



[Stallion Services Expanded at ECO](#)

We have remodeled the original barn on the farm to stand the Stallion Roster for **Copper Beech Morgan Farm**. You can view wonderful Morgan Horses like *Ben's Rhapsody* at www.copperbeech.biz or in person at the clinic. Dr. Dobbie will also provide live cover, collection, cooled shipping and freezing services for a limited number of other resident or transient stallions in addition to our regular breeding and foaling services

[Metabolic Disease Update](#)

There has been a recent development in the understanding of the pharmacology of drugs we use to treat **Cushing's (Pituitary Hyperplasia)** and **Insulin Resistance (Metabolic Syndrome)**. The shelf life of many of the compounded liquid formulations has been questioned. In addition, dispensing guidelines dictate that compounded drugs such as pergolide and chromium sulfate can no longer be purchased by individual practices for resale.

In order to best serve you and your horses, we will no longer stock these compounded medications but we will facilitate your purchase of them by listing the products we prefer on our website (www.oakencroft.org). These can be purchased there with a secure credit card and the products will be shipped directly to you from our chosen pharmacies for significant cost savings to you.

If you do not have access to or do not wish to use the internet, they can be ordered during regular business hours through the office by phone. To get the lower price we will require cash, check or credit card to accompany your order.



By ordering through the office we will be able to assist you in monitoring your horse's veterinary care. These are prescription medications, and the pharmacy regulations require us to have a current and valid patient/client/doctor relationship. This means that

we can only write prescriptions for those horses that have been seen and placed on a plan by one of our veterinarians. Some renewals will be automatic; some will require follow-up blood tests, while others will need only a cursory examination within the previous year. Your ability to purchase refills at a lower cost should allow significant cost savings and make period evaluation of these ever changing conditions possible.

[Convenient Online Pharmacy Helps You Score Savings!](#)

In this day and age it makes sense to buy services from professionals and supplies from the most economic source. To



better meet your needs for timely, simple and economic purchases of medications, we are revamping our Online Pharmacy (www.oakencroft.org). We can offer a wide variety of medications online at a **significant cost reduction**. At this time we are also able to offer **free shipping** on most products (except the compounded ones). Since these items ship directly from the warehouse and are paid for when ordered, we can offer them at considerable savings compared to selling them from our vehicle or clinic inventories. In many cases because of time factors you will still be able to purchase urgent medications at the regular cost when the veterinarian is at your farm. Our intention, however, would be for you to buy your extended supplies at the lower cost online. Not online or hesitant to purchase medications that way? No problem. You can order during regular business hours through our office staff. To get the lowered price we will require cash, check or credit card to accompany your order.

This is a wonderful way to buy our choices for many **over the counter items** (e.g. bandages, dewormers and topicals) at internet prices. It will also allow you to acquire the more expensive **prescription medications** that you may need (e.g. Regumate, Doxycycline, SMZ, Bute, Banamine). We are limited to providing these regulated items to those horses and clients that have a current valid patient/client/doctor relationship. Finally, this format allows us to keep a record of the medication history of your horse that other sources cannot provide.

[Pasture and Forage Carbs True or False Quiz](#)



1. Fertilized pastures and hayfields are more lush and therefore have a higher risk for laminitis than stressed pasture. (False)
2. Dry summer pastures are low in Non Structural Carbohydrates (NSC) and thus are safe for laminitic horses. (False)
3. As a rule, dryer, taller pastures have higher NSC than shorter green pastures. (True)
4. It is safe to put laminitic horses out on extremely short overgrazed pastures since these are the lowest in NSC (False)
5. Plants use stored sugar to grow at night, so the dangerous NSC levels are lowest in the very early morning (True)
6. When freezing overnight temperatures are accompanied by sunny days, the NSC content may double. (True)

Helpful Hints for Your Horse's Health!

- ❖ **Have your horses in and a halter and lead rope at hand (before) the vet comes. When scheduling, be sure the office knows all the services you need so that we can have the right equipment on hand. It only takes a few clients with a 30 minute delay to put everyone's schedule off for the day.**
- ❖ **Be aware that in the spring Coggins Test may require up to 2 weeks complete. If you need a rush test, please let us know so we can help you make arrangements. Our digital forms require us to take a picture of your horse, so have the mud off of them so that they are pretty! When you get the papers in the mail check them for accuracy (Those darn computers do make mistakes!) Lost your papers? No problem, you can download them from the website...Just call us for directions and access codes.**
- ❖ **A great gift for your horse friends is an inexpensive stethoscope. We will be honored to help you learn how to use it on an upcoming visit. Your ability to check vitals (TPR) and a few physical parameters may save you time and money on veterinary costs. Come to the Owner's Seminar on March 13th and learn more.**
- ❖ **Normal temperature = 99.5° to 101°F Normal Pulse = 40 beats per minute**
- ❖ **Normal Respiratory Rate = 8 to 12 breaths per minute**
- ❖ **Observe their appetite and water consumption, ease of movement, manure production and gut sounds.**
- ❖ **Do you have your insurance information handy? Emergency phone numbers? A trailering plan should your horse need emergency transportation?**
- ❖ **Tranquilizers can only legally be administered by or at the direction of a veterinarian. In the hands of lay dentists, farriers, and trainers these medications are potentially harmful to man and beast.**

The Equine Clinic at OakenCroft

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Announcements!

