



**News, Horse Care Tips, and More
From Palm Beach Equine Clinic**

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Palm Beach Equine Clinic Launches Signature Line of Equithrive® Supplements

The veterinarians of Palm Beach Equine Clinic (PBEC), located in the heart of Wellington, FL, are proud to announce a collaboration with leading equine health supplement brand, Equithrive®. The partnership led to the recent unveiling of a signature PBEC supplement line for hoof care, joint health, and metabolic needs in horses.

Founded in 2008 after Dr. Patrick Lawless, a biopharmaceutical research scientist at the time, watched the breakdown of 2006 Kentucky Derby winner, Barbaro, Equithrive® grew out of a desire to formulate products that support healthy joint function in horses during aging, training and competition. The flagship product, Equithrive® Joint, has since grown to be accompanied by a line of supplements targeting joint, hoof, and metabolic health.



PBEC's signature line of Equithrive® Supplements. Photo courtesy of PBEC

"We are very proud to be able to offer our clients diagnostics, treatments, and counseling that benefit the whole horse," said PBEC veterinarian Dr. Richard Wheeler. "Whether for the backyard companion that needs a little support or the competition horse that needs to stay at optimal health and performance, these supplements are an excellent choice and a terrific addition to Palm Beach Equine Clinic."

PBEC's Total Hoof Pellets, Metabolic Pellets, and Complete Joint Pellets are scientifically tested to ensure their safety and effectiveness. To learn more, visit equithrive.com.

Equithrive's PBEC supplements are available for purchase directly at the clinic, conveniently located minutes from Palm Beach International Equestrian Center, Equestrian Village, and International Polo Club at 13125 Southfields Road and Pierson Road.

You're Invited!

Join the veterinarians of Palm Beach Equine Clinic for the official launch of its signature Equithrive® joint, hoof, and metabolic supplements.

When: TBA on the Palm Beach Equine Clinic Facebook Page

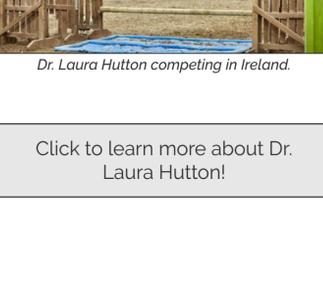
Where: The Palm Beach Equine Clinic Annex Office on the Winter Equestrian Festival (WEF) showgrounds, located adjacent to the stabling office.

Meet the Team: Dr. Laura Hutton



Dr. Laura Hutton on the job.

Dr. Laura Hutton grew up in an equestrian culture in Enniskillen, Northern Ireland and can't recall a time when she wasn't fawning over a pony in a field or a show jumper in the competition ring. She affirmed at an early age that she wanted to be an equine veterinarian, and she stuck to her ambitions.



Dr. Laura Hutton competing in Ireland.

"I grew up around horses and I always wanted to be an equine vet or a professional show jumping rider, but I wasn't good enough to do the latter!" explained Hutton, 27, who has now been working as a veterinarian at Palm Beach Equine Clinic for two years.

Learn more about Dr. Laura Hutton and her work at Palm Beach Equine Clinic:

What brought you to the U.S. and then to Florida?

[Click to learn more about Dr. Laura Hutton!](#)

In 2016, I headed south and accepted a position at Palm Beach Equine Clinic and have been there ever since! I love Ireland, but I found so many opportunities here in the States that I could not pass up. For example, I recently completed an acupuncture course. I always wanted to work with sport horses and I really couldn't be in a better place to do that; the volume and quality of horses that come through the clinic is incredible. The sunshine is pretty sweet too!

**Horse Healthcare
Reminder: Microchipping
Your Horse**

The United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) now requires horses and ponies to be microchipped with an ISO 11784/11785 compliant chip to compete in classes that require United States Hunter Jumper Association (USHJA) registration. The microchip verifies a horse's ID, which allows the horse to compete for points and prize money and to be eligible for certain USEF and USHJA programs and awards.



