

### 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

# 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.

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