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Press Release

Here Alltech provide an update on Xena, the in-foal mare they are helping to support while she is in the care of World Horse Welfare.

### **Xena Blossoms with Good Health and Happiness**

Xena has been a resident at World Horse Welfare's Hall Farm Rescue and Rehoming Centre in Norfolk for 10 months and in this time she has grown in confidence, allowing her lovely personality and kind-nature to shine through.

Having been largely un-handled in her previous home where Xena was subjected to neglect along with a number of other horses, the progress she has made in such a relatively short space of time is testament to the hard work of her groom Lorraine Holmes and the rest of the team at Hall Farm.

Lorraine and Xena have built up a strong bond, which is evident from how relaxed and comfortable Xena is with being handled by Lorraine.



“Xena is such a gentle giant; she loves standing for a groom and a fuss. It is such a privilege for an animal that has been treated so badly to find it within themselves to trust you. I have developed a real soft spot for her and can't wait to meet her foal when he or she arrives,” said Lorraine.

With her rehabilitation and handling progressing well, Lorraine is working on gaining Xena's confidence with having her feet picked up. She is happy to have all four of her feet picked up but still requires sedation to be attended to by the farrier. With lots of practice Xena is slowly but surely getting there but she does struggle to balance with the extra weight due to her pregnancy.

To check her pregnancy is progressing well Xena is regularly visited by the vet, who is also monitoring a slight lameness issue in her right hind leg, which is believed to be due to her weight increasing to 744kg!

As the centre awaits the birth of Xena's foal, World Horse Welfare would like horse owners to stop and think before breeding a foal of their own.

In the UK, there are far more horses and ponies than there are homes for them and every new horse or pony bred could potentially push another into a vulnerable welfare situation. World Horse Welfare had a record number of foals born from horses coming into the charity's care in 2017 and many of those are now youngsters looking for a new home where they can continue their education. If you are interested in taking on a youngster then please visit World Horse Welfare's website to find out more.

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