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Short courses in key disciplines for;
Veterinary Surgeons
Veterinary Nurses
Nursing team – VCA, SVCA, ACA, NA
All practice staff

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Welcome!

Improve International is pleased to present the new series of courses specifically designed to meet the training needs of the PDSA team.

Following excellent feedback this new CPD programme will be delivered throughout 2013 in Wiltshire, Cheshire and Hartlepool, County Durham.

As with the previous CPD programme we have ensured that the courses cover a variety of topics which are available to a wide range of roles within the PetAid hospitals. The courses are available to the practice team at a much reduced cost compared to that of external budget, and as in previous years there is a balanced mix of both practical and theoretical courses.

These courses are an ideal way to update your knowledge, learn additional skills that can be taken straight back to practice, and experience training given by world-renowned speakers.

Whilst the courses are available as stand-alone training days, many also offer clear structured progression with follow-on courses for those who want to explore the subject in more depth.

Course times

One-day courses
10.00 am – 5.30pm

Course times

Two-day courses
Day One
10.00 – 5.30pm
Day Two
9.00 – 4.30pm

Webinars are web-based seminars delivered over the internet. They allow a speaker to present and interact with a remote audience.

They are a fun, convenient and flexible way to top up your learning!

PDSA Webinar Series

After the success of the 2012 webinars, we have once again arranged a series of four, one-hour webinars for veterinary surgeons and four, one-hour webinars for the veterinary nursing team. These will each run from 8.00 to 9.00pm on a weekday evening.

Each webinar will have an accompanying MCQ online quiz so you can test your understanding and print off your own CPD Certificate.

All the webinars will be recorded and available for you to listen to at a suitable future date. Full details on the series for veterinary surgeons can be found on page 24, and for veterinary nurses on page 39.

Current thinking on canine epilepsy and other causes of collapse

Starts
10.00am

Finishes
5.30pm



Course speakers

Laurent Garosi

DVM MRCVS DipECVN RCVS & European
Veterinary Specialist in Neurology Director
(*Speaking in Cheshire and the Hartlepool*)

Laurent is a Diplomate of the European
College of Veterinary Neurology (ECVN)
and RCVS/European Specialist in Veterinary
Neurology. He is currently company
director and head of the
neurology/neurosurgery service at Davies
Veterinary Specialists, England. Laurent has
published widely in the field of neurology
and is a regular speaker on the national and
international continuing education circuit.
He is currently President of the ECVN and
co-editor with Simon Platt of a textbook on
Small Animal Neurological Emergencies

Mark Lowrie

MA VetMB MVM MRCVS DipECVN European
Veterinary Specialist in Neurology
(*Speaking in Swindon*)

Mark Lowrie is an RCVS and European
specialist in veterinary neurology (ECVN).
He graduated from Cambridge and has
worked in small animal practice. Following
an internship at the Royal Veterinary College
he moved to Glasgow to complete a
residency in neurology. He has a Masters
degree on meningitis in dogs and currently
works at Davies Veterinary Specialists.

One-day course for Veterinary Surgeons

Course content

Epileptic seizures are one of the most common neurological presentations in practice. There are considerable overlaps between epileptic seizures and other type of collapse such as paroxysmal movement disorder. This course will provide you with a step-wise logical approach to epileptic seizures and other neurological mimics including what should be the minimum neurological examination to perform in such cases, how to choose appropriate diagnostic tests and when/how to treat. This course will cover management of refractory and emergency cases.

Who should attend

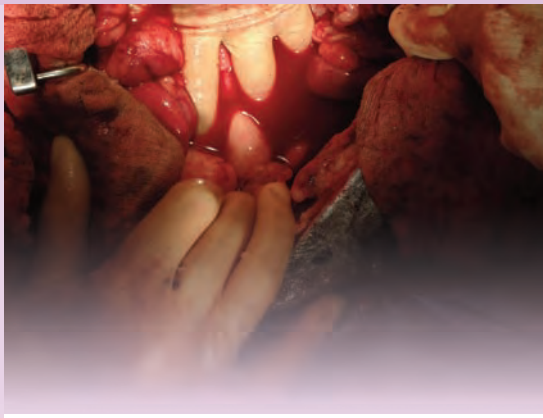
First opinion practitioners or practitioners with a particular interest/expertise in neurology and internal medicine.

Key learning objectives

- Understand principles of differential diagnosis for seizures and other type of collapse
- Understand the range of anti-epileptic medication available for dogs and cats and their rational use
- Manage dogs and cat with refractory epilepsy, status epilepticus and cluster seizures
- Recognise and manage other types of collapse seen in dogs

Venues and dates

25th April 2013 Swindon
10th December 2013 Cranage
16th July 2013 Hartlepool



The Acute Abdomen – everything you need to know

Starts
10.00am
Finishes
5.30pm

One-day course for Veterinary Surgeons

Course content

The acute abdominal patient is often encountered in general practice and a successful outcome is reliant on appropriate work-up, surgical management and post-operative care. This often involves a multi-disciplinary approach in terms of imaging, anaesthesia and nursing. This course provides a detailed overview of the approach to the acute abdominal patient covering all of these management areas. It will focus on a practical approach and involve case-based examples which will allow interaction and feedback from the candidates

Who should attend

Vets in general practice with interest in the area

Key learning objectives

- How to stabilise and work up the patient
- Basic & advanced surgical techniques
- Complications and post operative care
- Practical tips

Venues and dates

16th May 2013 Swindon

17th October 2013 Cranage

Course speakers

Don Sheahan

BVSc BSc CertSAS DipECVS MRCVS

(Speaking in Cranage)

Don qualified from the University of Liverpool Veterinary School in 1995 and spent three years in small animal practice in the Greater Manchester area. In 1998 he joined a private referral practice as a staff surgeon where he plied his trade for the next 7 years. He was appointed as a lecturer in small animal surgery at the University of Glasgow in 2005. He holds the RCVS Certificate in Small Animal Surgery and became a diplomate of the European College of Veterinary Surgeons in 2011. Don has lectured widely in the UK and Europe on all aspects of small animal surgery.

Key Surgical Interests: Oncological and reconstructive surgery, trauma and fracture repair, management of cruciate ligament disease and minimally invasive surgery.

Christina Knudsen

DVM MRCVS

(Speaking in Swindon)

Christina is from Norway, but qualified from the Vet School in Copenhagen, Denmark. She is currently in the final year of her residency at The Queen's Veterinary School Hospital at the University in Cambridge. Prior to this Christina did a surgical internship at North West Surgeons and a rotating internship at Cambridge.

All you ever wanted to know about urinary tract disease'

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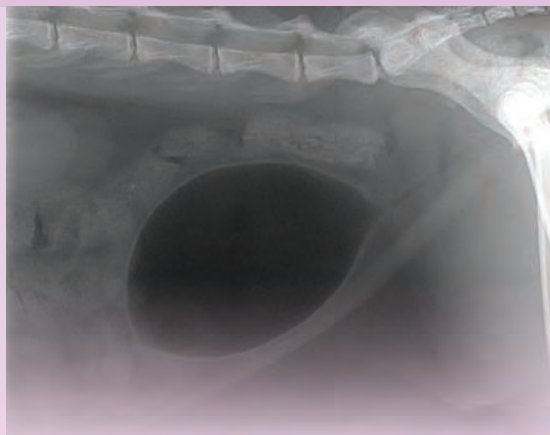
Course speakers

Susana Silva

CertSAM DipECVIM-ca MRCVS
Susana Silva graduated from the University of Porto (Portugal) in 2001. After working in small animal practice, Susana moved to the UK and started a small animal internship. Susana obtained her Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons Small Animal Medicine Certificate (CertSAM) in 2007 and finished her residency at the University of Bristol in 2009. In 2010, Susana obtained the European Diploma in Veterinary Small Animal Medicine (DipECVIM-CA) and is currently working at Vets Now Referrals, Swindon.

