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## Press Release

World Horse Welfare mare and foal Xena and Tsar have reached a crossroads in their life as Tsar learns to cope without his mum following weaning. Here leading animal nutrition company, Alltech find out how the pair they are providing support for are getting on.

### **Next Big Step for Tsar**

The past few months have seen some major changes in the life of both Xena and Tsar, with both experiencing medical ailments and Tsar being weaned from his mother.

Weaning can be a stressful time but Tsar took it in his stride and now happily lives out in the field with two other youngsters. Their paddock is relatively small as the staff at World Horse Welfare's Hall Farm Rescue and Rehoming Centre has to restrict Tsar's grass intake as his growth plates are still inflamed but they are slowly improving.

Tsar also recently saw the vet again after feeling a little under the weather with a runny nose and the staff had noticed he was making a funny roaring noise.

Following an endoscope it was discovered that the left side of his larynx was collapsed and all the tissue around the larynx was inflamed causing obstruction to the airway, resulting in the roaring noises.

The vet prescribed a course of steroids to help with the inflammation. He eventually came off the steroids but was then diagnosed with a chondroid in his guttural pouch which was discovered during another endoscope to check his progress. This turned out to be the zooepidemicus virus; thankfully he is now on the mend.

Xena is enjoying life without a baby in tow but she has had her own health issue to contend with. The vet assessed her general condition and soundness and passed her fit to be rehomed as a non-ridden companion following her previous issues surrounding lameness.

As the weather took a turn for the worse, Xena's groom, Lorraine Holmes found she had developed scabby heels that were quite sore and would need attention. Xena behaved impeccably while Lorraine clipped the hair around her heels and was a total star having the cream applied and her legs bandaged, which was another new experience for a mare that had been so neglected.

Following a course of steroids and antibiotics prescribed by the vet, Lorraine is hopeful that the skin irritation is under control and won't return.

Looking to the future both Alltech and World Horse Welfare hope Xena and Tsar can find loving homes where they can continue to progress in their development and put their previous history behind them.



### **Lifeforce Formula**

Stress related diarrhoea is a common problem associated with weaning. To combat this, a yeast based supplement can be added to the diet, ensuring the foal can efficiently digest its feed whilst helping to strengthen its immune system.

Lifeforce Formula from Alltech is specially designed for breeding horses and horses in moderate activity by supporting their immune function.

Additionally the supplement helps support the reproductive system of mares and stallions, while supporting fermentation of feeds and forages in the caecum, enabling your horse to extract the maximum nutrients from all feed sources.

A 5kg tub of Lifeforce Formula retails at £90, for a three month supply.

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