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Swindon, Wiltshire



Anaesthesia in small animal practice

One-day course for veterinary nurses

Course fees £249.00 plus VAT (£298.80 in total)

Venue and date Swindon 5th July 2013

Course times Registration and coffee 9.15am. Course starts 9.30am and finishes at 5.00pm

Course speaker

Richard Hammond

BVetMed BSc PhD DipECVA DVA MRCVS

Richard Hammond is an anaesthetist and an experienced teacher of vets, vet students and nurses. Richard is a UK and European Diploma holder and has a keen interest in improving patient safety by making anaesthesia teaching more accessible and practical.

Course content

Delivering anaesthesia and analgesia to animals under our care is one of the most rewarding aspects of our role as nurses. It can however often be daunting! We are faced with a confusing choice of agents, circuits, techniques and monitors and there is no 'best choice'. Using practical examples, this course aims to provide the guidance and basic grounding in the key principles and practice of small animal anaesthesia for nurses in practice.

Who should attend

Student and qualified VN's and those who want a refresher or an update in current best practice in anaesthesia and analgesia for small animal practice.

Key learning objectives

By the end of this course, delegates should be able to:

- Describe the principles and practical options for choosing anaesthetic breathing attachments (circuits) and for deciding flows
- Outline practical solutions for providing analgesia in a number of both common and more challenging situations and using a range of techniques
- Outline the options for the induction and maintenance of anaesthesia based on an understanding of the drugs and their actions
- List the monitoring equipment that is most suitable for commonly encountered anaesthetic scenarios and describe how that monitoring may be best used to improve patient safety



Fluid therapy

One-day course for veterinary nurses

Course fees £249.00 plus VAT (£298.80 in total)

Venue and date Swindon 21st June 2013

Course times Registration and coffee 9.15am. Course starts 9.30am and finishes at 5.00pm

Course speaker

Louise O'Dwyer

DMS BSc (Hons) VTS (ECC) DipAVN(Medical & Surgical) RVN

Louise O'Dwyer has worked as Clinical Director at PetMedics in Manchester, the largest emergency clinic in the UK, for the past 13 years. During this time she has also been involved in veterinary nurse training and CPD, both in the UK and internationally. Louise is a specialist ECC boarded nurse and a part time PhD student.

Louise enjoys the diversity of emergency and critical care medicine, with a particular interest in nursing septic patients, head trauma as well as wound management and infection control. Louise is the co-author of 'Wound Management for the Veterinary Nurse and Technician' and the forthcoming 'Practical Emergency and Critical Care Veterinary Nursing' along with Paul Aldridge.

Course content

The veterinary nurse plays a critical role in fluid therapy to enable the goals of treatment to be reached. This course will go through a logical step-by-step approach to this important area of nursing; from how to identify patients in need of fluids, to help in selecting appropriate fluid types and routes of administration and establishing vascular access. You should leave the course with a much clearer perspective on this often confusing topic, with practical ideas and plans to implement when nursing patients requiring fluid therapy.

Who should attend

Student VNs, Qualified VNs, VNs working towards a Diploma.

What the course will help attendees to do

This course will give you the background knowledge to enable you to successfully select the most appropriate fluid type and rate for individual patients, as well as giving you more confidence in calculating fluid therapy requirements.

Key learning objectives

By the end of the course, delegates should understand;

- Vascular access techniques
- What fluid is appropriate when – crystalloids, colloids and blood products
- Fluid therapy administration and rates
- Fluid therapy for the emergency patient
- Blood products and transfusions

Practical laboratory techniques – Getting the most from your practice laboratory

One-day course for veterinary nurses

Course fees £249.00 plus VAT (£298.80 in total)

Venue and date Swindon 17th June 2013

Course times Registration and coffee 9.15am. Course starts 9.30am and finishes at 5.00pm

Course content

The course will consider basic care and use of practice laboratory equipment such as centrifuges and microscopes, including health and safety issues. Attendees will learn how to prepare blood, urine and skin scraping samples for use in the practice laboratory including making and staining blood smears. Several basic tests, which can give rapid useful information, will be practised including measuring PCVs and using refractometers. Time will be spent learning to identify things down the microscope including blood cells, common skin parasites and urine sediment contents. Preparation of samples to be sent to outside laboratories will also be considered.

Who should attend

Veterinary nurses or trainees who wish to refresh or improve their basic laboratory skills.

