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### THROUGH THE EARS

*This months 'Through The Ears' snap has come from our vet Aeisha or 'AJ' as she is better known! She is riding her handsome Travis on Dartmoor*



*If you would like your four-legged favourite to appear in our 'Through the Ears' feature and either have a 'Through the Ears' snap or have a fun picture of your horse that you would be happy for us to share, please e mail to me at [georgie.brown@equusvets.co.uk](mailto:georgie.brown@equusvets.co.uk)*

### EQUUS VETS NEWSLETTER MARCH 2024

#### OPEN SINGLE HORSE NATIONAL CHAMPION 2024



*We are proud to share that our receptionist Rachel went with her friend Becky as backstepper and her fabulous Curly to the National Carriage driving Championships in Essex earlier this month. They did tremendously well and came away as National Champions in the Open Single Horse.*

### CLIENT EVENING

We are planning on organising a Client Evening in the coming months. Gather up those burning questions you would like to ask our team!!

We will keep you updated as soon as we have a confirmed venue and date.

**HAS YOUR HORSE HAD SUCCESSFUL TREATMENT THAT YOU WOULD BE HAPPY TO HAVE SHARED AS A CASE STUDY??**

If so, please pop me an e mail to [georgie.brown@equusvets.co.uk](mailto:georgie.brown@equusvets.co.uk)

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# FOOT BALANCE CASE STUDY

Foot balance x rays are used to assess how the conformation of the foot and the bones within may influence a horse's movement and soundness. Alongside your farrier, we can use them to guide shoeing and improve the balance, which can improve soundness and performance.



## CASE STUDY

**NAME:** Millie

**AGE:** 12 years

**BREED:** ID X TB

**USED FOR:** BE Eventing, SJ and Dressage

### HISTORY

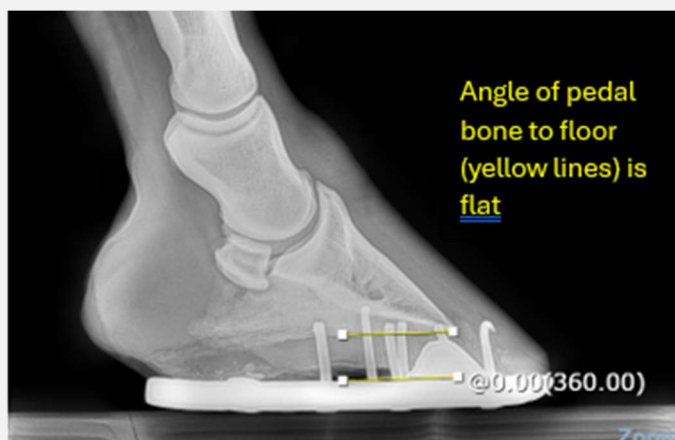
Millie's owner Georgie had noticed that she was not quite performing up to her usual standard. Upon completing their BE100 event, Millie was unfortunately lame on her left fore when being unloaded off the lorry.

### EXAMINATION

With no obvious heat or swelling Hayden performed nerve blocks to try to localise the lameness. Millie's lameness on the left fore was localised to the foot. Once the left fore improved, Millie started to show lameness on the right fore, which again blocked to the foot.

### DIAGNOSIS

X rays of Millie's feet showed she had a slightly broken back conformation. The palmar angle (the angle the pedal bone makes with the floor) is almost flat, whereas it should be 3-8 degrees.



### PLAN



Millie is a sensitive mare to change. Hayden and her farrier decided to start with a slight raised heel pad to support Millie's lack of heel and to improve the angle between the pedal bone and the floor. The picture on the left is after the first shoeing and on the right after the second shoeing – you can see the change in her shape already! We are pleased to say Millie seems happy & sound with her new designer shoes and will be closely monitored and re x rayed in the coming months.



## CORNWALL AREA DAYS

**w/c 7<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

**w/c 21<sup>st</sup> October 2024**

[Would you like your horse to have foot balance x rays or like to discuss the idea of having them with one of our vets?](#)

If so, please contact our reception team to book an appointment on 01837 214 004

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