



# SUNY Cobleskill

## **SUNY COBLESKILL** **FIGHTING TIGER WEEKLY RECAP 10/12/20**

The SUNY Cobleskill Hunt Seat Equestrian Team have been commended for organizing around the clock care for Bentley a 22 year old horse who has been a member of the team and academic program for the past five years. As a result of his age, Bentley developed a condition known as Equine Cushing's; a disease of the pituitary gland, which is a gland located at the base of the brain that produces hormones in response to brain signals. This caused Bentley to contract a condition known as Laminitis or founder, as it is commonly called, which results in the destruction of the sensitive, blood-rich laminae that connect the horse's hoof to the soft tissue of the foot.

To treat this condition, Bentley's Fighting Tiger teammates rallied around him to undertake his care which included icing his front feet and legs every few hours throughout the day and night for a week's duration.

All of the team was involved in covering shifts from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. As a result of his teammate's efforts, Bentley is currently convalescing at his stall in the SUNY Cobleskill Equestrian Center.