

## **IS EQUINE VETERINARY MEDICINE STILL IN THE DARK AGES?**

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I intend to show how equine veterinary medicine has advanced in the last few decades, and how it is still, in some respects, in the Dark Ages.

The contrast between veterinary medicine and human medicine is, I like to think, less marked than it used to be. And comparative medicine is always useful, as is collaboration between ourselves.

I was going to attempt a broad overview, this would have taken too long. I am going to use the change in the approach to injury to the superficial digital flexor tendon in the equine as a specific example. It is a key structure in the equine athlete, especially with the thoroughbred racehorse and the eventing discipline.

I will digress briefly to illustrate other aspects including some of the Dark Ages.

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