

ECB Spa Case Study 4:



Racehorse Tendon Injury – Study b

When this top class racehorse was presented to The Centre, ultra sound imaging at the 2b level clearly showed a grade 2 core lesion (Fig 1).

The leg was rescanned after 8 days of daily spa treatments and hence was reduced to spa therapy every second day. Walking was started and then increased after the 02/09/02 scan (Fig 2.) to 20 minutes, twice daily.

Light ridden track work was commenced, and the final scans show the tendon on the 02/11/02 before return to the trainer.

Alcazar had cracked his pelvis 3 times, broken a bone in a hind leg and strained 2 tendons before being referred for equine spa therapy.

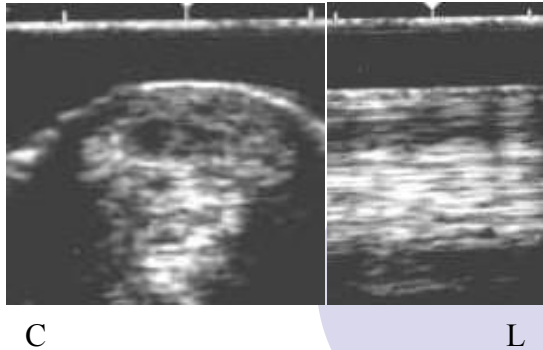


Fig 1. 16/07/02

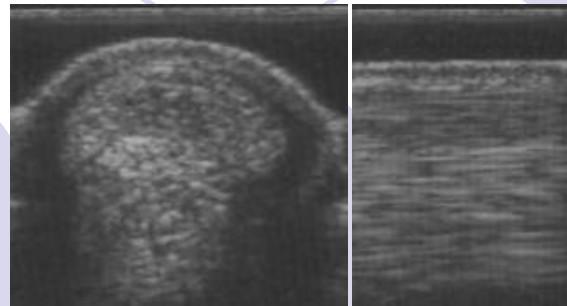


Fig 2. 02/0902

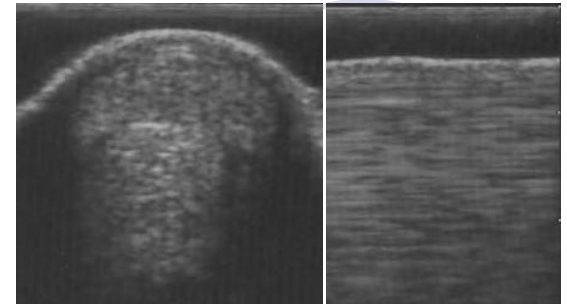


Fig 3. 02/11/02

Alcazar returned to racing on the 1st April 2003 at Nottingham in the Listed Flight Stakes and returned home 1st out of a field of 11 (for further winning Alcazar form, please refer to News Section of www.equinespa.com).

Alcazar still receives preventative spa treatments, which is a beneficial therapy during racing breaks and as part of a horses preparation and training for racing.