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| ROMS accredited training registration form |
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| Do you want to join the register of mobility scorers?  | Please indicate below:Yes – please notify RoMS that I will be completing the training and taking the entry exam within **3 months**No – I’m just here to learn |

Please return to: herdhealth@gmail.com

Date: Wednesday 22nd July 2020

Time: 9.30-16.00

Course fees: £216 (£180 plus VAT - group discounts are available)

Fees include:

* 6 hours of training (plus 1-hour homework)
* Handout emailed in advance
* Review of anatomy and scientific theory to underpin application
* Practice at scoring to build confidence and consistency
* Interactive voting to test yourself
* Review of delivering scoring in a professional way

Please have handy:

* A mug of tea or your preferred beverage, snacks and lunch. We’ll stop for breaks but often there are lots of questions and exciting discussion and so we might have to keep some breaks short (but regular).
* Notebook and pen – you head will reach a saturation point and so keeping notes should help
* The equipment and consumables you will use for scoring – including the bottle of disinfectant you will be using to disinfect between farms (unless you are scoring your own farm)

The workshop is always fun and stimulating for me; my sincere hope and aim is that it is for you too! Gaining ROMS accreditation may be your goal, but I see this as a useful byproduct of the training. Please come ready to participate in some energetic discussions about managing foot health in cows.

I’m looking forward to seeing you soon.

Dr Nick J. Bell 07870 619211, herdhealth@gmail.com

**Background:**

I first saw a farmer doing mobility scoring on a dairy farm in Somerset in 2003. Being curious (nosey), I asked him what he was doing. He said the foot trimmer was coming tomorrow, and so he wanted to pull out the cows with problems before they were lame and before he was forced to deal with them. For me this captured the objective perfectly. I started running mobility scoring sessions in 2004 and I now run around 6 every year. The skillful use of regular mobility scoring can reduce lameness prevalence by a half (or more) over 12 months, and it can be a powerful way to find improvement. Done incorrectly it becomes a pointless paper exercise and a waste of effort. As well as spotting cows to trim, when trends are plotted it can help identify factors on farm which help or harm feet. Unless we have a measure to quantify progress, we’re guessing and there is not much room for guesswork in our industry. As an advisor I’m very data-driven (perhaps there is even less room for guessing as an advisor) but I also spend a lot of time scoring herds myself to see what happens at milking and to understand the farm properly. I would score around 20,000 cows a year. Mobility scoring has transformed the way many farms work and I’ve made more exciting discoveries that way than through years of research. I hope you do too.

**Nick’s CV:**

Veterinary surgeon since 1999

PhD in lameness control programmes 2002-6

Healthy Feet Project – principal investigator 2006-10

Lecturer/Senior lecturer at RVC – 2010-16

Independent dairy herd health consultant/University of Nottingham 2016-present

European board of Veterinary Specialists

Fellow of the Higher Education Academy

Chief auditor for Cattle Hoofcare Standards Board

RoMS committee

Mobility steering group

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