

# Brazos Valley Equine Hospital - Navasota

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February 14, 2017

Wow! This last year has flown by! 2017 marks the 30<sup>th</sup> year of business for Brazos Valley Equine Hospital, and it is shaping up to be a landmark year. We are looking forward to throwing a grand anniversary party and open house later this year. We are grateful to the loyalty of so many good people who have trusted us with the care of so many amazing horses. It has been our privilege and pleasure to be able to help so many people.

As we march into 2017, we want to catch you up on some new developments in Navasota from the last year.

## Welcome

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### Dr. Rolf Modesto

- Board Certified Surgeon
- Passionate about performance, lameness, and surgery
- 10+ years of experience at some of the top hospitals in Texas, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, and Minnesota
- Brazilian by birth, but Texan by choice!

- General equine medicine and lameness connoisseur
- Focused on providing top notch care to all levels of horses
- Current NRHA and AQHA approved judge
- Fulfilling a childhood dream as an equine veterinarian

### Dr. Stephannie Gibson

- Sport-horse ambulatory practitioner
- Keen interest in lameness and athletic performance
- Former hunter/jumper professional
- Long-suffering Cubs fan who can finally celebrate

### Dr. Kurt Heite

- Owner of Equine Sports Medicine in Tomball, TX
- Recently merged his practice with Brazos Valley Equine Hospital – Navasota
- Expert in equine sports medicine and lameness
- FEI certified Veterinarian

### Dr. Joe Pluhar

They will work with Drs. Terrell Buchanan, Ben Buchanan, Clayton Smith and Olivia Lorello to continue providing Exceptional Service to our Brazos Valley Equine Hospital patients.

### \* New Outpatient Sports Medicine Center

February 1<sup>st</sup> of 2017, Brazos Valley Equine Hospital - Navasota joined forces with Dr. Kurt Heite and Equine Sports Medicine. Dr. Heite has become a partner in BVEH, Navasota and will continue to operate his outpatient sports medicine center in Tomball, TX. We are excited to be able to add services and support to his practice and to offer this new location to our clients. Look for more developments in the future as we work to provide the highest level of care possible to horse owners in the greater North Houston area.

### \* New Breeding Center

We have also established a new breeding division at the 2Ns ranch near Navasota. At this new facility, we will be able to offer more reproduction services including embryo transfer, stallion semen freezing, and mare management. We anticipate standing multiple stallions at this facility in 2017 with the hopes of expanding in the future. You can see the entire roster of stallions at [www.BVEH.com/Navasota\\_Breeding\\_Center.htm](http://www.BVEH.com/Navasota_Breeding_Center.htm).

### \* New Dental Specialty Service

Cody Morgan, a licensed Equine Dental Practitioner is now providing daily on the farm dental examinations and floating. Appointments can be scheduled through the Navasota office or by contacting Cody directly at 979-446-5902. Cody is a long-time employee of Navasota and we are excited he has agreed to run this long-requested service.

#### Brazos Valley Stallion Station

21351 N US Highway 377  
Stephenville, Texas 76401  
Phone: (254) 485-8280

#### BVEH – Stephenville

20069 N US Highway 281  
Stephenville, Texas 76401  
Phone: (254) 968-7898

#### BVEH – Salado

586 Lonesome Dove Lane  
Salado, Texas 76571  
Phone: (254) 947-1292

#### BVEH – Navasota

6999 Highway 6  
Navasota, Texas 77868  
Phone: (936) 825-2197

#### BVEH – Navasota Outpatient Sports Medicine

20240 Cypress Rosehill Rd  
Tomball, TX 77377  
Phone: (281) 255-2280

#### BVEH - Navasota

Breeding Division  
10205 Old Independence Rd  
Brenham, TX 77833  
Phone: (936) 577-7898

### **\* New Equipment**

In our efforts to continue to provide you with all the diagnostic options and therapies necessary to keep you performing at the highest level, we added several new pieces of equipment to our armamentarium. Available at all the locations are the following:

- **Dynamic Endoscope** – A digital, portable endoscope fitted to a horse’s halter or bridle that allows for evaluation of upper airway function while performing. The dynamic scope works in environments from racing to jumping. We will be able to diagnose much more subtle changes in airway function specific to different disciplines that are impossible to find standing still. This new scope perfectly complements our **Lameness Locator**, the computerized gait analysis, which lets us evaluate a horse’s gait for asymmetry, picking up the slightest lameness not normally visible.
- **Nd:YAG LASER** – A surgical instrument allowing our surgeons to precisely operate on tissues only accessible via the endoscope. We can address problems in the upper airway that impact performance and tackle issues affecting mare fertility such as uterine cysts in a much less invasive manner. We will be able to perform more surgeries, with less sedation, and faster recoveries.
- **Portable Gastroscope** – This 4-foot long, battery-powered endoscope is completely portable making it easier to diagnose stomach ulcers and other stomach issues on the farm and in the clinic.

**\* BVEH Vet Supply** – In November we rolled out our own online pharmacy to help provide you with the flexibility of buying drugs online, but also the security of knowing what you are purchasing has been handled correctly. Visit [www.bvehvetsupply.com](http://www.bvehvetsupply.com) to get started. You will need to contact any of the offices to setup your account. Don’t see what you need there is also a Contact/Request box to ask and the VetSupply will find whatever you need.

### **\* BVEH HorseCare Wellness Plans**

We have expanded the BVEH HorseCare program to all the practices to provide the best care for our patients and help keep everything organized. With two options covering everything from vaccines to colic surgery, we should have a solution that fits for everyone from single horses to large barns. Look at [www.bveh.com/wellness\\_plans.htm](http://www.bveh.com/wellness_plans.htm) for more information on our wellness and preventative-care bundles. Sign up today.

### **\* BVEH Foundation**

We established a foundation in 2016 to help support youth and youth horse events, long a passion of BVEH and Dr. Terrell Buchanan. Look for announcements in 2017 about Foundation activities and how you can help us help kids and their horses.

We are incredibly thankful for the support you have given us in 2016. In the coming year, you can expect to see additional new faces and new services added to our family. As we continue to grow, we aim to stay true to the mission of BVEH. You will see the completion of our new branding effort and logo in 2017. We will also continue to try and meet your requests with the development of a digital newsletter, expansion of our Facebook page (**are you a Fan yet?**), YouTube channel, and Twitter feeds. We strive to be your go to source for information about veterinary care and the wellbeing of your companions. We are honored by your continued loyalty, and we look forward to contributing to your success in 2017.

Best wishes for a happy and prosperous new year,

*The BVEH Family*