What the course will help attendees to do

The course will enable veterinary staff to get the most out of basic veterinary practice laboratory equipment.

Key learning objectives

By the end of the course, delegates should:

- Be able to use and care for basic laboratory equipment including microscopes safely and effectively
- Be able to prepare blood, urine and skin scraping and hair samples to examine in-house and send to outside laboratories
- Practise microscopic identification of blood cells from blood smears
- Practise identification of common skin parasites and urine sediment contents
- Be able to measure packed cell volumes (PCVs) and use a refractometer



Course speaker

Rosie Godfrey

BVetMed CertEd MA MRCVS

Rosie Godfrey spent ten years as a clinician, she has also been a practice manager and now teaches on animal management and veterinary nursing courses. She was a partner in a feline only practice for 9 years where there was a small practice laboratory in constant use.

Schedule 3 Surgery

One-day practical course for veterinary nurses

Course fees £249.00 plus VAT (£298.80 in total)

Venue and date Swindon 13th August 2013

Course times Registration and coffee 9.15am. Course starts 9.30am and finishes at 5.00pm

Course content

This course will cover the theoretical and practical aspects of Schedule 3 nursing including a variety of surgical management techniques. Delegates will have an opportunity to practise suture techniques and perform procedures such as ear tip amputation, biopsy and wound closure on cadavers.

Who should attend

Qualified VNs wishing to improve their surgical skills.

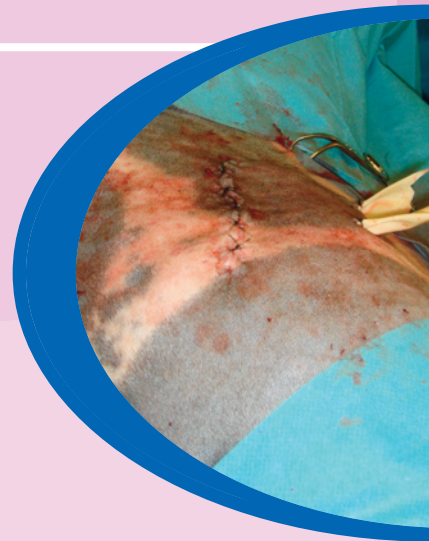
What the course will help attendees to do

Improve their surgical confidence and ability.

Key learning objectives

After the session delegates should be able to:

- Confidently suture minor wounds
- Biopsy lumps via a variety of techniques
- Remove appropriate skin lumps
- Amputate tails
- Amputate ear tips
- Carry out surgical management of aural haematomas



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Canine physiotherapy

Two-day practical course

Course fees £550.00 plus VAT (£660.00 in total)

Venue and dates Swindon 30th and 31st July 2013

Course times Registration and coffee 9.15am. Course starts 9.30am and finishes at 5.00pm

Course speaker

Donna Wills

PGC A Phys RVN MIAAT MBVNA

Donna is a RVN who wanted to specialise in rehabilitation. She qualified in this field with distinction and set up her company Animal Physiotherapy Limited in 2005. Since then she has grown and developed physiotherapy programs to many clients. She has clinics hosted in four veterinary practices along the M4 corridor and is also the animal physiotherapist for Harrods department store.

Course content

This course will cover the key physiotherapy skills needed to obtain rehabilitation programmes in small animal practice. The day will comprise a mixture of lectures and small group practical sessions; topics will include anatomy, conformational faults and the problems they cause to the patient; physiotherapy techniques and how to initiate them and confidently execute them; pre and post-operative consultations with owners and achieving good owner compliance; building an effective exercise programme and adapting it as the patient progresses.

Who should attend

Nurses keen to develop skills and confidence in rehabilitation therapies.

Key learning objectives

By the end of the course, delegates should have a good understanding of:

- Anatomical/conformational faults
- How to create successful consultations and achieve good owner compliance
- Home exercise programmes for individual patients
- Different physiotherapy modalities, focusing on ones you have easy access to, such as manual therapies
- How to be confident with massage techniques and range of movement

Registration

Your details

Title: _____

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Qualifications: _____

Address: _____

Post Code: _____

Practice Name and Address (if not detailed above): _____

Post Code: _____

Home Tel No: _____

Work Tel No: _____

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Mobile: _____

Email: _____

Vegetarian meal required: Yes No

Registration

I wish to register for the following course/s.

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