Venues and dates

22nd May 2013 Swindon
23rd April 2013 Cranage



One-day course for Veterinary Surgeons

Course content

The day will aim to provide a practical approach to the diagnosis and management of common conditions affecting the canine and feline urinary tract. Whilst we will discuss the topics in a thorough manner we will try and focus on tips and techniques you might adopt in practice to allow a cost-effective investigation for your patients at the PDSA.

Some of the topics this course will cover include chronic renal disease, bladder problems such as urinary tract infections, prostatic disease, urinary incontinence and urinary tract obstruction.

We will preferentially use a case-based approach to discuss the different disease processes and their investigation and treatment.

Who should attend

General practitioners wishing to review their knowledge on the diagnosis and management of upper and lower urinary tract problems in the dog and cat.

Key learning objectives

By the end of the course delegates should be able to;

- Understand the management of chronic renal disease and the importance of staging in the decision-making process
- Understand the causes of persistent urinary tract infections and how to manage cases of chronic relapsing infections
- Select the appropriate diagnostic tests for the investigation of obstructive lower urinary tract disease in the dog
- Understand feline lower urinary tract disease and its management
- Have an overview of prostatic diseases, the main differential diagnoses and their management.



Congestive heart failure – causes and management

Starts
10.00am
Finishes
5.30pm

One-day course for Veterinary Surgeons

Course content

This course will cover the most commonly seen causes of congestive heart failure in dogs and cats. The important features of congestive heart failure will be discussed allowing an accurate diagnosis with differentiation from other causes of dyspnoea or ascites, for example. The emergency treatment and management of acute congestive heart failure in dogs and cats will be illustrated in an interactive way using case examples. Current ideas on the longer term management of chronic heart failure will also be discussed using recently published data.

Who should attend

Vets who want to improve their recognition and diagnosis of congestive heart failure and its treatment and management

Key learning objectives

- Ability to diagnose the common causes of heart failure and recognise when treatment is appropriate
- Recognition and diagnosis of congestive heart failure
- Ability to treat acute heart failure promptly appropriately and effectively.
- Understand which drugs are appropriate to treat chronic congestive heart failure and when they should be introduced.

Venues and dates

10th July 2013 Swindon
26th September 2013 Cranage
28th November 2013 Hartlepool

Course speaker

Simon Swift

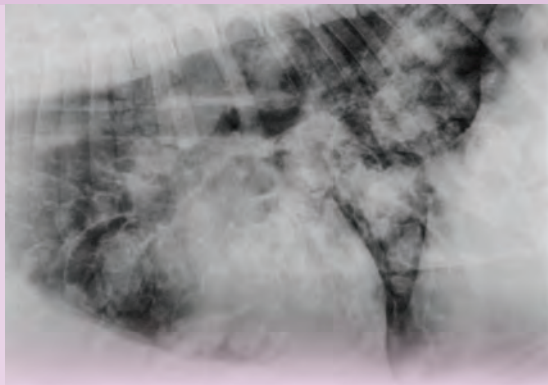
MA VetMB CertSAC Dip
ECVIM/CA(Cardiology) MRCVS

Simon gained the Certificate in Veterinary Cardiology in 1990. In 2005 he became Lecturer in Cardiology at Liverpool University gaining the ECVIM Diploma in Cardiology and joining North West Surgeons to lead the cardiology service. Simon has been cardiology adviser to the UK CKCS Club since 1992, is editor of JVIM and an internationally renowned speaker on small animal cardiorespiratory diseases.

Case-based radiology

A day of film reading – test your knowledge and improve your skills

Starts
10.00am
Finishes
5.30pm



Course speaker

Kate Bradley

MA VetMB PhD DVR DipECVDI MRCVS

Kate graduated from Cambridge in 1993. Following a period in general practice, she obtained a Wellcome Trust Clinical Training Scholarship, and spent the next 5 years working towards a PhD and the RCVS and European Diplomas in Veterinary Diagnostic Imaging. Following a period of self-employment offering radiology services to general practitioners, she returned to Bristol University in 2002 as a lecturer, and subsequently a Senior Clinical Fellow in Veterinary Diagnostic Imaging.

Venues and dates

4th September 2013 Swindon

27th November 2013 Cranage

“ Content relevant to general practice ”

“ Good content, good pace ”

“ Very useful course and presented well.
Approachable speaker ”

One-day course for Veterinary Surgeons

Course content

This course will consist primarily of practical film reading sessions, concentrating on thoracic and abdominal disease, followed by group discussions. Emphasis will be placed on adopting a logical approach to radiological interpretation and formulating lists of appropriate differential diagnoses. The theoretical part will include tips on optimising thoracic and abdominal radiographs, normal radiographic anatomy (including some of the many breed variations encountered) and examples of many pathological conditions of the chest and abdomen. Delegates will have the opportunity to bring in any interesting cases from their own practice, which can be used as part of the group discussions.

Who should attend

Any veterinary surgeons with an interest in diagnostic imaging, wishing to consolidate and extend their radiological skills.

Key learning objectives

- How to optimise radiographic technique in the thorax and abdomen
- Normal radiographic anatomy of the thoracic and abdominal cavities
- Radiological diagnosis of diseases of the heart, lungs, pleural space and mediastinum
- Radiological diagnosis of diseases of the peritoneum and main abdominal organs



All things endocrine – a whistle stop tour

Starts
10.00am
Finishes
5.30pm

One-day course for Veterinary Surgeons

Course content

This whistle stop endocrine tour will include;

- A brief overview of endocrine physiology
- An update on adrenal disease in dogs and cats, with a focus on diagnostic testing
- An update on thyroid disease in dogs and cats with a focus on controversies in diagnosis and management
- An approach to the polyuric and polydipsic patient and diagnosis of diabetes insipidus
- Investigation and management of the unstable diabetic patient

Who should attend

Vets who are keen to update their knowledge and understanding of the challenges in diagnosis and management of common endocrine diseases in dogs and cats

Key learning objectives

- An understanding of the importance of homeostatic feedback loops in endocrinology and how these influence diagnostic testing
- An appreciation of the sensitivity and specificity of commonly used endocrine tests for diagnosis of thyroid and adrenal disease
- An understanding of available treatment options for common endocrine diseases and the advantages / disadvantages of each
- Development of a practical strategy for investigation of polyuric and polydipsic patients
- Consolidation of a rational approach to unstable diabetic patients

Course speaker

Lucy Davison

MA VetMB DSAM PhD DipECVIM-CA
MRCVS

Lucy graduated from Cambridge Vet School in 1997 and after gaining her CertSAM in practice, she joined the RVC, where she completed a PhD in canine diabetes in 2004. Following a residency in small animal medicine in Cambridge, Lucy passed the RCVS and ECVIM-CA Diplomas in small animal medicine in 2006 and currently remains affiliated with Cambridge as a Wellcome Trust Veterinary Postdoctoral Fellow.

Venues and dates

19th September 2013 Swindon

7th May 2013 Cranage

“ Very good. I learned a lot that all has relevance to practice ”

“ Very good ”

“ Good awareness of new areas of research ”

“ Very realistic down to what we need in normal first opinion practice ”

Canine A&E – knowing what to do and when to do it

Starts
10.00am

Finishes
5.30pm



Course speaker

Paul Aldridge

BVSc CertSAS MRCVS

Paul is currently senior surgeon at a hospital based practice in the north west of England, that also hosts the UK's largest emergency centre. Paul divides his time between emergency cases and surgical referral patients. His clinical interests include multiple trauma patients and the management of acute abdominal cases. He is widely involved in providing CPD for both nurses and vets, and is co-author of the forthcoming book "Practical Emergency and Critical Care Nursing"

One-day course for Veterinary Surgeons

Course content

Emergency cases can be challenging, but immensely rewarding. Outcomes can be optimised (and stress minimised!) by a systematic focused approach to these patients.

This course will outline the initial assessment, stabilisation and treatment of a range of common emergency presentations. The decision making processes involved will be emphasised. Throughout the emphasis will be on techniques that utilise basic, readily available equipment in your own practice.

