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Hello!!!

Following on from last month's xrays, this month's topic is 'ultrasound'. This info sheet will be followed on in the next month with further information on scintigraphy, CT and MRI.

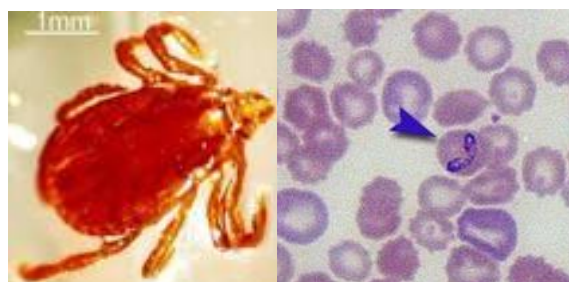
If you have topics that you would like covering then please email them to cape@mcveigh.co.za and we will try to accommodate you!

HORSE TALK.....

Our very own Doctor Camilla Nock ran the CapeTown Gun run Half Marathon on Sunday 14th October 2012. She finished the race in a very respectable 2hr 17min. She rewarded herself with her favourite, a healthy supersized Macdonalds. Well done Camilla!!

Please be on the alert for ticks, there are a lot about at the moment. These pesky little blood suckers carry the blood parasite Babesia and Theileria, which cause the disease in horses known as Piroplasmosis or Biliary. Should you find a tick on your horse's body, remove it immediately. However, forget all the rumors you may have heard about tick removal. Do NOT crush or twist the tick, apply baby oil or petroleum, or "scare" the tick out with a lit match. These methods can cause the tick to regurgitate blood back into your horse, which increases the chance of infection or disease transmission. Worse, the above methods can cause the head to detach from the body, where it will remain beneath the skin. Instead, use a pair of [tweezers](#) to remove the tick:

1. Grab the tick firmly by the head, where it enters the skin
2. Pull - do not yank - firmly and steadily straight away from the skin
3. Dispose of the tick properly
4. Wash the attachment site with a mild antiseptic
5. Wash your hands



One of the ticks The parasite in a RBC



Ticks in a horses ear

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