Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at UF
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The first hours and days of a foal’s life are the most critical, and problems that can arise during this time are life-threatening.

The UF Equine Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at the UF Large Animal Hospital is the only unit in Florida dedicated to neonatal care with board-certified internal medicine veterinarians on staff 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

To schedule an appointment call

352-392-2229

largeanimal.vethospitals.ufl.edu

What Makes UF Different?

When a foal, cria, calf or kid is born with potential medical issues, the UF Neonatal ICU provides 24/7 immediate veterinary care to stabilize neonates and provide continuous treatment.

The specialists and diagnostic equipment available allow for more options for care in order to treat any disease, infection, malformation and other issues for healthy foals and neonates.

Our medicine specialists in the neonatal unit work with board-certified specialists in reproduction, surgery, anesthesiology, radiology, cardiology, ophthalmology and pathology to provide the most thorough care to all
Meet Our Team

From left:  
Dr. Louise Husted, Lindsay Henley, Dr. Chris Sanchez, Dr. Amy Stieler, Dr. Robert MacKay, Dr. Amanda House, Dr. Sarah Reuss, Heather Wells, Dr. Martha Mallicote

Dr. Chris Sanchez is the Director of the Hofmann Equine Neonatal ICU and has done extensive research on foal care and neonatology. She is board-certified in veterinary internal medicine and has been a faculty member since 2003.

Dr. Sarah Reuss is the UF Large Animal Medicine Service Chief and is board-certified in internal medicine. Her special interests are neonatology, critical care and Rhodococcus equi in foals. She has been a faculty member since 2010.

Dr. Amanda House is UF’s veterinary equine extension specialist and is board-certified in veterinary internal medicine. Her clinical interests include neonatology, infectious disease and preventative health care, and has been a faculty member since 2007.

Dr. Robert MacKay is board-certified in veterinary internal medicine and has been a faculty member since 1987. His special interests are clinical neurology and neonatology.

Dr. Martha Mallicote is the UF Large Animal Hospital Infection Control Coordinator. She completed a residency in large animal medicine at UF and her special interests are endocrine and metabolic diseases, infectious disease and neonatology. She has been with UF since 2009.

Dr. Louise Husted is our second-year medicine resident. Her
special interests are gastroenterology, neonatology and critical care of the large animal species.

Dr. Amy Stieler is our first-year medicine resident. She completed a large animal medicine and surgery rotating internship at the University of Georgia and her special interests are gastroenterology, neurology and camelids.

Heather Wells is the ICU Manager and is a veterinary technician. Before coming to UF in 2006, she worked as an ICU technician for Hagyard Equine Medical Institute and her special interest is working with neonatal foals.

Lindsay Henley is a veterinary technician and has been employed at the UF Large Animal Hospital since 2005. Her special interests include neonatology, neurologically compromised patients and emergency wound repair.

Success Story: Septic Foal Care

Neonatal foal diseases can appear suddenly and can also be fatal.

Read the story of Zara, the Arabian that was diagnosed with an infectious disease that is the most common cause of death in newborn foals.

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Use of anti-ulcer medication and the development of gastric ulcer disease in foals
PubMed article by Dr. Chris Sanchez

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Equine Veterinary Journal article with Dr. Chris Sanchez

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The Foaling Cycle
Read key dates during a mare's pregnancy.

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News Article
Article from Ocala.com: Florida is 'No Better Place to Breed'
Success Story: The LaMancha Emergency

When breeding goats, kids can seem fine one minute and become an emergency situation the next.

Read the story of Maddy-Lynn, the La Mancha goat, who was rushed to the UF Large Animal Hospital on the day she was born for a life-saving emergency.

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