Cardiology Services and Poor Performance Evaluations at the UF Large Animal Hospital
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Coughing, discharge from the nose, stopping problems, "roaring," shortness of breath and evidence of poor performance are all possible clinical signs of a cardiac or respiratory problem.

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

To schedule an appointment call
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What Makes UF Different?

Many equine cardiology problems require joint expertise of large animal internists, surgeons, anesthesiologists and cardiologists for accurate diagnosis, treatment planning and follow-up care.

The UF Large Animal Hospital is privileged to have all of these specialties under one roof, working together on equine cardiovascular cases. We provide cutting-edge diagnostics and the most progressive treatment options for horses.

UF Large Animal Hospital Cardiology

Client Information

Treating Atrial Fibrillation with Electrocardioversion

Atrial fibrillation (or "A-Fib") is an abnormal rhythm of the heart and is one of the most common cardiac problems in horses. The UF Large Animal Hospital is the only equine veterinary clinic in Florida that can treat A-Fib with electrocardioversion.
Murmur Evaluations

A murmur is usually present in horses with heart disease, but physiologic-flow murmurs are also common in normal horses. In order to determine the possible causes of a murmur, it must be characterized by its location, timing and intensity.

Specialty Services

Evaluation of the Respiratory System

- Pulmonary function testing
- Treadmill videendoscopy
- Bronchoalveolar lavage
- Transtracheal aspiration, culture and cytology
- Thoracic ultrasound and radiography

Heart Evaluations

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

Upcoming Events

UF College of Veterinary Medicine Open House
Saturday, April 13, 2013
Join students, staff and faculty at the annual UF College of Veterinary Medicine Open House. Educational demos, tours of the UF Veterinary Hospitals and more will be a part of this family-friendly event. Follow us on Facebook or visit our website for updates!

Healthy Horses Conference
Saturday, April 27, 2013
Healthy Horses is an educational day with a focus on successful equine health care. This year’s topics will include new therapies for non-sweaters, lameness, fly control, nutrition, infectious diseases and more. Click to register!