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Göran Åkerström is a Masters graduate from the Veterinary School of the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU).

Göran grew up on a small farm with working horses outside Gävle in Sweden. In the 1980's he became active in equestrian sports. After 9 years in the Swedish Army he shifted career to veterinary medicine. He has held positions as Director of the SLU Farrier School, Veterinary Inspector at the Swedish Animal Welfare Board and Swedish Board of Agriculture and Chief Veterinary Officer of the Swedish Trotting Association. Göran joined the Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI) as Veterinary Director in 2015. Since June 2025 he is FEI Director of Veterinary & Equine Welfare. Göran has 25 years of experience with equine welfare in horse sports. He also works closely with the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH), and the International Federation of Horse Racing Authorities (IFHA) on matters related to equine health and international horse movement.