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Poor Performance Diagnostic Skills Workshop – Orthopedic & Respiratory Conditions

Fri 24 – Sat 25 October

Southern Crescent Equine Services, near Atlanta, GA

This Skills Workshop, new for 2025, comprises a program of 9 hours of practical sessions designed to equip veterinarians with the practical toolkit for investigation of both orthopedic and cardiorespiratory causes of poor performance, and to get the results that will lead to a definitive diagnosis. Attendees will join hands-on, small-group sessions with live horses and simulators unique to VetPD courses, covering clinical exercise testing, static and dynamic respiratory endoscopy, ridden horse evaluation, objective gait analysis, saddle fit assessment, ultrasound-guided injection techniques, ultrasonography (neck, back or pelvis) and radiographic skills.

Dr. Erin Contino Dr. Mary Durando Dr. Elizabeth Acutt Dr. Laurie Tyrrell-Schroeder MS, DVM, Dipl.ACVSMR — Colorado State University, CO, USA DVM, PhD, Dipl.ACVIM — Equine Sports Medicine Consultants, USA BSc, BVSc, MS, Dipl.ACVR-EDI — University of Pennsylvania, PA, USA DVM, CVA, CCRT — Equinosis, MO, USA





Musculoskeletal Ultrasound for Equine Practitioners

Fri 7 – Sat 8 November

Tennessee Equine Hospital, near Nashville, TN

This course provides equine practitioners with the knowledge and especially the practical skills to competently and confidently identify frequently encountered equine musculoskeletal conditions affecting the front- and hindlimbs of the horse. The 7 hours of practical sessions in true small groups (2 – 4 vets per ultrasound machine) will provide attendees with extensive opportunity to hone their scanning skills at the following stations on live horses: Machine set-up, frog, heel & pastern, digital flexor tendon sheath & annular ligament, fetlock region, flexor tendons & check ligaments, suspensory ligament (FL vs. HL), tarsus & tarsal sheath and the stifle joint region.

Dr. Carol Gillis Dr. Wade Tenney Dr. Sydney Gibson DVM, PhD, Dipl.ACVSMR — Equine Ultrasound, SC, USA BS, DVM, Dipl.ACVSMR — Tufts University, MA, USA BS, DVM, Dipl.ACVR, Dipl.ACVR-EDI — Texas A&M University School of Veterinary Medicine, TX, USA



18 - 23 January 2026, Spa Hotel Seiblishof****, Ischgl near Innsbruck, Austrian Alps

Included in the 5 days are:

20 hours of cutting-edge lectures & case discussions (RACE Approved)
24+ hours of skiing







Equine Head Trauma/Conditions & Sinus Access – A Practitioner's Approach

Fri 14 – Sat 15 November Chino Valley Equine Hospital, Los Angeles, CA

Head trauma/conditions are frequently encountered by 1st opinion veterinarians and a significant number of these cases can be appropriately dealt with in the field without specialized equipment. This 2-day highly practical workshop covers head wounds, facial & jaw fractures, sinus & guttural pouch problems, oral & tongue lacerations, nasofrontal suture periostitis, investigating mucopurulent discharge etc.. The internationally renowned specialists will discuss in detail how to triage horses appropriately and which cases can be treated within your own practice setting. The 7 hours of practical sessions, including radiography, ultrasonography, endoscopy, diagnostic anesthesia, surgical sinus access and wire fracture repair techniques will give attendees plenty of opportunity to further their practical skills in small groups (2-3 attendees per specimen).

Dr. James Carmalt MA, VetMB, MVetSc, PhD, FRCVS, Dipl.ABVP, Dipl.AVDC, Dipl.ACVSMR, Dipl.ACVS

- University of Saskatchewan, SK, Canada

Dr. Brad Tanner DVM, Dipl.AVDC-EQ — Rood & Riddle Equine Hospital, KY, USA





Oral Dental Extraction Techniques (max. 24 vets)

Fri 10 - Sat 11 October

Pilchuck Veterinary Hospital, Seattle, WA

This 2-day highly practical boutique course (max. 24 attendees) is aimed at practitioners with a good working knowledge in equine dentistry who want to learn about various oral dental extraction techniques and how to apply them clinically. The specialists will share tips/tricks and pearls of wisdom especially during the 7 hours of practical sessions on equine specimens in true small groups (2-3 vets per specimen).

