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## **Clarkson Eyecare Doctor Helps Heal Horse**

November 17, 2008...St. Louis, MO- Dr. Jerry Kassel of Clarkson Eyecare's Arnold office recently examined a rather unusual patient. A longtime patient of Dr. Kassel and Clarkson Eyecare expressed deep concern for her quarter horse's eye. Dr. Kassel offered to help by doing a "barn" call. He saw the horse, Mello Yellow Cowboy, after hours.

He arrived to find Mello's eye swollen shut. A veterinarian had previously examined the horse and was treating the eye with medication. Dr. Kassel had the owner hold Mello's head while he applied drops to stain the cornea for a closer look. While the cornea appeared to be intact, Dr. Kassel was concerned about the swelling around the eye. He recommended a new treatment plan to the horse's owner, who then conveyed it to the veterinarian.

Upon follow-up, Mello's eye appeared to be healing and was beginning to open up again. Although this patient was out of the ordinary, the level of patient care by a Clarkson Eyecare doctor was not. It is the Clarkson Way to provide a better quality of life through improved vision, no matter what species.

"It was an unusual request, but I was glad I could help," Dr. Kassel said. "I definitely have respect for veterinarians who work with large animals. Mello was a great patient, though. The horse is doing well now."

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