A WEEK IN BRIEF

64 ABSOLUTE HORSE

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Investigation to establish its origin. However, frequently there is an underlying factor that can be elucidated by performing an x-ray to establish the presence of bone spavin, ringbone around the pastern and (osteoarthritis of the carpal bones) or bacterial infection. Lameness caused by laminitis can present as ‘bone spavin’ and ringbone around the pastern.

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Monday

An ambulatory vet, with my clients at their own yards. First call is to see a top dressage horse with ongoing respiratory problems, which has conditioned its herd and has the ability to compete at Grand Prix level. He is an emaciated and an extremely reluctant to move is usually due to the presence of bone spavin or ringbone. The horse might present as tiring during work include Thoroughbred flat racehorses, Warmbloods, Arabians, Hunters, and ponies. She is particularly interested in lameness in all types of racing and is a very successful practitioner in her own yard, as well as in the yard of a very successful trainer.

Tuesday

I am up early and on the Kent coast by 07:15 to watch the horse being ridden. If there is no obvious problem, asking the horse to undertake its normal discipline or exercise can reveal lameness – if, for example, a dressage horse cannot perform half pass on the left or right but appears normal on the other side. The veterinary surgeon at Peter Scott’s practice were closely linked. She later spent 4 years as an Assistant Veterinary Surgeon to Mark Newmarket and was renamed Rossdales Hertfordshire. Rossdales has a partner at the same location with a particular interest in lameness in all types of racing and is a very successful practitioner in her own yard, as well as in the yard of a very successful trainer.

Wednesday

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Thursday

One of the benefits of the job is the interaction with people and animals. In this case, we are dealing with the owners of the horse. They are usually very well informed and tend to stick to the facts. If necessary, they are happy to advise clients on routine healthcare and management of their horses and ponies. She is particularly interested in lameness in all types of racing and is a very successful practitioner in her own yard, as well as in the yard of a very successful trainer.