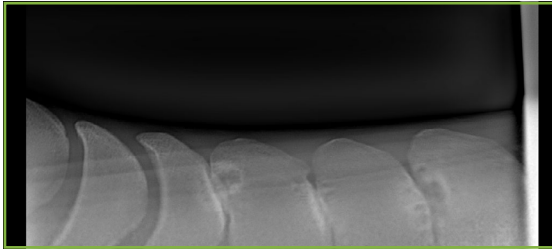


NEWSLETTER

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BACK PAIN

Does your horse have back pain? Having trouble during ridden exercise? Does my horse have Kissing Spines?



WHAT DO X-RAYS SHOW

• The dorsal spinal processes (DSP's) are the main component seen on X-ray. We would normally expect some form of gap between the DSP's, however literature suggests that up to 34% of horses (which tend to be over-represented by Thoroughbreds) may show signs of overriding DSP's (ORDSP's) on X-rays but do not exhibit any clinical signs as a result of them. However, if this



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is coupled with clinical signs of pain, the well known condition of 'Kissing Spines' or ORDSP's may require intervention.

- Conventionally we took an approach of placing medication around the spinal processes in order to reduce any inflammation and therefore pain. Many cases responded to this treatment modality, however it often required repeating the medication over time.

INTERSPINOUS LIGAMENT DESMOTOMY (ISLD)

This procedure is now available to patients and can be performed on your yard. In essence the ligament between the dorsal spinal processes is cut, which not only potentially relieves any tension between processes, but is also thought to provide a neurectomy (cutting of the nerve) in the area - providing pain relief from the condition.

DIAGNOSIS

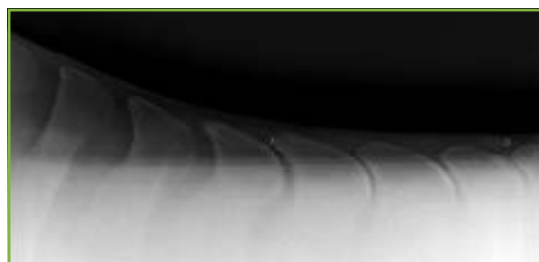
In order to diagnose what treatment is best suited for the case a full clinical exam and X-rays are required to be taken prior to the surgery - we also pay particular attention to any concurrent hindlimb lameness, as this may indicate the back is actually a secondary issue. Furthermore, we do advocate working in conjunction with suitably qualified para-professionals (such as ACPAT), in order to manage these cases.

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