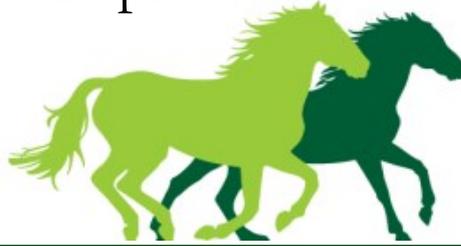


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## CASE STUDY 1 - PENETRATING WOUND OF FOOT

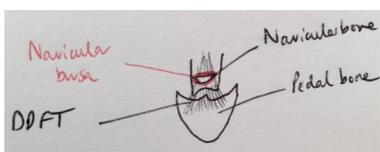
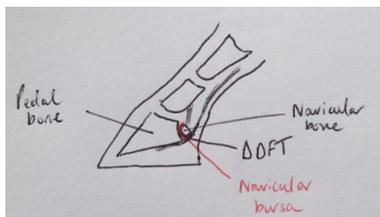
Meet Elvis ...



Treating Elvis involved:

- X-raying his foot to see if the nail contacted any important structures of the foot
- Removing the nail and paring out the tract to allow any infection to drain
- Broad spectrum antibiotics
- Ensuring he had adequate tetanus cover
- Dressing the wound to promote healing

Important structures of the foot:



His owner found him in the morning **non weight bearing lame** on his left hind limb and when she picked out his foot she discovered a **nail lodged in his frog**. She removed the nail as it was sticking out beyond his hoof wall but was concerned that some nail was left in his foot as he was still extremely uncomfortable. So she called **Damory Equine...**

First Aid Top Tips:

- Don't panic
- Check your horses foot
- If a nail is sticking out **above the level of the hoof wall** hold the leg up so it can't be dug in further and **remove it if you can. Keep the nail and ring the clinic.**
- If the **nail is flush with the hoof wall or below it** and will not be dug in further by the horse standing on (most often the case) **leave it in place and ring the clinic.**
- If you are unsure ring the clinic

Healing progress:



Elvis' X-ray:



Regular nursing care and dressings have been important throughout Elvis' recovery (fortunately he is an extremely well behaved boy). He then had a special hospital plate shoe made for him to protect his foot. He is currently starting back into exercise nearly a month after his injury. Well done Elvis!

Elvis was extremely lucky that the nail did not contact any important structures in the foot. However, it did pass extremely close to them and it remains important that he was treated promptly and aggressively.

