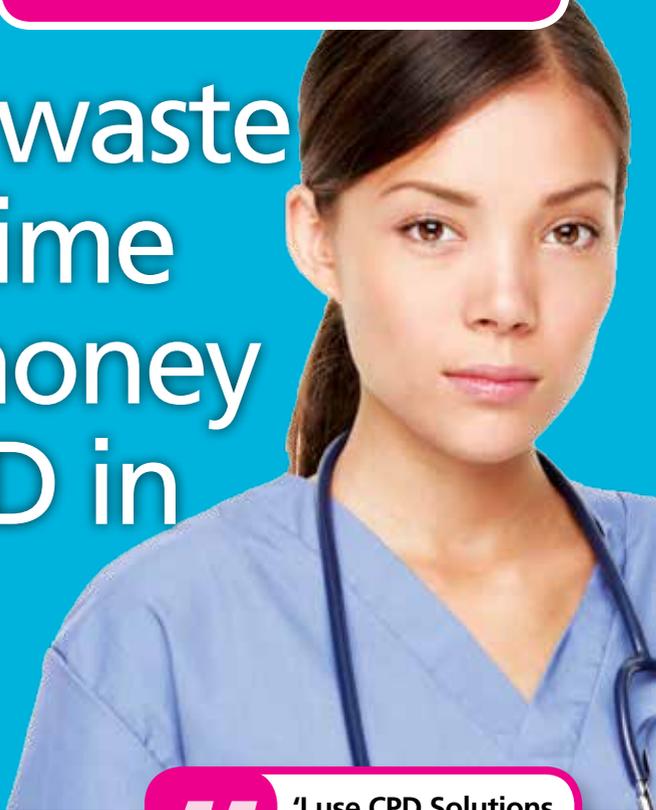


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# Medicine

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Very detailed  
and practical,  
helped a lot.  
Can't wait to put it  
into practice.

## GI Case Challenges

Gastroenterology patients probably form a large part of your caseload in small animal practice. They can present as acute life threatening cases demanding immediate and effective diagnosis and treatment, through to chronic cases where you can make a more leisurely diagnosis. During this course we will use clinical case studies to develop a logical approach to the diagnosis of your acute and chronic GI cases.

### What you'll learn:

- How to interpret blood results for gut, liver and pancreatic assessment
- How to interpret radiographs, contrast studies and ultrasound
- Gross endoscopic findings and histopathology; what do they show?
- Current treatment protocols; options and effectiveness
- Treatment regimes for liver disease, pancreatitis, EPI, IBD, ARD



Great!  
Re-opened  
my mind to  
problem solving.

**18th March 2014**, Studley, Warwickshire  
**Ian Battersby** BVSc DECVIM-CA DSAM MRCVS  
**Rebecca Littler** DSAM VetMB MA PhD MRCVS  
£379.00 + VAT (£454.80)

Course Ref: 0564



## How to Manage the Problem Diabetic

Diabetes mellitus is a common endocrinopathy in cats and dogs. Diagnosis is usually straightforward, but you may sometimes find management of these patients challenging. This course will optimise your approach to your feline and canine diabetic patients, and make sure that you are up to date with recent advances in the management and monitoring of this chronic condition. We'll tackle your problem patients who never seem to stabilise, and those that destabilise following a period of good diabetic control.

### What you'll learn:

- Diagnosis and management of diabetes mellitus
- How to deal with ketoacidosis
- The "Somogyi" phenomenon and how to deal with it
- Insulin resistance associated with concurrent endocrinopathies
- What to do with other tricky endocrine cases
- Top tips on how to resolve those difficult cases

7th March 2014, Studley, Warwickshire  
Grant Petrie MA VetMB CertSAC CertSAM MRCVS  
£379.00 + VAT (£454.80)

Course Ref: 0557



Very useful and appropriate material I can use tomorrow in clinic. Very enjoyable and good discussion of cases.



## How to Manage Liver and Pancreatic Diseases in Practice

Do you ever wonder how significant raised liver enzymes are in a routine pre-operative blood sample? Do you know whether steroids are indicated in the treatment of liver disease in your small animal patients? Is there really any way that you can reliably diagnose pancreatitis in cats? During this course we will address these questions and discuss the major diseases that affect the liver and pancreas in dogs and cats. Using a wide selection of the types of cases that you are likely to encounter in practice, we will develop a structured approach to diagnosis and current treatment recommendations.

### What you'll learn:

- Liver disease in dogs and cats: causes and diagnosis
- When and how to perform a liver biopsy safely and effectively
- Treatment of liver disease in dogs and cats including drugs and diet
- How to investigate, diagnose and treat acute and chronic pancreatitis
- Exocrine pancreatic insufficiency: diagnosis and treatment secrets

14th April 2014, Studley, Warwickshire  
Jimmy Simpson BVM&S SDA MPhil MRCVS  
£379.00 + VAT (£454.80)

Course Ref: 0580



Course has been great - good to discuss relevant techniques and diagnostics which will be suitable for everyday practice. Good to go on previous clinical cases in case based approach.



## Local Anaesthetic Techniques

Local anaesthesia is an under-used area of small animal practice and can be incorporated into many anaesthetic protocols that you will regularly carry out in your practice. The advantages for your patients are huge. This highly practical course will help you to use local anaesthetic techniques effectively in your patients. You'll leave this course with the confidence to perform each technique studied. First you'll learn the theory, and then you'll practise the techniques in hands-on sessions with the direct support of the course tutor.

### What you'll learn:

- The very latest guidelines for pain management
- Local anaesthetic techniques for orthopaedic, soft tissue and dental procedures that you perform in your practice
- How to use nerve locators for specific techniques
- How to use epidural and spinal anaesthesia in your patients
- The opportunity to practise all techniques described

This course is relevant to vets and experienced nurses in first opinion practice as well as those studying for further qualifications in anaesthesia.

12th May 2014, Studley, Warwickshire

Matt Gurney BVSc CertVA DipECVAA MRCVS

Vet : £447.00 + VAT (£536.40) Nurse : £347.00 + VAT (£416.40)

1 Vet + 1 Nurse : £699.00 + VAT (£838.80)

Course Ref: 0591

very practical



Really good, exceeded my expectations.

There is a special rate for vets and nurses attending from the same practice.



## Everything You Need to Know about Anaesthetic Challenges in Practice

Do you ever get stressed with an anaesthetised patient? On this course we'll update your practical tips and advice for how to manage when everything threatens to go wrong. Develop a structured and low stress approach to difficult cases and learn how to deal with intra-operative challenges effectively and calmly. You'll leave with more confidence and enhanced decision-making skills to use with your patients.

### What you'll learn:

- How to plan pre-operatively
- How to treat your very painful patients before, during and after surgery
- Trauma - where to start and what to do
- How to deal with mortality and anaesthesia; when and why?
- Feline anaesthesia - what do you need to know?
- Common intra-operative problems and how to deal with them
- An update on cardiopulmonary cerebral resuscitation
- Which fluid to use and when



Very good speaker with highly practical emphasis. Practical tips I can use straight away.

