

Mind vs. Machine: The Challenge of Lameness Diagnosis



Many horse owners will at some point face the dilemma of equine lameness, and will seek professional advice in their quest to resolve this problem. The accurate diagnosis and treatment of lameness in horses has long been one of the most difficult challenges a veterinarian may face. While modern technologies have deepened our understanding of the causes of lameness and increased our ability to diagnose and treat they have also created new questions. This presentation will explore some of the current technological advancements and trends in this field, the advantages and disadvantages of the use of technology, and a perspective on the quest for answers.

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