

June 2010 Newsletter

Pegasus is ready for summer

Hello everyone,

Such a lot has been happening over the last couple of months, not just in the UK but in Holland, Australia and Sweden. I've tried to pull the highlights out but please do go to our website to read the up to date blogs from Pegasus people around the world.

April

In April I delivered a system to Willem Bach and his team in the department of equine science at Utrecht University. We spent a day measuring a horse with Stringhalt before I headed north. Willem and his team are now using the system to look at horses with stringhalt and Fresian horses. As soon as we have some results from this work we'll let you all know.

A trial also took place at magnificent stables in Ouderkerk, just outside Amsterdam. We will shortly be showing a video from one owner/ rider who benefited from a Pegasus trial.

Also in April, Jo Green joined our team and we had to say a fond farewell to Tina Fitzgibbon who has ventured off to pastures new in Devon. Tina did an excellent job of letting equine people both in the UK and overseas know what Pegasus was all about. We won't have seen the last of Tina with Pegasus, both through trials and training courses. I am sure you will be seeing Jo over the coming months and reading about what she is up to with Pegasus.

Later in April I was back at Hartpury for further validation trials off the treadmill. This now concludes our formal validation of the system and Kathryn and I will be writing it up as a joint paper. Part 1 will be presented at BEVA in September.

Robert Childs, our Australian distributor, spent some time working with an equine specialist monitoring Polo horses. This work should be published later this year, so watch this space.

May

On the 8th Jo and I went to Moreton Morrell Equine College where we met with Kate Lockwood. Pegasus is being used to measure the characteristics of horses before and after exercises, designed to improve performance, strength and mobility. Kate has designed a study where there are 4 control horses and 5 horses undergoing the exercises for 5 weeks. Pegasus will measure each horse's gait characteristics; specifically stride length, stride duration, limb phasing, cannon



segment angles and hock angles at walk and trot. The trials all went without a hitch and Kate has the before data. June 12th is the date for the second test and then we will find out whether the exercises did make a difference. We'll make sure any results are available to Pegasus readers. To find out more about this exciting project visit Kate's website www.katelockwoodosteo.com.



The following week we delivered the system to Louise Bloom. We had an interesting morning testing a horse and then decamped to the pub for training. I must admit this is a most conducive environment for training. We did get the odd look from the barman as I tried to demonstrate phasing and stride length of a horse!

At the end of May, Sandie Chambers from Equestrian Edge, our distributor who is delivering training course on gait analysis visited us here at ETB. We went through the latest updates to our software with Sandie, who was impressed with how quick and easy the system is now to use. Sandie has a set of training courses planned, so please visit her website <http://www.equestrianedge.co.uk/> for more details.

Work in Holland continued in earnest, both at Utrecht University and with our distributor. A full trial on horses with stringhalt was successfully completed and will now be written up and published. Again, watch out for more details. Our distributor will also be shortly adding regular updates on our blog, so please look out for these.

And last but by no means least, Robert travelled to various parts of Australia testing all types of performance horses. Again, from June Robert will be adding his own blogs to our website so please watch out for more details.

What's planned for June

The Fresian horse trials at Utrecht, the second phase of the exercise physio tests at Moreton Morrell are just some of the exciting things going on in June. Don't forget to log on and read the latest on www.pegasus.uk.com