

CONTRAINDICATIONS, COMPLICATIONS AND DANGERS OF NERVE AND JOINT BLOCKING

Nerve blocks are contraindicated in horses that show signs of severe lameness. In cases of severe lameness, the possibility of a bone fracture should always be considered. If a nerve block is then performed to eliminate sensation to the affected region, the potential for the horse to bear weight excessively on the affected limb exists, which can lead to catastrophic fracture of a previously non-displaced fracture.