Independent Collaboration in Equine Practice: A One Day Seminar

he future of independent equine practice and the role of collaborative working is the focus of two, one day CPD seminars organised by the veterinary group, XLEquine, for owners, partners and managers of independent equine or mixed equine veterinary practices.

The seminars take place in Cheltenham on 10th February and Dartford on 2nd March and include; 'The future of the equine veterinary profession', 'Smart marketing for independent practice', 'Succession planning in a changing veterinary landscape', 'Strength in numbers' and 'Making collaborative working work'.

Presenter Dr Stuart Thorne MRCVS of XLEquine member practice, Fellowes Farm Equine Clinic, believes that collaboration between independent practices offers a significant return on investment: "Being part of a team has brought real benefits to our

practice not only in terms of the bottom line but also with regard to support, collaboration, clinical standards and staff training.

"The practice has become involved in projects previously unobtainable when working individually. Being a member of XLEquine has allowed the business to run more efficiently, and I will be discussing how owners and managers can benefit from collaborative working, and what can be achieved in terms of improved practice efficiencies, working environment, and client satisfaction and loyalty," adds Dr Thorne.

Also presenting with Dr Thorne are Tim Hutchinson, Larkmead Veterianry Group, and Andrew Curwen and Joanne Sharpe from XLVets. The meetings will be chaired by Dr Emma Batson.

Unity is strength: The future of independent equine veterinary practice