Who should attend

Any vet who sees emergency cases as part of their caseload

Key learning objectives

- How to perform a rapid, focused assessment of major body systems, and act appropriately on the findings.
- Techniques for the emergency stabilisation of dyspnoeic patients.
- To simplify the decision making process in acute abdomen cases; is it surgical?
- How to tackle common, and not so common, poisoning cases.

Venues and dates

3rd October 2013 Swindon

20th June 2013 Cranage

16th April 2013 Hartlepool





*Help my pet
can't wee!
The approach to
the blocked
dog and
cat*

Starts
10.00am
Finishes
5.30pm

One-day course for Veterinary Surgeons

Course content

Urinary obstruction is a frequent clinical problem in the dog and cat, particularly in males. This course will provide an overview of the underlying diseases and pathophysiology but will concentrate on the practical steps in investigation and patient management. It will include patient stabilisation, radiographic and ultrasonographic investigations and surgical techniques.

Who should attend

This is essential material for all small animal clinicians.

Key learning objectives

- How to stabilise the animal with urinary obstruction
- Practical techniques to reliably unblock the patient
- How to investigate urethral obstruction
- How to choose a surgical technique for urethral obstruction

Venues and dates

29th October 2013 Swindon

24th July 2013 Cranage

Course speakers

Alasdair Hotston Moore

MA VetMB CertSAC CertVR CertSAS
MRCVS
(Speaking in Swindon)

Alasdair qualified from Cambridge in 1990. He then completed a Junior Fellowship on Small Animal Medicine and a Residency in Small Animal Soft Tissue Surgery at the University of Bristol at Langford. After a brief period in Aberdeen he returned to Langford in 1997 and was Lecturer in Small Animal Surgery then Head of Small Animal Surgery and Senior Clinical Fellow until 2009. He holds RCVS Certificates in Small Animal Cardiology, Veterinary Radiology and Small Animal Surgery and a postgraduate Certificate in Medical Education. He is Head of Referral Surgery and a Director of Bath Veterinary Referrals

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BVSc CertSAS MRCVS
(Speaking in Cranage)

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Totally cats – case-based day focusing on the feline patient.

Starts
10.00am
Finishes
5.30pm

Course speaker

Kerry Simpson

BVM&S CertVC PhD MACVSc MRCVS

Kerry Simpson is a Fellow of the Australian College of Veterinary Scientists in Feline Medicine and a RCVS recognised specialist in Feline Medicine. She runs the Feline Expert, a feline consultancy service specialising in the diagnosis and treatment of complex feline medical diseases.

Venues and dates

20th November 2013 Swindon

11th June 2013 Cranage



One-day course for Veterinary Surgeons

Course content

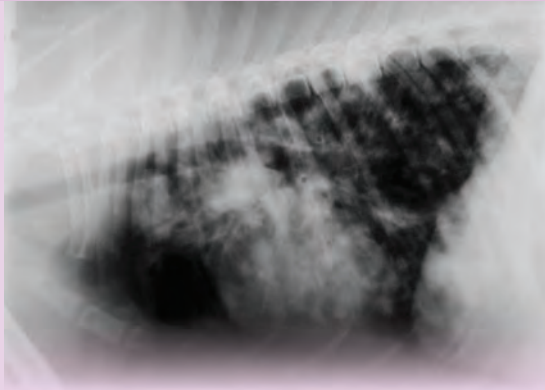
This course will provide the practitioner with a practical case based approach to current issues in feline medicine. Focus will be placed upon the stabilisation and long-term management of kidney disease and FLUTD (3 hours), including approach to the cat in chronic renal failure, the significance of proteinuria and hypertension and treatment options. Risk factors for the development of FLUTD, investigations, and management options will also be covered. The second part of the day will review infectious disease: The hunting/stray cat (3 hours) will highlight the potential diseases that hunting cats are exposed to and the diagnosis and treatment of these conditions and the management of infectious disease in cats which have recently been rehomed.

Who should attend

Any one dealing with cats in general practice. The talks will focus on a practical approach to these cases and how they can be managed in the practice situation.

Key learning objectives

- Treatment options and advances in our understanding of chronic renal failure; the significance of proteinuria and hypertension
- Investigation, treatment and management of cats with FLUTD
- Increase awareness of the potential infectious diseases that hunting cats are exposed to, the diagnosis and treatment of these conditions
- Discussion of the various diseases that are commonly encountered in rehomed cats and the respective management options.



Sneezes and wheezes

Starts
10.00am
Finishes
5.30pm

One-day course for Veterinary Surgeons

Course content

This course will cover essential aspects of canine and feline respiratory disease.

The initial part of the day will be dedicated to the discussion of the logical workup and treatment of nasal disease, nasopharyngeal disorders and laryngeal problems.

Respiratory distress is a frequently encountered problem and whilst it is essential to try and achieve a diagnosis this is often not possible during the initial stages. The second part of the course will be dedicated to the approach of the patient with respiratory distress including stabilisation, management options and review of emergency techniques such as thoracocentesis.

The later part of the day will focus on selected respiratory diseases such as a tracheal collapse, feline chronic lower airway disease, canine chronic bronchitis, bacterial pneumonia, Angiostrongylus infection, etc.

A case-based approach will be used to discuss the individual disease processes, their investigation and management.

Who should attend

This course is aimed at delegates who work in first opinion practice particularly those who have a special interest in respiratory problems.

Key learning objectives

At the end of the course the delegates should be able to:

- Select the appropriate diagnostic tests for canine and feline patients with nasal disease.
- Understand how to prioritise the management, monitoring and treatment of a dyspnoeic patient
- Have a reasonable understanding of the main differential diagnosis for coughing and what investigations are needed for it's workup
- How to perform thoracocentesis
- How to place chest drains

Course speaker

Susana Silva

CertSAM DipECVIM-ca MRCVS

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Venues and dates

3rd December 2013 Swindon

21st May 2013 Cranage

I've never done orthopaedics – how do I start?

Starts
10.00am

Finishes
5.30pm



Course speaker

Hannes Bergmann

DrVetMed DipECVS MRCVS

Hannes graduated from the VetMedUni Vienna in 2001 and completed an internship at the TIHO Hannover. Following research in perioperative pain therapy he achieved his Doctorate degree in 2003. After working in private practice he undertook a 3 year surgical residency programme at the University of Berne, Switzerland and became a Diplomate of the European College of Veterinary Surgeons in 2008. Hannes is currently employed by VetsNowReferrals, Swindon.

Venue and date

24th September 2013 Swindon

One-day practical course for Veterinary Surgeons

Course content

This course will cover surgical approaches to long bones and joints, surgical management of common joint problems and basic fracture repair. This highly practical course combines theoretical lectures with hands on sessions.

Who should attend

Clinicians who want to start performing small animal orthopaedic surgery

Key learning objectives

By the end of this course delegates should be able to

- Approach the shoulder, elbow, hip and stifle joint
- Use cerclage and tension band wires
- Place an intramedullary pin
- Treat fractures with external fixation



*Dental
extractions
– how to
make them
easier!*

Starts
10.00am
Finishes
5.30pm

One-day practical course for Veterinary Surgeons

Course content

There are dentals that everyone fears – the complex extractions of the large canines or the big multi-rooted teeth. These provide intense anxiety for the new graduate to the experienced vet. With poor technique they can result in massive trauma to the patient, leading to pain and a dissatisfied client. Extractions can take far longer than anyone wants – leading to stress all round. Good technique and surgical options can reduce the stress to a minimum. Feline dental extractions pose their own problems – we'll present some solutions.

The course will consist of a mix of short review lectures, followed by 'hands-on' practical sessions. The interactive nature of the sessions, together with one-to-one tuition, help to ensure that delegates gain the knowledge to confidently undertake a variety of extractions.

Who should attend

Any veterinary surgeon involved in general small animal practice.

New graduates and experienced vets can all learn techniques to make life easier, increasing dental workload and income for the practice and most importantly improving patient care.

