

Jessica Morgan DVM

I was born into an active animal loving family in central Minnesota. I showed horses and dogs in both 4-H and open arenas. As a member of the Minnesota High School Rodeo Association for 4 years, I competed in Team Roping (header), Break-a-way Roping, Goat Tying, Barrel Racing, Pole Bending and Cutting. I was the MN High School Rodeo Queen. During my junior and senior year of high school, I was admitted to a post secondary program, where I attended St. Cloud State University full time. I had determined at a very young age that I was going to be an Equine Veterinarian.

I had been trimming my own ponies since I was 13, so it was a natural decision to attend Horseshoeing school. For me; it was an essential and logical step in the education of an equine practitioner. It was there I met my husband of 24 years, Dallas Morgan, CJF. We have no children, except a two horses and a spoiled rotten Jack Russel Terrier.

I completed my Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Science and Industry at Kansas State University. True to form I was the KSU women's Rodeo team captain, a scholarship Goat Tyer and Miss Rodeo K-State. I graduated from Kansas State University's College of Veterinary Medicine in 1997. An internship in Equine Medicine and Surgery at a private equine practice led me to Southern California. There I accumulated a Dressage horse and a completely new style of riding. I remained in California, operating a very successful solo equine ambulatory practice for six years. During that time I completed advanced acupuncture, equine chiropractic and dentistry courses.

Needing a change of pace and a peaceful place to call home, Dallas and I built Morgan Equine Veterinary and Farrier Hospital in the Finger Lakes region of upstate New York. My current practice is focused on performance horse lameness diagnostics and therapeutics. I have developed a systematic approach to keeping them fit, sound and competing happily. Correct diagnosis and logical treatments are my primary goal. I am a dedicated fan of diagnostic imaging. I get excited about ultrasounding horses! I am incredibly proud of the horses that I treat who go on to compete to the best of their ability whether it's the local show arena or at an international level.

I achieved advanced imaging skills by qualifying, sitting and passing the International Society of Equine Locomotor Pathology examination under the guidance of Jean-Marie Denoix. I was the first woman in the world to achieve certification in Locomotor Pathology. It is an honor and privilege to be a student of Dr. Denoix's.

Dallas and I have prepared original material that translates complex veterinary information into information that can be used in everyday work for Farriers. We have presented as Keynote Speakers at the American Farriers Convention, the Western Canadian Farriers Annual Convention, the Quebec Farriers Convention and many US based Professional Farrier Associations. In September 2012 we traveled for three weeks to TAFE Colleges and Universities throughout Australia and New Zealand lecturing for Mustad Australia.

I can easily say that helping Farriers understand anatomy, diagnostic imaging and how it applies to them helps bridge the gap between Farriers and Veterinarians. In the end, it results in unparalleled service and commitment to the horse and a great sense of satisfaction for me.

The topics of my lectures are:

Anatomical, Diagnostic and Therapeutic Review of the Front Limb for Farriers
Anatomical, Diagnostic and Therapeutic Review of the Hind Limb for Farriers
Current Equine Diagnostics, Therapies & Farriery for Horse Owners

My hobbies include competing as an amateur eventer who takes dressage seriously, gardening and travel. I have a talented and opinionated Westphalen mare who is working up the levels nicely. I spend summer evenings gardening on a mass scale. In December Dallas and I load up the horses and head to Ocala for a few months. We have been on several wonderful world traveling experiences, visiting Australia, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, England, Fiji, Honduras, India, New Zealand, Mexico and many islands of the Caribbean.