27th February 2014, Studley, Warwickshire

Matt Gurney BVSc CertVA DipECVAA MRCVS

£379.00 + VAT (£454.80)

Course Ref: 0552



## Medical Problem Solving

Medicine is a logical discipline; this session will help you to develop a sound problem orientated approach to your small animal patients. The day will be based around medical case examples that you are likely to see in practice, initially demonstrated and discussed by the tutors. You will then work through progressively more challenging cases in small groups with help from the tutors. This is a practical and fun way to progress your medical skills and will leave you enthused to face your next medical challenge!

### What you'll learn:

- How to develop a problem-orientated approach to your small animal medicine patients
- Practise your new approach with lots of real case examples
- How to use your new problem orientated approach in your practice
- Use your logical patient approach to get better outcomes

17th April 2014, Studley, Warwickshire  
Ian Battersby BVSc DECVIM-CA DSAM MRCVS  
Rebecca Littler DSAM VetMB MA PhD MRCVS  
£379.00 + VAT (£454.80)

Course Ref: 0581



I really found this day useful and informative and it helped me organise my problem solving approach to difficult cases. The lecturers were friendly and approachable. Highly recommended.



## How to Investigate Anaemia and Bleeding Disorders

How would you differentiate a regenerative from a non-regenerative anaemia? What is the best treatment for immune-mediated haemolytic anaemia? When is a blood transfusion necessary and how should you give it? During this course we will answer these questions with emphasis on a practical approach that you can use in all of your patients.

### What you'll learn:

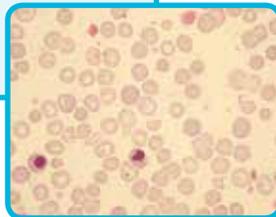
- How to approach your anaemic patients
- Distinguishing regenerative from non-regenerative anaemia; causes and how to treat
- Top tips for successful bone marrow sampling
- Investigation of bleeding patients - common causes, diagnosis and treatment
- How and when to use blood and blood products



Well organised, very informative, great for first opinion practice vets.

20th March 2014, Studley, Warwickshire  
Nick Bexfield BVetMed DSAM DipECVIM-CA MRCVS  
£379.00 + VAT (£454.80)

Course Ref: 0566



## Everything You Need to Know about the Collapsed Patient

The emphasis here is very definitely on “collapsed” rather than “collapsing”! We'll focus on patients that are down and staying that way (or getting worse) until you do something. Collapsed dogs and cats invariably have an adverse event involving one or more of their “major” body systems – respiratory, cardiovascular or neurologic. The fun comes when you have to stop that event from becoming a crisis, and make a diagnosis at the same time! Find out how when you come on this course....

### What you'll learn:

- The importance of major body system assessment and physical examination
- Emergency vascular access and fluid and electrolyte therapy in the collapsed dog and cat
- How to get the most out of your emergency laboratory database
- Life-saving procedures and how to perform them
- Metabolic? Neurologic? Toxic? – how to decide
- The “top ten” collapsers – what they are and how to treat them

17th March 2014, Studley, Warwickshire

**Dan Holden** BVetMed DVA DipECVA CertSAM MRCVS  
£379.00 + VAT (£454.80)

Course Ref: 0563



Really enjoyed the course - helped my confidence hugely. Great, enthusiastic, friendly lecturer.



## Everything You Need to Know about Intensive Care in Small Animal Practice

On this course we'll discuss the supportive care required by dogs and cats with critical illness. These challenging cases can be incredibly rewarding and we'll focus on the most common problems you're likely to encounter in practice to maximise your benefit from attending. We'll discuss example cases to develop your understanding and also any challenging cases you have had or areas that you are concerned about.

### What you'll learn:

- How to assess and monitor your critical patients
- How to deal with your patients when they are in severe respiratory distress
- Management of the critical renal patient
- How to cope with cats and dogs after major surgery
- Management of the trauma patient
- How to make the most of the facilities you have in your practice with critical patients

1st April 2014, Studley, Warwickshire

**Karen Humm** MA VetMB CertVA DipACVECC FHEA MRCVS  
£379.00 + VAT (£454.80)

Course Ref: 0572



Excellent course. Clear tutor and great detailed notes. Easy to approach tutor to discuss cases.



## Canine A & E

During this course we'll focus on the effective management of common canine emergencies. Emergency situations can be very demanding and highly stressful for all concerned. When you come on this course, you'll gain the confidence that you need to deal calmly with these challenging cases in your practice. There'll be plenty of time to ask questions about emergency scenarios you've encountered or are worried that you might encounter!

### What you'll learn:

- How to stabilise the emergency canine patient
- How to deal with the trauma patient
- Approach to the seizing dog
- The coagulopathic patient
- The dog with pleural fluid
- Approach to the dog with an acute abdomen
- Practical techniques that you can use in first opinion practice

**31st March 2014**, Studley, Warwickshire  
**Karen Humm** MA VetMB CertVA DipACVECC MRCVS  
**£379.00 + VAT (£454.80)**

Course Ref: 0571



Thoroughly enjoyed course, very approachable tutor - feel happier about Emergency work now.



## Everything You Need to Know about Emergency Medicine

Emergency cases can arrive when you least expect them or least want them, even if you work in an out of hours clinic. This course is designed to help you to cope with the most common canine emergencies that are likely to walk or be carried through your door. Real case examples will be used to cover key areas including endocrine, gastrointestinal, haematological, neurological and respiratory emergencies. We'll work through interpretation of diagnostic information including imaging studies and laboratory results to produce problem lists and rational plans for your medicine patients presenting as emergencies. Register now and decrease your emergency stress levels!

### What you'll learn:

- Endocrine emergencies - how do they present and what should you do next?
- An effective approach to the anaemic emergency patient
- Dyspnoea - how to help your patient ASAP
- Acute GI disease - how serious can it be?

**17th June 2014**, Studley, Warwickshire  
**Jane Eastwood** MA VetMB DVR DSAM FHEA MRCVS  
**£379.00 + VAT (£454.80)**

Course Ref: 0613



Really interesting and clinically relevant course. Good to use practical cases. Jane very approachable and interesting to listen to.



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## Practical Emergency Medicine

very practical

This course will give you the knowledge and practical skills that you need to confidently manage more common medical emergencies in your practice. We will develop your decision-making skills as we work through clinical case examples. The 'hands-on' practical component in this session will enable you to practise essential techniques in a relaxed learning environment.

### What you'll learn:

- How to treat your diabetic ketoacidotic patient
- How to identify and treat dogs with hypoadrenocorticism
- Managing patients with urinary tract obstruction for best results
- Optimal management of patients with acute renal failure
- Seizures - how to stop them
- Enteral nutrition - why, when and how?
- How to perform pericardiocentesis safely and effectively
- How to use oesophagostomy tubes and how to place jugular catheters



I enjoyed the course content especially the opportunity to practise skills I have never used before. It has given me the confidence to use these skills.

1st May 2014, Studley, Warwickshire  
Nick Bexfield BVetMed DSAM DipECVIM-CA MRCVS  
£497.00 + VAT (£596.40)

Course Ref: 0587



## Cardiovascular Emergencies

Cardiovascular disease is an essential part of first opinion practice. This course is highly practically orientated and focused to help you to recognise cardiovascular emergencies, differentiate them from diseases affecting other organ systems and be confident in your initial approach to treatment and stabilisation.

