

Advanced Equine Cardiology – A 2-Day Practical Boutique Course (max. 24 vets)

COURSE DATE: Tue 20 - Wed 21 Oct 2026

COURSE VENUE: Tierklinik Leimental, Basel, Switzerland

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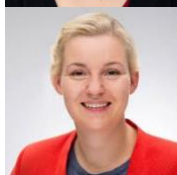
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PROGRAM:

DAY 1

07:30 – 08:00	<i>Registration</i>	
08:00 – 08:10	Course Introduction	
08:10 – 08:40	Advanced Echocardiographic Assessment of Left Sided Valvular Regurgitation	Virginia Reef
08:40 – 09:10	Segmental Approach to the Evaluation of Congenital Cardiac Disease	Virginia Reef
09:10 – 09:40	Equine Asthma, Pulmonary Hypertension & Evaluation of Right Heart Function	Annelies Decloedt
09:40 – 10:10	Atrial and Ventricular Arrhythmias – Diagnosis & Treatment	Gunther van Loon
10:10 – 10:20	Questions	
10:10 – 10:40	<i>Coffee Break</i>	

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DAY 1 (continued)

10:40 – 11:10	Evaluation of Atrial & Ventricular Function with Tissue Doppler Imaging	Charlotte Iversen
11:10 – 11:40	Practical Application of Speckle Tracking (Eval. of Myocardial Strain)	Annelies Decloedt
11:40 – 12:10	Common Echocardiographic Pitfalls	Gunther van Loon
12:10 – 12:40	Exercising ECG & Continuous ECG Monitoring in the Sport Horse	Fe ter Woort
12:40 – 12:50	Questions	
12:50 – 14:00	Lunch	
14:00 – 18:00	<u>8 Hours of Practical Small-Group Sessions on live Horses – Rotation through 7 stations over 2 days (3 x 70min):</u>	VR, GvL, FtW, AD & CHI
	• Echocardiography – Sessions I – III (3 stations – 1.10 hours each)	
16:30 – 16:50	Coffee Break	
18:00 – 19:00	Wine & Cheese Reception	

DAY 2

08:00 – 10:20	<u>8 Hours of Practical Small-Group Sessions on live Horses – Rotation through 7 stations over 2 days (2 x 70 min):</u>	
	• Echocardiography – Sessions IV – V (2 stations – 1.10 hours each)	
10:20 – 10:40	Coffee Break	
10:40 – 12:40	<u>8 Hours of Practical & Case-Discussion Sessions on live Horses – Rotation through 7 stations over 2 days (2 x 60 min):</u>	
	• Acquisition & Interpretation of Exercising ECGs on live Horses • Tissue Doppler Imaging Case-Discussions (1 hour)	FtW & CHI AD & GvL
12:40 – 14:00	Lunch	
14:00 – 14:50	Management of Atrial Fibrillation & Atrial Tachycardia	Gunther van Loon
14:50 – 15:10	Cardiovascular Considerations in Equine Prepurchase Examination	Fe ter Woort
15:10 – 15:40	Endocarditis & Pericarditis	Virginia Reef
15:40 – 15:50	Questions	
15:50 – 16:20	Coffee Break	
16:20 – 17:40	Heart Murmurs & Arrhythmias Case-based Discussions	VR & Panel
17:40 – 17:50	Questions, Discussion & Final Remarks	