Dr. Leah Limone

DVM, Dipl.AVDC-EQ

- Northeast Equine Veterinary Dental Services, MA, USA

Dr. Brad Tanner DVM, Dipl.AVDC-EQ

- Rood & Riddle Equine Hospital, KY, USA

Wetlab Attendee Feedback

"The course content met all objectives. Excellent Course!"

Dr. David Heinze Fox Valley Equine Practice, USA(Course on "Advances in Orthopedic Therapies",

Dover, NH, 2023)



"Great review and excellent tips and advice. Real-world lessons, very practical and hands-on. Instructors were incredibly passionate about the material."

Dr. Alyson Ainsworth
Afton Mountain Equine, USA
(Course on Oral Dental Extraction Techniques,
Richmond, VA, 2023)



"This course gave a wonderful foundation for a thorough understanding of equine dental anatomy, oral exam, and basic treatment/management."

Dr. Robyn Thompson Walkerton-Hanover Veterinary Clinic, Canada(Course on "Modern Diagnostic & Therapeutic
Techniques in Equine Dentistry",
Toronto, Canada, 2023)



"Amazing, the small groups are perfect for hands-on practice!"

Dr. Hayley Rasmussen-Ball
Conejo Valley Equine, USA
Course on "Back Sacroiliac & Pelvic Pr

(Course on "Back, Sacroiliac & Pelvic Problems of the Horse", Seattle, 2023)



"Amazing content. Great specimens and ultrasounds to practice on. The lectures were outstanding!"

Dr. Hannah Pope Oak Ridges Equine Vet, Canada

(Course on "Ultrasound-guided Orthopedic Injection Techniques", Toronto, Canada, 2023)

Orthopedic Rehabilitation of the Equine Athlete

Fri 30 – Sat 31 May
Pioneer Equine Hospital & Premier Equine Center,
San Francisco. CA

This course covers how to use therapeutic exercise, including physiotherapy, as the foundation of rehabilitation of the equine athlete and how the following therapeutic modalities can be used: Whole body vibration, aquatic therapy, ESWT, radiofrequency therapy, therapeutic ultrasound, laser and pulsed electromagnetic therapy. On both afternoons a selection of these modalities will be demonstrated/discussed and strengthening exercises, manual treatment techniques, exercises to improve proprioception will be applied on clinical cases during the 7 hours of practical sessions.

Dr. Steve Adair III MS, DVM, Dipl.ACVS, Dipl. Dr. Emily Rose PT, DPT, CERP – Reaching

MS, DVM, Dipl.ACVS, Dipl.ACVSMR, CERP — University of Tennessee, TN, USA PT, DPT, CERP — Reaching Strides Equine Rehabilitation, WI, USA





Orthopedic Radiography & Comparative Imaging for Advanced Practitioners

Fri 4 – Sat 5 April Fri 12 – Sat 13 September Brazos Valley Equine Hospital, Houston, TX Moore Equine Veterinary Centre, Calgary, AB

Musculoskeletal imaging is discussed by comparing radiography with other complementary imaging modalities accessible to equine practitioners (especially ultrasound, but also MRI, CT and PET) through which additional information can be gained. The 9 hours of workshops (x-ray and ultrasound) on live horses and multi-modality case discussions provide plenty of opportunity for attendees to further develop their radiography, ultrasound and image interpretation skills under the supervision of equine diagnostic imaging clinicians.

Dr. Myra Barrett Dr. Elizabeth Acutt

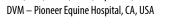
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Ultrasound-Guided Orthopedic Injection Techniques & Therapies

Fri 17 – Sat 18 October Chicago Equine Medical Center, Chicago, IL

This course was developed for equine practitioners to enhance their knowledge and especially their practical skills of performing ultrasound-guided orthopedic injections and ultrasound-assisted surgical techniques. Between both afternoons, 7 hours of practical sessions will provide the opportunity to train many different injection techniques on equine specimens and anatomic replica simulators in true small-groups (2-4 vets per ultrasound machine).

