

Warm the TRC horses' hearts and muscles this Valentine's Day

Re: Heat Treatment Equipment Appeal



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Registered charity no 1089564

Dear Supporter

We are appealing for donations towards essential heat treatment equipment to treat the conditions that we often see in TRC horses following their racing career.

Sacroiliac joint osteoarthritis has been recognised as a significant cause of poor performance. Up to 8% of horses in training are reported to be clinically affected by osteoarthritis of the sacroiliac joint. It leaves the horses in constant pain and discomfort and unable to be ridden unless treated. Left to heal naturally the treatment would be 6 to 12 months box rest. Although we always give horses the time they need to heal, we cannot regularly have horses on such lengthy box rest. We have limited places at the centre with a high demand for our services. We need to ensure we are able to help our horses as quickly and effectively as we can.



Another common issue we see is Azoturia when a horse "ties up". This is a metabolic condition which causes spasms in the muscles when they are asked to work. This is a direct result of a high starch diet which is usually fed to racehorses.

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Many thanks for your generosity, our work would not be possible without your support



I would like to support the TRC Valentine's Appeal 2012

I enclose a donation of _____

Name _____

Address _____

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Gift Aid - with Gift Aid every £1 is worth £1.28 to us!

Yes I want the TRC to reclaim the tax on any donations I make until further notice. The tax I pay each year is equal to or greater than the tax the TRC will reclaim on my donations for that tax year.

Date _____ Signed _____

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Both of these conditions are extremely unpleasant for horses and greatly extend the rehabilitation time needed before they can be re-homed. It is usual for us to have at least two horses on the yard at any one time suffering from one or both of these. We are appealing for funds to purchase two pieces of equipment that will be of huge benefit to us in combating this and help us to work more quickly and effectively in getting our horses to the stage of being re-homed.

The first is a Pulse Magnetic Rug. This is very effective at treating deep muscle problems. Use of one of these rugs will allow recuperation in a significantly shorter period of time. It will reduce expenditure on physiotherapy and allow us to manage the treatment ourselves.

The cost of one of these rugs is £2500.

The second item that is needed is an Infra Red Heat Lamp Canopy. This increases circulation and aids muscle repair. We would use this on a horse before working to warm up and relax the muscles. The canopy would be permanently installed above the wash box area in our veterinary treatment barn.

The cost for the canopy and installation is £3000.

Even the smallest of donations will help us to carry out this project. Your ongoing, loyal commitment is very much appreciated.

With sincerest thanks in advance,

The TRC Team

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