### What you'll learn:

- Differential diagnosis of coughing, dyspnoea and collapse in dogs and cats
- Practical considerations of CPR
- Managing hypotension and low venous return
- Acute arrhythmias
- Managing acute congestive heart failure in dogs and cats
- Hypertensive crises
- Cardiomyopathy and decompensated mitral valve disease, hypertrophic cardiomyopathy
- Managing pericardial effusion
- Embolic disease - what you can do
- Feline aortic thromboembolism, pulmonary thromboembolism
- Acute vasculitis - presentation and management



Really enjoyed course and content.  
Excellent speaker.

15th July 2014, Studley, Warwickshire  
Kit Sturgess MA VetMB PhD CertVR DSAM CertVC MRCVS  
£379.00 + VAT (£454.80)

Course Ref: 0629



## Everything You Need to Know about Cardiac Disease in Dogs

In a study of 3000 dogs, 22% had signs indicative or suggestive of heart disease. Clearly you need to know how to diagnose and manage this large population of potential patients! Find out how on this highly practical case-based course. We'll focus on the cases that you're likely to see in your practice and you'll develop a rational, problem orientated approach to dogs with cardiac disease and be able to make informed therapeutic decisions for your patients.

### What you'll learn:

- How to investigate cardiovascular disease - the role of history, physical examination, clinical pathology, radiology and echocardiography
- What you need to know about congenital heart disease
- How to diagnose and manage arrhythmias
- How to approach a dog with an asymptomatic murmur
- How to manage heart failure
- How to spot and manage dogs with pericardial disease
- When interventional cardiology is appropriate

10th March 2014, Studley, Warwickshire  
Kit Sturgess MA VetMB PhD CertVR DSAM CertVC MRCVS  
£379.00 + VAT (£454.80)

Course Ref: 0558



Good tutor, relevant and to the point teaching. Improved my ECG Interpretation.



## Everything You Need to Know about Cancer Management in Small Animal Practice

What are your options for managing cancer in small animals? What is realistic for you to achieve safely in your practice, and when might you consider specialist assistance? We'll cover the principles of oncological therapy using the four main tools at our disposal: surgery, chemotherapy, radiotherapy and the new tyrosine kinase inhibitor medications. We'll look at how to make your diagnosis and how to recognise and manage oncological emergencies. We'll discuss the most common oncological presentations that you'll see in your practice: lymphoma, mast cell tumour and soft tissue sarcoma.

### What you'll learn:

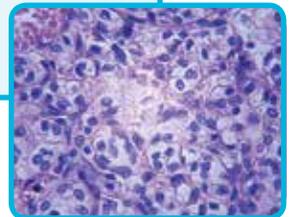
- The common cancers you'll see in practice
- Lymphoma - update and options
- Mast cell tumours
- Soft tissue sarcomas and how to manage them
- How to make your diagnosis
- Up to date treatment options
- Realistic and effective management strategies

28th February 2014, Studley, Warwickshire  
Gerry Polton MA VetMB MSc (Onc) DipECVIM (Onc) MRCVS  
£379.00 + VAT (£454.80)

Course Ref: 0553



This course was exactly what I wanted it to be. I'm more prepared with how to explain common cancers and treatments to owners.



## How to Use Chemotherapy in Practice

What can you do to manage cancer in first opinion practice? Find out on this course. We'll look at how to get the most out of diagnostic techniques and pathology interpretation, and reaching a diagnosis for each of your patients. We'll explore your therapeutic options and formulate effective treatment plans for your patients. There'll be a strong focus on how to use chemotherapy drugs safely in practice and what advice you need to give owners when chemotherapy is being considered. You'll get lots of highly practical tips about what to do when things go well and also what to do when things go wrong.

### What you'll learn:

- How to approach your cancer patients
- Your treatment modality options in small animal cancer patients
- How to get the most out of biopsy and your pathology service
- How to use Chemotherapy safely and effectively in your practice
- Making the right decisions with specific tumour types
- Case discussions

11th June 2014, Studley, Warwickshire

Richard Elders MVB Cert SAM DACVIM DECVIM-CA (Oncology)

MSc (Clin Onc) PhD MRCVS

£379.00 + VAT (£454.80)

Course Ref: 0609

Really good, very accessible, staff all very pleasant and the food was brilliant.



## Hot Topics in Feline Medicine

More and more frequently in general practice you'll encounter challenging feline medicine cases, and certain conditions can be frustrating to diagnose and treat. On this course we'll cover several essential areas of feline medicine and will bring you up to date with developments, discuss dilemmas and controversies and help you to confidently manage your complex and interesting feline patients.

### What you'll learn:

- Feline liver disease - what's going on?
- What do I do with this anorexic cat?
- Does this cat have pancreatitis and if so how do I treat it?
- What's new in feline kidney disease?
- Which treatment should I use for cats with idiopathic cystitis?
- Feline hyperthyroidism - what do I do with difficult cases?
- Feline diabetes: an update
- Emerging feline endocrinopathies - rare or are we missing something?

20th May 2014, Studley, Warwickshire

Ellie Maddell MA VetMB DSAM (Feline Medicine) MRCVS

£379.00 + VAT (£454.80)

Course Ref: 0596

This was probably my favourite and most useful CPD I have done.



## Blood and Guts

During this course we'll focus on GI disease and anaemia in cats. Major GI signs, particularly vomiting and diarrhoea, are a common presentation that you will often see in practice. We'll discuss a practical approach for the investigation and management of these signs, including new ideas on treatment. Whilst it is a common feature of many feline disorders, anaemia sometimes represents the main problem and is often severe at first presentation. On this course you'll develop a practical approach to investigating, diagnosing and treating anaemic cats in your practice.

### What you'll learn:

- How to identify different types and causes of anaemia in cats
- Update on haemoplasmas (agents responsible for feline infectious anaemia)
- Supportive treatment for anaemia including blood transfusion
- How to investigate chronic vomiting and chronic diarrhoea
- When to scope and when to perform surgery
- How to treat small and large bowel disease

23rd May 2014, Studley, Warwickshire

Tim Gruffydd-Jones BVetMed PhD DipECVIM MRCVS

Sam Taylor BVetMed (Hons) CertSAM DipECVIM-CA MRCVS

£379.00 + VAT (£454.80)

Course Ref: 0599



Very useful course as always.

Speakers were excellent, and gave lots of useful information relevant to general practice.



## Help! My Cat Can't Breathe!

On this course we'll cover major aspects of feline cardiorespiratory disease with a particular emphasis on what you need to know working in a first opinion practice. The course will be problem-orientated with an emphasis on how to approach the common clinical presentations of cardiorespiratory disease in cats. We'll discuss a number of interactive cases to build your confidence in your diagnosis and management of chronic and acute cardiorespiratory patients. Current advice on the therapeutic approach to cases, both when a diagnosis has been established and in cases where treatment is necessary before a diagnosis has been made will be included. We will also provide essential tips on managing problem cases and problem cats!

