

Poor Performance Diagnostic Skills Workshop – Orthopedic & Respiratory Conditions A 2-Day Practical Course (A Scientific/Clinical Program)

COURSE DATE: October, Fri 16 – Sat 17 2026 **COURSE VENUE:** To be confirmed, CT / MA

SPEAKERS/INSTRUCTORS:



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American Specialist in Veterinary Sports Medicine & Rehabilitation
Associate Professor, Colorado State University, USA



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American Specialist in Equine Internal Medicine
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Meghann Lustgarten DVM, DACVR, DACVSMR (Equine)
American Specialist in Equine Radiology and Sports Medicine & Rehabilitation
Friendship Mobile Veterinary Imaging and Sports Medicine, North Carolina, USA



Laurie Tyrrell-Schroeder, DVM, CVA, CCRT
Professional Services Veterinarian & Director of Veterinary Services at Equinosis, LLC

Total Hours of CE: 15

PROGRAM:

DAY 1

8:00 – 8:30	<i>Registration and Coffee</i>	
8:30 – 8:40	Course Introduction	Course Administrator
8:40 – 9:20	The Challenge of the Poorly Performing Horse	Erin Contino
9:20 – 10:00	Integrating Technology: Objective Gait Analysis	Laurie Tyrrell-Schroeder
10:00 – 10:40	A Novel Perspective on Overground/Dynamic Endoscopy	Mary Durando
10:40 – 10:50	Questions	
10:50 – 11:10	<i>Advanced Monitors Corporation Coffee Break</i>	

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DAY 1 (continued)

11:10 – 12:00	Beyond In-Hand Evaluation: Ridden Assessment incl. Saddle & Rider	Erin Contino
12:00 – 12:50	Exercise Testing: Identifying Subclinical Problems in Sports Horses	Mary Durando
12:50 – 1:00	Questions	
1:00 – 2:00	<i>Lunch</i>	
2:00 – 2:20	Overground/Dynamic Endoscopy Demonstration	Mary Durando
2:20 – 5:40	Practical Small-Group Sessions on Live Horses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Static Upper Respiratory Tract Endoscopy • Subjective Lameness Evaluation • Objective Gait Analysis for Lameness Evaluation 	Mary Durando Erin Contino Laurie Tyrrell-Schroeder
4:20 – 4:40	<i>Equinosis Coffee Break</i>	
5:40 – 6:00	Questions & Discussions	
6:30	Course Dinner Courtesy of our Sponsor Dechra	

DAY 2

8:00 – 8:40	Murmurs & Arrhythmias: Classification & Decision-Making	Mary Durando
8:40 – 9:20	Optimizing Image Quality: Radiography & Ultrasonography	Meghann Lustgarten
9:20 – 12:40	Practical Small-Group Sessions on Live Horses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saddle Assessment & Ridden Evaluation • Ultrasonography Skills Workshop (Neck, Back, or Pelvis) • Exercise Testing: HR Monitoring, ECG, Lactate Measurement etc. 	Erin Contino Meghann Lustgarten Mary Durando
10:20 – 10:40	<i>Universal Imaging Coffee Break</i>	
12:40 – 1:40	<i>Lunch</i>	
1:40 – 5:00	Practical Sessions on Live Horses & Interactive Case Discussions in Small Groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Radiography Skills Workshop (Front and/or Hindlimb) • Ultrasound-Guided Injection Techniques Workshop: Sacroiliac Joints & Thoracolumbar Facet Joints • Cardiorespiratory Poor Performance Case-Discussions 	Meghann Lustgarten Erin Contino Mary Durando
3:40 – 4:00	<i>Dechra Coffee Break</i>	
5:00 – 5:20	Questions, Discussions & Final Remarks	