Key learning objectives

By the end of this course delegates should have an understanding of:

- How to plan a structured approach to dental extractions
- How to try and banish brutalectomy – replacing it with surgical exodontias
- The benefits of good equipment
- A grounding in oral fracture repair techniques
- Normal anatomy and common pathology

Course speaker

Bob Partridge
BVM&S MRCVS

Bob is the Clinical Director of the Oak Beck Veterinary Hospital in Harrogate, North Yorkshire. His special interest is dentistry and he has concentrated on this field for over 25 years. He was a founder member of the British Veterinary Dental Association. He is a RCVS Council member and Past President of the Hospitals Association, but is best known as the creator of 'Pet Smile Month' with over 1600 practices taking part.

Venue and date

8th October 2013 Swindon

Improve your abdominal scanning techniques

Starts
10.00am

Finishes
5.30pm



Course speaker

Sam Jakovljevic

DVM MSc DipECVDDI DVR MRCVS

Sam is a well-known Veterinary Radiologist who has previously held academic posts at Liège (Belgium), Bristol, Liverpool, Purdue (USA) and London University Veterinary Schools and has worked at Dick White Referrals Nr Newmarket since 2006. He holds the RCVS Diploma in Veterinary Radiology, and is a European Specialist in Veterinary Diagnostic Imaging.

One-day practical course for Veterinary Surgeons

Course content

This course has been designed for those delegates with an intermediate level of knowledge in veterinary abdominal ultrasound.

Delegates will review machine set up and consider the ultrasonographic appearance of various common abnormalities. Case based examples will help participants consolidate their knowledge and the highly practical nature of the course will enable delegates to improve their technique rapidly.

Who should attend

Veterinary surgeons with limited experience of abdominal ultrasonography.

Key learning objectives

By the end of this course delegates should have a good understanding of-

- Machine set up
- The normal and abnormal ultrasonographic appearance of the abdomen including liver, spleen, gall bladder, GI tract, and urinary tract


Venues and dates

24th June 2013..... Swindon

12th November 2013..... Cranage

Practical management of wounds

Starts
10.00am
Finishes
5.30pm



One-day practical course for Veterinary Surgeons

Course content

This one day course will cover wound classification and initial wound management through to surgical reconstructive techniques, helping delegates deal more effectively with wounds commonly encountered in practice. Delegates will then get a chance to practise these surgical techniques. Time will be divided between lectures, case studies/discussions and practical sessions. Techniques covered will include free skin grafting, axial pattern flaps, plus the use of omentum in wound healing.

Who should attend

The course would suit any vet in a small animal first opinion practice with an interest in reconstructive surgery or those studying towards a certificate in surgery. It would be ideal for vets who deal with wounds on a regular basis in practice but are looking to improve wound management and expand the range of surgical techniques they are capable of.

Key learning objectives

- Wound classification
- Initial wound management/healing
- Tension relieving techniques
- Axial pattern flaps
- Free skin grafts
- Use of omentum in wound reconstruction
- Pedicle flaps

Course speaker

Guillaume Chanoit

DVM MSc PhD DECVS DACVS MRCVS

Guillaume graduated from the Veterinary School of Toulouse, France where he attained his DVM degree (with Thesis) in 1998. Guillaume holds a Master of Sciences (MSc) degree in Microsurgery and completed a PhD in Cardiovascular Physiology. He obtained board certification from the European and American Colleges of Veterinary Surgery.

His clinical focus is soft tissue surgery with emphasis on thoracic and cardiovascular surgery. Guillaume was appointed in November 2010 as Senior Lecturer in Small Animal Surgery at the University of Bristol, School of Clinical Veterinary Sciences. He concurrently joined the Bristol Heart Institute where he is undertaking a significant portion of his research. Guillaume is a member of the Small Animal examination committee of the European College of Veterinary Surgery.

Venue and date

19th April 2013 Swindon

Emergency surgery techniques – GDV's, pleural effusions and urinary tract obstructions

Starts
10.00am
Finishes
5.30pm



Course speaker

Kelly Bowlt

BVM&S MRCVS

Clinician in Small Animal Soft Tissue Surgery

Kelly graduated from the University of Edinburgh in 2005 and after 18 months in small animal general practice, completed a rotating internship at the Royal Veterinary College and a three-year ECVS approved residency programme in Small Animal Surgery at the University of Bristol. Kelly joined the Animal Health Trust in 2011. She sits on committee for the Association of Veterinary Soft Tissue Surgeons (AVSTS) and her particular interests include minimally invasive surgery, trauma management and reconstructive/oncological surgery.

Venue and date

19th July 2013 Swindon

One-day practical course for Veterinary Surgeons

Course content

This course will combine short lectures and longer practical sessions on surgical management of common surgical emergencies, including:

- GDVs
- Pleural effusions
- Urinary tract trauma and obstructions
- Upper respiratory tract
- How to explore the abdomen rapidly and thoroughly

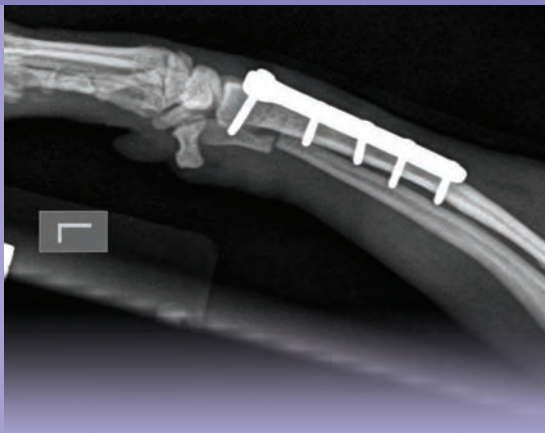
Who should attend

Any practitioners wishing to improve their confidence in managing surgical emergencies.

Key learning objectives

By the end of this course, delegates should feel more confident in their ability to provide stabilisation and perform surgery in the emergency situation in animals suffering from:

- GDVs
- Pleural effusions
- Urinary tract trauma and obstructions
- Upper respiratory tract disorders



Surgical management of common orthopaedic conditions

*Including canine
cruciate disease
and when to
refer a
case*

Day One
10.00am - 5.30pm

Day Two
9.00am - 4.30pm

Two-day practical course for Veterinary Surgeons

Course content

This two-day practical course will discuss common joint problems and fractures in the canine forelimb and hindlimb.

The course combines theoretical lectures with practical sessions.

Who should attend

Veterinary surgeons who are dealing with orthopaedic cases and wish to improve their orthopaedic skills.

Key learning objectives

By the end of this course delegates should be able to;

- Perform arthrotomies of the shoulder and elbow joint to treat OCD
- Perform carpal arthrodesis
- Perform excision arthroplasty of the femoral head and neck
- Treat cruciate disease by placing a retinacular suture
- Treat patellar luxation by tibial tuberosity transposition
- Understand fracture planning and biomechanics
- Repair fractures by internal (pins, wires, screws and plates) and external fixation

Course speaker

Hannes Bergmann

DrVetMed DipECVS MRCVS

Hannes graduated from the VetMedUni Vienna in 2001 and completed an internship at the TIHO Hannover. Following research in perioperative pain therapy he achieved his Doctorate degree in 2003. After working in private practice he undertook a 3 year surgical residency programme at the University of Berne, Switzerland and became a Diplomate of the European College of Veterinary Surgeons in 2008. Hannes is currently employed by VetsNowReferrals, Swindon.

Venue and dates

9th and 10th April 2013... Swindon

Orthopaedics – the next level

Comminuted fracture repair and external fixation

Day One
10.00am - 5.30pm

Day Two
9.00am - 4.30pm



Course speaker

James Grierson

BVetMed CertVR CertSAS DipECVS FHEA
MRCVS

James graduated in 1998. He undertook an internship in specialist practice followed by a 3 year surgical residency program. James then spent 5 years at the Royal Veterinary College, London as a Lecturer in Small Animal Surgery. He is a Recognised Specialist in Small Animal Surgery and now works at Anderson Moores Veterinary Specialists in Hampshire specialising in Orthopaedic Surgery

Venue and dates

26th and 27th September 2013 Swindon

Two-day practical course for Veterinary Surgeons

Course content

Day 1 will teach the delegates how to manage comminuted fractures in the dog and the cat using a sound background of basic principles. Additionally delegates will achieve a firm grasp of the principles of comminuted fracture management as well as the pros and cons of various fixation strategies. Day 2 will cover approaching and planning fracture management using external skeletal fixation (ESF) Delegates will achieve a firm grasp on the principles of ESF placement as well as the pros and cons of their use in different fractures.