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Here's how microchipping works:

Microchip implanting is safe, quick, and relatively simple. The chip is about the size of a grain of rice and is coated with silicon to help secure it underneath the skin midway down on the left side of the neck in the vicinity of the nuchal ligament. Licensed veterinarians implant microchips, thoroughly sterilizing the area of implantation before administering a local anesthetic at the insertion site.

A 14-gauge needle is then inserted under the skin and into the ligament to inject the chip, which has been assigned a 15-digit number. The procedure usually takes under 15 minutes and costs less than \$100.

In addition to competition requirements, microchipping is an important part of equine management and can be helpful in the following situations:

- Theft** – If a horse has been lost and is suspected to be stolen, a microchip will be useful in quickly identifying the horse and returning it to its rightful owner.
- Disaster** – Natural disasters such as fires, floods, earthquakes, tornadoes, and hurricanes often displace horses. If those horses are rescued by emergency shelters, scans for microchips will almost always be performed.
- Loose Horse** – Loose horses that are retrieved by animal services will be scanned upon intake and can be quickly returned to their owner if microchipped.

Contact your veterinarians at Palm Beach Equine Clinic at 561-793-1599 for more information on microchipping your horse.

It's Shipping Season! Is Your Horse Protected?

By PBEC Veterinarian Dr. Samantha Miles

Portions of this article originally ran in Dr. Miles' piece entitled "The 411 on Shipping Fever" in *The Horse: Your Guide to Equine Health Care*



Horses are on the move this month!

Whether it is shipping south for the winter, bringing a new horse home, or heading out to a new park for trails, some horses don't always fare well with long shipments.



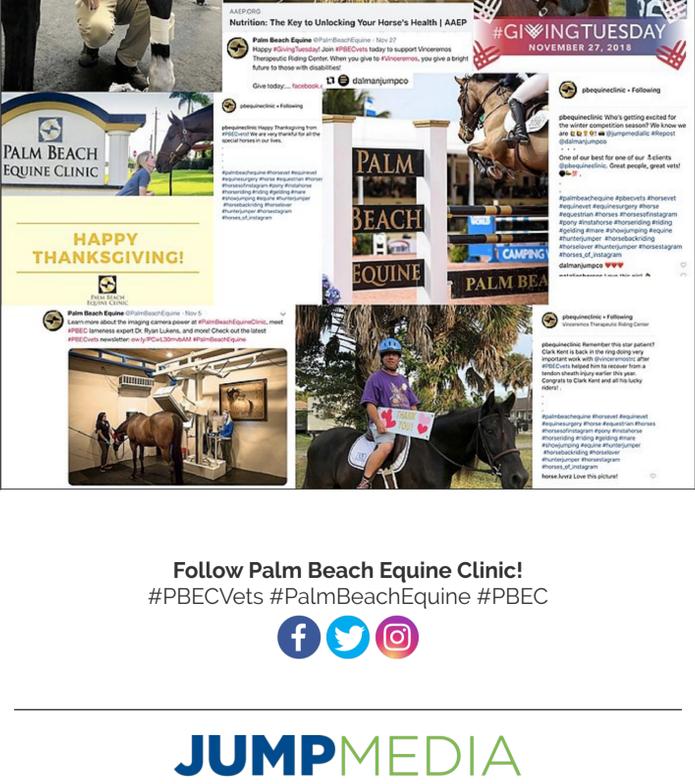
A stress response to travel can sometimes lead to shipping fever. Photo by Jump Media

Shipping fever is a pulmonary disorder associated with shipment. Studies indicate that the stress response is at fault, resulting in a higher level of ACTH (and therefore cortisol), glucose and white blood cells. The longer the transit time is, the greater the stress response, with pneumonia and pleuropneumonia being potential consequences of a long shipment.

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Let's Get Social!

Here's what was happening this month on PBEC's social media channels.



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