



**Externship at Equitom
Equine Clinic
-
Lummen**

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Equitom is a specialized equine veterinary hospital located in Lummen, Belgium. Founded in 2002, the hospital is entirely dedicated to the diagnosis, treatment, and care of horses.

Equitom Lummen is located in the Dutch-speaking part of Belgium, approximately one hour from Brussels. Dutch and English are the main languages spoken within the hospital, although French is also spoken to some extent.

Equitom also has a second clinic located in Namur, in the French-speaking part of Belgium.





Equitom Lummen provides a wide range of veterinary services and brings together specialists from different fields of equine medicine.

The main departments include: Internal Medicine, Orthopaedics, Surgery, Medical Imaging, Hospitalisation, Dentistry

As veterinary students, we have the opportunity to rotate through all of these departments during our externship.

EQUITOM LUMMEN

The team



The equitom lummen team is composed of specialists in each department, as well as residents and veterinarians who have graduated from European colleges of veterinary specialisation.

The team also includes veterinary assistants, interns, and maintenance staff.

Equitom is a highly international clinic with a strong reputation. it also has a dedicated marketing team responsible for media relations, international visitors, and events held at the clinic.

As veterinary students, we are present at the hospital every day from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

We are also expected to participate in weekend on-call duties and assist with emergency cases

During our externship, we assist interns, veterinary assistants, and veterinarians during consultations, daily care, and various procedures, depending on the department we are assigned to.





SURGERY AND ORTHOPAEDICS

During the surgery rotations, as veterinary students, we have the opportunity to take part in pre- and post-operative care, as well as in the whole anaesthesia procedure including monitoring the anaesthesia throughout the surgery. we also have the opportunity to assist with scrubbing in and placing urinary catheters.

There are generally many surgeries every week, with a wide variety of cases, including castrations, OCD surgeries, tooth extractions, arthroscopies, and tumour removals.

HOSPITALISATION



The hospitalisation rotations consist of taking part in the care of horses throughout their hospital stay, whether they are recovering from surgery, preparing for surgery, or receiving general medical care. we are involved in a wide range of daily nursing procedures, including changing bandages, applying casts, cleaning wounds, administering medications, and closely monitoring critical patients.

INTERNAL MEDICINE

The rotations in internal medicine are intensive, with a large number of critical patients and emergencies. The cases encountered are highly diverse and include colic, respiratory and cardiac disorders, as well as foals and many other medical conditions. This provides us with the opportunity to observe, assist with, and follow a wide variety of clinical cases throughout their diagnosis, treatment, and hospitalisation.

