

[Our Online Pharmacy is Back!](#)

We are very excited to announce that beginning January 1st, our internet pharmacy is back. In the past, this has been a quick and convenient way for our clients to order medicine for their horses. Since we do not have a pharmacist on staff here at ECO we are no longer legally allowed to drop ship orders to you. This means our online pharmacy will now be the primary way of ordering and shipping meds to you. It offers the same supplies, over-the-counter, and prescription drugs as before. You are now able to place orders at any time without the hassle of calling during business hours.



You can access the pharmacy by going to our website and clicking on the pharmacy icon (shown above), or simply by going to www.myvetdirect.com/oakencroft. Once you are on the welcome page you will need to register by creating an account. Enter your personal account information, including details for shipping, billing, and patient information. Then, search the catalog for what you need and shop away! Once your order has been approved by your vet, it will be sent out for shipment. Please **remember to plan ahead** to allow for enough time for your order to be shipped *before* you run out! If there is something not offered on the website, or if you have any questions at all, please call the office and have one of the receptionist assist you.

[Boarding at OakenCroft](#)

Are you looking for a comfortable and safe home for your favorite old horse? Maybe you are looking to board a broodmare or group of weanlings? We are pleased to announce that we will be offering board at our facility for all of these groups! A three tier fee schedule is in place to meet the needs of both the horse and the owner looking for retirement board. All tiers will include the cost of annual vaccines and coggins. In addition, we have openings for a new broodmare population. The farm has three barns, three large sheds and indoor turn out to accommodate many different needs. This will include a twelve stall barn devoted to broodmares with daily turnout and two resident veterinarians onsite. Please call the office today for pricing and availability!



[Breeding Services at ECO](#)

The horse industry is constantly changing and the breeding industry seems to reflect those changes faster than any other area. As our clients needs and goals change, we have adapted as well. Here at ECO, the focus of breeding has shifted from getting the maximum number of foals to now producing fewer foals with maximum ability. This change means that fewer mares are bred demanding that our staff members are even more active in ensuring successful pregnancies and happy, healthy foals. Overall, with our assistance the owner saves money and produces a higher quality foal.



At OakenCroft we handle all phases of breeding: live cover breeding, fresh cooled semen, frozen semen inseminations, and embryo transfer. We also work with mares who have problems conceiving and/or with high risk pregnancies. For stallion services, we offer semen collection and evaluation in addition to training stallions for collection. Please call us with any questions, Dr. Carlin Jones is always happy to talk about breeding!

[Welcome Dr. Jen McDonald!](#)

The Equine Clinic at OakenCroft is happy to announce the addition of Dr. Jen McDonald to our wonderful team of associates. Jen, or as we have nicknamed her "McJen", moved here in the fall all the way from New Mexico with her husband Matt, and her dog Archie and new horse Willy. She quickly settled in and has already begun meeting with many of our clients and patients. Although you will primarily see her working on the eastern side of the Hudson River, you can also count on her seeing her in all counties of our practice area.



In addition to Ryan, they both will be providing chiropractic care for the horses of our practice. By helping to restore the function and mobility to vertebra they will assist our patients with performing up to their optimum potential. Their goal is to combine chiropractic and traditional veterinary care so that your horse will enjoy a happier and healthier lifestyle!

Client Education Classes

Once again we are hosting a series of client education classes for our valued clients! We invite you all to come and meet the veterinarians in the practice for an evening of information and discussions on current topics in equine medicine. A nominal fee of \$15 per person will be charged to cover food and materials. Youth, 4-H, and rescue groups are offered special pricing. We ask that you register beforehand so we can plan accordingly. You may do so by calling the clinic at 518-767-2906 or through email at equineclinic@oakencroft.org.

Location	Date	Time
Fulton Montgomery Community College 1910 Riverfront Center Amsterdam, NY 12010 Room C-108	Wednesday, January 30th	6pm – 8pm
SUNY Cobleskill 152 Albany Avenue Cobleskill, NY 12043, Curtis Mott Hall – Room 106	Thursday, January 31st	6pm – 8pm
Berkshire Humane Society 214 Barker Road Pittsfield, MA 01201	Wednesday, February 20th	6pm – 8pm
Equine Clinic at OakenCroft 880 Bridge Street Ravana, NY 12143	Saturday, February 23	10am – 1pm
North Chatham Fire Department 653 Route 32 North Chatham, NY 12132	Wednesday, February 27th	6pm – 8pm

The Equine Clinic at OakenCroft

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*Visit us on the web at www.oakencroft.org for upcoming events, information, directions, the client survey, and our new online pharmacy!
You can also follow us on Facebook and Twitter @ECOvets!*

Did You Know?

- We can email your horse's coggins to you! Instead of waiting for a copy to come in the mail, or in those last minute moments of panic when you can't find your paper copy right before travelling, we can email a copy for you to print at home. Let us know in advance, either when scheduling your spring clinic appointments or tell your veterinarian when they are at your farm, that you would like us to email it. Don't forget to spell out your email address so we have it correctly!
- ECO is committed to mentoring students interested in equine practice. We hosted over 35 students from 12 different veterinary schools this past year. It was great fun and gives us confidence that the profession is attracting the best and the brightest.

Fun Facts from 2012:

- Rick and Ryan both presented papers at the national convention of the American Association of Equine Practitioners in Anaheim, CA in December.
- Carlin and Ryan are currently serving on the national committees for AAEP.
- Jen Smith finished her 2nd year of serving as a testing veterinarian for the Standardbred County Fair Racing. She also got a new puppy and got married to Adam Safford in September. What a party!
- Amy Serk spoke on Strategic Deworming at the Saratoga Equine Symposium in September. She is also busy being a new mom to her son AJ that was born in March!

The Equine Clinic at OakenCroft

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Rick's Retirement Party, August 2012

The more things change, the more they stay the same...

This has been a paradox that as things change (which let's face it, none of us really like) they can stay the same. Sometimes this outcome is not always positive, but it has the capability when thoughtful planning has gone into the transition. This is exactly what has happened here at the Equine Clinic at OakenCroft – a thoughtful change that will result in things staying the same in philosophy and application.

So what is the constant at OakenCroft? It has always been, as Rick and Marilyn designed, to provide quality care to the equine population of the Capital District and Western Massachusetts with the idea that the welfare of the horse is first, and that his owner is a friend and a neighbor not just a client. Everything that has been done at OakenCroft over the years has been framed with this purpose in mind.

Now for the change. After many months of careful planning, on November 16, 2012 the

ownership of OakenCroft transitioned from Rick to the new owners, Dr. Amy Serk, Dr. Ryan Penno, and Dr. Steve Naile. This transfer opened many doors for those of us here. It allows Rick to “retire” from veterinary practice and continue towards completing his goal of full time ministry (as we all know that he is blessed with this gift). It also gives an opportunity for Amy, Ryan, and Steve, who have been a big part of OakenCroft's growth, to own an equine veterinary practice whose footprint is solid with a bright future.

Unfortunately Rick is no longer “the man” at OakenCroft. The daily interaction with him will be greatly missed. However, the philosophy that he and Marilyn started is still here and will remain for years to come. The owners, the doctors, and the staff of OakenCroft have been entrusted with a remarkable legacy. It is our commitment to you all to see that it continues to grow.