### What you'll learn:

- Approach to the coughing cat
- Approach to the dyspnoeic cat
- Dealing with feline arrhythmias
- How to manage the cat with heart failure
- Nasal disease in cats - diagnostic approach and your therapeutic options

24th April 2014, Studley, Warwickshire

Kit Sturgess MA VetMB PhD CertVIR DSAM CertVC MRCVS

£379.00 + VAT (£454.80)

Course Ref: 0583



Very interesting. Kit very thorough as always, but able to break the information down to simple logical steps.



## The Geriatric Cat

Older cats will form an increasing part of your caseload in small animal practice. Their owners have higher expectations and want you to do your best for their treasured feline pet. During this one day interactive course we'll look at common diseases of the older cat and make sure you're up to date with current approaches to diagnosis, treatment and monitoring.

### What you'll learn:

- Renal failure – early intervention to slow down progression
- Arthritis – an under-treated problem; how can you help owners to recognise the signs and what are your effective treatment options?
- Hyperthyroidism – new developments in approaches to treatment and monitoring
- Hypertension – bringing blood pressure measurement into day to day practice: Which cats? How often? What do the numbers mean?
- Vaccination protocols for older cats – current recommendations
- Senior Wellness Clinics: best practice, practical tips and how to encourage owners to attend

2nd July 2014, Studley, Warwickshire  
**Martha Cannon** BA VetMB DSAM(Feline) MRCVS  
£379.00 + VAT (£454.80)

Course Ref: 0622



Very clear approach to everyday problems encountered in general practice. Very practical and easy to follow.



## Everything You Need to Know about Behavioural Medicine in Practice

This course will look at the relevance of behavioural medicine in first opinion practice and outline an internal medicine approach to investigate behavioural issues. We'll discuss the importance of the interplay between physical disease and behavioural signs, and the pitfalls of adopting a canine dominance theory approach to understand the behaviour of domestic pet dogs. We'll look at your role in preventative behavioural medicine and discuss the importance of understanding feline behaviour in order to create a feline friendly practice.

### What you'll learn:

- Your first opinion role in preventative behavioural medicine
- An internal medicine approach to behavioural issues
- The interplay between physical disease and behavioural signs
- The welfare implications of the canine dominance myth
- How to make your practice feline friendly
- How to overcome the challenge of detecting pain in cats

19th May 2014, Studley, Warwickshire  
**Sarah Heath** BVSc DipECVBM-CA CCAB MRCVS  
£379.00 + VAT (£454.80)

Course Ref: 0596A



Very impressed - really engaging speaker.



## How do I do that ....?

### Practical Diagnostic and Therapeutic Techniques

This course will provide you with the skills you need to deal confidently with a variety of diagnostic and therapeutic techniques essential for small animal practice. A mixture of theoretical and practical based learning sessions will help you to apply theory to practice. The 'hands-on' practical component will enable you to practise techniques in wet labs in a relaxed small group environment.

#### What you'll learn:

- Enteral nutrition - which tubes, why and when?
- How to apply and use feeding tubes
- Thoracic cavity disease - sampling
- How to drain thoracic fluid and air
- Bone marrow aspiration and bone biopsy
- CSF sampling

#### The practical sessions:

- Placement of oesophagostomy tubes by both the Van Noort and surgical cut-down techniques
- Thoracocentesis
- Placement of thoracic drains
- Bone marrow aspiration
- CSF sampling

1st July 2014, Studley, Warwickshire  
Nick Bexfield BVetMed DSAM DipECVIM-CA MRCVS  
£547.00 + VAT (£656.40)

Course Ref: 0621

very practical

Very practical and useful - lots of things I can take back and use in practice.



## Making the Most of Your Microscope

Microscopic understanding and analysis is at the hub of your practice's diagnostic capability. Vets and Nurses with a good understanding of these areas are crucial to the smooth running of the practice. You play a vital role in the handling and analysing of diagnostic samples, both those done 'in house' and those referred to external or reference laboratories. This course will provide you with the principles and confidence to handle a multitude of diagnostic samples productively, optimising the information obtained from every sample.

#### What you'll learn:

- Smearing and staining – can you see it?
- Sample artefacts – can you interpret the result?
- Urinalysis – sediment examination – Sedistain?
- Haematology – introductory microscopy – red and white cells, platelets
- Introduction to cytology – superficial skin and ear preps, inflammation
- Practical case examples – what you might see in your practice

12th March 2014, Studley, Warwickshire  
Roger Powell VetMB MA DipACVP DipRCPath MRCVS  
£427.00 + VAT (£512.40)

Course Ref: 0560

very practical

Good courses - always something new to learn that can be applied in practice.



## Managing Chronic Pain in Practice

Small animals with chronic pain present with complex or multiple problems. Pain varies considerably depending on the underlying cause and may also be affected by the patient's lifestyle. Improved owner education has increased awareness, and many owners are keen to do all that they can to prevent or minimise their pet's on-going pain. Interest in complementary therapies is also very high amongst owners. On this course we'll cover current topics in chronic pain management and help you to develop strategies for effective pain control in cases that you're likely to see in your practice.

### What you'll learn:

- Pathophysiology of chronic pain- what you need to know
- Can we minimise or influence the development of chronic pain?
- How to recognise the chronic pain case
- Your tools for monitoring treatment
- How to develop a strategy for drug therapy in chronic pain
- Incorporating acupuncture into your chronic pain management schedules

13th May 2014, Studley, Warwickshire  
**Matt Gurney** BVSc CertVA DipECVAA MRCVS  
£379.00 + VAT (£454.80)

Course Ref: 0592

Good concise review of chronic pain management.



## Everything You Need to Know about Reptiles

Reptiles are becoming increasingly popular as pets and these will be presented to the local veterinary surgeons. Are you ready for these patients? The level of care and understanding that clients expect of their vet is becoming increasingly high. Being able to identify common conditions and investigate common presenting signs are important aspects of reptile medicine. If you are working with small animals in practice and you would like to improve your skills at treating reptiles, then this is the course for you. We'll use case studies to increase your knowledge, confidence and skills in dealing with these patients in your practice.

### What you'll learn:

- Essentials of your reptile consultation including how to take a detailed clinical history
- Critical care and emergency treatment of reptiles in practice
- How to use reptile diagnostics
- Common presenting conditions and how to treat them
- Safe reptile anaesthesia and analgesia
- Surgical procedures in reptiles

2nd May 2014, Studley, Warwickshire  
**Kevin Eatwell** BVSc(Hons) DZooMed(Reptilian) DipECZM(Herp) MRCVS  
£379.00 + VAT (£454.80)

Course Ref: 0588

Excellent, hugely useful.



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You've taken a blood sample, but what do the results mean? You have taken a chest radiograph, what is that lung pattern suggesting? Sedation is required in a blocked cat, what is the safest, most effective option? Which wound dressing should you use, there are so many?

Our 6 approachable and friendly speakers have selected a variety of subject areas to discuss with you. They will provide you with clear, reassuring and practical guidance, equipping you with the confidence to cope with the complexity and diversity of small animal practice in the UK today.

