Your horse's cardiovascular health is extremely important. It regulates oxygen levels and provides vital support to all other structures in the body. When poor performance is evident, a respiratory or cardiac problem may be the cause.

The UF equine cardiology and internal medicine specialists work with our board-certified surgeons and anesthesiologists for accurate diagnosis, treatment planning and follow-up care for respiratory and cardiac problems causing poor performance.

**Specialized services provided by UF board-certified veterinary internists and cardiologists**

**Evaluation of the Respiratory System**

- Pulmonary function testing
- Treadmill videendoscopy
- Bronchoalveolar lavage

**When to call your veterinarian for a cardiac or respiratory exam**

- Coughing
- Discharge from nose
- Stopping problems
- When poor performance is evident
- "Roaring"
- Shortness of breath
- Easily exhausted

**Upcoming Events**

**UF CVM Open House**
Saturday, April 14, 2012

Join students, staff and faculty at the annual UF College of Veterinary Medicine Open House. The day will feature educational demonstrations, the GPD mounted unit, tours of the UF Veterinary Hospitals and more! The event is **free** and all are welcome to stop by between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

**Healthy Horses Conference**
Saturday, April 28, 2012

Join the UF College of Veterinary Medicine faculty
- Transtracheal aspiration, culture and cytology
- Thoracic ultrasound and radiography

**Heart Evaluations**

- Heart murmur evaluations
- Arrhythmia evaluations
- Electrocardioconversion for atrial fibrillation
- Resting and stress electrocardiograms
- Resting and stress echocardiograms
- Treadmill/exercise testing
- Continuous ambulatory electrocardiographic monitoring (telemetry, Holter monitoring, event recording)
- Cardiac biomarkers

To learn more about cardiology and respiratory diagnostic methods and treatment options available for poor performance, visit the UF Large Animal Hospital website or call 352-392-2229 to speak to one of our specialists.

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**Quick Links**

- UF Large Animal Hospital
- Equine colic surgery at UF
- UF Small Animal Hospital
- UF CVM
- UF Equine Extension
- Healthy Horses 2012
- CVM Open House

**Cardiology Faculty & Staff**

- Amara Estrada, DVM & Service Chief
- Herbert Maisenbacher, DVM
- Brandon Pogue, DVM (resident)
- Ashley Jones, DVM (resident)

**Internal Medicine Faculty & Staff**

- Robert MacKay, DVM and service chief
- Chris Sanchez, DVM
- Amanda House, DVM, Equine Extension
- Sarah Reuss, DVM
- Martha Mallicote, DVM (resident)

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**Coming next month...**

Is your horse getting the proper nutrition or showing signs of arthritis as it ages?

Let us know what your concerns are as a geriatric horse owner by taking our Facebook poll!