Dr. Wade Tenney Dr. David Stack Dr. Suzanne Brenner BS, DVM, Dipl.ACVSMR — Tufts University, MA, USA MVB, MSc, DVMS, FHEA, Dipl.ECVS, MRCVS — Philip Leverhulme Equine Hospital, University of Liverpool, UK







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Neonatology in 1st Opinion & Hospital Practice

Fri 14 – Sat 15 February

Manning Equine Veterinary Services, Toronto, ON

This 2-day interactive course has been designed to provide practitioners with the theoretical and practical background on the care of the neonatal and post-neonatal foal. On the 1st day, lectures and small group sessions will focus on the care of the foal in a first opinion setting and on recognition and initial therapy for conditions of the foal commonly encountered in practice. Orthopedic conditions and aspects of foal care best achieved in a clinic or hospital setting will be covered on the second day, which is also when attendees will rotate through the practical and interactive case discussions. Hands-on practical sessions on models and specimens include placement of over-the-wire catheters (using models) and bandaging/splinting/casting, as well as video-based PowerPoint discussions on imaging of the foal.

Dr. Pam Wilkins Dr. Ben Buchanan DVM, MS, PhD, Dipl.ACVIM, Dipl.ACVECC — University of Illinois, IL, USA DVM, Dipl.ACVIM, Dipl.ACVECC — Brazos Valley Equine Hospitals, TX, USA





Beyond Basics: Practical Advanced Medical Ultrasound

Fri 21 – Sat 22 November

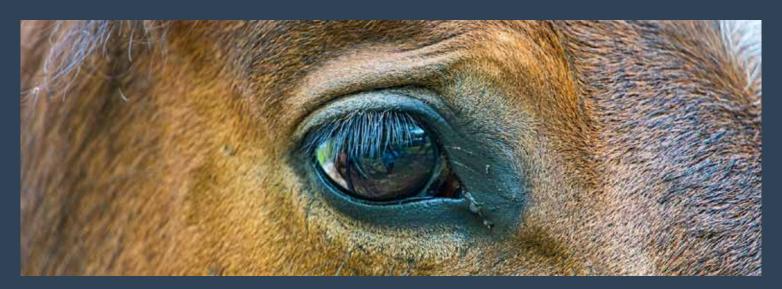
Manning Equine Veterinary Services, Toronto, ON

This course is suitable for equine practitioners who want to expand their practical skills on how to examine the equine abdomen (detailed evaluation, colic FLASH exam & US-guided biopsy techniques), thorax incl. pleural drainage, eye, jugular vein etc. ultrasonographically. The panel of internationally renowned specialists will share common diagnostic pitfalls, erroneous image interpretations and practical tips with the attendees during the 5 hours of workshops on live horses.

Dr. Katherine Chope Dr. Mary Durando BA, VMD, Dipl.ACVSMR — University of Pennsylvania, PA, USA DVM, PhD, Dipl.ACVIM — Equine Sports Medicine Consultants, USA

Equine Pain Recognition, Assessment & Management

Live Online Lecture Series - 21 Hours of CE



January 15 - March 12, 2025

This first-of-its-kind, interactive lecture series on Pain Recognition, Assessment and Management brings together 15 world-renowned specialists with expertise spanning anesthesia, internal medicine, emergency & critical care, surgery, animal welfare and behavioural medicine.

With a combined 400+ years of veterinary experience between our team of speakers and discussants, this is a unique opportunity for general and advanced equine practitioners from all walks of life, residents and Diplomates to tap into that knowledge, acquire new pain management techniques/strategies and learn how these experts approach cases and overcome challenges. Each module will consist of an active exchange between two specialists from complementary disciplines who will discuss and debate recent advances, the most up-to-date thinking, and present clinical cases, ensuring comprehensive coverage of the topic.

