

## IEVA IMV Imaging Case Award Finalists 2023



The IEVA and IMV Imaging are delighted to announce the finalists for 2023 case awards. Thank you to all the graduates who submitted applications. We had a large number of entries and the standard was very high with particularly small margins separating the top seven.

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#### **Natalia Berka**

##### **Case:**

An unusual cause of colic in a five-day old Thoroughbred filly.

Natalia graduated from University Centre of Veterinary Medicine in Cracow, Poland in 2020. After graduation Natalia undertook an internship followed by a junior vet position at Equivet Serwis Hospital in Poland. Natalia then moved to Ireland and completed her second rotating internship at Anglesey Lodge Equine Hospital. After which she joined the team at Fethard Equine Hospital as a Medicine Fellow. In August Natalia returned to Anglesey. Natalia's main interests are internal medicine and neonatology.



#### **Claudia Perez Blanco**

##### **Case:**

Conception outcomes in sub-fertile mares following laparoscopically guided oviductal application of prostaglandin E2 (PGE2) gel 4 or 5 days post ovulation.

Claudia Pérez Blanco grew up in Córdoba, Spain, graduating in Veterinary Medicine from the University of Córdoba in 2021. Claudia has completed several externships in universities and private practice surgical referral facilities in France, Belgium, United Kingdom and Spain. After graduation, Claudia headed to Belgium to pursue an equine rotating fellowship and internship at Equine Clinique De MoreTe (Asse). Her year-long internship then led her to Anglesey Lodge Equine Hospital (Kildare) for a full year internship which she aims to complete by February 2024. Claudia loves all facets of equine surgery and has a particular interest in respiratory surgery, minimally invasive technique surgeries, fractures and combination of advanced imaging techniques and surgery.



**Milda Baltrimaite**  
**DVM MRCVS**

**Case:**

Absorbable urethral stent placement in the standing horse for the successful treatment of a urethral stricture

Milda is an equine veterinary surgeon currently working in Tullyraine Equine Clinic. Milda graduated from Lithuanian University of Health Sciences in 2021. Upon graduation Milda moved to the south of Germany where she worked in a mixed practice for 6 months while looking for opportunities to pursue a career in equine veterinary. This led Milda to an internship in UCD Veterinary Hospital. During her intern year Milda developed a strong interest in equine surgery and orthopaedics, and enjoyed some research work. After finishing her internship, Milda moved to Northern Ireland to join Tullyraine Equine Clinic.



**Julia Larrinaga Pérez**  
**DVM**

**Case:**

Early CT Diagnosis of Radiographically Silent Osteomyelitis and Subsequent Successful Surgical Treatment.

Julia Larrinaga Perez was born in Gernika, Basque Country. Julia started horse riding when she was ten years old, and it became her passion. Since then, Julia has participated in eventing competitions and worked in stables of international riders while studying veterinary medicine in Madrid. After completing her first internship in an equine clinic in Madrid, and having visited different hospitals in Europe, Julia came to Ireland to avail of the opportunities that this country offers to develop her professional career, and to focus on the area of equine surgery and sports medicine.

