

About Us

The Equine Lameness & Imaging service at the University of Florida's Alec P. and Louise H. Courtelis Equine Hospital specializes in the diagnosis and treatment of performance limiting injuries in horses. Our goal is to integrate multiple advanced imaging modalities and state-of-the-art treatment techniques to provide an invaluable service to referring veterinarians, clients and their horses.



Services

The Equine Lameness & Imaging Service provides referral MRI procedures to veterinarians and their clients.

We serve as a resource for clients and referring veterinarians and can provide information about the use and advantages of equine MRI as well as providing evaluations of images from other MRI units.

In addition, we provide other diagnostic and therapeutic services, including spiral computed tomography (excellent for 3-D reconstruction for fracture repair planning); nuclear scintigraphy (bone scan); digital radiography; ultrasonography; shock-wave; IRAP; stem-cell therapy and mesotherapy.

Appointments

Because the UFVMC is an advanced-care facility, the great majority of our cases are referred to us by other veterinarians throughout the state of Florida and elsewhere in the Southeast. We value our relationships with these referring veterinarians and make every effort to include them in the communications process.

Owners, trainers, referring veterinarians and others seeking more information or who wish to make an appointment for your horse may call (352) 392-2229. Our staff will be happy to answer any questions you may have or will refer questions to Dr. Brokken or a member of his team.



Equine Lameness & Imaging

UF | Veterinary Medical Center
Advancing Animal, Human and Environmental Health



UNIVERSITY of
FLORIDA

University of Florida Veterinary Medical Center
Alec P. and Louise H. Courtelis Equine Hospital
2015 SW 16th Avenue
Gainesville, FL 32610
(352) 392-2229

www.vetmed.ufl.edu

UNIVERSITY of
FLORIDA



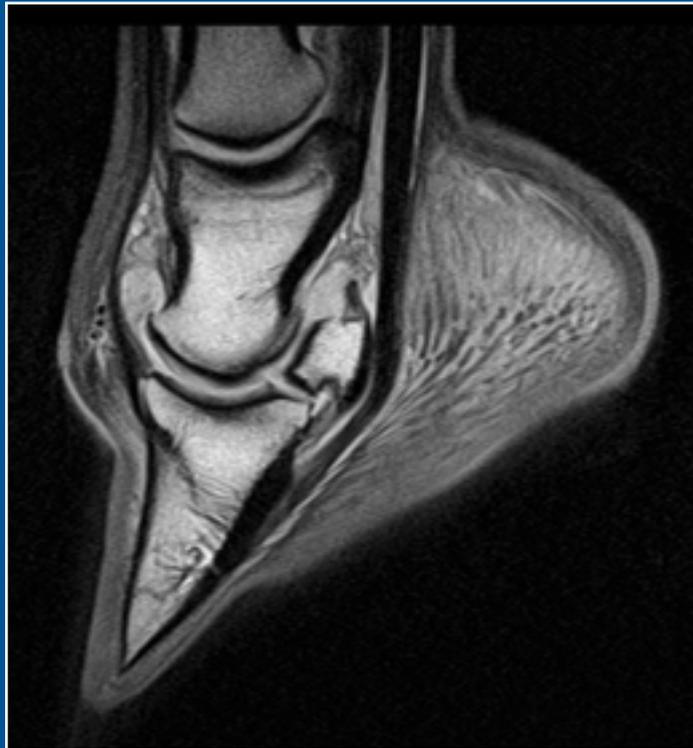
Dr. Matt Brokken

Dr. Brokken earned his D.V.M. degree from UF's College of Veterinary Medicine and completed an equine surgery and sports medicine residency at Washington State University. He is board certified by the American College of Veterinary Surgeons.

Dr. Brokken has extensive experience with the use of equine MRI, as well as with the diagnosis and surgical treatment of equine orthopedic injuries. He has conducted research into a new surgical therapy for proximal suspensory ligament injuries and has used MRI to assess healing of the ligament after the treatment.

About Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)

- The University of Florida Veterinary Medical Center has the only high-field strength (greater than 1.0 Tesla) MRI unit in Florida.
- The MRI unit allows highly detailed images to be obtained in multiple planes of bone and soft tissue.
- Regions capable of being examined include foot, fetlock, suspensory, carpus, hock, and head.
- The use of MRI can help determine the specific causes of lameness. This is extremely important because an accurate diagnosis of the horse's problem allows appropriate treatment recommendations to be made.
- An MRI examination is indicated when the results of other imaging techniques do not yield a diagnosis.
- MRI also is useful when the diagnosis is known but the extent of injury is difficult to determine, such as in some cases involving puncture wounds or navicular bone degeneration.



YES! I / We would like to help support the Equine Lameness & Imaging service at the University of Florida Veterinary Medical Center!

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone (day): _____ (evening): _____

Enclose is my / our gift for \$: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Please call me to discuss including the UF College of Veterinary Medicine in my estate plans.

*Checks should be made payable to the University of Florida Foundation, Inc. Gifts to UFF are **tax deductible** to the extent provided by law. For more information, contact the Office of Development, University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine, (352) 392-2213, ext. 5200, or e-mail Zoë Seale at sealez@vetmed.ufl.edu.*