- ❖ **Doctor Kristen Richwagen and her husband Bill are expecting a baby in April! Congratulations!**
- ❖ **Visit our Web Site at www.oakencroft.org**
 - Take our online Client Survey
 - See the Educational Materials Archive
 - Check out our new on-line catalogue for Huge Savings
- ❖ **In addition to MasterCard and Visa, we are now able to accept American Express and Discover Card. For security, your account numbers are maintained in a remote secure data base**
- ❖ **When you talk with the office next, please give us your email address. Email is environmentally friendly and provides us with a rapid way of keeping you informed.**
- ❖ **The Clinic will be hiring seasonal help in the office this spring. Interested in being part of our team?**



The Equine Clinic at OakenCroft

Winter 2009-2010

Client Education Seminars

Being Offered Throughout the Mohawk and Hudson Valleys

Together with our colleagues from practices spanning the Mohawk and Hudson Valleys and Pfizer/Fort Dodge Animal Health we are proud to co-host a series of seminars this spring featuring **Dr. David Pugh of Pfizer/Fort Dodge**. Dr. Pugh will address a range of issues including **parasite control, nutrition and colic**. These issues continue to be of prime importance to your horses' health. This seminar will be an outstanding opportunity to learn the latest information about these topics and it will also take a new look at strategic parasite control programs that insure we team up for the best results for your horse's health.

Dr. Pugh has authored more than 600 publications, more than 80 book chapters, a textbook, and is co-author of a publication for the National Research Council of the National Academies of Sciences. He has received five university and three national awards for teaching and was the 2006 recipient of the University of Georgia's AM Mills Award for contributions to Veterinary Medicine. He is also Dr. Lesser's all time favorite source of timely and entertaining advice! **This promises to be one of the most outstanding educational opportunities we will ever offer. Don't miss it!**

In cooperation with a dozen different practices, Dr. Pugh will be available at the following times and locations:

- Monday March 22 at the Cooperative Extension Farm and Home Center in Millbrook NY
- Tuesday March 23 at the Cooperative Extension and 4H Center in Voorheesville NY
- Wednesday March 24 at the Cooperative Extension Equine Center on Middle Line Road in Ballston Spa NY

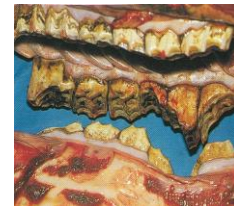
The presentation at each location will run from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Refreshments will be available. A nominal \$5 fee will be charged, the proceeds of which will be donated to an equine charity. We ask that you register beforehand so we can plan accordingly. You may register by calling us the clinic at (518)767-2906 or by email at equineclinic@oakencroft.org.

Basic Horse Owner's Seminar

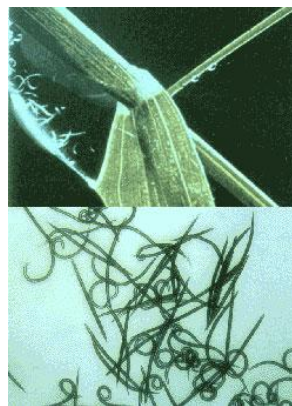
This popular seminar is offered at the clinic this year on **Saturday March 13, 2010** from 8:30 am until 4:30 pm.

The clinic will include lectures and demonstrations on:

- Nutrition and Hay Selection
- Pastures and Housing
- Handling, Restraint, Physical Exam
- Parasite Control
- Dentistry
- Infectious Disease and Vaccines
- Metabolic Diseases/Laminitis
- Breeding



In addition, clients are invited to tour our expanded clinic and stallion facility and see our latest foals. A nominal fee of \$15 per person will be charged to cover food and materials, and we ask that you register beforehand so we can plan accordingly. You may do so by calling the clinic at (518) 767-2906 or through email at equineclinic@oakencroft.org. Youth, 4-H and rescue groups are offered special pricing.



Infectious Parasite Larvae on a dew droplet on grass

Our Mission Statement

"The Equine Clinic at OakenCroft is a team dedicated to the welfare of the horse through comprehensive and compassionate veterinary care. We are committed to the growth and education of our clients and ourselves. We foster an atmosphere that supports the personal and professional satisfaction of our staff. As leaders in the equine industry, we serve our clients in a professional and ethical manner and will continue to build a relationship based on honesty and respect."