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Sissy Secures Barrel Racing Success Thanks to Palm Beach Equine Clinic

There's nothing more exciting than buying a young horse with a lot of potential. When Margo Crowther of Fort Myers, FL, purchased three-year-old "Sissy" she was looking forward to the young mare's future as a barrel racer.

In 2016, when Sissy was a four-year-old, Crowther, a professional barrel racer, took the mare to an event in South Carolina. The pair successfully made it to the top 30 in a barrel race competition to qualify for the final taking place the next day. Unfortunately, while making the turn around the first barrel in the final, Sissy slipped and fell down. Crowther came off, caught Sissy, and took her back to the stabling area to check her over.



*Margo Crowther purchased Sissy as a three-year-old and was excited about her future as a barrel racer.
Photo courtesy of Margo Crowther*

"Once we reached the stalls, Sissy began to limp with her hind end," explained Crowther. "After traveling home, I knew something wasn't right. We immediately brought her to [Dr. Weston Davis](#) at Palm Beach Equine Clinic. Dr. Davis is the best, and he's a good friend of mine. He was also the only vet that had worked on Sissy at that point."

Dr. Davis examined Sissy when she arrived at Palm Beach Equine Clinic in Wellington, FL. She was lame at the walk but had no swelling or signs of where the injury was located.



*When Sissy was four years old she was injured in a barrel race and brought to Palm Beach Equine Clinic.
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"We ended up doing a bone scan to diagnose Sissy," commented Dr. Davis. "She had a really hot bone scan at the hock. We decided to do several different special x-ray views and found she had a central tarsal fracture. This is a very uncommon source of lameness in equine athletes. It was an atypical slab fracture, which meant it spanned from one joint to the next."

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PBEC Service of the Week: Internal Medicine

Palm Beach Equine Clinic proudly offers internal medicine services led by board-certified internal medicine specialists [Dr. Peter Heidmann](#) and [Dr. Fernando Marqués](#). Internal medicine includes the detailed assessment and treatment of a wide variety of diseases affecting the organ systems. Going beyond standard veterinary care, Palm Beach Equine Clinic is able to identify the root of subtle changes in a horse's health or performance with internal medicine evaluations and diagnostic procedures.



*Dr. Peter Heidmann
Photo courtesy of PBEC*



*Dr. Fernando Marqués
Photo courtesy of PBEC*

Areas of Expertise:

- Allergies and Immune System Diseases
- Cardiology
- Dermatology (Skin Diseases)
- Endocrinology (Diseases of the Endocrine System)
- Gastrointestinal Conditions
- Infectious Disease and Disease Prevention
- Neurologic Conditions (Diseases of the Brain Stem and Nervous System)
- Muscular Diseases
- Oncology (Cancerous Conditions)
- Renal Diseases
- Upper and Lower Respiratory Conditions (Diseases affecting the lungs)

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- Ultrasound: cardiac (echocardiology), thoracic, liver, kidney, tendon, ligament, and joint exams
- Oncology: Skin tumors, internal cancer diagnostics
- Neonatal 24-hour care
- Infectious Disease Diagnostics
- Infectious Disease Management: Prevention and Control of Disease on Farms
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☹️ After an unfortunate incident with a hay net, this horse sustained a left rostral mandibular fracture that was severely displaced.

🔪 Under standing sedation, the incisive bone fracture that involved incisors 301, 302 and 303 was reduced and stabilized with 18 gauge cerclage wire. Dental hydroplastic was placed over the wire to further stabilize the area and prevent soft tissue trauma from the wires.

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