

Equine simulator for training how to place a horse mouth speculum

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SCOPE OF THE METHOD

The Method relates to	Animal health
The Method is situated in	Education and training
Type of method	Other

DESCRIPTION

Method keywords

veterinary medicine

skillslab training

dummy

mouth speculum

horse

dentistry

Scientific area keywords

Veterinary education
clinical training

Method description

In the skillslab, dummy models and simulators are used for teaching various clinical skills. A thorough teeth examination in horses requires the placement of a mouth speculum, which is a commonly performed procedure in equine veterinary practice. An important part of this training process can be performed on a simulator in the skillslab.

Lab equipment

Home-made dummy using a skull on a stand

Method status

History of use
Internally validated

PROS, CONS & FUTURE POTENTIAL

Advantages

The use of educational animal models in a skillslab offers a number of significant advantages:

- Reduced use of laboratory animals and reduced discomfort for patients, as procedures can be practised on dummy models and simulators before performing them on a live animal.
- Teaching of clinical skills in a quiet and safe environment, reducing anxiety and stress for the veterinary student.
- Complex practical skills can be split into a number of small steps when practising them in the skillslab

Challenges

- High cost of models
- Clinical training on live animals needed as well.

- Creating and repairing the home-made models is time consuming for a large group of students.

REFERENCES, ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS AND OTHER INFORMATION

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