

## DVD Review

FoalinMare – a new series of 3-D animations of parturition in horses, Govaere J, Martens K, de Kruif A, eds (<http://www.foalinmare.com/>)

The Department of Reproduction, Obstetrics and Herd Health, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Ghent has, in cooperation with their counterpart institutions at Utrecht University, The University of Nantes and the Ohio State University, USA, engaged in a joint project to develop a three-dimensional (3-D) insight into the mechanics of both normal and abnormal parturition in the equine species, including full illustrations of procedures of choice to handle equine dystocia in practice.

A DVD is now the product of such endeavour, providing two high-definition, 45-minute-long film sequences as well as 3-D movie animations illustrating the normal intra-uterine development of the foal foetus, the normal progression of the stages of parturition and the development of abnormal presentations, postures and positions. The DVD provides essential learning elements for students of veterinary medicine,

and refreshment material for veterinary surgeons, as well as fully educational tools for grooms and horse owners of pregnant mares.

The authors and their collaborators are commended for producing an educational material of such quality, where the main emphasis is paid to the proper handling procedures to – via obstetrical manipulations – correct pathologies of the parturition, particularly of malpostures and presentations of the foetus but also how to best perform foetotomy and caesarean section. As well, the material provides educational aid for treatment of urinary vesicle prolapses/eversion, of rectal prolapse and or torsio uteri.

Available in several languages, and extremely easy to follow and handle, the DVD material is highly recommended for undergraduate and professionals, as well as for individuals dealing with equine breeding and husbandry.

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