The University of Florida Large Animal Hospital Equine Lameness & Imaging Service is here to provide our referring veterinarians the most advanced diagnostic imaging modalities and expertise from board-certified veterinary specialists in sports medicine, surgery, and radiology.

The UF Large Animal Hospital Equine Lameness & Imaging Service is excited to offer even more advanced imaging techniques and interpretation with the recent addition of Dr. Natasha Werpy to our team. Dr. Werpy is board-certified in veterinary radiology and internationally recognized for her expertise in equine imaging, especially MRI and ultrasonography.

Our team is here to assist you with referrals and emergency cases. Call us at 352-392-2229 or visit our website for more information.

The Lameness Locator™ and Toshiba Titan 1.5 Tesla high-field MRI unit are available to our referring veterinarians to assist in diagnosing routine, as well as more complex lamenesses.

The cause of lameness in horses can be difficult to determine, and some lameness problems are impossible to diagnose.
without advanced diagnostic imaging. Localizing the site of the lameness, then identifying the abnormalities in bone and soft tissues is necessary to appropriately diagnose and treat.

**Lameness Locator™**

Motion sensors are placed on the horse's poll, pastern, and pelvis and are wirelessly tracked by a portable computer. The data is instantly transmitted to and analyzed by a wireless computer and helps quantitate lamenesses of all varieties.

The UF Large Animal Hospital Equine Lameness & Imaging service uses the Lameness Locator™ to more accurately localize lameness and interpret response to diagnostic analgesia. The quantifiable data provided by the Lameness Locator™ helps pinpoint subtle, difficult or multiple limb lamenesses. Combined with expert lameness examination and appropriate imaging modalities, the Lameness Locator™ allows the UF Equine Lameness & Imaging Service to provide the best diagnostic services available.

Learn more about the Lameness Locator™ at UF >>

**High-Field MRI**

The UF Large Animal Hospital Equine Lameness & Imaging Service utilizes a 1.5 Tesla high-field MRI to provide the best equine MRI imaging available. Horses are anesthetized and monitored by board-certified veterinary anesthesiologists throughout the examination. Images are acquired and analyzed by both board-certified

The University of Florida Large Animal Hospital is proud to announce that Dr. Alison Morton is now a diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation.

Dr. Morton's specialties include the medical and surgical rehabilitation of performance horses. Her clinical expertise is available to you and your clients in order to help facilitate your patients' return to performance.

**Dr. Natasha Werpy**

**Research**

The equine veterinarians at the UF Large Animal Hospital are currently working on the following research in lameness and imaging:

- Gene therapy for treatment of osteoarthritis in both horses and humans
- Efficacy of nuclear scintigraphy for diagnosing stifle problems
- Comparing MRI and radiograph images of the fetlock
radiologists and surgeons. To refer a patient, call 352-392-2229 and our team will be happy to assist you.

Learn more about equine MRI at UF >>

Specialized Services Available to Our Referring Veterinarians

- Advanced Lameness & Performance Evaluations
- High-Field (1.5T) MRI
- Spiral Computed Tomography ("CAT" Scan)
- Nuclear Scintigraphy (Bone Scan)
- Digital and Computed Radiography
- Digital Ultrasonography
- Lameness Locator™
- High-Speed Treadmill Analysis & Endoscopy
- Video Endoscopy
- Arthroscopy/Tenoscopy
- Extracorporeal Shockwave Therapy
- IRAP Therapy
- PRP Therapy
- Stem-Cell Therapy
- Mesotherapy
- Acupuncture
- Therapeutic Farriery
- Prepurchase Examinations
- Advanced Joint Therapies and Ultrasound-Guided Injections

UF Equine Lameness & Imaging Faculty

- Alison Morton, Director of UF Equine Lameness & Imaging, DVM, MSpVM, DACVS, DACVSMR
- Matthew Winter, DVM, DACVR
- Natasha Werpy, DVM, DACVR

Large Animal Clinical Trials

The following clinical trials are being offered for large animal patients:

- Vaccine study for gray horses with melanoma
- Acupuncture and Chinese herbal medicine to treat anhidrosis in horses

2012 Referring Veterinarian Appreciation Day

We want to thank all of the veterinarians who attended our 2012 Referring Veterinarian Appreciation Day on June 23 at the Gainesville Hilton. We had
The UF Large Animal Hospital provides educational material for our referring veterinarians and their clients. If you would like to view and print fact sheets about UF equine diagnostic imaging modalities, click on the links below.

- High-Field (1.5 T) MRI
- Spiral Computed Tomography ("CAT" Scan)
- Nuclear Scintigraphy (Bone Scan)
- Extracorporeal Shockwave Therapy
- Digital Ultrasonography
- IRAP Therapy
- Lameness Locator™

Over 250 attendees and thanks to the college and our sponsors, the college has continued to be able to offer the program at no cost to registrants.

We hope to see you next year!

Now Open in Ocala!

The Pet Emergency Treatment Services clinic (PETS) is a new emergency clinic for small animals in Ocala! PETS is an extension of the UF Small Animal Hospital and is now open from 5 p.m. to 8 a.m. Monday through Friday and all day on weekends and holidays.

Map and directions >>

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