

13-14 November 2025

UPPER RESPIRATORY TRACT SURGERY

📍 León, Spain



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Species: *Large animal.*

Course type: *Lectures and wet labs*

Description: *This course is intended for ECVS/ACVS Diplomates, equine practitioners specializing in surgery and surgical Residents. The aim of this course is to acquire and/or improve surgical skills related to laryngoplasty, laryngeal tie-forward surgery, laryngotomy, and associated surgeries. An update of exercising upper airway endoscopy and larynx ultrasound will be also presented.*

Costs: *1850€ until 30.09. / 2100€ after 30.09. Exempt from VAT according to article 20.uno.9º of Law 37/1992 on Value Added Tax.*

Residents 15% off (1572,50€). This course will include lectures, case discussions (for which participants are welcome to submit cases for) and surgical wet labs. Coffee breaks, lunches and final dinner will include too.

Lecturers:

- *Dra. Safia Barakzai BVSc MSc DESTS Dipl.ECVS FRCVS*
- *Dra. Arianne Campos, DVM, Dipl. ECVS. Grossbois Equine Hospital, France.*
- *Dr. Juan Muñoz , DVM, PhD, Dipl. ECVS. Hospital La Equina, Manilva, Spain*

Number of participants: *max. 30 participants (2 participants by post)*

Location: *Veterinary Clinical Hospital of Castilla y León*

University of León – Vegazana Campus

Professor Pedro Cármenes Street, s/n, 24007 León, Spain

Organization:

- *Dr. David Argüelles, DVM, PhD, Dip. ECVS. University of Córdoba, Spain*
- *Dra. Débora Jorge Casado, DVM, MS, sPhD. University of León, Spain.*

**13TH THURSDAY
NOVEMBER 2025**



UPPER RESPIRATORY TRACT SURGERY

- 8:00 - 8:25** *Registration / Wellcome coffe*
- 8:25 - 8:30** *Wellcome and Introduction*
- 8:30 - 9:00** *Exercising and static endoscopy to evaluate the upper airway*
- 9:00 - 9:30** *Anesthesia and analgesia in standing procedures. Ultrasound evaluation of larynx*
- 9:30 - 10:00** *Ventriculocordectomy – open surgery and laser*
- 10:00 - 10:30** **Coffe break**
- 10:30 - 11:00** *Standing laryngoplasty: surgical approach and options*
- 11:00 - 13:00** *Laryngoplasty: surgical approach and strategies (including lecture, demonstration and practice on cadavers)*
- 13:00 - 14:30** **Lunch**
- 14:30 - 15:00** *DDSP management: Tie-forward: surgical technique*
- 15:00 - 16:30** *DDSP management - Tie-forward: surgical technique (including lecture, demonstration and practice on cadavers)*
- 16:30 - 16:45** **Coffe break**
- 16:45 - 18:00** *Surgery on real case: standing laringoplasty*
- 18:00 - 18:30** *Management and prevention of complications (TB/TF)*
- 18:30 - 19:15** *Case discussion – presentation of clinical cases by participants and faculty*
- 19:30** *End of day 1*
- 21:00** **COURSE DINNER**

**14TH FRIDAY
NOVEMBER 2025**

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8:00 - 8:30 *Wellcome coffe*

8:30 - 8:50 *Review of guttural pouch anatomy*

8:50 - 9:25 *Surgical options for GP mycosis and complications*

9:25 - 9:55 *Surgical procedures for GP empyema and complications*

9:55 - 10:15 **Coffe break**

10:15 - 10:45 *Review of sino-nasal anatomy and diagnostic imaging*

10:45 - 11:10 *Sinus trephination and sinoscopic evaluation/surgery*

11:10 - 11:35 *Sinus osteotomy – indications and technique*

11:35 - 12:00 *Complications of sinus surgery*

12:00 - 13:00 *Case discussion – presentation of clinical cases by participants and faculty*

13:00 - 14:00 **Lunch**

14:00 - 15:45 *GP mycosis – ICA/ECA balloon catheterization, laser fenestration of septum and into NP*

15:45 - 16:05 **Coffe break**

16:05 - 17:50 *Sinus surgery – trephination, MSB perforation (sinoscopy), sinus osteotomy*

17:50 - 18:00 *End of course*



LECTURERS



ARIANNE CAMPOS

Dr. Campos Schweitzer is a full-time equine surgeon at the Grosbois Equine Clinic in France. A graduate of the University of Hanover (2017) and Diplomate of the European College of Veterinary Surgeons (2024), Dr. Schweitzer specializes in upper airway pathologies and the development of novel 3D-printed orthopedic implants. Their research includes innovative approaches to laryngeal reinnervation, with several publications in leading veterinary journals and a forthcoming study slated for 2025. Their clinical experience spans multiple equine referral hospitals across Europe.



SAFIA BARAKZAI

Dr. Barakzai BVSc MSc DESTS Dipl. ECVS FRCVS is an internationally recognised equine surgeon specialising in soft tissue surgery, particularly upper respiratory ("wind") disorders, dental and sinus surgery, and minimally invasive techniques. A Diplomate of the European College of Veterinary Surgeons and RCVS-recognised specialist, she has over 80 peer-reviewed publications and has authored two textbooks. After training and working at the University of Edinburgh for over a decade, she founded Equine Surgical Referrals in 2017, providing mobile surgical services across the UK and abroad.



JUAN MUÑOZ

Dr. Muñoz, graduated from Complutense University of Madrid (2003), with advanced training including internships in Canada (London Equine Hospital) and France (Veterinary University of Lyon), where he completed a residency and earned the European College of Veterinary Surgeons diploma (2009). He holds a PhD focused on guttural pouch mycosis and has worked in both academic and private clinical settings. Currently a surgical team member at Hospital de Referencia la Equina in Manilva, Spain. Author of multiple publications and frequent speaker at national and international conferences. Specializes in upper respiratory tract disorders and in-station surgical techniques.

ORGANIZATION



DAVID ARGÜELLES CAPILLA

Dr. Argüelles holds a Veterinary Medicine degree and PhD from the Autonomous University of Barcelona. With over 15 years' experience in equine surgery and sports medicine across Europe and the Middle East, he is an ECVS Diplomate (2008) and completed residency training recognized by the ACVSMR. Currently an Associate Professor at the University of Córdoba, he directs the Equine Surgery Service and teaches Equine Physiotherapy in the Master's program. He has published 35 international articles and specializes in musculoskeletal rehabilitation, orthobiologic therapies, arthroscopy, and equine airway surgery.

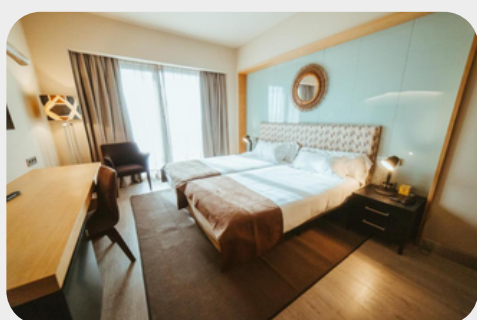


DEBORA JORGE CASADO

Dr. Jorge Casado is an experienced equine veterinarian, currently head of the Equine Service and associate professor at the University of León. She holds a Veterinary Medicine degree from the University of Murcia and a Master's in Equine Sports Medicine from the University of Córdoba, and is pursuing a PhD. With extensive clinical and teaching experience, she manages a 24-hour emergency service with TUEQUIVET and has collaborated with hospitals in Europe. She is certified in Equine Practice and has published multiple scientific articles, presenting at international conferences.



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