

# Annual Conference 2019

Saturday 2nd November 2019

## The Speakers

### Richard Hepburn

BVSc MS CertEM(IntMed) DipACVIM FRCVS RCVS  
Recognised Specialist in Equine  
Internal Medicine

#### Subject Titles:

**Wobblers do win medals -  
rethinking spinal ataxia.**

#### **Equine Gastric Ulcer Syndrome - is it a cause of poor performance?**

After graduating from Liverpool Vet School in 1997 Dicky worked in equine hospitals in the UK and New Zealand for 4 years doing a combination of sport horse and racehorse work. He then completed a 3-year combined internal medicine residency and Masters program at The Marion DuPont Equine Medical Centre in Virginia, USA. Dicky was the first diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine to go into private equine practice in the UK and is recognised by the RCVS as a specialist in equine internal medicine. Since 2004 he has worked at the B&W Equine Hospital, a 40 vet equine practice in southwest England, where he leads their referral medicine service. Since 2017 B&W Equine Hospital has been part of the CVS Group. Dicky is a member of the ECEIM EGUS consensus committee, has been chair of the ACIVM specialty exam committee, advanced continuing education committee and the Board of Regents. He is also a contributing author to the textbook of Equine Neurology and the textbook of Equine Back and Neck Pathology. Dicky has been a FEI treating vet at Badminton 4\* Horse Trials for over 10 years and at the London International Horse Show, Olympia, and was an onsite medicine specialist at the 2012 London Olympic Games. In 2018 he was awarded Fellowship of the RCVS for meritorious contribution to clinical practice. Outside of work Dicky is a very average but happy mountain biker and paddleboarder but loves nothing more than watching either son play sport or running with his wife Victoria.



### Nikki Engelbach

AdvCertVPhys, MIRVAP, MCHA

#### Subject Title:

**Combining canine physiotherapy  
and hydrotherapy for a holistic  
approach to canine rehabilitation**

Nikki qualified with the Advanced Certificate in Veterinary Physiotherapy in 2011 and went on to complete an internship and gain her hydrotherapy qualification at K9HS in Suffolk, under Barbara Houlding MScVetPhys, GradDipPhys, MCSP, FIRVAP in 2012. After several years as a full-time mobile veterinary physiotherapist, Nikki set up Bach Canine Rehab with her business partner Katie O'Brien in 2016, providing canine physiotherapy and hydrotherapy, in West London. They are proud to be the chosen rehabilitation clinic for many local veterinary practices and for specialist referral centres further afield. Their aim at Bach Canine Rehab is to approach each case with canine welfare and comfort at the centre of all they do, and believe the best results are achieved when their patients are engaged yet relaxed in the clinic setting.



### Dr Tim Watson

BVM&S, PhD, MRCVS

#### Subject Title

**What's new in regenerative  
therapies for equine  
orthopaedic diseases - Lipogems®  
and Arti-Cell® Forte.**

Tim is a veterinary surgeon whose career has spanned highly successful periods in academia, industry and private practice. He currently heads up an ambulatory equine practice in Gloucestershire and has a special interest in orthopaedic disease and the role of regenerative therapies.

### Sarah Powdrill

BSc (Hons) Animal Science, MSc Veterinary  
Physiotherapy, MNAVPP

#### Subject Title:

**Are Owners Actually Doing Their  
Homework?**

Sarah graduated from the University of Nottingham in 2011 with an BSc (Hons) in Animal Science following which, she attended Harper Adams University, graduating in 2014 with a PgD in Veterinary Physiotherapy. With a keen interest in small animals, Sarah joined Dick White Referrals, a specialist referral hospital in 2016. After several years in practice gaining invaluable experience, she completed her MSc in 2018. Sarah has particular passion for both treating and training working gundogs, ideally Springer spaniels.



The Conference will take place at  
**Dunchurch Park Hotel &  
Conference Centre**, Rugby Road,  
Dunchurch, Warwickshire CV22  
6QW. The cost of £130 for the day  
includes lunch and refreshments,  
conference notes and attendance  
certificate. Students pay £65 and  
must bring their student card with  
them to gain entry. Overnight  
accommodation is available at the  
hotel.



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