



Emmanuel Engeli's Approach to Lameness and Poor Performance Problems in Horses

Emmanuel is a friendly and approachable specialist who genuinely cares for your horse. Lameness and poor performance issues can cause great worry and concern. Emmanuel's mission is to accurately define causes, identify treatment options and counsel owners through what sometimes seems an overwhelming array of choices, costs, possible outcomes, and occasionally even truly bad news.

In general, Emmanuel will first have a detailed discussion with you regarding the problems you have encountered with your horse before performing a detailed physical examination. This will be followed by assessment at walk and trot in straight lines, lunging on soft and hard surfaces and the performance of flexion tests, which will provide further invaluable information. Your horse may also need to be assessed under saddle, for which a professional rider will be available.

These initial examinations will be followed by more discussion, where different options regarding further diagnostic tests (nerve & joint blocks, ultrasonography, x-rays, bone scanning etc.) will be considered. The goal is always to adapt the examination process to the needs and aspirations of both the owner and horse.

Once all of the examination work has been completed, Emmanuel will explain his findings to you and help you consider the choices to be made. There will usually be several different treatment options that can be tailored to suit the needs of the horse and meet with the requirements of the owner. Your visit to us will conclude with a detailed report written in everyday English summarising all findings and providing you with written treatment instructions.