

Biosecurity plan goes to the States

AFTER the UK launch of the XLEquine and Animal Health Trust biosecurity risk assessment and guide, “Plan Prevent Protect”, it came to the attention of equine specialists in the US and as a result the collaborative development team was invited to present at the US Infectious Diseases of Horses Committee (IDOHC) on its

Equine distal limb



and examination of the equine distal limb. To develop a solid knowledge of the basic principles of acquiring and interpreting diagnostic information on the equine distal limb, with a particular focus on the palmar metacarpus and plantar region, the following quiz are on the equine learning section of the website”.

watching. Interestingly, one of the TV commentators said that Cambridge was the only place where he had seen the cyclists taking photos as well as being photographed.

ITV's coverage was sporting telejournalism at its best with eloquent, witty, informed comment,



The author's view of the race

conductor Sir Antonio Pappano.

Manon Lescaut, our opera that evening, is not one of Puccini's best known works but it is one of my favourites. It does not feature the show-stopping arias of some of his later works like *Nessun Dorma* from *Turandot* (appropriated

monthly live audio conference.

Addressing over 80 equine vets and academics from all over the USA, Mark Tabachnik from Wright and Morten Vets, Dr Emma Batson, XLEquine business manager and Dr Richard Newton of the AHT were invited recently to join the event via video conference.

Mark Tabachnik explained the XLEquine model of proactive partnership between practices to share knowledge, ideas and experiences and how this collaborative way of working enabled the organisation to develop the idea.

“The idea behind the campaign is to educate and inform owners on common contagious equine diseases

including those that affect foals, how to deal with an outbreak, but most significantly how to prevent an outbreak from occurring.”

Record response to survey

PARTICIPATION in the annual National Equine Welfare Survey has increased threefold this year. Data on common health issues in horses have been collected from 12,301 horses, ponies, donkeys and mules in the UK, representing an increase of almost 300% on last year's figure of 4,730. The information is now being analysed at the RVC and will be published later in the year.