp.

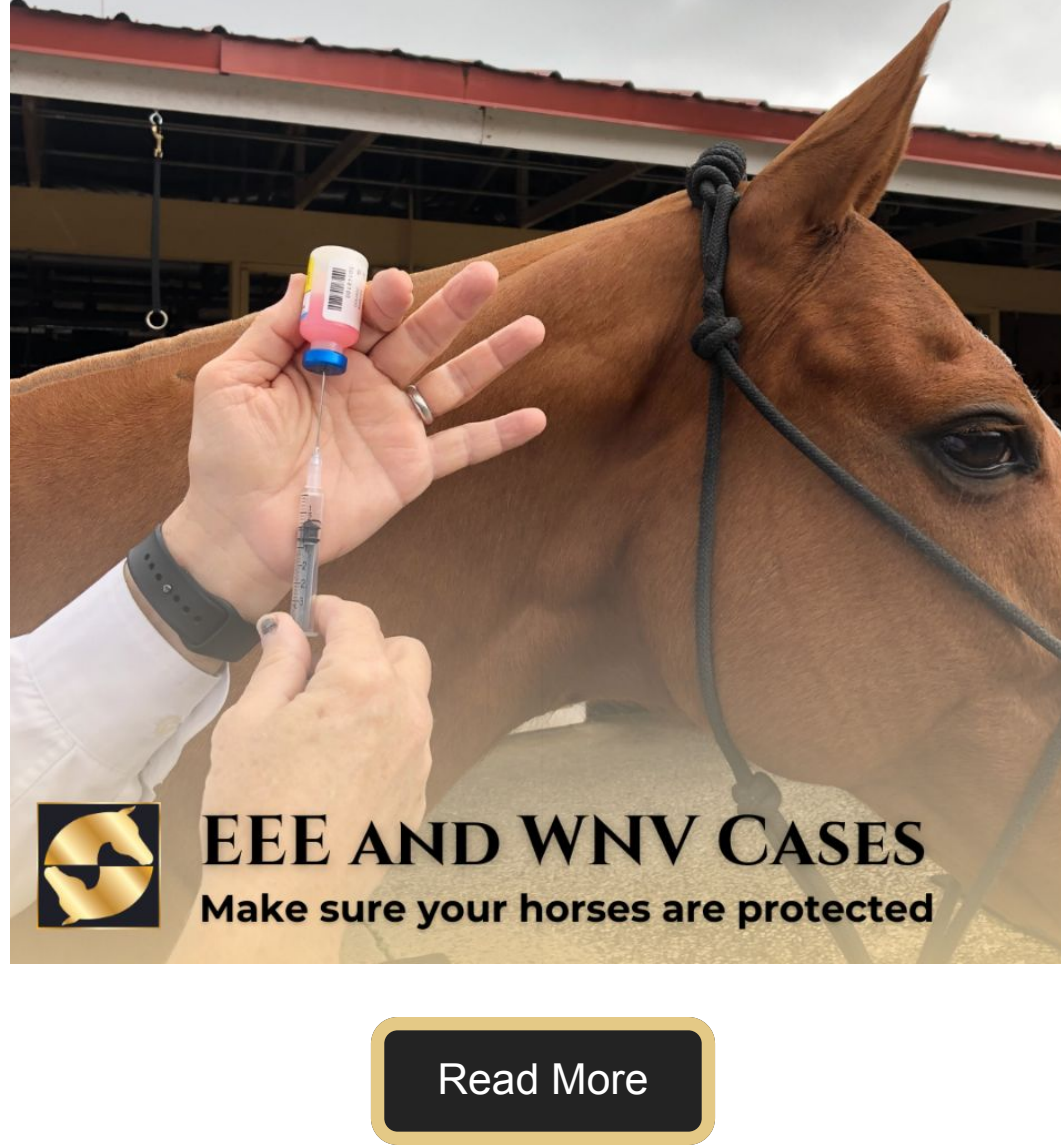
"As soon as Poof exhibited neurological symptoms Dr. Newkirk and I got on the phone with PBEC. We immediately rushed Poof and Dakota to the clinic where the clinician in charge of her care, Dr. Chunco, and her team were waiting for us. Poof was diagnosed with central neurologic dysfunction of the brain due to low blood sodium and other electrolyte derangements due to fluid losses."

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How Vigilant Vaccination Can Protect Horses From West Nile Virus and Eastern Equine Encephalitis

The warm late summer of 2024 has paved the way for more mosquitos and heralded the start of West Nile Virus (WNV) and Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) season for both horses and humans. WNV and EEE are both equine encephalitis viruses spread by infected mosquitos. They can cause severe brain inflammation and neurological issues in humans and horses and can be fatal in unvaccinated or under-vaccinated equine populations.

With almost daily cases of WNV in horses being reported in several U.S. states throughout August 2024, plus news of humans contracting the rare but extremely serious EEE virus, people are rightfully concerned about how to protect their animals and themselves from both WNV and EEE. The Wellington, Florida-based Palm Beach Equine Center (PBEC) advises on what you can do to minimize the risk of exposure and infection.



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PBEC Vets at Opportunities in Equine Practice Seminar

Palm Beach Equine Clinic was honored to participate in the Opportunities in Equine Practice Seminar. More than 300 veterinary students from across the United States and Canada gathered in Lexington, KY, for a weekend of lectures and hands-on wet labs.

Dr. Richard Wheeler and Dr. Chris Elliott dedicated a day to instructing students in distal limb orthopedic ultrasound during the wet labs, while Dr. Janet Greenfield spent a day sharing both theoretical knowledge and practical skills in veterinary acupuncture. This event provided a valuable opportunity to engage with and educate the next generation of equine veterinary professionals.



Students

Palm Beach Equine Clinic welcomes veterinary students all year

- Busy Season is October – May
- Elite level Jumping, Dressage & Polo
- 30+ Vets including several Board Certified Specialists
- Surgery, Medicine, Diagnostic Imaging, Sports Medicine
- Ambulatory & Hospital
- MRI, CT, Scintigraphy, Ultrasound, Radiography
- Acupuncture, Chiropractic, Laser & Regenerative medicine
- Official FEI vets for the Winter Equestrian Festival
- Freestyle Dressage Friday nights
- Grand Prix Jumping Saturday nights
- High Goal Polo Sunday afternoons
- Externship, Internships & Residency programs

"Come for the Weather – Stay for the Learning"



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Don't Miss This Rare Opportunity!

Keep your horses at the prestigious Palm Beach Equine Sports Complex (PBESC) this winter. With 45 acres of top-notch amenities located steps from the Global Dressage Festival and minutes from the Winter Equestrian Festival, PBESC offers an unbeatable price point for the ultimate equestrian experience in Wellington.



With six rings, a 3/4 mile track, covered arena, and perfect location, Palm Beach Equine Sports Complex is where passion meets excellence. Spots are filling fast with only 15 stalls open — call Melissa Brusie today at 561-635-2661 to secure your place in this elite equestrian community! Learn more at www.PalmBeachEquineSportsComplex.com.

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More from Palm Beach Equine Clinic



As a follow-up to our story about helping police horse Miss Miami, Paper Horse Media wrote about her incredible beginning as a rescued horse.

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Congratulations to Jad Dana and Leonidas for winning the \$10,000 PBEC 1.40m Stake at ESP Summer Series at Wellington International.

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