

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

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>	

Online Live-Stream

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	<i>Lunch</i>	
14:00 – 17:30	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 • Radiographic Techniques of the Neck/Head (incl. Temporohyoid & TMJ) 	Giorgio Ricardi Jonathan Anderson Jonathon Dixon
16:00 – 16:15	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
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	<i>Advanced Monitors Corporation Coffee Break</i>	

Online Live-Stream

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	<i>Lunch</i>	
14:00 – 17:15	Small Group Sessions on Live Horses, VetPD Simulators & PowerPoint Case-Discussions	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cervical Ultrasound, incl. Poll, Approach to US-guided CSF Tap & TMJ • Ultrasound-Guided Injection Techniques: Cervical Facet Joints • Neck Conditions Case-Discussions (incl. Advanced Imaging) 	Giorgio Ricardi Jonathan Anderson Jonathon Dixon
16:00 – 16:15	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
17:15 – 17:30	Questions, Discussions & Closing Remarks	