



STEINBECK COUNTRY EQUINE CLINIC NEWSLETTER



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Welcome Dr. Hirsch and Wife Wendy Hirsch

We are thrilled to welcome Dr. Hirsch and his wife Wendy to Steinbeck Equine. We have been trying to recruit Dr. Hirsch for three years. Dr. Hirsch is a native of Virginia and received his DVM from Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine. In 2001, he completed an internship in equine medicine and surgery at San Luis Rey Equine Hospital. He was in ambulatory practice in Central Virginia before completing a large animal surgical fellowship at Oregon State University and an equine surgical residency at UC Davis. He has been practicing in Southern California prior to joining us at SCEC. He is board certified in large animal surgery and his professional interests are in emergency/general surgery and advanced lameness.

Wendy Hirsch is from Virginia where she received degrees in Veterinary Technology, Biology and Geology. She has worked in several equine referral practices in Virginia, California and at Oregon State University as a surgical and anesthesia technician. She also worked at the UC Davis Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital as a large animal anesthesia technician, which allowed her to gain specialty certification as a Veterinary Technician Specialist in Anesthesia in 2008. In her spare time, Wendy enjoys hiking; running with her rescue dog, Willy; reading; and collecting rocks.



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Embryo Transfer

2008 marked the first in our practice's history we have been able to offer embryo transfer as a service. **Dr. Alex Eastman** traveled to Texas to hone her skills with one of the country's leaders in this field, **Dr. Dave Hartman**. Frequently a mare with an active show career or a medical condition is not capable of carrying a fetus. By impregnating the mare, flushing out the embryo and placing the embryo in a "recipient" mare, a healthy foal is still a viable option. If interested in this service, please call the clinic and ask for **Maureen Rock**.



*Repro Tech
Maureen Rock*



Dr. Nora Grenager Presents at Laminitis Symposium

www.laminitisconference.com/inaugural.html



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Laminitis Symposium

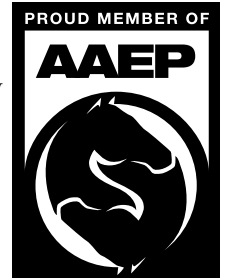
SCEC hosts symposium on Laminitis

In an ongoing effort to give back to the profession and raise awareness of this horrible disease, SCEC has worked with professors at New Bolton Center in Pennsylvania to host the first ever west coast laminitis seminar in November 2008. The International Conference on equine laminitis takes place in Florida on odd numbered years. In conjunction with this conference, we are bringing the meeting to the Monterey Peninsula on even years. The meeting is geared primarily toward veterinarians and farriers and benefits horses of the west coast by raising the level of understanding and furthering knowledge of this terrible disease. The first meeting was held last November at the Monterey Conference Center and hosted approximately 250 veterinarians and farriers to "test the waters." In 2010 we're hoping for over 500 professionals to attend. The 2010 meeting will also have a client seminar focusing on laminitis.



More Staff News

Dr. Wade Tenney and **Dr. Tim Eastman** spoke at the annual **American Association of Equine Practitioners** meeting which was held in San Diego at the end of 2008. Dr. Tenney spoke on the results of a retrospective study he conducted on fetlock injuries and Dr. Eastman discussed first-aid for horses with rectal tears. Typically there are over 5,000 attendees at this meeting which serves as the primary continuing education and networking platform for our profession. Our Staff Member **Maureen Rock** spoke to the attending Veterinary Technicians about “The Role of the Repro Technician” and how to avoid common problems. Her suggestions to help others with their breeding programs were well received.



Dr. Matt Durham updated dozens of local veterinarians recently at a Monterey Bay Veterinary Association meeting on what is new regarding the local disease Silicosis. Dr. Durham’s contributions in conjunction with **Dr. Coral Armstrong** of Los Coches Animal Hospital of Soledad have made more advances in our understanding of this disease than ever before. Dr. Durham also gave a similar presentation at the National AAEP Meeting. Thanks for all the hard work!