Who should attend

Veterinary surgeons with a strong interest in orthopaedic surgery – some experience of orthopaedic surgery is needed as this is not a basic course

What the course will help attendees to do

The course will help delegates tackle technically challenging fractures with more confidence

Key learning objectives

- Understand the specific difficulties involved with managing comminuted fractures and the core principles behind fracture management
- Understand the specific problems of managing comminuted articular fractures
- Learn how to improve decision making with comminuted fractures and maximize success using simple hints and tips
- Understand the principles behind ESF fracture repair and the limitations of EST
- Learn the 'safe corridors' for ESF placement
- Learn how to improve decision making with ESF placement and maximize success using simple hints and tips



Gastrointestinal challenges

Day One

10.00am - 5.30pm

Day Two

9.00am - 4.30pm

Two-day practical course for Veterinary Surgeons

Course content

GI surgery is commonly performed in small animal practice, often as part of “exploratory laparotomy” and as a result all clinicians need to be familiar with a variety of surgical techniques. A mixture of demonstrations and hands-on practical sessions will provide a thorough overview of:

- Gastrotomy
- Gastric invagination (for GDV)
- Ramstedt and pyloromyotomy and Y-U pyloroplasty for pyloric out flow disease
- Cholecystectomy
- Enterotomy
- Enterectomy and end-to-end anastomosis
- Colopexy for intractable rectal prolapse
- Subtotal colectomy (for megacolon)
- Perineal rupture repair

The following will be demonstrated:

- Tube and belt loop gastropexy
- Cholecystoduodenostomy
- Rectal polyp removal

Who should attend

All veterinary surgeons in practice: aspects will be of value to new graduates, experienced general practitioners and those beginning to specialise in surgery.

Key learning objectives

By the end of this course delegates should have an understanding of:

- How to perform gastric surgery, including an effective gastropexy
- How to perform common biliary tract surgeries
- How to perform common small and large intestinal surgeries
- The management of rectal prolapsed and perineal rupture

Course speaker

Daniel Ogdon

BVSc DACVS-SA MRCVS

Dan Ogdon qualified from Bristol in 2004. Following graduation he completed a rotating internship at the Royal Veterinary College subsequently moving to America to complete a surgery residency at Cornell University. He spent a further 3 years in the USA as faculty and head of small animal surgery at Louisiana State University before returning to the UK in 2012 to take up his current position at Bath Veterinary referrals. He is a diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Surgeons, is published and has acted as a reviewer for multiple peer reviewed journals and has spoken at events in the USA and UK.

Venue and dates

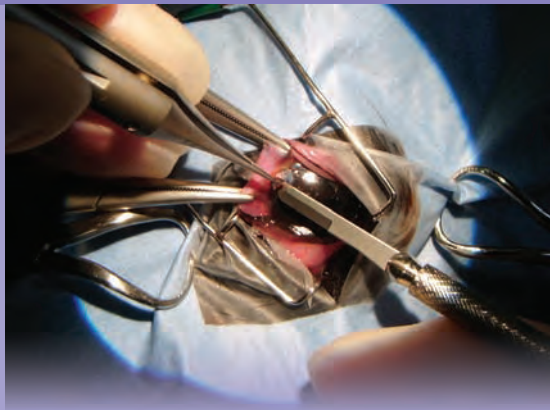
9th and 10th May 2013 ... Swindon

Practical ophthalmic surgery

– treatment of
the conditions
of the eyelid
and cornea

Day One
10.00am - 5.30pm

Day Two
9.00am - 4.30pm



Course speaker

Lorraine Fleming

BVetMed CertVOphthal MRCVS

Lorraine gained the RCVS Certificate in Veterinary Ophthalmology in 1994. She spent 11 years at the Animal Health Trust and was involved in clinical work, research and teaching. In 2005 she started an Ophthalmology referral service at the Grove Veterinary Group in Fakenham, Norfolk. Lorraine is currently raising a young family and studying for her European Diploma.

Venue and dates

22nd and 23rd October 2013 Swindon

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Two-day practical course for Veterinary Surgeons

Course content

This two-day practical course will give delegates the opportunity to discuss and perform ophthalmic surgery. The anatomy and physiology of the cornea, eyelids and third eyelid will be reviewed and consideration given to the conditions affecting these areas, including those associated with breed related conformation.

The surgical techniques to correct entropion and ectropion, resect eyelid neoplasms, perform keratectomies and place conjunctival grafts will be discussed in detail.

Delegates will then spend ample time practising these procedures in a supervised practical session.

Who should attend

Veterinary surgeons who would like to improve their skills in eyelid and cornea surgery.

Key learning objectives

By the end of this course delegates should have an understanding of:

- The spectrum of congenital, developmental and conformation related disorders of the eyelids that require surgical correction
- The aetiology, diagnosis and management of third eyelid conditions
- Corneal anatomy, physiology and wound healing
- The types of corneal repair and reconstruction, including direct suturing, conjunctival grafts and corneo-conjunctival transposition
- The surgical procedures for use on the cornea, such as grid keratotomy, superficial keratectomy and removal of foreign bodies.





Common applications of ultrasound

– practical abdominal and cardiac scanning

Day One
10.00am – 5.30pm

Day Two
9.00am – 4.30pm

Two-day practical course for Veterinary Surgeons

Course content

This course is designed for those veterinary surgeons with limited experience of diagnostic ultrasound who wish to utilise the benefits of ultrasound in practice. By the end of the course delegates should be able to perform a basic abdominal ultrasound and appreciate the normal appearance of the major abdominal organs. In addition the delegates should be able to perform a basic echocardiographic examination.

Common pathological conditions affecting the small animal abdomen and heart will be discussed with many case examples demonstrated.

Who should attend

Vets with limited experience of abdominal ultrasound and echocardiography.

Key learning objectives

By the end of this course delegates should have a thorough understanding of:

- Physics of ultrasound
- Common ultrasound artefacts
- Ultrasound machine controls and probe selection
- Ultrasonography of the liver and spleen
- Ultrasonography of the gastrointestinal tract
- Ultrasonography of the urogenital tract
- The standard echocardiographic views
- The useful echocardiographic measurements needed to make a diagnosis

Course speaker

Tim Trevail

BVetMed CertVDI DipECVDI MRCVS

Tim graduated from the Royal Veterinary College, London in 2004 and after a spell in small animal practice in Oxfordshire, undertook a small animal internship at the Animal Health Trust, followed by a diagnostic imaging residency at the University of Glasgow. He subsequently worked as a clinical radiologist at the University of Liverpool. Tim is currently the radiologist at Pride Veterinary Centre in Derby. He is a regular speaker on ultrasound CPD courses and is a European Veterinary Specialist in Diagnostic Imaging.

Venues and dates

5th and 6th November 2013 Swindon

20th and 21st June 2013 Cranage

This course is kindly supported by 

Webinars for Veterinary Surgeons

Webinar times
8pm – 9pm

Webinars will last for 50 minutes
with ten minutes for questions
at the end.



Speakers and dates

An approach to the coughing dog and cat

1st May 2013

Susana Silva
CertSAM DipECVIM-ca MRCVS

Common house and garden poisonings

26th June 2013

Kate Murphy
BVSc DSAM DipECVIM-CA MRCVS

Vomiting and diarrhoea – medical or surgical?

4th September 2013

Kelly Bowlt
BVM&S MRCVS

Rabbit update

30th October 2013

Richard Saunders
BVSc BSc CertZooMed
DZooMed(Mammalian) MRCVS

An approach to the coughing dog and cat

Webinar content

True coughing is secondary to stimulation of the cough receptors. Understanding their location and what can trigger them is an essential step for clinicians to consider coughing a rewarding problem to be faced with. This, however, doesn't mean that the clinician will easily be able to treat/control it in all patients... In this webinar, we will give emphasis to the work-up of the coughing patient in a logical and systematic manner to help clinicians to achieve a diagnosis and create an appropriate treatment plan.

