

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

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PROGRAM:

DAY 1

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| 07:30 – 08:00 | <i>Registration</i> | |
| 08:00 – 08:10 | Course Introduction | |
| 08:10 – 08:40 | Neck Ultrasound – Poll, Facet Joints & US-guided CSF Taps & Cervical Spine | Jonathan Anderson |
| 08:40 – 09:20 | How CT & CT-Myelography are revolutionizing the Work-up of Horses with Neck Conditions | Jonathan Anderson |
| 09:20 – 10:10 | Current Radiographic Techniques (incl. Myelogram) for Evaluation of the Cervical Spine | Jonathan Anderson |
| 10:10 – 10:20 | Questions | |
| 10:20 – 10:50 | <i>Coffee Break</i> | |

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| 10:50 – 11:30 | The Brain – How can we localize the signs & diagnose the problem? | Monica Aleman |
| 11:30 – 12:00 | Functional Neuroanatomy of the Head | Monica Aleman |
| 12:00 – 12:50 | Is it lame or is it ataxic? | Monica Aleman |
| 12:50 – 13:00 | Questions | |

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DAY 1 (Continued)

13:00 – 14:00 *Lunch*

14:00 – 17:30 Practical Small Group Sessions on Live Horses & Equine Specimens

- **Neurologic Examination** Giorgio Ricardi
- **Guttural Pouch Endoscopy & Nerve Blocks for Head Shakers** Jonathan Anderson
- **Radiographic Techniques of the Neck/Head (incl. Temporohyoid & TMJ)** Jonathon Dixon

16:00 – 16:15 *Coffee Break*

17:30 – 19:00 **Wine & Cheese Reception**

DAY 2

08:00 – 08:40 Surgical Treatment of Neck Conditions – What's the likelihood of success? Jonathan Anderson

08:40 – 09:10 Conservative Therapy of Equine Cervical Conditions – Where is the evidence? Jonathan Anderson

09:10 – 09:50 Update on Headshaking – Investigations & Treatment Options Jonathan Anderson

09:50 – 10:00 Questions

10:00 – 10:30 *Advanced Monitors Corporation Coffee Break*

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10:30 – 11:00 A Practical Approach to Diagnosing & Treating the Ataxic Horse – Case-based Discussions Aleman / Anderson

11:00 – 11:30 Infectious Causes of Neurological Disease – Presentation, Diagnostics & Therapies Monica Aleman

11:30 – 12:00 Peripheral Neuropathies – Shiverers, Stringhalt, EMND etc. Monica Aleman

12:00 – 12:50 Equine Wobbler & Facet Joint OA – Update on Pathophysiology, Clinical Features & Diagnostic Options Monica Aleman

12:50 – 13:00 Questions

13:00 – 14:00 *Lunch*

14:00 – 17:15 Small Group Sessions on Live Horses, VetPD Simulators & PowerPoint Case-Discussions

- **Cervical Ultrasound, incl. Poll, Approach to US-guided CSF Tap & TMJ** Giorgio Ricardi
- **Ultrasound-Guided Injection Techniques: Cervical Facet Joints** Jonathan Anderson
- **Neck Conditions Case-Discussions (incl. Advanced Imaging)** Jonathon Dixon

16:00 – 16:15 *Coffee Break*

17:15 – 17:30 Questions, Discussions & Closing Remarks