Congratulations Dr. Nora Grenager on passing her medicine board examinations. While working at Steinbeck, Dr. Grenager is working hard to become a specialist in internal medicine with the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine. This is a four-year commitment following veterinary school and a daunting task. When completed, Dr. Grenager will be one of two of the Central Coast’s only equine veterinarians boarded in internal medicine (**Dr. Eric Davis** is the other).

Tiffany Durham and **Giga Cullen** attended a week-long training seminar in lab procedures at Littleton Large Animal Clinic. They are excited to set up an expanded lab with additional services!



Tiffany Durham





Greetings from Thermal

Many people look to travel to somewhere warm during the cold rainy winter season. To be able to spend that time showing your horse would just be icing on the cake, right? Hence the concept of H.I.T.S-- Horse Shows in The Sun! Thermal, California (just west of Palm Springs) is the home of the 2009 HITS Desert Horse Show and has been my home since mid-January. I am just one of several equine veterinarians who call this horse show home for 2 months in order to care for the 1150 some-odd equine athletes here. The show, which runs from January 20 to March 23, is held at a brand new facility boasting 230 acres and 14 rings. There are a total of 16 Grand Prix events (4 of which are World Cup qualifiers!) offering over \$750,000 in prize money.

HITS Thermal attracts some of the best west coast riders as well as competitors from as far away as Canada and New York. This year's list of competitors includes two members of the US Show Jumping Team that won Gold at the 2008 Summer Olympics--Will Simpson and Mclain Ward. There's never a shortage of exciting jump-offs when you have this many top horses and riders competing at one event. And with every event I watch I am continually amazed at how athletic our equine companions are and how they continue to perform consistently at this level for up to 8 straight weeks!!!! For those SCEC clients who made the trek to Thermal this year, it was a pleasure to work with you! But I do look forward to returning to SCEC at the end of March and seeing the beautiful, GREEN Monterey Bay countryside....

from Dr. Wade Tenney



Monterey Horse Park

The Monterey Horse Park (MHP) was thrilled with the decision of the Harden Foundation to grant the project \$100,000. The MHP board is honored by the confidence expressed by the Harden Foundation as it was a great example of growing local support for the Horse Park.

The MHP is also pleased to announce that the property has undergone early transfer from the army to the Fort Ord Reuse authority. This means it will undergo clean up in the very near future and should speed the completion of the project.



Monterey Horse Park Plan

Finally, the establishment of the “Founding Friends” program has been met with great success. To become a founding friend or to sign up for the e-newsletter just visit the website at:

<http://www.montereyhorsepark.org/>

Introducing Monterey County Livestock Evacuation Group (MoCoLEG)

Working to keep all animals safe during disasters has been a long-term priority of our county’s residents. During disasters involving animals, The SPCA for Monterey County (SPCA) has been the lead agency, assisting county residents in evacuations and housing of animals in danger. Recognizing that some gaps still existed in the abilities to rapidly and safely evacuate and house large numbers of livestock in a county-wide disaster, a small group of local professionals, emergency responders, and private citizens came together with a plan which is now known as MoCoLEG.



MoCoLEG’s founders began monthly meetings at SCEC in February of 2008. Guided initially by **Dr. Ila Davis**, Supervising Veterinarian for Monterey County Animal Services and the California Veterinary Medical Association’s Veterinary Disaster Response Coordinator for Monterey County; **Lisa Hoefler**, Operations Director for The SPCA; and SCEC’s own **Dr. Tim**

Eastman, MoCoLEG went to work. Working from volunteer and resource lists already in use by The SPCA, MoCoLEG itemized potential facilities, haulers, feed stores, veterinarians and veterinary clinics that could be rapidly mobilized to ensure the safety of livestock in a county-wide disaster. The goal was to quickly identify animals in need and provide a timely, effective, organized, and coordinated response that would minimize interference with human public safety yet maximize animal safety.