Common house and garden poisonings

Webinar content

This webinar will briefly review the generic approach to all intoxicated dogs and cats and will highlight newer therapeutic options. An overview will then be given of common household and garden poisons including chocolate toxicity, ingestion grapes/raisins, drug intoxicants (paracetamol, ibuprofen, cannabis), permethrin toxicity, slug bait toxicity, oil, tar or paint and ethylene glycol ingestion. Typical clinical signs, diagnostic tests (where appropriate) and specific treatment will be discussed.

Vomiting and diarrhoea – medical or surgical?

Webinar content

This webinar will discuss the diagnostic investigation of the vomiting patient, including imaging and endoscopy. We will look at how to achieve good surgical gastrointestinal biopsies and the pros and cons of surgical vs endoscopic biopsies. We will explore surgical options for patients with obstructive disease and look briefly at medical control of vomiting or diarrhoea.

Rabbit update

Webinar content

The webinar will cover updates on recent rabbit medicine and surgery issues, including E. cuniculi, GI tract disease, respiratory tract disease and infectious diseases.

We will cover recent advances in anaesthesia and surgery, decision making in gastrointestinal surgery, and medical and surgical management of ear disease.

Dental disease treatment options will be covered, including decision making, diagnosis and treatment, including extraction of incisor and cheek teeth and abscess treatment.

Therapeutic options for a range of conditions will be covered, including antibiotic selection, analgesia, and gastrointestinal prokinetic choices





Anaesthesia – dealing with the difficult patient and emergencies

Starts
10.00am
Finishes
5.30pm

One-day course for Veterinary Nurses

Course content

Nurses play a vital role during the provision of anaesthesia for all of our patients. This course will aim to outline common problems and anaesthetic emergencies; how to cope with them, but more importantly how to avoid them. Emphasis will be given to practical tips and techniques suitable for the real world.

The management of specific presentations will be discussed; diaphragmatic hernia, GDV, and trauma patients.

Who should attend

All nurses involved in monitoring anaesthesia

Key learning objectives

By the end of this course delegates should have a thorough understanding of:

- How to recognise and react to anaesthetic emergencies.
- Up-to-date ideas on CPR and how to use them in practice.
- The need for multi-modal analgesia plans.
- How to cope with anaesthetics in emergency patients.

Venues and dates

29th May 2013 Swindon
17th July 2013 Cranage
23rd September 2013 Hartlepool

Course speakers

Paul Aldridge

BVSc CertSAS MRCVS

Paul is currently senior surgeon at a hospital based practice in the north west of England that also hosts the UK's largest emergency centre. Paul divides his time between emergency cases and surgical referral patients. His clinical interests include multiple trauma patients and the management of acute abdominal cases. He is widely involved in providing CPD for both nurses and vets, and is co-author of the forthcoming book "Practical Emergency and Critical Care Nursing"

“ Excellent content. Very helpful ”

“ Very good speaker – explained the subject to a high standard ”

“ Very good course – extremely useful ”

“ A great refresher and an enjoyable update. Some new and interesting tips from a very knowledgeable speaker ”

“ Very well explained and relevant ”

Top tips for easy and effective premedication and analgesia

Starts
10.00am
Finishes
5.30pm



Course speaker

Richard Hammond

BVetMed BSc PhD DipECVA DVA MRCVS

Richard is a specialist in the area of veterinary anaesthesia and an academic clinician teaching throughout the course at Nottingham. He was awarded a first class honours degree in applied biology in 1987, a degree in veterinary medicine in 1991 and a PhD in 1999 in the area of Biochemical Pharmacology. He holds both RCVS and European Diplomas in Veterinary Anaesthesia. As well as having experience of clinical general veterinary practice, Richard has spent time working in the commercial operation of a major pharmaceutical company and as an academic educator at a number of other veterinary schools in the UK. Richard was awarded a Prize for outstanding contribution to teaching from the Royal Veterinary College in 2005 and fellowship of the Higher Education Academy for his work in curriculum design and integration.

Venues and dates

17th June 2013..... Swindon
18th July 2013 Cranage

One-day course for Veterinary Nurses

Course content

This course is delivered in a practical case based format. It is intended to provide the latest advice and evidence relating to the use of different sedatives and analgesics (and their combinations) in companion animals. It uses examples and discusses issues that may influence choice of these drugs in more challenging cases such as the very young animal, older animals and those with disease. Recommendations for doses and protocols are given. Issues relating to recognising and management of pain in these species is discussed.

Who should attend

Nurses at all levels and experience who are routinely managing premedication, sedation and providing the analgesia to companion animals as part of their work.

Key learning objectives

By the end of this course delegates should have a thorough understanding of:

- The mechanisms by which the routinely used sedatives and analgesics produce their clinical effects
- What factors affect our choice of drugs in different patients
- Suitable protocols for both sedation and analgesia in more challenging cases
- The reasons why premedication and effective analgesia is important as part of anaesthesia



Helping clients and staff deal with pet bereavement

Starts
10.00am
Finishes
5.30pm

One-day course for all the practice team

Course content

Veterinary staff play an extremely important role in supporting owners through the difficult process of losing a pet and good communication with a well thought out, sensitive approach are vital. Delegates will explore the concepts of loss and grief and practical ways to help clients, and themselves, deal with the emotions involved; and will be encouraged to develop a strategy for dealing with these stressful situations. This will hopefully increase their job satisfaction and well-being as a result.

Who should attend

Any member of a practice team (veterinary or non-veterinary) in contact with clients will benefit from the useful advice on how to guide owners through this traumatic process in a caring, supportive way; whether the attendee is new to the profession, their role within it or if they have lots of experience and would like a fresh outlook.

Key learning objectives

By the end of this course delegates should have a thorough understanding of:

- Bereavement and the grieving process that follows
- Active listening techniques which are vital for supporting emotional clients
- How to develop a bereavement strategy for the practice which will promote the "caring environment"
- Practical and effective ways of helping clients through pet loss
- Further training and career development opportunities

Course speaker

Belinda Johnston

MA VetMB MRCVS

After graduating from Cambridge University (1985), Belinda practised in London and developed an interest in bereavement support. She has been a Cruse volunteer (human bereavement), involved in the Pet Bereavement Support Service and a Samaritan and has a Certificate in Person Centred counselling skills (UEA). She is passionate about the importance of emotional support for staff and clients

Venues and dates

7th June 2013..... Swindon

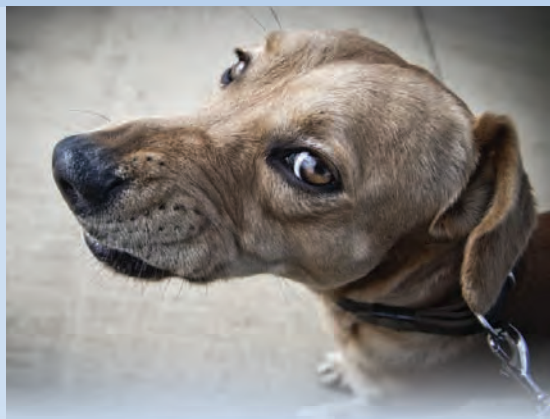
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- “ Great course, Useful information and has given me lots of ideas to go back to work with!”
- “ Lovely course speaker! ”
- “ Belinda’s manner was excellent – very understandable, very friendly. I can take a lot of this back to my workplace ”
- “ Excellent course! Thank you ”
- “ Have gained some useful insight and ideas which can be implemented at our hospital ”
- “ Very good course. Well worth attending ”

Where to start with canine behavioural models

Starts
10.00am

Finishes
5.30pm



Course speaker

Sarah Heath

BVSc DipECAWBM CCAB MRCVS

Sarah is a European Veterinary Specialist in Behavioural Medicine (Companion Animals) and Honorary Lecturer in small animal behavioural medicine at Liverpool University. She has a special interest in the interplay between behaviour and physical illness and particularly in the role of pain. Her interests in the field of canine medicine include the role of behavioural factors in canine obesity and cognitive dysfunction.

