

Swiftsure Equine Veterinary Services

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Dear Valued Client,

Spring has sprung and there are many exciting things happening; foals are being born, ribbons are being won and the benefits from our hard work and dedication to our horses are being reaped. This is a very exciting and busy time of year for all, including us here at Swiftsure Equine Vet Services.

As I'm sure many of you know, the practice has been steadily growing and becoming busier, which has prompted new developments. Danica and Jessie have found themselves needing additional support so they can continue to provide high quality and consistent services. Thus, we would like to take this opportunity to share three significant additions to the Swiftsure Equine Vet Services team.

Firstly, we have been lucky to have found Abi, our new assistant, who has been on farm with Danica over the last two months. Abi was born in England and raised in Scotland, where she developed a love for riding. At the age of 12, Abi's family moved to Victoria, where she continued riding on the Hunter and Jumper circuits. Abi gave up jumping for Dressage when she purchased Sam, her coloured Warmblood, as a 2 year old. Now Abi's time is spent with Sam, either training Dressage or hitting the trails, alongside her dog Ivy, a beloved whippet cross. Abi comes to us with three years' experience working as a veterinary assistant at a small animal hospital. You may have already met her when she worked at Victoria Saddlery. Abi has an enormous passion for animals with a focus on their medical care, which makes her a wonderful addition to our team.



Now don't worry! Jessie, an invaluable member of our team, will still be assisting on farm when needed, but has been promoted to the newly created Practice Manager position. In order to accommodate the practice's growth, and provide efficient and prompt service, Swiftsure Equine Vet Services will be moving its business operation to a **NEW client accessible** office in Central Saanich. The address is #202 – 6981 East Saanich Road, next to Tonollis Deli, near the corner of East Saanich and Island View Roads. The move-in date will hopefully be early August. After that time, you will find Jessie in the office, overseeing all operations. Please feel free to stop in for a visit, Jessie welcomes the company!



New office location #202 – 6981 East Saanich Rd.

Thirdly, and possibly the largest development, is the addition of Dr Kaitlin McDonald to our team at Swiftsure Equine Vet Services, on a part time basis. Kaitlin was born and raised in Edmonton, where her grandparents started her riding at a very early age. Kaitlin first began riding English, then showed in Hunters, and now she enjoys Jumpers. Kaitlin has her own horse Belle, a 10 yr old Canadian Warmblood mare, who has been her loyal companion through her travels. Outside of horses, she like running, hiking, and watersports which has drawn her here, with her boyfriend and fellow Veterinarian, Adam, and their two husky crosses, Kupffer and Scout.

Along with Kaitlin's personal experience with horses, she has many academic and professional achievements to be mentioned. While completing her BSc in Physiology from the U of A, Kaitlin worked as a groom and Equine Massage Therapist. During the summer breaks, while studying at the U of C: Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Kaitlin worked with chuck wagon horses for a research project on cardiovascular performance; with Dr Dan French at Spruce Meadows; and externed at equine veterinary practices in Edmonton, Calgary, Langley, Colorado and Tennessee. During these summers she developed technical skills and obtained current knowledge in equine veterinary medicine.



After attaining her DVM degree, Kaitlin was offered a very competitive Internship position at Tennessee Equine Hospital, a 14-veterinarian specialty referral practice near Nashville, TN. This busy practice allowed Kaitlin to further her knowledge and technical skills while receiving exposure and experience in the array of advanced veterinary medicine and surgery. Kaitlin has special interests in dentistry, sports medicine, and alternative therapies such as massage therapy, chiropractic and acupuncture.

Danica is very excited to introduce Kaitlin and be able to share the assets she brings to our small but wonderful equine community. To ensure consistency in service, Kaitlin will be going out on farm with Danica beginning mid-June, so she can become familiarized with our area, our clients, as well as our preferred practice style.

Danica truly values the confidence and trust placed in her to provide veterinary services to our beloved horses, and acknowledges the time required to have built that trust. This is a very exciting time of growth, and Danica recognizes that Swiftsure Equine Vet Services would not be experiencing this success, if it was not for our loyal clients. As always, the needs of our clients and their horses are first priority. Danica wants to ensure trust and comfort is maintained throughout ALL services provided by ALL team members at Swiftsure Equine Vet Services. We ask for your help in this, by both welcoming the new team members, and providing feedback during this time of change and transition, as we hope to make it as seamless as possible.

With Appreciation from ALL of us at Swiftsure Equine Vet Services,

Danica, Jessie, Abi and Kaitlin