



PALM BEACH EQUINE CLINIC



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What's New At PBEC

After significant clinic renovations and advancements over the past year, PBEC is now better equipped than ever to deliver state-of-the-art services, procedures, and therapies to the Wellington equestrian community and beyond.

Check out what's new at PBEC...



A new look and a Computed Tomography, or CT Scan, machine that gives PBEC veterinarians the unique opportunity to conveniently explore areas of a horse's body that they are not otherwise able to see. Photos by Erin Gilmore



An upgraded surgical suite, as well as a four-and-a-half-foot recessed standing surgery pit, which makes surgical procedures more comfortable and safer for both horses and veterinarians alike. The area allows surgeons to perform procedures on a horse while standing, allowing them to forgo the risks of general anesthesia and greatly improve outcomes. Photos by Erin Gilmore and PBEC

Internal Medicine at Palm Beach Equine Clinic

Equine internal medicine by definition is focused on treating diseases of the internal systems of the horse, but for Board Certified Large Animal Internist Dr. Peter Heidmann, DVM, MPH, it boils down to an analytical way of thinking and approaching any equine health concerns.

"What you'll see on the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (ACVIM) website is an emphasis on organ systems and organ system problems – respiratory disease, gastrointestinal disease, and neurologic disease being three of the most prevalent," said Dr. Heidmann, who is both a part of the team at Palm Beach Equine Clinic (PBEC) and the owner and hospital director of



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Montana Equine Clinic & Surgical Center. "What it really entails is a way of analyzing problems specific to the organ systems. It can be all over the map, and that's part of what makes the specialty so fun and interesting."

Since the winter of 2016, Dr. Heidmann has brought his analytical approach to PBEC for the Winter Equestrian Festival (WEF) seasons, and he returns this winter to again add his skill-set to an already impressive line-up of talented veterinarians and specialists.

"Palm Beach Equine is well-equipped for these types of cases. We now have Dr. Heidmann, who is an internal medicine specialist; we have an amazing staff, and we have top-notch facilities providing great care," said Dr. Jordan Lewis, who has been a part of the PBEC staff for more than 12 years and has dedicated several of her years at PBEC to hospitalized, internal medicine cases.

[Click here to read more about Internal Medicine at PBEC!](#)



Horse Health Reminder: Biosecurity Could Save Your Horse's Life!

As horses are competing around the world more than ever, it is important for all owners to implement a routine for vaccinations and biosecurity protocols to keep their horses healthy. Many infectious diseases are easily transmitted between horses and spread quickly through a stable or showground if the proper measures are not taken. The veterinarians at PBEC are very experienced with isolation cases and always available to discuss the important steps that should be taken to maintain effective biosecurity protocols. PBEC encourages owners to reach out to their veterinarians at any time for more information or alert doctors of a suspected potential risk.



- The first line of defense is to maintain current equine vaccinations. In the United States, it is now required for all horses attending a USEF competition to be vaccinated for Equine Influenza and EHV-1 prior to any event.
- In addition to vaccinations, biosecurity measures should also be taken at all times as added protection to reduce the risk of transmission of infectious diseases by people, animals, equipment, or vehicles.
- Washing hands between grooming horses, regularly cleaning grooming supplies, a footbath for all persons entering or leaving the barn while at a horse show or new location can reduce spread of infection.
- If horses are showing a depressed attitude, have stopped eating, are running a fever, and/or have a runny nose, contact your veterinarian immediately. Early medical attention is key.
- Keep the immune system strong with support from a suitable nutrition and exercise program.

Contact your PBEC veterinarian at 561-793-1599 for more information or assistance on developing an effective vaccination program and biosecurity measures that can ensure your horse's safety from infectious diseases.

Meet PBEC Internal Medicine Specialist Dr. Peter Heidmann

One of the characteristics that is repeatedly praised and recognized as one of Palm Beach Equine Clinic's greatest strengths is the great pool of talented professionals from all specialties that make up the clinic's large team. In 2016, Dr. Peter Heidmann, DVM, MPH, began working with PBEC for the winter season, and this year, the accomplished internal medicine specialist is returning to work with PBEC for the duration of the 2018 winter season.

Dr. Heidmann graduated from Tufts University with his veterinary degree in 2000 before beginning a one-year internship in medicine and surgery at Arizona Equine, followed by a one-year surgical fellowship at Oregon State University, followed by a residency for internal medicine at the University of California, Davis, which he completed from 2002 to 2005. In 2005, Dr. Heidmann joined a private equine practice in Montana, and today he is the owner and hospital director of Montana Equine.



Q: What prompted you to pursue equine veterinary medicine in particular?

I grew up on my family's farm and orchard with draft horses, but I honestly thought that I would be a cow vet for most of vet school. Instead, I found that to be really frustrating academically and intellectually. In most dairy and beef cattle medicine, you have about eight drugs that you can use; you throw five of them at every sick animal, and they either get better or they don't. I find a lot of reward in the process of getting to a diagnosis and treating a problem that's more complicated and allows for more of a one-to-one relationship, rather than a herd type of relationship.

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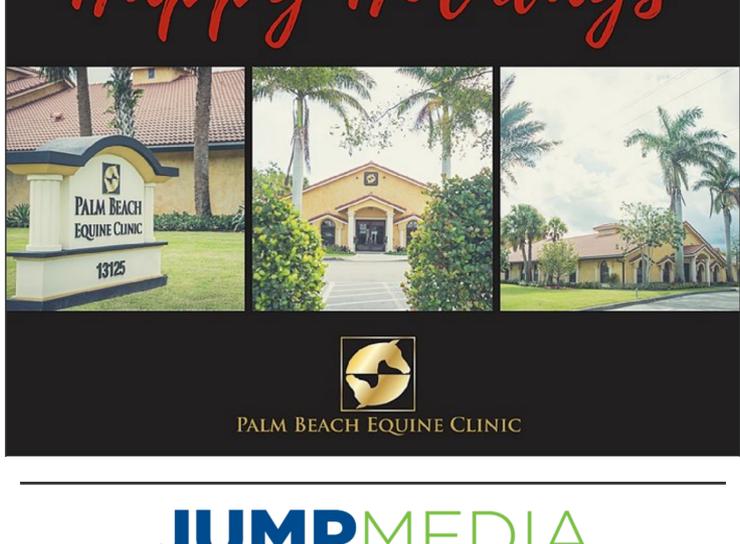
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