“ Very in-depth course, have learnt a lot ”

One-day course for Veterinary Nurses

Course content

Nurses in practice are faced with issues relating to canine behaviour on a daily basis. This one day course will aim to give nurses a better understanding of the underlying motivations for canine behaviour and thereby enable them to approach every behavioural situation from first principles. The course will address common scenarios and help nurses to offer practical advice to owners and colleagues alike with a view to improving canine welfare as well as the safety of their working environment.

Who should attend

Student and qualified VNs.

Key learning objectives

By the end of this course delegates should have a thorough understanding of:

- Canine emotional states
- How to read canine body language signals
- The first principles of investigating a behavioural scenario
- Common canine behavioural problems

Venues and dates

17th May 2013..... Swindon

26th July 2013 Cranage



Where to start with feline behavioural models

Starts
10.00am

Finishes
5.30pm

One-day course for Veterinary Nurses

Course content

Feline behaviour is an increasingly important topic in the veterinary practice not only in terms of owners reporting problematic behaviour in their pets at home but also in terms of understanding the behavioural factors involved in feline medicine cases. This course will discuss natural feline social behaviour and communication as it impacts on feline behaviour within the domestic environment. As well as discussing some common feline behavioural scenarios the course will also offer practical advice on identifying stress in feline patients and understanding factors that affect it.

Who should attend

Student and qualified VNs.

Key learning objectives

By the end of this course delegates should have a thorough understanding of:

- Natural feline behaviour
- Signs of feline stress
- How to create a cat friendly home and veterinary environment
- Common feline behavioural problems

Venues and dates

15th October 2013 Swindon

9th September 2013..... Cranage

Course speaker

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Patient support - fluid therapy and nutrition

Starts
10.00am
Finishes
5.30pm



Course speaker

Louise O'Dwyer

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

Louise O'Dwyer has worked at PetMedics, the UK's largest emergency clinic for the past 12 years and is currently Clinical Director. Louise holds both the Medical and Surgical Advanced Diploma in Veterinary Nursing as well as being a board certified veterinary technician specialist in Emergency and Critical Care. In 2012 Louise gained her MBA and is currently a part time PhD student at Manchester Metropolitan University looking at resistant bacteria in veterinary practice and their relevance in biofilms.

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Louise lectures regularly in the UK and internationally on a range of topics.

Venues and dates

10th May 2013..... Swindon
18th October 2013 Cranage
14th June 2013 Hartlepool

One-day course for Veterinary Nurses

Course content

The veterinary nurse plays a critical role in fluid therapy and nutrition to enable the goals of treatment to be reached. This course will go through a logical step-by-step approach to these important areas 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 to selection of the best method of administering nutrition to patients and the best diet. You should leave the course with a much clearer perspective on these often confusing topics, with practical ideas and plans to implement when nursing patients requiring fluid therapy and nutritional support.

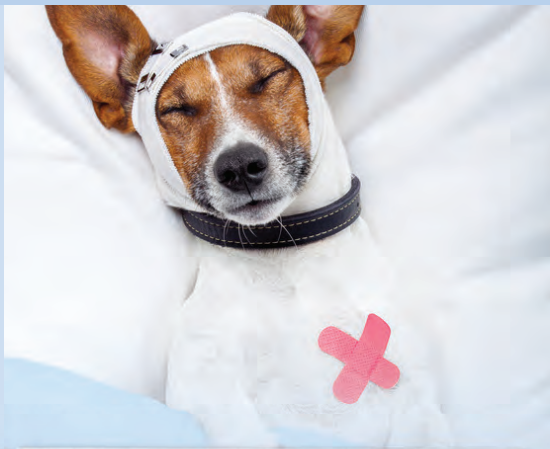
Who should attend

Student and qualified VNs.

Key learning objectives

By the end of this course delegates should have a thorough understanding of:

- Indications for fluid therapy
- Dehydration vs Hypovolaemia
- Crystalloids, Colloids or Blood products?
- Gaining IV access
- Fluid and Nutritional requirement calculations
- Indications for nutritional support
- Assisted feeding techniques



Nursing the inpatient

Starts
10.00am
Finishes
5.30pm

One-day course for Veterinary Nurses

Course content

Good inpatient nursing skills are one of the important duties for any veterinary nurse. Close attention to dealing with, and monitoring of patients wellbeing are paramount in providing good nursing care. This course will look at the assessment and monitoring of hospitalised patients, as well as record keeping, pain scoring, nutrition, infection control and practical procedures such as blood pressure measurement, and indwelling device care.

Who should attend

Student and qualified VNs.

Key learning objectives

By the end of this course delegates should have a thorough understanding of:

- Assessment of the inpatient
- Normal parameters
- Record Keeping
- Nutrition of the hospitalised patient
- Pain Scoring and Analgesia
- Practical Procedures, e.g. Blood pressure measurement.

Venues and dates

24th June 2013 Swindon

6th June 2013 Cranage

Course speaker

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Rehabilitation techniques – getting your patient mobile

Starts
10.00am
Finishes
5.30pm

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 five veterinary practices in the south and is also the animal physiotherapist for Harrods department store.

Venues and dates

10th June 2013 Swindon

4th November 2013 Cranage



One-day course for Veterinary Nurses

Course content

This day will cover some anatomical defects and indications for the use of physiotherapy post-operatively. This will help us understand why rehabilitation is needed and how it will aid a more successful recovery.

Rehabilitation techniques and how to implement them will be taught. This includes understanding how to set a rehabilitation plan, assess improvement and update the plan accordingly.

The course will also cover rehabilitating the patients who don't opt for surgery and setting exercise regimes that the owner can also do with the patient.

We will look at physiotherapy techniques that can be used by all, including manual therapies and other easily accessible therapies.

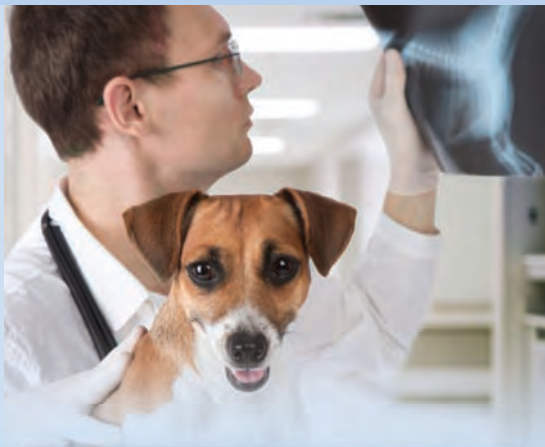
Who should attend

Student and qualified VNs.

Key learning objectives

By the end of this course delegates should have a thorough understanding of:

- How to assess the needs of a patient for rehabilitation.
- Setting a rehabilitation plan for use in clinic and at home, and updating it as the patient improves
- Different physiotherapy modalities, focusing on ones you have easy access to, such as manual therapies
- Massage techniques and range of movement



*Perfect
radiographs
every time!*

Starts
10.00am
Finishes
5.30pm

One-day course for Veterinary Nurses

Course content

The course will start with an introduction and background information on how to safely produce the perfect radiograph, briefly looking at radiation safety, exposure factor manipulation, computed radiography and radiographic faults and how to avoid them. Thoracic, abdominal, limb, skull and spine radiography will then be discussed. These radiography sessions will include positioning of the animal, exposure factor manipulation and radiographic appraisal. Some "hands on" skills will be practised on a phantom dog. Difficult projections such as cranio-caudal elbow, stifle and shoulder will be concentrated on in more detail and some interesting cases will be discussed.

Who should attend

Veterinary nurses with an interest in radiography and those looking to improve their radiography technique.

Key learning objectives

By the end of this course delegates should have a thorough understanding of:

- The importance of safely producing a diagnostic radiograph.
- How to appraise the radiograph including what film faults look like and how to avoid them.
- Top tips on how to position the animal for each projection.
- How to manipulate the exposure factors to produce correct contrast, density and sharpness.

