



## Spring Edition

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### MEET THE TEAM

Drs Nick Bamford and Jade Lowe have only recently joined the team at Northern Rivers but many of you will already know them. Nick and Jade have been working in the area for the last year and a half and are a great new addition to the Equine Team. They are keen to help Kath for the busy breeding season ahead and together will ensure that the area is well serviced for all your equine needs. We look forward to seeing you out and about!



Drs Nick, Kath and Jade

### TALKING TEETH

Is your horse underperforming? Is your broodmare struggling to put weight on this year? Does your horse drop food when it eats? When was the last time your horse had a dental examination? Although there are many reasons for the above complaints, one thing that is often overlooked is the teeth. As you know, horse's teeth are continually erupting and that means they need regular attention. As a general rule horses teeth should be examined every 6-12 months and by doing this we often pick up minor problems early and they can be easily corrected. If left, minor problems can turn into major problems – in other words you may end up spending a lot more money in the long run.



#### HOW DO YOU.....

Induce labor in a mare?

Cure equine constipation?

Get a mare to come in heat?

Make it rain?

Make a small fortune in the horse business? Start with a large one

Take a nap

Load them in a clean trailer

Take her to a show

Cut your hay

## INTRODUCING SETTLE...



Mare and Foal at the Equine Care Facility.

Settle™ is a relatively new product from Bioniche Animal Health designed to help problem mares be more fertile. The product itself is remnants of bacteria that are inactive themselves but stimulate the horse's immune system in such a way that it targets bacteria commonly found in the uterus of the mare. It comes in liquid form designed to be either injected into the vein or placed directly in the uterus which is usually done either at the time of service or insemination or 24 hours after foaling depending on the specific needs of the individual mare. Settle is designed to assist in cleaning up the uterine environment which in turn can improve fertility and conception rates in problem mares. Feel free to call us for more information on this product.

### \$\$ Money Back Guarantee \$\$

Bioniche are so confident with their new product Settle™ that they are offering a money back guarantee. If you have used Settle™ on two attempts to get your mare in foal and both attempts result in a negative pregnancy test, they will refund the cost of both treatments.

## DIGITAL X-RAYS

Northern Rivers is now equipped with a fully portable digital x-ray machine. This means that x-rays can now be done on your farm or property without the need for you to transport your horses to the clinic. The digital machine provides consistently high quality images that you can view straight away which means you don't have to wait for the results!



## UPDATE ON OVUPLANT

Many of you may have used Ovuplant™ in the past but for those who haven't, Ovuplant™ is an injectable hormone implant that causes ovulation in the mare. Due to its high level of accuracy and predictability we use it to program mares so that they will ovulate at a specific time and can be served naturally or by AI making the chances of conception much higher. Previously Ovuplant™ has been significantly more expensive than other ovulation drugs available but there is now an equivalent alternative - Deslorelin Duo-Release - making it more affordable and saving you over \$20.00 per treatment.

### Equiwormer LV

Horse wormers now \$11.50 (plus gst)  
This is a good broad spectrum wormer that treats roundworms, bots and tapeworms. Very Cheap!

**HOT DEAL!**

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