

## Faculty of Veterinary Science's Academic Hospital obtains new digital X-ray machine

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*Ms Ronelle Willemse and Mr Brett Edwards from AXIM Pty Ltd next to the new Magnum 80 X-ray machine*

Every year, hundreds of horses and a large number of production animals are X-rayed at the Onderstepoort Veterinary Academic Hospital (OVAH).

As a result (and in spite of being maintained for as long as possible with parts growing ever more scarce), the hard-working large-animal x-ray machine of some sixteen years service, finally gave up the ghost in 2008.

A portable loan machine was kindly made available by AXIM Pty Ltd (who have a good long-standing relationship with the OVAH), and while this was adequate for the very short-term, the need for a new 'fixed' machine was undisputed. After much discussion and planning, a sophisticated Magnum 80 high frequency digital X-ray machine was installed by AXIM at the end of July 2009.

On 30 September a small, informal lunchtime get-together was held in the large-animal x-ray facility to celebrate the successful commissioning and operation of the new machine. Representatives of AXIM, together with staff members of the OVAH and Diagnostic Imaging Section attended the occasion, and both Mr Brett Edwards of AXIM, and Dr Henry Annandale of the OVAH, said a few words in honour of the occasion.



**Right:** Mr Brett Edwards of AXIM (left) and Dr Henry Annandale, Director of the OVAH

