

KIRKTON EQUINE SERVICES

Dr. Katie Crossan | Dr. Lisa Aurini



Dr. Crossan getting into the Christmas spirit

HOLIDAY HOURS

December 23 - 8am to 6pm

December 24 - 8am to noon

December 25 - Closed

December 26 - Closed

December 31 - 8am to noon

January 1 - Closed

*Emergency Services are available
24/7 by calling:*

(519) 229 - 8911

1 - 888 - 443 - 4184



Dr. Aurini with her horse, Connor

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WINTER CARE

Some helpful hints and tips to keep you and your horse happy and healthy this winter:

1. WATER

- ▶ As horses transition off pastures and onto hay/concentrates their water requirements increase
- ▶ A 1000 lbs horse requires 20-40 L of water per days to maintain hydration
- ▶ Research has shown that horses will drink significantly more water in the winter if the water is warmed (above 5 C is best)
- ▶ Horses prefer water to be clean and fresh



Bree LaBute, KVC office manager and her horses, Sky and Bronte



Kaitlin, KVC tech and her horse, Bennie

2. FEEDING

- ▶ As the temperature drops, a horse's energy requirements increase
- ▶ Supplemental energy should come predominantly from forage (hay) but concentrates can also be added as needed
- ▶ Monitor body condition closely and adjust feeding as needed

3. SHELTER

- ▶ Horses that are turned out for long periods require access to shelters to protect them against extreme cold or wet weather
- ▶ Be sure shelters are checked for any safety concerns before use and that shelter size is large enough to accommodate the number of horses in the field

4. BLANKETING

- ▶ Many factors need to be considered when deciding if to blanket, when to blanket and how to blanket
- ▶ Blanketing is necessary if:
 - there is no shelter available in the turnout area
 - the winter coat has been clipped
 - the horse is not acclimated to the weather (horse has recently relocated from a warmer climate)
 - there is a risk the horse will get wet
 - the horse is very old
 - the horse is in poor body condition / very thin



Christmas fun with Sky