This story is about community and place.

Fall 2022 CALS Animal and Veterinary Science faculty Dr. Jenny Wilkinson brought her Equine Clinical Topics class to the UVM Morgan Horse Farm to witness specialized veterinary procedures.

UVM Morgan Horse Farm veterinarians, Dr. Mary O’Donovan and Dr. Kathleen Gill, (UVM ‘12), provided their services supported by the UVM Morgan Horse Farm team.

This class is one of the four Animal and Veterinary Science courses to utilize the UVM Morgan Horse Farm this semester for hands-on learning outside the classroom.
Dr. Kathleen Gill is a large animal veterinarian with Meadowbrook Equine.

Here she reviews the process for lameness exam with ASCI Equine Clinical Topics class.

Dr. Gill is a 2012 graduate of UVM’s Animal and Veterinary Science program.

Dr. Jenny Wilkson was Dr. Gill’s advisor when she was at UVM.
Dr. Gill continues the lameness exam in the indoor arena. UVM Morgan Horse Farm Apprentice Ryley Dubois handles the UVM Morgan mare.
Dr. Gill reviewed leg x-rays with Dr. Wilkinson’s Equine Clinical Topics students.
Dr. Mary O’Donovan of Meadowbrook Equine sutures a mare while students look on. The new bright lights in the arena allowed for excellent visibility.

The young woman in the front with a green shirt is Emily Jensen-Vargas. Emily is an undergrad in ASCI on a gap year gaining hands on experience as an apprentice at the Morgan Horse Farm.
CALS’ Animal and Veterinary Science Faculty Dr. Jenny Wilkinson and class look on as Dr. O’Donovan demonstrates a power float on a sedated UVM Morgan gelding. Equine dentistry is important for long-term horse health.
The 2022 Equine Clinical Topics course stands with the statue of Figure.

In a beautiful full circle, ASCI Senior Ali Nieradka, (front row, third from right with UVM MHF sweatshirt on), completed a summer internship at the Morgan horse farm in 2021.

Upon graduation, Ali will work for Dr. O’Donovan as she continues towards her veterinary degree.

We have received two apprenticeship inquires for 2023 as a result of this class’s visit.

Thank you, UVM.