

Hindlimb Lameness Diagnostics & Therapeutics Workshop – A 2-Day Practical Course

COURSE DATE: Fri 9 - Sat 10 October 2026 **COURSE VENUE:** Tiergesundheitszentrum Isernhagen, near Hannover, Germany

SPEAKERS/INSTRUCTORS:



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PROGRAM:

DAY 1

07:30 – 08:00	<i>Registration and Welcome Coffee</i>	
08:00 – 08:10	Course Introduction	Course Administrator
08:10 – 08:50	Lameness Examination – Does it matter how it is done? (incl. Hx, PE, Lameness Exam, principles of blocking, imaging vs. blocking etc.)	Fran James
08:50 – 09:20	Foot, Pastern and Fetlock – Diagnostics (Blocks & Imaging)	Roger Smith
09:20 – 09:50	Foot, Pastern and Fetlock – Conditions & Therapy	Fran James
09:50 – 10:00	Questions	
10:00 – 10:30	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
10:30 – 11:05	Proximal Metatarsus and Tarsus – Diagnostics (incl. US technique)	Roger Smith
11:05 – 11:30	Proximal Metatarsus and Tarsus – Conditions & Therapy	Roger Smith
11:30 – 12:10	Stifle Joint – Diagnostics	Roger Smith
12:10 – 12:20	Questions	
12:20 – 13:20	<i>Lunch</i>	
13:20 – 14:00	Stifle Joint – Conditions & Therapy	Roger Smith
14:00 – 14:40	Hip Joint, Pelvis and Sacroiliac Region – Diagnostics	Fran James
14:40 – 15:20	Hip Joint, Pelvis and Sacroiliac Region – Conditions & Therapy	Fran James
15:20 – 15:50	<i>Coffee Break</i>	

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DAY 1 (continued)

15:50 – 17:50	Practical Sessions on live horses & equine specimens in small groups Ultrasound of the Metatarsus, Tarsus or Stifle Joint – Region chosen by each group individually Nerve & Joint Blocks (incl. ultrasound-guidance)	Roger Smith Fran James
17:50 – 18:00	Questions & Case Discussions	
18:00 – 19:00	Wine & Cheese Reception	

DAY 2

08:00 – 08:40	Objective Gait Analysis – Principles & Clinical Applications	Fran James
08:40 – 09:30	Conventional systemic & intra-articular Joint Therapies	Fran James
09:30 – 10:20	Systemic & intra-articular Regenerative Therapies	Roger Smith
10:20 – 10:30	Questions	
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
11:00 – 13:00	Practical Sessions with <u>live horses in small groups</u> Subjective Lameness Examination Objective Gait Analysis	Fran James Roger Smith
13:00 – 14:00	<i>Catered Lunch</i>	
14:00 – 16:00	Practical Sessions with <u>live horses in small groups</u> Clinical Cases – Subjective & Objective Gait Analysis I Clinical Cases – Subjective & Objective Gait Analysis II	Fran James Roger Smith
16:00 – 16:30	<i>Coffee Break, Questions, Comments & Final Remarks</i>	