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**ECLIPSE PRESS ANNOUNCES RELEASE OF *EQUINE ER*
Book Takes Readers Inside Famous Veterinary Hospital**

Lexington, KY (July 7, 2009) – Readers can now take a behind-the-scenes tour of one of the leading equine veterinary hospitals with the release of *Equine ER: Stories From a Year in the Life of an Equine Veterinary Hospital*. Published by Eclipse Press, the book captures the often dramatic, sometimes heartbreaking, but all-inspiring stories author Leslie Guttman witnessed during the past year as the proverbial “fly on the wall” at the world-renowned Rood & Riddle Equine Hospital in Lexington, Ky.

Written in the tradition of James Herriot, *Equine ER* explores the power of the human-horse connection, through the lens of Rood & Riddle. At the hospital, an elite team of vets performs cutting-edge medicine on their four-footed patients, whether it is an experimental drug on a mare dying of pleural pneumonia, or surgery to save a famous racehorse. The book follows the emotional journeys that doctors and owners embark on when a beloved horse becomes ill.

“*Equine ER* is a wonderful book, wrenching, uplifting, and a powerful window into the great love, empathy and connection humans have for horses and other animals,” said Jon Katz, the New York Times best-selling author whose most recent book is *Soul of a Dog* (Random House, 2009). “It is an emotional thriller, really, a rollercoaster, as dramatic and well-paced as it is well-written and brilliantly observed. Anybody who has ever loved an animal will be hypnotized by these wonderful stories.” Susan Richards, author of New York Times best-seller *Chosen by a Horse* (Soho Press, 2006) calls *Equine ER* “as thrilling and drama-filled as any of the popular hospital shows on television today.” *Equine ER* is also a window into the unique, pastoral way of life that still exists on the Bluegrass horse farms, one largely untouched by time and where doctors still make house calls on their equine patients.

Throughout her time at Rood & Riddle, Guttman documented her experience through blog posts, photographs, and video. Fans can follow the making of *Equine ER* at <http://cs.thehorse.com/blogs/equine-er/>, part of the blog stable of *The Horse*, a monthly equine care magazine.

About Leslie Guttman:

Leslie Guttman, who grew up in Lexington, is an independent journalist and freelance writer whose work has appeared in such publications as *the Washington Post*, *Salon*, *Orion*, and the *San Francisco Chronicle*, where she worked on staff for more than a decade. Her awards include being honored by the Society of Professional Journalists for outstanding journalism. She’s also worked as an editor at *Wired* magazine, and her public radio commentary has been broadcast nationally on *Marketplace*.

About Rood & Riddle:

Rood & Riddle Equine Hospital is a full-service equine hospital established in 1986 as a referral center for horses requiring specialized medical and surgical care. Today Rood & Riddle is known and respected throughout the world for innovative and highly skilled treatment of horses. The hospital facility offers a full range of services including surgery, internal medicine, advanced diagnostic imaging, a focused Podiatry Center and specialized Reproductive Center. Rood & Riddle is the official equine hospital and veterinary partner of the Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games at the Kentucky Horse Park in 2010.

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