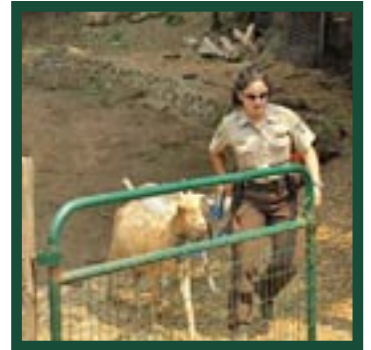
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With The SPCA's lead, MoCoLEG was able to deploy individuals who were instrumental in helping evacuate and house animals during The Santa Cruz and Monterey County fires in 2008. Many of our SCEC clients were among those contacted by MoCoLEG earlier this year and we thank you for your willingness to provide your time, vehicles, facilities and concern to aid other livestock owners in need. The fires of 2008 served to encourage MoCoLEG founders to continue to help develop county-wide disaster response plans that include livestock species.

The SPCA for Monterey County will continue to lead animal response and relief efforts in our county during states of emergency. MoCoLEG and its members will operate under and receive direction from The SPCA in whatever capacity needed. As MoCoLEG continues to develop, we at SCEC will keep you, our clients, informed of opportunities to volunteer. Only as a prepared and informed community can we ensure the safety of all animals. We will notify you of upcoming volunteer opportunities as they arise.



For Information on How You Can Be Prepared:

<http://www.spcamc.org/disaster-preparations.htm>

Thank-you for your continued support!

Horseman's Day

Save this date—**Saturday, September 19th, 2009**. The focus will be on lameness and other current topics. Our interns will also present interesting cases. (More information will be available in our upcoming summer newsletter.)

Congratulations to Jean and Dr. Gary Deter!

Their filly **Croxie** won at Golden Gate Fields on Valentine's Day!

Dr. Kent Fowler and his wife, Cindy, are in the process of buying a new home near Sacramento. They report that they (and their children) are all doing well. **Josh** is in graduate school in New York and **Jaelyn** is back from a year studying in Australia!

Clients

What article topics and news updates would you like to see in our newsletter? Would you prefer to receive our newsletter by email? Contact Analynn: apatterson@steinbeckequine.com. Please write "Attention Newsletter" in the Subject Line.



Congratulations on Upcoming Weddings

Dr. Nick Carlson is a 07' graduate of UC Davis and a California native. With special interest in emergency medicine and surgery, Nick has been the perfect addition to our crew. After his internship with us, he stayed on at SCEC for an additional year. We are happy to announce that he and **Dr. Laramie Winfield** are to be married this June!



Dr. Laramie Winfield, one of our current interns, grew up in San Benancio about ten minutes from the hospital and by all accounts, was the top pick out of the last graduating class from UC Davis. Dr. Winfield will be pursuing a residency in Internal Medicine through UC Davis.

Our veterinary technician, **Tessa Baker**, is also engaged and will be married this summer as well!



Dr. Olivia Rudolphi, our other current intern, is a 2nd generation veterinarian from Illinois who we heavily recruited from Texas A&M. She will be staying an additional year for a fellowship in Equine Sports Medicine.

Our **Internship** continues to be one of the most sought after and allows us to cherry pick candidates from across the country. We provide mentorship and exposure to an abundance of cases while the interns help manage the hospitalized cases and

keep us sharp on what's new. We pick our Interns from our **Externship Program**. At SCEC we host about 40 visiting students for two-four week externships each year. The students travel from across the country and abroad to see private practice and many have hopes of our one-year position. We have students visiting from Canada, Sweden, the British Isles, Germany, Austria, New Zealand, and Korea.

Erin Leaves

Many of you have probably met **Dr. Erin Matern** who was on the Steinbeck team for the past four years. We are happy to announce that she has married, but sad to report that her marriage has taken her away. Erin and Paul Carey moved to North Carolina for six months until Paul was deployed to Iraq in January. While the Careys were living in NC, they acquired "Axel", a purebred Weimaraner pup. Currently, Erin and Axel are living in Sebastopol with Erin's mother, and are eagerly anticipating Paul's safe return. Erin and her 90+ lb. "puppy" are keeping busy by taking both obedience and agility classes twice a week and looking forward to some dog shows in the near future.



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