Course Leader : **Catherine Sturgeon** BVetMed(Hons) CertSAS DipECVS MRCVS

Course Tutors: **Abby Caine** MA VetMB CertVMDI DipECVMDI MRCVS

**Ben Harris** MA VetMB CertSAM MRCVS, **Vanessa Schmidt** BVSc(Hons) CertVD DipECVD MRCVS

**Andrew Brown** MAVetMB DipACVECC MRCVS, **Carl Bradbrook** BVSc CertVA MRCVS

## Day 1 Medicine and Dermatology

- Infectious diseases update
- Hepatopathies and pancreatitis- what you need to know
- Canine Atopic Dermatitis, Pyoderma and Malassezia dermatitis
- Endocrine updates for today's practice
- Getting the most from your 'in house' laboratory
- Fleas and other creepy crawlies
- Otitis externa (practical)

## Day 2 Emergency Care and Radiography

- Blood transfusions in first opinion practice
- Blocked cats and how to unblock them
- How to drain a chest (practical)
- Abdominal radiography- what can you see? (practical)
- Thoracic radiology- sort out those lung patterns! (practical)

## Day 3 Anaesthesia and Surgery

- How to use Sutures, staples + clips (practical)
- Wound management – getting them to heal (practical)
- Current Anaesthetic equipment and agents and how to use them
- Exploratory laparotomy
- Enterotomy + enterectomy + cystotomy (practical)
- How to sedate your patients safely in typical practice scenarios
- Analgesia – what's new

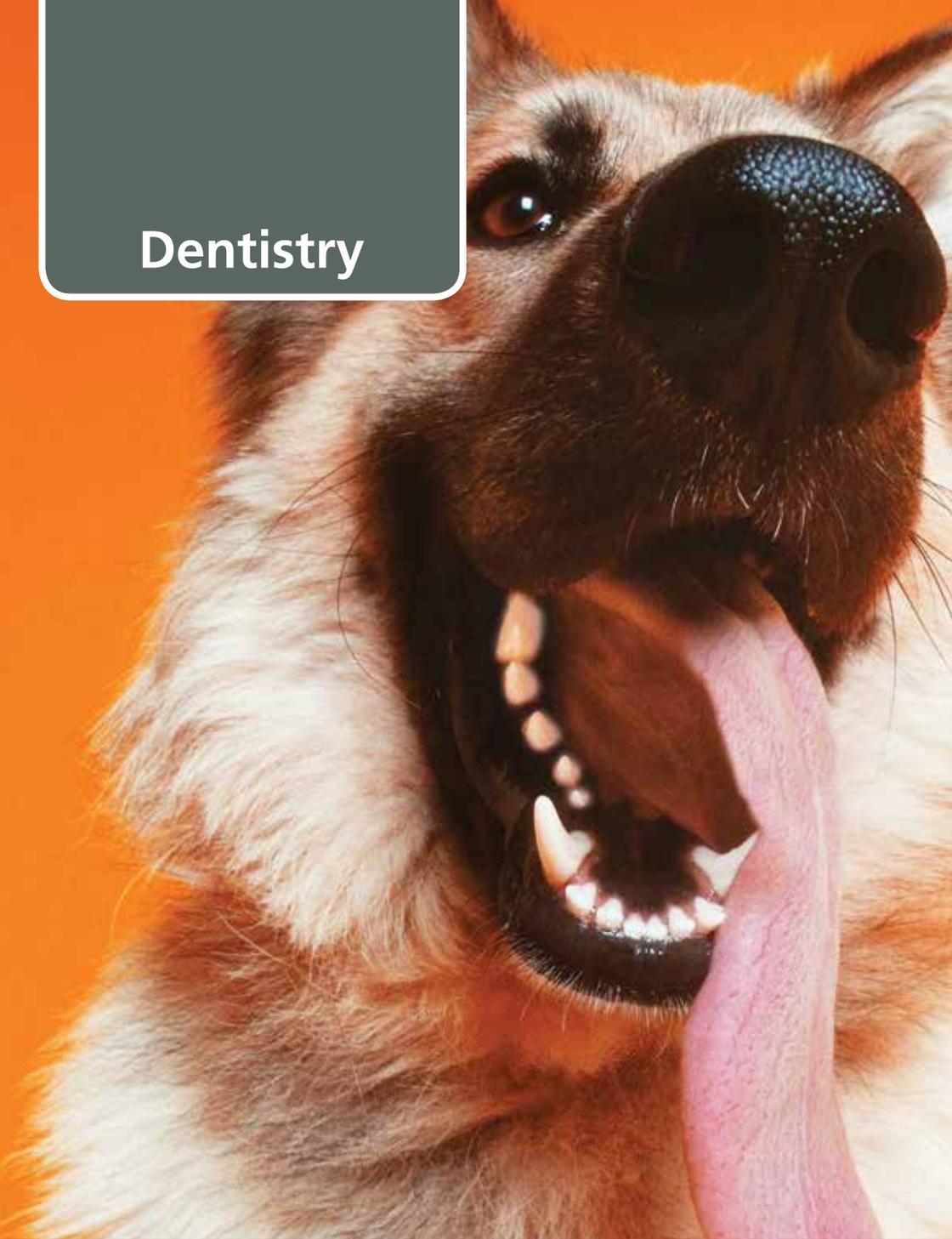
Plus one or two informal and optional evening events to cover some ancillary topics.

**Register now or call us on  
0151 328 0444 for more details.**

4th - 6th August 2014, Studley, Warwickshire  
Course fee for your 3 days: £997 + VAT (£1196.40) Course Ref: 0643



# Dentistry



## Practical Veterinary Dentistry

Essential for all general practitioners, this course is designed to make your dentistry a pleasure! You will gain confidence and efficiency in your approach to dental and oral cases and develop your ability to diagnose dental problems accurately, decide on the most appropriate course of action in each case and then perform the necessary procedures effectively. Extensive wet-lab practical sessions will provide you with the 'hands-on' training that is vital for developing your skills.

### What you'll learn:

- Oral examination - what's normal, what's not!
- Intra-oral radiography - identifying the lesion
- Dental and oral diseases - when to extract and why!
- Dental abnormalities - malocclusion, developmental oddities etc
- Periodontal disease
- Feline dental disease
- Extraction techniques

24th and 25th March 2014, Studley, Warwickshire  
3rd and 4th July 2014, Studley, Warwickshire  
Alex Smithson BVM&S BDS (Hons) MRCVS  
£1197.00 + VAT (£1436.40)

Course Ref: 0568  
Course Ref: 0623

very practical



Found this course extremely useful. I learnt loads of handy tips to make dentals less of a headache.



## Oral Surgery - Difficult Tooth Extractions

If you have ever been unsure how to tackle a difficult canine extraction, or been faced with complications after performing one, this course will provide you with very practical help. Suitable for you if you are a general practitioner and also if you are pursuing further surgical and dental qualifications, this session is your next step after attending a basic dentistry course. You will develop your confidence and skills in approaching and dealing effectively with your dental and oral surgery patients, in interactive case-based sessions and extensive wet-lab practicals.