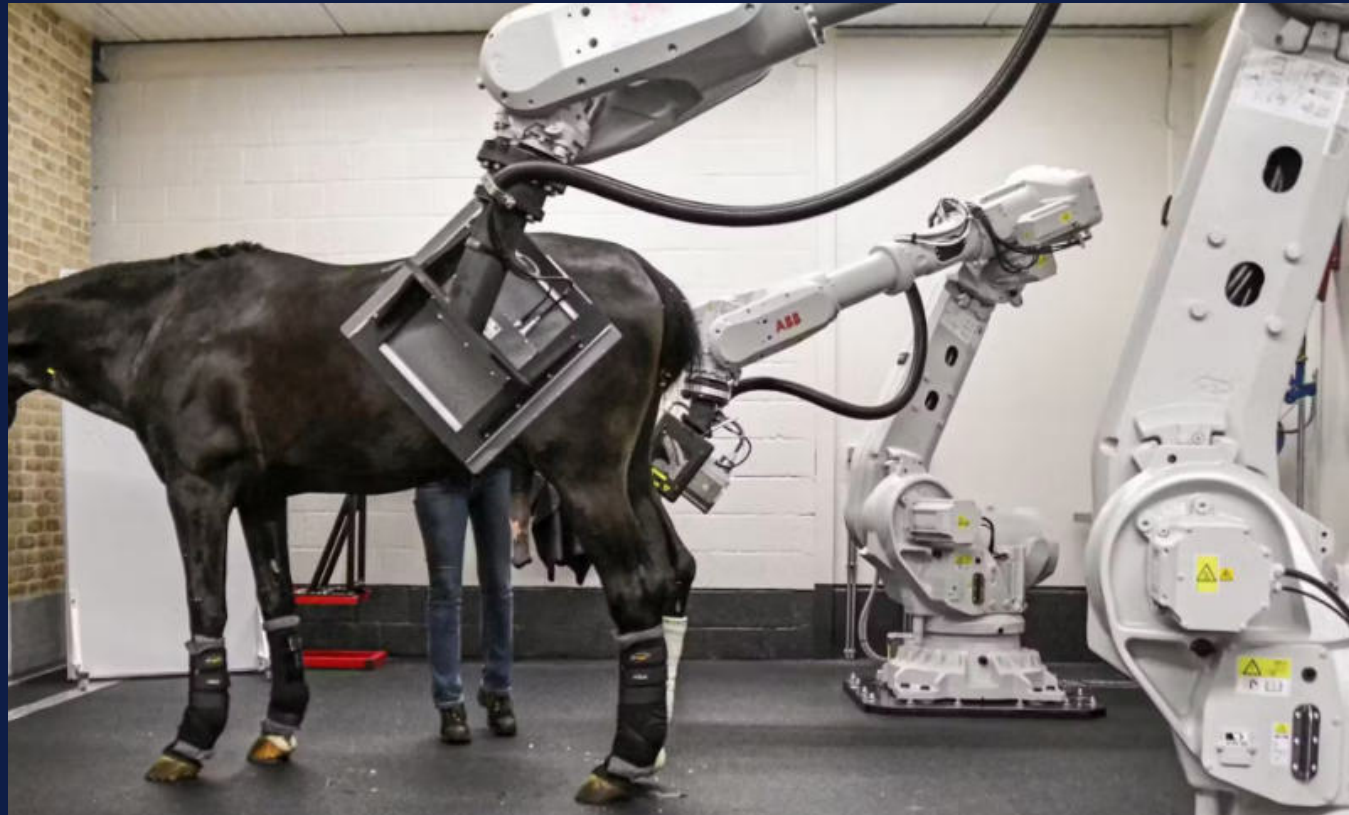


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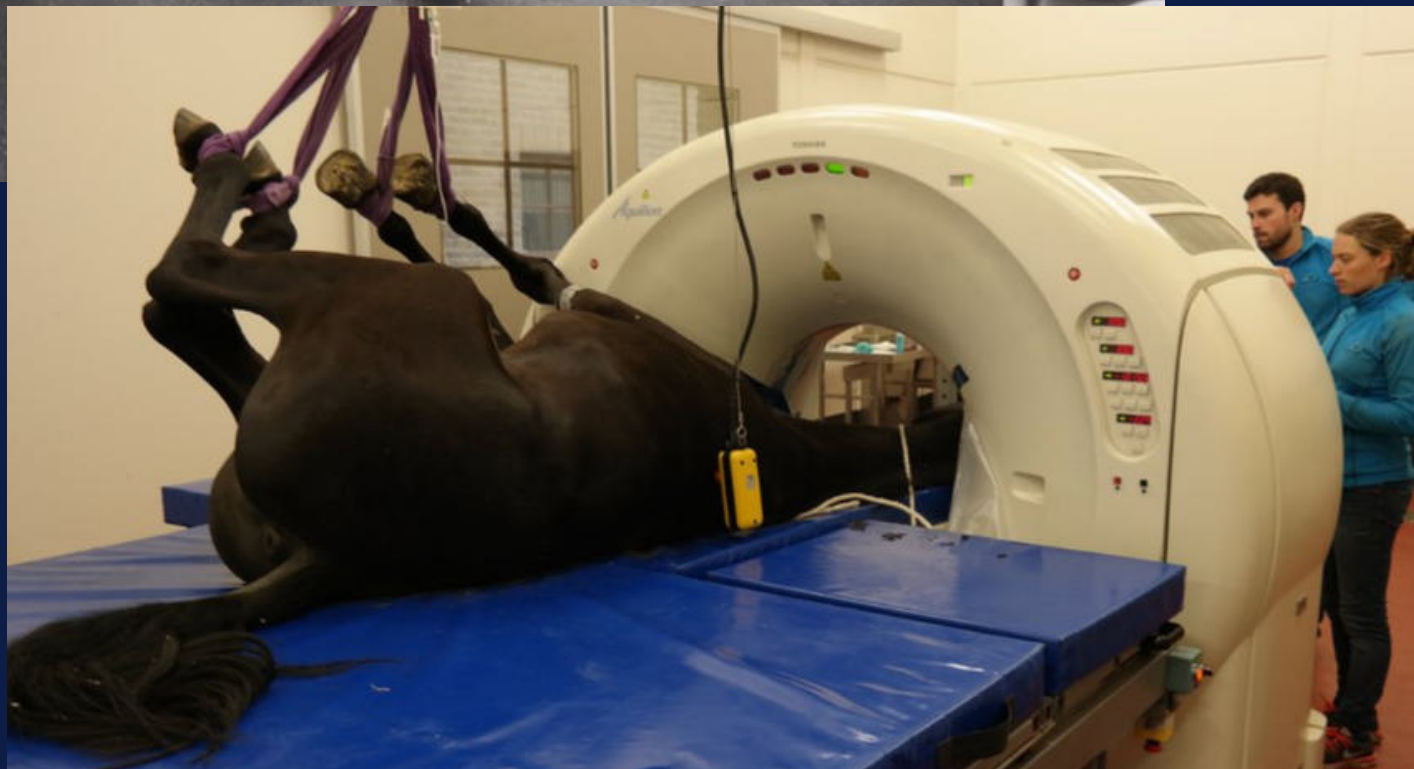
As in the other departments, we take part in the morning rounds with include the administration of medications and clinical examinations. throughout the day, we can also follow consultations and take part in various diagnostic procedures, such as ultrasonography, gastroscopy, and bronchoscopy.



MEDICAL IMAGING



Equitom lumen has access to a wide range of high-quality equipment in the medical imaging department, including MRI, a wide-bore helical CT scanner as well as a robotics-controlled cone beam CT scanner for standing examinations.



we have a great opportunity to participate in different imaging examinations and to observe the different diagnostic approaches used for each case.

EQUITOM FONDATION

Equitom also has a foundation, created to help horses in need, especially those suffering from serious conditions or requiring urgent medical care. it supports horses whose owners or animal welfare organisations do not have the financial resources to afford the necessary treatment. the foundation also supports education, training, and research related to equine welfare.

Equitom also regularly organises fundraising events and activities to support the foundation and help provide medical care for horses in need.



OVERVIEW

A traineeship at equitom is very beneficial for learning equine medicine at a high level. it also prepares us to work in a demanding environment, with long and busy days and an intense pace, while still giving us the opportunity to take part in the daily work and learn from highly experienced european specialists.





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