

New Developments in Diagnostic & Therapeutic Techniques of Equine Neck Conditions – A 2-Day Practical Course

COURSE DATE: Fri 27 – Sat 28 Feb 2026 **COURSE VENUE:** Veterinární Klinika Heřmanův Městec, Czech Republic

SPEAKERS/INSTRUCTORS:



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PROGRAM:

DAY 1

07:30 – 08:00	<i>Registration</i>	
08:00 – 08:10	Course Introduction	
08:10 – 08:40	Functional Neuroanatomy of the Head & Cervical Spine	Monica Aleman
08:40 – 09:30	Is it lame or is it ataxic?	Monica Aleman
09:30 – 10:20	Current Radiographic Techniques (incl. Myelogram) for Evaluation of the Cervical Spine	Jonathan Anderson
10:20 – 10:30	Questions	
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
11:00 – 11:40	The Brain – How can we localize the signs & diagnose the problem?	Monica Aleman
11:40 – 12:10	Neck Ultrasound – Poll, Facet Joints & US-guided CSF Taps	Jonathan Anderson
12:10 – 12:50	How CT & CT-Myelography are revolutionizing the Work-up of Horses with Neck Conditions	Jonathan Anderson
12:50 – 13:00	Questions	
13:00 – 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>	

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DAY 1 (Continued)

14:00 – 14:50	Equine Wobbler & Facet Joint OA – Update on Pathophysiology, Clinical Features & Diagnostic Options	Monica Aleman
14:50 – 15:20	Conservative Therapy of Equine Cervical Conditions – Where is the evidence?	Jonathan Anderson
15:20 – 15:30	Questions	
15:30 – 15:45	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
15:45 – 17:45	Practical Small Group Sessions on Live Horses & Equine Specimens <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neurologic Examination • Guttural Pouch Endoscopy & Nerve Blocks for Head Shakers 	Monica Aleman Jonathan Anderson
17:45 – 19:00	Wine & Cheese Reception	

DAY 2

08:30 – 09:10	Surgical Treatment of Neck Conditions – What’s the likelihood of success?	Jonathan Anderson
09:10 – 09:40	A Practical Approach to Diagnosing & Treating the Ataxic Horse – Case-based Discussions	Aleman / Anderson
09:40 – 10:10	Infectious Causes of Neurological Disease – Presentation, Diagnostics & Therapies	Monica Aleman
10:10 – 10:20	Questions	
10:20 – 10:40	<i>Advanced Monitors Corporation Coffee Break</i>	
10:40 – 11:20	Update on Headshaking – Investigations & Treatment Options	Jonathan Anderson
11:20 – 11:50	Peripheral Neuropathies – Shiverers, Stringhalt, EMND etc.	Monica Aleman
11:50 – 12:00	Questions	
12:00 – 12:45	<i>Lunch</i>	
12:45 – 14:45	Small Group Sessions on Live Horses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Radiographic Techniques of the Neck/Head (incl. Temporohyoid & TMJ) • Cervical Ultrasound, incl. Poll, Approach to US-guided CSF Tap & TMJ 	Monica Aleman Jonathan Anderson
14:45 – 15:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
15:00 – 17:00	Small Group Sessions on VetPD Simulators & PowerPoint Case-Discussions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ultrasound-Guided Injection Techniques: Cervical Facet Joints • Neck Conditions Case-Discussions (incl. Advanced Imaging) 	Jonathan Anderson Monica Aleman
17:00 – 17:15	Questions, Discussions & Closing Remarks	