### What you'll learn:

- How to extract canines and challenging teeth, how to deal with extraction complications
- Oro-nasal fistula repair, gingivoplasty, dentigerous cysts
- Feline gingivo-stomatitis; what are your options?
- Resorptive lesions and how to deal with them
- Nerve blocks

26th March 2014, Studley, Warwickshire  
Alex Smithson BVM&S BDS (Hons) MRCVS  
£657.00 + VAT (£788.40)

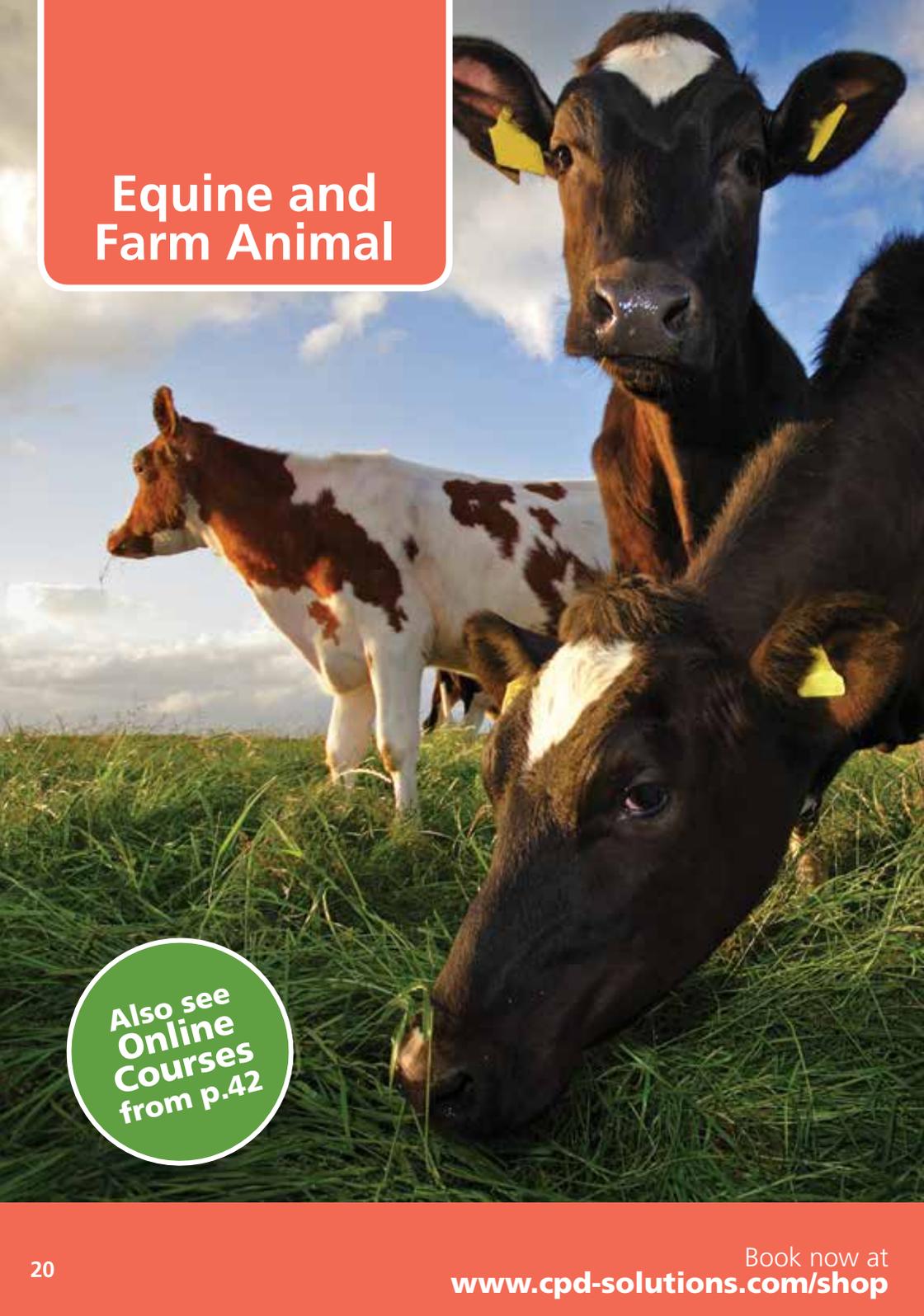
Course Ref: 0569

very practical



Great course - excellent content, engaging speaker.





## Equine and Farm Animal

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## Equine Emergencies - 'For the Occasional Horse Vet'

This course is for any vet who might feel a twinge of intestinal pain themselves when trying to decide whether to refer a colic, how to stabilise a sick foal or whether a wound has penetrated a joint. Aimed at vets working in mixed practice or who see horses occasionally, it will provide you with detailed, practical and up to date advice on how to investigate and treat common out of hours cases. Develop your confidence, skills and strategy for dealing with these patients and decrease your stress levels next time you get one of those calls!

### What you'll learn:

- Colic – what to refer, what to treat and how to deal with cases when referral isn't an option
- How to deal with wounds near joints and tendon sheaths
- How to assess and stabilise flat foals
- Choke and dysphagia
- Approach to problem foalings and retained placenta
- The non-weight bearing lame horse – that isn't pus in the foot
- How to approach the horse with a painful eye

16th July 2014, Studley, Warwickshire  
Harry Carslake MA VetMB DipACVIM MRCVS  
£379.00 + VAT (£454.80)

Course Ref: 0630



Very good - an excellent speaker and refresher course. Would recommend.



## Everything You Need to Know about Backyard Pets

This course is for you if you are a Small Animal Clinician who is sometimes required to treat backyard pets in routine and emergency situations. We'll look at pet sheep, goats, pigs, alpacas and poultry. The course will also be suitable for younger graduates in mixed practice, who might feel less confident in treating these species, and more senior members of the profession who have not treated these species for a long time. There'll be time to ask any specific questions that you may have about how to manage these backyard pets with little or no prior experience.

### What you'll learn:

- How to decide whether your practice should treat backyard pets
- How to sedate and anaesthetise backyard pets
- How to safely euthanase your backyard patients
- Common poisonings of backyard pets; how to make a diagnosis and treat effectively
- How to deal with common medical and surgical conditions of your backyard patients

11th March 2014, Studley, Warwickshire  
Graham Duncanson BVSc MSc(VetGP) DProf MRCVS  
£379.00 + VAT (£454.80)

Course Ref: 0559



Comprehensive with good course notes.



## Herd Health

Herd health can be a complex and challenging situation. Learn how to assess bovine herd health in the scenarios that you're likely to encounter in practice on this course. Housing has a significant affect on bovine health, and you need to know how to evaluate housing and recognise problems. 'Cow signals' will help you to advise changes in management to improve the overall health and welfare of each herd under your care.

### What you'll learn:

- Diseases which affect calves and what you can do
- How you can recognise and treat youngstock diseases
- What are the most appropriate methods of parasite control?
- How to manage mastitis in a herd situation
- Your options for dealing with lameness
- Insight into cow signals and how to spot them
- How housing can relate to disease
- Cattle Health Schemes and how to implement them

10th July 2014, Studley, Warwickshire  
**Steve Borsberry** BVSc DBR DipECBHM CertCHP MRCVS  
£379.00 + VAT (£454.80)

Course Ref: 0626



An excellent course, well presented and good opportunity to hear from other participants in discussion.



## Cattle Fertility

Fertility problems affect both dairy and beef herds. The significance of these problems can vary from farm to farm. On this course, we'll provide you with the most appropriate approach to the sub-fertile cow and herd.

