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**‘MILLIE’ Sanderson
X-Rays of R Hock area**

The above mare has been examined to assess her right hock area on 03/10/13 and 20/02/14. The area appears to have been subject to an injury previously and although it is settled, there is evidence of bone and soft tissue damage which is causing a consistent lameness and gait abnormality on the affected right hindlimb.

Initial x-rays showed a weak bone density through the calcaneus, as well as significant degenerative change and bone chips through the plantar (back) of the upper hock joint. There was also calcification evident in the tendon area around the hock.



	40% improvement in the calcaneus appearance (arrow)
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Millie is ok to begin some controlled walk work in hand, which will further stimulate the bone to strengthen now that we are improving the bone density. If all goes well with this, then we can decide whether she is going to be coming back into work on a more regular basis and discuss hock medication and shockwave as further possibilities for improving her gait and comfort. Despite medication, in the long term this mare is highly unlikely to perform at a higher level than mainly walking trail riding work.

Best of luck with Millie, keep me posted!

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