Welcome Dr. Hustace!

We are excited to announce that Dr. Jaime Hustace is joining Comstock Equine Hospital! Dr. Hustace is a native of Smith Valley, Nevada where she grew up raising and showing horses, sheep, and cattle. The FFA and 4-H organizations taught her leadership, perseverance, business skills, and compassion for the animals and their owners. Growing up in this small town also provided a sturdy foundation for pursuing her educational goals. Dr. Hustace obtained her Bachelor of Science in Animal Science from the University of Nevada. She received her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from Oregon State University in 2005. Following graduation, she completed an equine medicine and surgery internship at Littleton Equine Medical Center in Littleton, Colorado. Dr. Hustace returned to Oregon State University where she was offered an internal medicine residency. During her residency, she performed research with a focus on Equine Metabolic Syndrome and camelid medicine. She also enjoyed teaching veterinary students in the teaching hospital. Following her residency, she returned home to Smith Valley and started Sierra Nevada Large Animal Hospital with the help of Nona Bales. Dr. Hustace became board certified in 2010 becoming one of only two large animal internal medicine specialists in the state of Nevada.

What is an internal medicine specialist? Internists are known as “the doctor’s doctor” focusing on solving puzzling diagnostic problems. Further training allowed Dr. Hustace to develop specialized skills in the management of patients with infectious diseases as well as multi-system diseases affecting internal organs. Internal medicine specialists helps determine the ‘why’ behind your animal’s illness. Dr. Hustace will be available for scheduled appointments on Wednesdays at the hospital and anytime for emergencies. She will continue to provide care and service for her Sierra Nevada Large Animal Hospital clients and patients. In her spare time, she enjoys riding her horses in the mountains, showing her mare Angelina in three-day eventing, and hiking and running with her border collie, Jess. Welcome Dr. Hustace!
Small wounds and lacerations repair commons are in our equine pa
tients. With some necessary guidance and attention, most heal quickly with minimal scarring, and our patients return to normal form and function. A typical wound or laceration seen by your veterinarian may require cleaning, debridement, sutures, and bandaging. It is important dur-
ing the healing process to regularly assess the wound for discharge, odor, size, changes in tissue appearance, associated lameness of the area, and any other complications that may arise. During this time, an open line of com-
munication with your veterinarian is critical to determine if further progression examinations or additional diagnostics are necessary. One phone call could save a life.

Should I Give Banamine?

Erik K. Price DVM

O ur central goal as veterinarians is to protect, improve the life, and maximize the potential of our patients, our companions and livelihood. An important tool in achieving this is to be an educated source of information for you, the horse's pri-
mary care giver. We understand that in these difficult economic times, many owners try to diagnose and treat their horses medical problem without calling the veterinarian. With easy access to information on the internet, there is an increasing concern that medications are being used inappropriately. The majority of stressed snap-
decision making happens at night and on the weekend when your horse colics, becomes infected, or has a runny nose and cough. Leaving your veterinarian out of the equation often leads to mis-diagnosis, harm to the animal, and a more expensive fee later. We have an on-
call doctor available 24/7. Please do not hesitate to call—we are here to help. Most

Case:

Hazen, 3 year old Anglo Arab gelding.

Hazen was found to be non-weight bearing in his left hindleg during normal turnout with another horse. He had lost a moderate amount of blood from a wound on his abdomen, a nick in the skin and muscle right in front of his left leg. The area was clipped, cleaned, and radiographs were performed to evaluate the bone, and a small one inch laceration was noted. The carpal joints were assessed for compromise, radiographs were taken to evaluate the bone, and no abnormalities were seen on radiographs.

Once the source of the next week Hazen was comfortable at a walk, but his leg would intermittently swell causing him discomfort. Eventually as the swelling worsened, he developed a noticeable lameness and became de-
pressed. He was re-examined with additional radiographs, joint evaluation

Non-Steroild Anti-inflammatory Antimicrobials

Drug names: Trimethoprim sulfadiazine (SMZs, TABS, Primaquine penicillin (PPG, etc.

Fact: PPG grown orally can cause a fatal diarrhea. PPG given in the blood can cause seizures. SMZs can be overdose causing colic. Common uses include bacterial respira-
tory disease, infected wounds, abscesses and surrounding surgical pro-
cedures. SMZs can't hurt, they only help. It is okay to stop giving them early or skip doses if your horse is not responding. Giving more will enhance pain relief. The correct use dose is not determined for many of our patients, your companions and livelihood. An important tool in achieving this is to be an educated

Hazen then received three treatments of Extracorporeal Shockwave Therapy, multiple treatments of soft tissue FasciaScope therapy, and was kept in a strict stall confinement program. Radiographs performed three months post injury showed impressive progress, and a full recovery is expected.

This case is one of many wounds our veterinary team evaluated this winter in which a small laceration turned out to be the tip of the iceberg. Cau-
selful evaluation by the owners and our doctors has allowed us to see aqquid manage five non-displaced long bone fractures in the last four months. Re-
peat physical examination and radiographs performed three months post injury showed impressive progress, and a full recovery is expected.

A special thanks to Beth Curle and Hazen for allowing us to share their success story!