### What you'll learn:

- The normal oestrous cycle
- Indications of fertility problems
- Problems of bulls versus AI
- Diseases affecting fertility
- Management of the newly calved heifer
- Transition period and how to look after cows during this time to maximise fertility
- Methods of heat detection
- How to approach the 'infertile' cow and the sub-fertile herd
- How to improve beef cow fertility
- Medical interventions and when we should consider them

4th June 2014, Studley, Warwickshire  
**Steve Borsberry** BVSc DBR DipECBHM CertCHP MRCVS  
£379.00 + VAT (£454.80)

Course Ref: 0606



Very good practical advice that could be used in reality on the farm.



## Cattle Nutrition

Good nutrition is vital to maintain or enhance the production of dairy and beef herds. You need a good understanding of nutritional requirements for cattle under your care so that you can become involved in day to day feeding management and optimise cattle well being and productivity for your farmers.

### What you'll learn:

- Nutritional requirements for the pre and post weaned calf
- What you need to know about ruminant nutrition
- Young stock nutrition
- Dairy cow nutrition and productivity
- Specifics of nutrition for beef cattle
- How to use metabolic profiles on the farm
- How to spot nutritional problems and what to do about them
- Interactive case discussions

11th April 2014, Studley, Warwickshire  
**Steve Borsberry** BVSc DBR DipECBHM CertCHP MRCVS  
£379.00 + VAT (£454.80)

Course Ref: 0578



Really enthusiastic speaker. Very clear and concise with very good explanation of a very difficult subject. The discussions about cases within the group are really helpful.



## Beef for Beginners

On this course you'll get a comprehensive overview of all types of beef farming and the veterinary involvement they require. It is suitable for you if you're a recent graduate working in farm practice or a mixed practitioner wanting to develop the beef services you can offer your clients. We'll look at real life scenarios and aim to be practical and interactive, sharing best advice for managing difficult situations in less than ideal circumstances! We'll also focus on modern herd health type work and you'll get plenty of practical tips for improving interaction with and income from your beef clients.

### What you'll learn:

- Disease eradication, accreditation and health schemes
- Surgical procedures including caesarean section, castration, dehorning, vaginal and uterine prolapse and rumenotomy
- Bull fertility testing
- Female reproductive examination
- All about reproductive targets
- Calf health and management
- Pneumonia control and treatment

13th June 2014, Studley, Warwickshire  
**Graham Duncanson** BVSc MSc(VetGP) DProf MRCVS  
£379.00 + VAT (£454.80)

Course Ref: 0611



Thoroughly enjoyable and informative. First rate speaker.



# Ophthalmology

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## Practical Ophthalmic Surgery

On this course you'll learn about eyelid and corneal reconstruction, together with the lacrimal and nasolacrimal conditions that you're likely to encounter in practice. You should be happy performing basic techniques such as ectropion, entropion and superficial keratectomy to attend the course. The format allows plenty of time to develop your skills in ophthalmic reconstruction procedures in practical wet-lab sessions with support and guidance from the expert and approachable tutor.

### What you'll learn:

- How to make decisions in ophthalmic reconstructive and nasolacrimal surgery
- Eyelid reconstruction techniques including transposition flaps and lid sharing
- Corneal reconstruction including corneconjunctival transposition and full thickness keratoplasty techniques
- How to carry out parotid duct transposition
- How to replace a prolapsed nictitans gland

28th and 29th April 2014, Studley, Warwickshire  
David Williams MA VetMB PhD CertVOphthal FRCVS  
£1197.00 + VAT (£1436.40)

Course Ref: 0585

very  
practical



Really amazing course.  
David taught the practicals really thoroughly, very funny and made learning easy.



## improve your Ophthalmic surgery

## Everything You Always Wanted to Know about Ophthalmology

Ophthalmology cases can be challenging to deal with in first opinion practice. In an ideal world, you would have access to an experienced colleague at all times for advice, and the option to refer if required. However, in the real world, you often have to make decisions without support. Sometimes you have to deal with cases that you would rather refer if the circumstances allowed. On this course you'll get the answers about ophthalmology that will help you to deal with your patients more effectively and with considerably less stress in first opinion practice.

### What you'll learn:

- How do I know whether a red eye is uveitis or glaucoma if I can't measure intraocular pressure?
- What is the best treatment for conjunctivitis in the dog?
- How do I decide what treatment to use for a corneal ulcer?
- What treatment is best for an acute glaucoma where the owner can't afford referral?

2nd June 2014, Studley, Warwickshire  
David Williams MA VetMB PhD CertVOphthal FRCVS  
£379.00 + VAT (£454.80)

Course Ref: 0604



Very good, interactive, covered all common conditions, useful to apply these to case studies.



## Ophthalmic Emergencies

Eye conditions are challenging enough when you're not that confident at dealing with them. But ocular emergencies can be a real nightmare; be they perforating corneas, inflamed irises, luxated lenses or detached retinas. During this course you'll learn how to diagnose and treat urgent ophthalmic presentations both medical and surgical. Throughout the session we'll develop your existing skills, with a particular emphasis on the practical steps that you can realistically take where referral is not an option.

### What you'll learn:

- How to deal with corneal ulcers - particularly performing conjunctival pedicle grafts
- Tips and techniques for safe removal of corneal foreign bodies
- Prolapsed globes - how to salvage and replace them
- Lens luxation - how to deal with them when referral is not an option
- Develop your practical surgical skills in guided hands-on wet-lab sessions

9th July 2014, Studley, Warwickshire  
David Williams MA VetMB PhD CertVOphthal FRCVS  
£657.00 + VAT (£788.40)

Course Ref: 0625



Very interesting, excellent enthusiastic delivery, great to get some practical experience.



# Surgery

Also see  
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Really well run course, really useful, great tutors.



Excellent course. Thank you. Really felt that I gained lots of useful practical knowledge and skills that I can now apply in practice.

# Everything you Need to Know about Wound Management and Reconstruction

Have you ever wondered how on earth you are going to close a traumatic wound? Puzzled over how the skin deficit can be made up after removal of a tumour? Or despaired when your perfect repair falls apart? If bells are ringing loudly in your head, this is the course for you. We'll focus on how to treat dogs and cats that present with scary big wounds. And how to manage them effectively and with minimal stress for surgeon, patient and owner. We'll look at your options in each case for closing the defects and give you lots of practical tips for preventing everything falling to pieces later.

## What you'll learn:

- Overview and refresher on wound management
- How to make the right decisions in wound closure
- How to achieve primary closure
- When to use local flaps and how to do them
- Axial pattern flaps - which one, when and how?
- Skin grafts - when to use and how to keep them viable

18th June 2014, Studley, Warwickshire  
**Benito De La Puerta** CertSAS DipECVS MRCVS  
£379.00 + VAT (£454.80)

Course Ref: 0614



Very enjoyable and interesting. Very good speaker - delivered well and very knowledgeable.



# Practical Flaps and Grafts

Have you ever had that sinking feeling after removing a skin mass when you have a bigger wound and much less skin to close it than expected? What about the open wound that should be healing but just doesn't seem to be moving forward? This is the course that looks at the solutions for these situations. You'll get to think through wound case studies and perform wound closures in practical sessions under specialist guidance.