Comprising nine live-streamed weekly modules focussing on different types of pain and conditions, one on-demand Panel Discussion on Assessing Pain in Horses and with optional add-on Panel Discussion on Pain Management in Standing Surgery Patients, End of Life Decision Making, Pain Assessment in the Ridden Horse, this highly engaging Lecture Series is the go-to resource for any vet worldwide to advance their understanding of equine pain.

- Luis Campoy DECVAA
- Emanuela Dalla Costa DECAWBM (AWSEL)
- · Bernd Driessen DACVAA, DECVPT
- Laurie Goodrich DACVS
- · Janny de Grauw DECVAA
- · Alonso Guedes DACVAA
- Diana Hassel DACVS, DACVECC
- Klaus Hopster DECVAA

- Casper Lindegaard DECVS
- Thijs van Loon DECVAA
- · Veronica Roberts DECEIM
- · Claudia Spadavecchia DECVAA
- · Brad Tanner DAVDC-EQ
- Stacy Tinkler DACVIM
- · Pam Wilkins DACVIM, DACVECC

LECTURE SERIES WILL BE AVAILABLE ON-DEMAND AFTER THE LIVE DATES TAKE PLACE

Hindlimb Lameness Diagnostics & Therapeutics Workshop

Fri 19 – Sat 20 September Chaparral Veterinary Medical Center, Phoenix, AZ

Developed for equine veterinarians who have experience with lameness investigations, this practical course provides a critical overview of possible causes of hindlimb lameness, diagnostic anesthetic strategies and how to interpret nerve and joint block results, via a regio-anatomic approach. Discussions on the upper hindlimb as a cause of lameness (hip joint, pelvic and sacroiliac problems) and on systemic and intra-articular joint therapies will round the course off. The 7 hours of practical and case-based sessions will give attendees plenty of opportunity to further their practical skills on live horses and limb specimens in small groups (2 – 4 people per ultrasound machine).

Dr. Lauren Schnabel Dr. Cooper Williams

DVM, PhD, Dipl.ACVS, Dipl.ACVSMR — North Carolina State University, NC, USA VMD, Dipl.ACVSMR, Certified ISELP Instructor

Equine Sports Medicine of Maryland, MD, USA
 Dr. Kevin Keegan
 DVM, MS, Dipl.ACVS – University Of Missouri, MO, USA





Advances in Equine Podiatry Workshop

Fri 7 – Sat 8 March Fri 14 – Sat 15 November Moore Equine Veterinary Centre, Calgary, AB Mid-Atlantic Equine Medical Center, Princeton, NJ

This course approaches the subject of farriery and therapeutic shoeing in a scientific and as objective way as possible by reporting established facts and recent, cutting-edge findings from scientifically sound clinical studies. The anatomy, physiology and biomechanics of the foot will be covered, followed by lectures on trimming, shoeing, different shoe types, what effect they have on the foot, how to examine the foot and how to deal with specific foot problems. The 7 hours of practical sessions will give attendees plenty of opportunity to put theory into practice on live horses and limb specimens in small groups (2 vets per specimen) and to discuss all aspects of foot trimming, shoeing, foot radiography and general farriery with the specialists.

Dr. Scott Fleming Ben Barhorst DVM, CF — Rood & Riddle Equine Hospital, KY, USA CJF — Rood & Riddle Equine Hospital, KY, USA

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Upcoming Destination Events

2025	November 16 – 22	All-Inclusive Safari Event - Dinokeng Game Reserve, near Johannesburg, South Africa	
2026	January 18 – 23	Exclusive Equine Ski Adventure - Spa Hotel Seiblishof, Ischgl, near Innsbruck, Austrian Alps	
2025 Courses/Workshops			
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All-inclusive Safari Event

25 hrs Safari; 26 hrs of lectures/case discussions & 38 hrs of wetlabs on live horses/specimens

16 - 22 November 2025, Dinokeng Game Reserve, South Africa

(1h from Johannesburg Airport)

Natasha Werpy Harold Schott Henk van der Veen Annette Petersen Christina Eberhardt Graeme Piketh DVM, Dipl.ACVR — Ocala Equine Hospital, USA
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