

Essential Equine – About Dr. Eric Witherspoon

Dr. Eric Witherspoon earned his DVM degree in 1980 from the University of Tennessee. Upon graduation, he founded a private practice in Carlton, OR and over the ensuing 30 years has built a large and successful operation that treats both large and small animals. Dr. Witherspoon still runs Carlton Veterinary Hospital.

During the course of his practice and tired of dealing with often caustic wound care products and antimicrobials/antifungals that just didn't work as advertised, Dr. Eric Witherspoon began working with various mixtures of naturopathic ingredients. He started experimenting with tea tree oil, comfrey, and goldenseal for wound and skin care issues such as fungal rain scald and bacterial dermatitises. The naturopathics had great merit, but he discovered that when he mixed them with specific amounts of safe pharmaceuticals, such as hydrocortisone and benzathonium chloride, the results were spectacular. The synergy of action was much greater than the sum of the parts!

Dr. Witherspoon is a founding member of the Equine Quality Alliance (EQA), a founding member of the Northwest Equine Practitioners Association, and was the Equine Sessions Chair Person for the Wild West Veterinary Conference in Reno, NV from 1997 to 2004. In addition, he served for four years as the Equine liaison between the Oregon Veterinary Medical Association and the College of Veterinary Medicine at Oregon State University, and he lectures at various equine lay seminars on Wound Healing and related topics. Eric resides with his wife, Annie, a stained glass artist, in Yamhill, Oregon, where they raise Sicilian donkeys and English Mastiffs. They have four beautiful grown daughters, Britten, Elliot, Hollis, and Gillian.