

Caspian horses shine at Ashby's 'show within a show'

Penny Walster's young Caspian Stallion, Bytham Justin Time, took Show Champion in the first ever Caspian classes to be held at Ashby Show, on Sunday, 14th July. Ateshe Firouz-Larsen, daughter of Louise Firouz, who re-discovered this ancient breed of pony-sized horse in northern Iran in 1965, was more than pleased with the presentation and condition of the Caspian Horses put before her.

Six-year-old Justin was bred by Mrs Pat Bowles of the Bytham Caspian Stud of Castle Bytham and now stands at the BathleyHills Stud near Newark.

The twelve-year-old bay gelding, Runnymede Meteor, owned by Mrs Dreda Randall, of Hilton, Cambridgeshire, took Reserve Champion, and was shown both in-hand and ridden by Charlotte Archer-Goode.

Nine pure-bred Caspians and four part-bred Caspians were forward, which represents a good turnout for the rare Caspian Horse of Iran, whose origins were explained to spectators in a special parade in the main ring during the afternoon. BBC Persia TV filmed throughout, for transmission in Iran and other countries of the Middle East.



Champion Caspian stallion Bytham Justin Time, owned by Penny Walster



Jessica Langton on Litton Valencia. They were 1st Open, 2nd Novice and Champion show pony at Ashby Show. This 6-year-old, 148cm mare by Llanarth Aristocrat is owned by her mother, Mrs Tracey G Langton.

SertaSil first-of-its-kind

SertaSil is a new, first-of-its-kind product for use in the treatment of wounds that cannot be sutured. In horses, it has been able to assist in the healing of a number of difficult wounds, including wounds that did not respond to honey, antibiotics and hydrogel. Furthermore, hypergranulation (proud flesh) has not occurred on wounds where SertaSil has been used in the treatment.

The pictures show a puncture wound that had been treated for 3-4 months with all types of antibiotics, but without healing. The horse was then referred to Simon Knapp, MRCVS, who is clinical director at Scott Dunn's Equine Clinic as well as senior veterinary surgeon at several racecourses and the Guards Polo Club. Simon Knapp first tried surgical debridement and suturing the wound, but the stitches broke and a different approach had to be taken.

Next, daily application of SertaSil without a dressing was used. The wound closed without further complications. SertaSil has had similar positive effects on wounds in other horses, donkeys, dogs, cats and even an elephant.

SertaSil acts by removing factors in the wound exudate that inhibit wound healing. In addition to accelerating the healing process, this also reduces wound inflammation, oedema and pain and many animals like to have SertaSil applied to their wound.

It also dissolves biofilm, which is a layer bacterial colonies create to protect themselves against the immune system. By removing this layer, the immune system again becomes able to fight an infection and SertaSil has therefore been able to facilitate the removal of infections, including

antibiotic resistant ones. Being a very fine powder, allows it to reach all areas of the wound, including the finest crevices. SertaSil does not require a protective dressing and is hence very suitable on difficult-to-dress areas. The ingredients of SertaSil are known to be safe and it is in parallel being developed for human use with the aid of a UK Government Smart grant. It has in human patients been shown to accelerate wound healing by 50% compared to antibiotics and antiseptics and to promote the closure of difficult to heal wounds.

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March 27, 2013 and shows the wound just after start of application.



April 18, just after application of SertaSil had stopped