

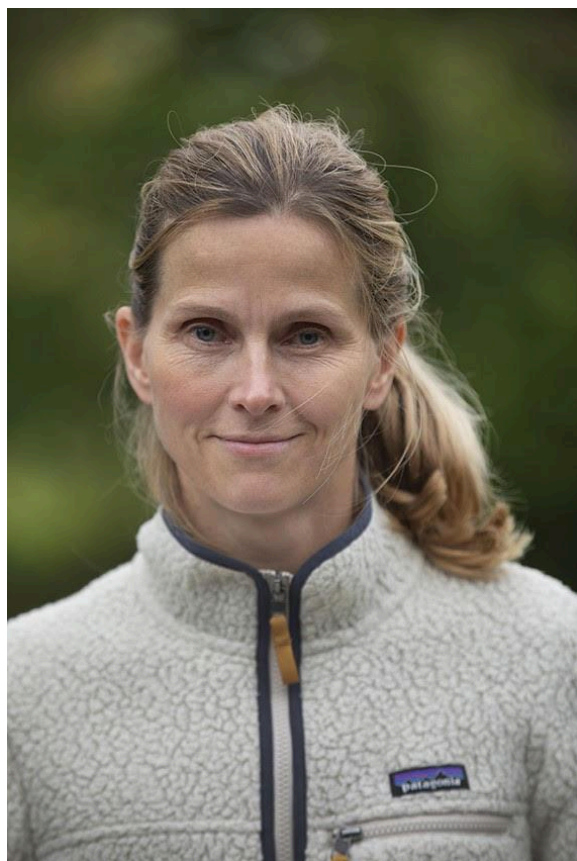
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Christoph Koch

Dr Christoph Koch is a 2001 graduate of the Vetsuisse Faculty, University of Bern, Switzerland. After veterinary school, he worked two years as a large animal practitioner in rural Switzerland, mainly serving dairy farmers and horse owners. In 2003, Christoph returned to the Vetsuisse Faculty of Bern for an internship at the equine hospital and to work on his Dr. med. vet. Thesis. To further specialize in equine surgery, Christoph completed a surgical internship at Hagyard Equine Medical Institute in Lexington, KY, followed by an ACVS residency program at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He then returned to Switzerland to rejoin the Vetsuisse Faculty as a clinical instructor at the equine hospital.

Christoph is a board-certified Diplomate of the American and European College of Veterinary Surgeons. His clinical work engages all aspects of equine surgery, including soft tissue and orthopaedic surgery, as well as equine dentistry. As an equine surgeon, he has a particular interest in minimally invasive surgery, as well as respiratory and urogenital tract surgery, and computer-assisted orthopaedic surgery. His research has focused on equine sarcoid disease and, more recently, computer-assisted surgery in horses.



Stine Østergaard

DVM, ISELP cert., University of Copenhagen, Denmark.

Stine graduated from The Royal Veterinary and Agricultural University, Denmark in 2003 and spent the first 2,5 years of her career in mixed practice in Sweden. She returned to the University of Copenhagen and started out as an all round clinician. Over the years she specialized increasingly in orthopedics. The last 10 years she has worked mainly with lameness investigations and diagnostic imaging. She became a certified member of ISELP in 2021.

She enjoys teaching veterinary students the clinical aspects of recognizing and diagnosing lameness in horses and enjoys participating in research projects in a clinical setting.



Vince Gerber

Academic Background

Since 2011 Full Professor and Head of the Swiss Institute of Equine Medicine, University of Bern, Switzerland

2003-2010 Senior Lecturer, Equine Clinic, Dept. Vet. Clin. Sci., Vetsuisse Faculty, University of Bern, Switzerland

2005 Habilitation, Vetsuisse-Faculty, University of Bern, Bern, Switzerland.

2004 Diplomate of the European College of Equine Internal Medicine (ECEIM)

2003 Ph.D., Large Animal Clinical Sciences, Michigan State University, USA

2003 Diplomate American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine, Large Animal Internal Medicine Specialist

1993 National veterinary boards certification, University of Bern, Bern, Switzerland

Specific interests: Lower airway disease / equine asthma, stress and EGUS, equine sarcoids and other neoplastic disorders, infectious Dx (TBV)

Board member Foundations “Pro Pferd” and “Tierspital”, Past-President WEVA, past foreign advisory committees AAEP and ACVIM



Alessandra Ramseyer

Dr. med. vet., FVH, IAVC

Graduated in 2003 from the University in Zurich and certified with Swiss Equine Practitioner Boards in 2008, since 2008 worked for the Swiss National Stud Farm and since 2012 for the Swiss Equine Medicine Institute (ISME), University of Berne with a special interest in orthopedics and reproduction, with regular publications on performance related topics. Swiss Endurance team vet from 2012 to 2018. Qualified in 2023 as Veterinary Chiropractor with the International Academy of Veterinary Chiropractic.



Stine Jacobsen

Academic Background

DVM, PhD, Diplomate of the European College of Veterinary Surgeons

Professor of large animal surgery, University of Copenhagen, Denmark

Stine Jacobsen graduated from The Royal Veterinary and Agricultural University, Denmark, in 1998, and received her PhD degree from the same institution in 2003, after having spent a year as Marie Curie stipend at Utrecht University in The Netherlands.

Stine Jacobsen completed a surgical residency and became diplomate of ECVS in 2016. She has a keen interest in many aspects of equine surgery, orthopedics and emergency medicine, including basic surgical techniques, diagnosis and management of orthopedic disease, wound management, abdominal surgery, fracture repair, and joint diseases.

Her research interests revolve around joint disease (osteoarthritis, septic arthritis), fracture repair, abdominal disease, and soft tissue surgery in general. Her most important contribution to the research field is, however, her long-term research into the equine inflammatory response, most notably her work on the acute phase protein serum amyloid A and its use in equine medicine and surgery. She has published more than 100 research papers and has authored or co-authored more than 70 conference contributions on these subjects.

Stine Jacobsen is passionate about pre- and post-graduate education and has been invited more than 40 times to provide national and international lectures in conferences and CPD courses. She has supervised more than 15 PhD students, post docs, and surgical residents.