



Dr. Kathleen Timmins Marks 30 Years at Palm Beach Equine Clinic

Dr. Kathleen Timmins graduated from The Ohio State University School of Veterinary Medicine in 1993 and completed an internship in equine medicine and surgery at the Illinois Equine Hospital near Chicago. She began practicing equine veterinary medicine in Aiken, SC.

Dr. Timmins joined Palm Beach Equine Clinic (PBEC) in Wellington, FL, in 1996. She was a member of the United States Polo Association (USPA) Equine Welfare Committee and the Drugs and Medication Sub-Committee, which authored the USPA Drugs and Medications Rules Book. Dr. Timmins is an Official FEI Veterinary Delegate for jumping, dressage, and para dressage, and she treats patients from all riding disciplines.

Dr. Timmins enjoys cooking and cheering on her daughter, Schuyler, as she follows in her footsteps, competing in the jumper ring.



Dr. Kathleen Timmins has been instrumental to the growth and success of PBEC. Photo by [Flaxen Mane Media](#)

How has your 30-year career at PBEC progressed?

When I came to PBEC, I think I was the fifth vet in here, and now we have 50 veterinarians and a staff of 75. Obviously, it's changed. I've gotten to watch the place grow from the very beginning, and some of us are still here together. It's been like a family all along. Now it's a huge practice, and it's really nice having all the ability and capability to do everything necessary for these animals.

Where were you in your education when you joined?

I did an internship, and then I practiced for a couple of years in Aiken, SC. Then I came down here to Florida, and I have been here ever since.

How has your role at PBEC changed?

I still practice general medicine, but when I first came, I was doing a lot more on-call at night and running anesthesia. Now we have interns who do some of that. It hasn't changed that much.



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What has it been like to see the clinic grow over the years, with renovations and additions?

It's kind of incredible when I sit here and look at it now. Our first office, where three of us shared one little room, is now the pharmacy, which has also quadrupled in size. My current office used to be a group of stalls that were hit pretty hard by the tornado many years ago. And then, of course, all the equipment and technology we have is incredible: the scintigraphy, the MRI, the CT scanner. The surgery room has gotten larger, and we have added isolation facilities. We added this big addition to the main building a couple of years ago, so I have really gotten to watch all of it.

What a great opportunity to have all of those tools available to you. What is that like?

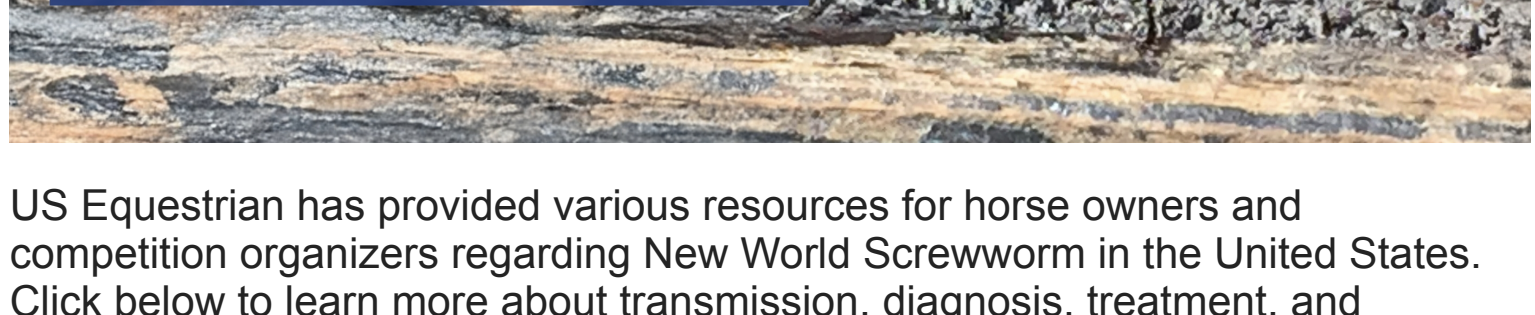
I love that part of it, and I love being in a big practice that's a referral facility. I like it when we can all work together and put our heads together on cases that may require information from multiple veterinarians and multiple imaging modalities. It's so nice to have it all here at PBEC, where we can say to the client, "Yes, I can do this," instead of having to ask for help outside. We can be hands-on for them 24/7.

Do you still compete in the jumper ring?

I don't ride much anymore; too many sore body parts! I did though, and my daughter still rides in hunter/jumper divisions.

What is something that people may not know about you?

I am a born-and-bred, die-hard Ohio State Buckeye football fan. I love football. I'm one of those football people. I'm also a really good cook. If I weren't doing this, I would consider doing that.



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Meet PBEC Intern Allison Hart

Originally from Little Egg Harbor, NJ, Allison Hart earned her undergraduate degree in Animal Science, with a minor in Equine Science, from Pennsylvania State University, then completed a doctoral degree at Auburn University College of Veterinary Medicine. She joined Palm Beach Equine Clinic (PBEC) as an intern at the start of summer 2026.

What is your favorite part of working at PBEC?

What I enjoy most about working at Palm Beach Equine Clinic so far is the opportunity to learn from so many experienced and skilled clinicians.

Have you always known you wanted to be an equine veterinarian?

I have almost always known I wanted to be an equine veterinarian. There was a brief stint, as a child, when I wanted to be a paleontologist. I quickly realized that all the dinosaurs were extinct, and I couldn't actually care for them, so back to horses it was!



New PBEC Intern Allison Hart Photo courtesy of Allison Hart

What has your journey been like getting to this point?

I spent most of my childhood riding with my local 4-H group, showing at local shows, and competing with my hunt seat IEA team. I enjoyed dressage and the hunter/jumpers but eventually transitioned to the Quarter Horse circuit. Throughout high school and college, I competed in a variety of disciplines including hunter under saddle, hunt seat equitation, western pleasure, western horsemanship, showmanship, and halter. I knew that I wanted to turn my love for all disciplines of horses into a career.

At Penn State, I worked at the university's Quarter Horse breeding facility as a live-in foaling attendant and assisted with colt starting. It was an unforgettable experience that developed my skills as a horseman and deepened my interest in medicine. During my time at Auburn, I greatly enjoyed my clinical rotations in equine ambulatory and internal medicine. Moving to Florida has given me the perfect opportunity to learn from highly skilled clinicians and to work alongside equally talented equine athletes. Being from up north, the warm weather is also a bonus!

What's something you hope to learn or accomplish by the end of your internship?

The goal for my internship year is to develop my clinical decision-making and technical-proficiency skills so I can become a confident, autonomous practitioner.



Allison Hart was a winner on the Quarter Horse circuit. Photo courtesy of Allison Hart

What do you find most rewarding about working as an equine vet?

As an equine veterinarian, nothing is more rewarding than guiding a patient through recovery and seeing them return to full health with their loving family or back in the competition ring in top form. It is a privilege to watch your hospitalized patients steadily improve day by day.

What do you do in your free time?

In my free time I love reading books, watching movies, spending time with my cats Olive and Popeye, crocheting, riding my horse, Riggs, and spending time outdoors, especially fishing, with my family and my partner, Nick.

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