Our research goals . . .

The Center for Equine Health has access to the largest group of equine specialists and researchers available anywhere. Our expertise spans the breadth of clinical and basic science disciplines that apply to the horse. Although all health and performance problems qualify for study, we have 12 current areas of research priority:

- Athletic performance limitations
- Orthopedics and lameness
- Diagnostic imaging
- Regenerative medicine
- Colic prevention and treatment
- Advancement in surgical techniques
- Clinical pharmacology and anesthesia
- Equine infectious diseases and biosecurity
- Neonatology and foal diseases
- Reproduction
- Genetic basis of disease
- Equine welfare

CEH in education . . .

The findings of studies conducted by center researchers are applied within the William R. Pritchard Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital so that continuous improvements can be made in the standard of veterinary care provided to equine patients. In addition, we play an important role in the training of future veterinarians, academic clinicians and researchers by providing invaluable hands-on learning opportunities to undergraduate veterinary students, residents and graduate students. Other educational contributions include:

- Seminars and other public outreach programs
- Publications, including an award-winning quarterly publication (*The Horse Report*)
- A bi-annual report on the latest research studies (*Research Review*)
- A website geared to helping horse owners find information on a variety of health issues, from vaccinations to genetic testing: www.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/ceh
For over 40 years, the Center for Equine Health has been the primary means through which the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine has advanced the health, well-being and veterinary care of horses. We have become internationally recognized for our leadership in equine medical research and education. Over the years, many advancements have been made in equine health care, hundreds of new equine veterinarians have been trained, and thousands of horse enthusiasts have benefited from the programmatic activities of the center.

**How we function . . .**

The center provides laboratory facilities and serves as an operational umbrella under which more than 70 scientists conduct their equine medical studies. Dr. Claudia Sonder, DVM, Director, oversees the 113-acre facility and manages its many ongoing research programs and educational activities. She and her staff provide support to scientists and educators and develop educational programs for both veterinary professionals and the public. They regularly publish a variety of periodicals on equine health topics, including their award-winning quarterly publication *The Horse Report.*

**Where our support comes from . . .**

Past and current University of California budgets do not include allocations for equine research and public education. As such, all of the activities of the center must be financed from public and private donations. The California racing industry has supported the center through contributions from annual racing simulcast revenues and through direct donations from racing associations. However, the bulk of our annual revenues comes from horse owners and enthusiasts. Individuals, public and private foundations and concerned citizens who want to protect and maintain equine health and welfare are our lifeblood.

**Why you should help . . .**

No other facility in California is doing more to solve the wide range of problems affecting the health, welfare and performance of horses. We share our research progress through educational programs and publication of a free quarterly publication, *The Horse Report.* Most importantly, the Center for Equine Health is in the unique position of being situated at a research university and veterinary school, where there is access to state-of-the-art medical equipment and highly skilled personnel to make the best use of your contributions to support the health and well-being of horses.


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