

ECB Spa Case Study 5:

Infected Tendon Sheath



This horse was presented with a skin and tendon sheath incision to posterior pastern (Fig 1.). It had become infected and hence was treated surgically with irrigation etc. twice, three weeks apart. The horse was then placed through the Spa for 2 weeks. The skin incision closed and the fluid around sheath and within bursae reduced (Fig 2.)

Fig 1a. & 1b.



Fig 2a. & 2b.



Fig 3.



Fig 3. - Top row scans at 6cms above centre of sesamoid
Lower row at sesamoid.

Fig 3. - Left scans on arrival 30/01/01
Right after 14 days spa treatment on 14/02/01. (Reduction in fluid and density)

After the Spa treatment, the horse was put into light work and raced within 20 weeks.