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Dr. Graham is Now Board Certified

We are proud to announce that Dr. Graham has joined Drs. Bradley and Cook in completion of her post veterinary school specialty training.

Dr. Graham's accomplishment is a testimony to New England Equine's commitment to providing compassionate, cutting edge, scientific evidence-based therapies by specialists. We are the only local practice with multiple board certified doctors in varying fields. Dr. Graham has been certified as a Diplomate by the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners (ABVP) specializing in Equine Practice.

Dr. Graham mastered a rigorous and demanding application process and certification examination in order to obtain Diplomate status. To qualify to sit for the extensive two-day examination, a veterinarian must complete either a residency program or six years of clinical veterinary practice. In addition, a paper for publication in a scientific journal, two case reports, references, descriptions of practice procedures and professional education records must be submitted and pass review. Dr. Graham completed a two-year residency at the University of Pennsylvania's New Bolton Center from 2006-2008. Dr. Graham is a graduate of the Atlantic Veterinary College and has a special interest in reproduction, ophthalmology, medicine, and neonatology.

The American Board of Veterinary Practitioners was established in 1978 and is accredited by a special committee of the American Veterinary Medical Association to recognize excellence in clinical practice through the certification of species-oriented specialists. For more information on ABVP visit www.abvp.com.

Patterson Veterinary MRI and New England Equine Practice introduce the Equine Dynamic Laryngoscope

We are proud to provide the equine dynamic laryngoscope to allow for comprehensive and accurate diagnosis of upper respiratory disease. Until now, horses suffering from poor performance or making an unusual respiratory noise could only be evaluated endoscopically pre-and post exercise or on a treadmill under endoscopic visualization. Because many types of upper airway dysfunction are only seen during representative exercise, standing endoscopy often could not reproduce the underlying problem. Treadmill limitations occurred because head and neck positioning often were different from those seen during work. At last, the dynamic scope will allow for complete visualization of the upper airway while performing all types of equine athletic disciplines.

The new Laryngoscope allows the veterinarian to see into the upper airway of the horse. It is lightweight and compact. The unit requires little space on the saddle itself which is independent of the rider, and the endoscopy portion fits snugly around the horses head with an adjustable halter and quick release.

During the exam, the Laryngoscope uses a xenon light scope and an adjustable scope attachment to take high quality digital videos of the upper airway, showing items such as the movement inside of the airway. This digital media can be downloaded and stored accordingly allowing the veterinarians to make conclusive decisions regarding the horse's respiratory tract.

Client Education

Client Education will take place at the clinic on March 15, 2011. Everyone is welcome to come and take advantage of this informative opportunity. NEEP is currently staffed by 5 doctors, 3 of which have post veterinary school specialty training, and one intern. Please call us with any questions.