

## 7yo, Thoroughbred, Preliminary Eventing Coffin

### History

At times the horse had a short stride in the right lead canter. Occasionally, he would come up hopping lame in the left front on the right lead. He would pull up to a walk, shake it off and become sound again and stay sound at the trot and canter as well. Unfortunately, over time this became more frequent.

### Initial Treatment and Outcome

Very little could be seen on the veterinary exam. However, when we blocked the coffin joint and rode the horse at a canter a difference could be felt. An MRI demonstrated minor issues at the attachment of the medial collateral ligament of the coffin joint, so we gave him a year off.

Even after a year off, he was still about the same when back in training. The horse continued to block to the coffin joint and injecting his coffin joint with a steroid would get him sound, but only for three weeks.



### Treatment with Noltrex® Vet

At this point we talked about trying Noltrex® Vet. Improvement was seen from the first injection! Continued increases in training, and every 6 month injections, allowed me to reach Preliminary level competition without any lameness.

He was remarkable, the horse is sounder than I think he has ever been! It was a very frustrating and unusual case. It's definitely a combination of the shoes and Noltrex® Vet but the Noltrex® Vet was the big difference as we had tried different shoes in the past.

### Long-term Management Protocol

Long term we plan to inject the coffin joint, as needed, every 6 to 12 months with Noltrex® Vet.