Course speakers

Gilly White

BSc(Hons) PgDip MSc

Gilly graduated in 1996 with a degree in Radiography before continuing her education to complete a post-graduate diploma and MSc in Medical Ultrasound. Gilly worked at Queens Veterinary School Hospital at the University of Cambridge as a Veterinary Radiographer until 2005 before becoming a locum ultrasonographer. Presently she is working part time at the Small Animal Hospital at the University of Liverpool as an ultrasonographer and radiographer.

Venues and dates

15th November 2013 Swindon

15th July 2013..... Cranage

Infection control in small animal practice

Starts
10.00am
Finishes
5.30pm



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One-day course for Veterinary Nurses

Course content

Infection control within veterinary practice is becoming increasingly important, and something which is often taken on by the nursing staff. This course will look at infection control in terms of the practice environment including preparation of the theatre and surgical prep areas, isolation facilities etc., and also infection control from the viewpoint of the patient, looking at antibiotic use, the role of topical antimicrobials in wound management as well as in day-to-day procedures such as IV catheter placement. The course will look at the use of disinfectants in practice and the importance of having adequate infection control procedures in place.

Who should attend

Student VNs, Qualified VNs and VNs working towards their Diploma.

Key learning objectives

By the end of this course delegates should have a thorough understanding of:

- Review of asepsis in the surgical environment, including patient and staff preparation.
- Identification of patients at risk of hospital acquired infections
- Role of topical antimicrobials in wound management
- Creation of protocols for infection control in practice
- Antibiotic use and selection

Venues and dates

11th October 2013 Swindon

25th October 2013 Cranage



Bandages, sutures and drains

Starts
10.00am
Finishes
5.30pm

One-day practical course for Veterinary Nurses

Course content

This course will combine the science behind wound management with the practical skills needed to avoid healing delay and achieve better outcomes in the clinical setting.

Delegates will be given the knowledge they need to understand how wounds heal and how each wound type is managed based on aetiology.

The factors that delay healing and the influence that nurses can have on what is a complex process will be highlighted and will be illustrated by practical techniques.

Who should attend

Veterinary nurses wishing to be confident in the area of wound management.

Key learning objectives

By the end of this course delegates should have a thorough understanding of:

- The healing process including negative and positive influences
- How to evaluate each wound and optimise management using advanced wound dressings.
- Bandaging techniques while learning from common errors
- Basic suturing techniques
- How to identify the factors that delay healing and the steps that can be taken to correct issues.

*Techniques will be practised on cadavers

Course speaker

Alison Young
RVN, DipAVN(Surg)

Alison is head theatre nurse at the RVC Queen Mother Hospital having studied for the Diploma in Advanced Veterinary Nursing (Surgical) in 2005. She achieved the highest marks in her year and now lectures at both the RVC and in wider fields.

Venues and dates

2nd May 2013..... Swindon
18th September 2013..... Cranage

Schedule 3 surgery

Starts
10.00am

Finishes
5.30pm



Course speaker

Louise O'Dwyer

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Venues and dates

8th May 2013 Swindon

1st October 2013..... Swindon

16th April 2013 Cranage

13th November 2013..... Cranage

One-day practical course for Veterinary Nurses

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 practice suture techniques and perform procedures such as ear tip amputation, biopsy and wound closure on cadavers.

Who should attend

Qualified VNs.

Key learning objectives

By the end of this course, delegates should have a thorough understanding of how 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

*Techniques will be practised on cadavers



Accidents and emergency techniques for nursing staff

Starts
10.00am
Finishes
5.30pm

One-day practical course for Veterinary Nurses

Course content

The nursing of critical patients is highly rewarding. This course will demonstrate the role a veterinary nurse can play in caring for critically ill patients. Topics to be covered include: preparing for emergency cases, fluid therapy, transfusion medicine, nutrition of the critical patient, CPR and practical techniques including care of chest drains, feeding tubes and tracheostomy tubes. This course aims to cover the indications, the placement and then the management of these types of veterinary products that are often essential to a successful outcome in intensively nursed cases. Theory sessions mixed with 'hands-on' practical sessions will allow you to become familiar with these support systems and ensure your patients benefit when they are used.

Who should attend

Student VNs, Qualified VNs, VNs working towards Diploma.

What the course will help attendees to do

This course will give you the background knowledge to enable you to successfully deal with the initial treatment of emergency patients, as well as the skills required for their on-going care.

Key learning objectives

By the end of this course delegates should have a thorough understanding of:

- Triage and major body system assessment
- Monitoring techniques
- Vascular access techniques
- Feeding tubes and their management
- Chest drains- when they are placed and how they are used
- Nursing the Tracheostomy patient
- Practical session – placement of tubes

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Venues and dates

24th May 2013..... Swindon

19th September 2013 Cranage

Practical laboratory techniques

Starts
10.00am

Finishes
5.30pm

Course speaker

Rosie Godfrey

BVetMed CertED MA MRCVS

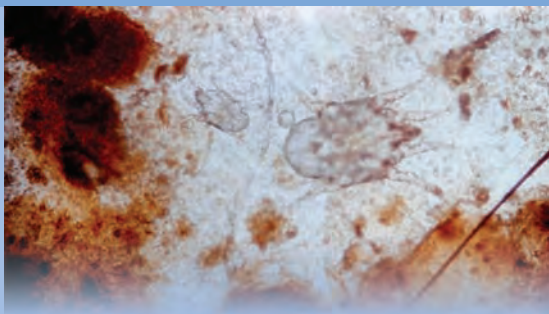
Rosie Godfrey spent ten years as a clinician, she has also been a practice manager and now teaches on animal management and veterinary nursing courses. She was a partner in a feline only practice for 9 years where there was a small practice laboratory in constant use.

Venues and dates

16th October 2013 Swindon

11th April 2013 Cranage

- “ Very beneficial to my work within the hospital”
“ Really helped me with confidence in doing a range of lab tests and my understanding of why they are conducted ”
“ Great! Would recommend ”
“ Very useful! ”
“ Very interesting and informative, and the right level of knowledge ”
“ Will definitely have a positive impact on my work! ”
“ Very informative and helpful ”



One-day practical course for Veterinary Nurses

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.

Key learning objectives

By the end of this course delegates should have a thorough understanding of:

- 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
- Practice identification of blood cells from blood smears down the microscope.
- Practice identification of common skin parasites and urine sediment contents
- Be able to measure packed cell volumes (PCVs) and use a refractometer.



Webinar series for nurses

Webinar times
8pm – 9pm

Webinars will last for 50 minutes
with ten minutes for questions
at the end.

How to perform triage

Webinar content

Triage will be defined and the main concepts identified. Techniques to enable effective telephone and hospital triage will be discussed, enhancing qualified nurses ability to rapidly assess and prioritise injuries, as well as prepare for casualty arrival and/or management.

The perfect xray

Webinar content

This webinar will consider the factors involved in creating the perfect radiograph, and the importance of good radiographic technique with respect to interpretation and radiation safety. We will discover how to appraise a radiograph in order to decide if it is of sufficient diagnostic quality, and learn how to correct faults where present. We aim to replace 'ok' in the exposure book with 'good' every time!

Top tips to help your patients post-operative recovery

Webinar content

Recovery of patients from anaesthesia is a critical, and often overlooked time. This webinar will look at supporting the patient through this important period including monitoring techniques, techniques for administering oxygen for respiratory support, pain scoring and analgesia, cardiovascular support and detection of problems.

Key aspects of preventative healthcare for nurses

Webinar content

Veterinary nurses are qualified professionals who possess the knowledge and skills to educate clients regarding preventative healthcare issues. The concept and importance of preventative healthcare will be explored and key topic areas identified for discussion.

Speakers and dates

How to perform triage

26th April 2013

Helen Clarke
BVSc MRCVS

The perfect xray

11th June 2013

Nicolette Hayward
BVM&S DVR DipECVDI MRCVS

Top tips to help your patients post-operative recovery

12th June 2013

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Key aspects of preventative healthcare for nurses

10th September 2013

Lynne Bowers
MA RVN Cert Ed D32/33

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