



Dr. Sara Michelin has been with Jensen's animal hospital since 1985 and our personal vet since 1990. She is Jensen's only equine veterinarian and has interests in lameness and reproduction. She is a member of the American Veterinary Medical Association, Michigan Veterinary Medical Association and American Association of Equine Practitioners

Equine Services

Wellness care-"An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure" That saying holds true for horses also. As part of our routine care we provide vaccinations, deworming, Coggins testing, and dental care. At the time of service we can discuss any issues you may have with your horse including nutritional needs, training programs, geriatric care, etc..

Time of need care-We offer care for your horse in case of medical colic, sickness, lameness, injury, metabolic problems, or chronic illness. We are equipped to provide intravenous fluids and most laboratory results are obtained within 24 hours. Emergency care for our regular clients is provided on a 24 hour basis.

Pre-purchase examinations- An extensive physical examination, lameness evaluation, neurologic examination, and drug screen is offered by us prior to purchasing a horse. The information gathered is used by the prospective buyer and/or agent to determine whether the horse will be serviceable for its intended use. The exam often includes laboratory testing, radiographs, and ultrasound exams.

Geriatric care- Aged horses can have sub-clinical health care issues that can be identified and treated before they become a problem. If your horse is over 15 years of age we recommend a complete physical examination and blood testing to establish baseline values.

Lameness examination- Evaluate the locomotion of your horse. We use a variety of techniques to identify the source(s) of lameness including physical examination and palpation, flexion tests, and joint and nerve blocks. Digital radiography, ultrasound, and laboratory tests help us to further evaluate the source of your horse's lameness.

Surgery-Standing or recumbent surgery of the horse is performed for castration, biopsy and laceration repair. More complicated procedures may be referred to a specialist.

Specialized procedures:

Ultrasonography-uses sound waves to evaluate soft tissues like tendons and ligaments, reproductive organs, lumps, and tumors. It is painless and non-invasive.

Radiography-uses x-rays to visualize bone for abnormalities including arthritic changes, fractures, ocd, bone cysts and bone infection.

Acupuncture-is an ancient Chinese practice that utilizes needles to stimulate nerve pathways to heal many problems. Often, Chinese herbs will be prescribed to aid in therapy.

Chiropractic - a manipulative therapy that can aid in the realignment of bones to improve gait, performance and reduce pain.

Tonometry-is a procedure that measures the intraocular pressure of the eyeball and is useful in detecting glaucoma and uveitis.

Allergy testing/hyposensitization-skin testing is considered the gold standard by most allergists in the United States. Blood test results do not correlate well to skin test results. In our practice skin testing is the method of choice to diagnose and treat skin and respiratory allergies in the horse.