## What you'll learn:

- Open wounds - initial management and decision-making options
- Understanding wound healing to become a 'wound connoisseur'
- Assessing wounds - determining what the options for the easiest closure are
- Surgical oncology - removing tumours with appropriate margins
- Dealing with excessive skin tension - loosen up!
- Local flaps - advancement, rotation and transposition flaps
- Using axial pattern flaps
- Skin grafting - when, where and how

7th July 2014, Studley, Warwickshire  
**Ronan Doyle** MVB CertSAS DipECVS MRCVS  
£657.00 + VAT (£788.40)

Course Ref: 0624



Really enjoyed the practicals - well taught and put notes into practice - will remember and be able to use in practice. Lecturer and assistant very approachable for questions.



## Head and Neck Surgery

Surgical procedures of the head and neck are commonly required in first opinion small animal practice. During this course you'll learn the theory essential for making decisions as to which procedure is appropriate for each of your patients. You'll practise the surgical techniques under the guidance of highly experienced and approachable tutors in extensive 'hands-on' practical wet-lab sessions.

### What you'll learn:

- How to manage nasal diseases
- Your treatment options for airway disease
- How to manage diaphragmatic hernia
- Thyroid conditions and your surgical options
- Ear disease and the role of surgery
- Lateral wall resection technique
- Total ear canal ablation/lateral bulla osteotomy surgical technique
- How to place and use chest drains
- How to carry out and manage a tracheostomy

26th February 2014, Studley, Warwickshire  
**Aidan McAlinden** MVB CertSAS DipECVS MRCVS  
£657.00 + VAT (£788.40)

Course Ref: 0551

very  
practical



Best way to learn new procedures in controlled environment with helpful tutors.



## Practical Gastrointestinal Surgery

As a busy general practitioner you'll commonly confront dogs and cats requiring gastrointestinal surgery. You know that you have to get the pre-op management, surgical decision-making and especially your surgical technique right to get a successful outcome. The consequences of getting this wrong are likely to be fatal. On this course, Ronan Doyle, Head of Soft Tissue Surgery at Davies Veterinary Specialists, will guide you through essential gastrointestinal tract procedures so that you get it right with your patients.

### What you'll learn:

- The principles you need to know to avoid the common pitfalls
- Overcoming technical challenges to successful surgery – enterotomy to anastomosis
- Surgical intestinal disease – from simple obstruction to intussusception
- Key steps for your successful ex-laps - a logical approach
- How to take useful biopsies inside the abdomen safely
- Gastric Dilatation Volvulus – effective stabilisation
- GDV: gastric repositioning and pexy

3rd June 2014, Studley, Warwickshire  
**Ronan Doyle** MVB CertSAS DipECVS MRCVS  
£657.00 + VAT (£788.40)

Course Ref: 0605

very  
practical



Excellent. Best one I have been on so far. Ronan is an excellent tutor. Brilliant course notes. Great staff, great food.



## Practical Endoscopy

If you already have an endoscope in your practice, this course will help you to optimise its use in the work-up and investigation of your small animal patients. Using endoscopy, you can reach a definitive diagnosis in many cases without resorting to exploratory surgery, thus minimising stress for the patient, the owner and yourself! If you don't have an endoscope, this course will also help you decide what to buy and which accessories you'll need. Practical handling sessions will allow you to practise using different endoscopes and accessories. At the end of the course you will be better equipped to offer an effective endoscopy option to your clients.

### What you'll learn:

- Types of equipment - what to buy
- How to make the most of the equipment you already have
- Practical sessions with hands-on assistance - develop your skills
- Basic principles of endoscopic examination of the gastrointestinal, respiratory and urinary tracts
- Video presentations of normal and abnormal endoscopic findings

**15th and 16th April**, Studley, Warwickshire  
**Jimmy Simpson** BVM&S SDA MPhil MRCVS  
**£1197.00 + VAT (£1436.40)**

Course Ref: 0579

very practical



Very practical, which is what I wanted. I feel more confident that I will be able to carry out useful/meaningful procedures.



## Everything You Need to Know about Surgical Management of Tumours

Have you ever surgically removed a tumour from a patient in your practice? These cases form a large proportion of soft tissue surgery in most practices. Mistakes in your surgical technique can lead to tumour recurrence, complications and worse than optimal survival times. On this course we'll give you a good understanding of the behaviour of common tumour types and show you how to plan your surgery. We'll go through basic and more advanced surgical techniques for cancer management and highlight common mistakes in planning and technique; we'll also show you how to avoid these mistakes and get the best possible outcomes for your patients.

### What you'll learn:

- Mistakes to avoid when taking biopsies
- Mistakes to avoid in surgical management of cutaneous and subcutaneous masses
- Surgical management of mast cell tumours - what to do for the best results
- Considerations for surgical management of soft tissue sarcomas

**19th June 2014**, Studley, Warwickshire  
**Terry Emmerson** MA VetMB CertSAS DipECVS MRCVS  
**£379.00 + VAT (£454.80)**

Course Ref: 0615



Very good - excellent informative course and very practical.



## Got an Emergency? Relax - We've got it Covered

As veterinary practitioners we are all presented with emergency patients at one time or another and this can be more or less daunting – but it doesn't have to be! In this course we will look at the core principles on which emergency medicine depends while also discussing some specific emergency problems in greater depth. The emphasis will be on providing practical information that you can use straightaway in your practice.

### What you'll learn:

- How to assess your emergency patients including major body systems, pain, secondary survey, use of ultrasound and emergency database
- Cardiovascular assessment, shock and your approach to treatment
- Thoracic trauma including respiratory system assessment
- Traumatic brain injury including central nervous system assessment
- Tomcat urethral obstruction (Blocked cats) – what to do
- Gastric dilation-volvulus syndrome (GDV) – don't panic!
- Poisoning: general approach and some common ones you're likely to see

14th July 2014, Studley, Warwickshire  
**Shailen Jasani** MA VetMB DipACVECC MRCVS  
£379.00 + VAT (£454.80)

Course Ref: 0628



Shailen is a great speaker, clear, precise, interesting. He manages to keep up your attention very easily and naturally.



## Emergency Surgery

The very nature of a surgical emergency means that you must make appropriate decisions, and take effective actions, without delay. Your patient's life may well depend on your actions. On this course you'll learn how to manage common surgical emergencies that you are likely to see in your practice effectively for the best chance of a successful outcome.

### What you'll learn:

- How to deal with pleural effusions and pneumothorax
- Surgery for diaphragmatic hernia
- What to do with your GDVs - gastropexy techniques
- Cystotomy and urinary tract obstruction
- Tracheostomy for acute upper respiratory distress
- Splenectomy and haemoabdomen
- Extensive practical guidance in hands on wetlabs
- Confidence and practical skills you can put to good use with your next emergency!

30th April 2014, Studley, Warwickshire  
**Aidan McAlinden** MVB CertSAS DipECVS MRCVS  
£657.00 + VAT (£788.40)

Course Ref: 0586



All techniques were clearly explained and a brilliant opportunity given to practice them.



## Essential Surgery

Retching with a history of eating a lamb bone .....Dyspnoeic after a road traffic accident.....A vascular pedicle that will not stop bleeding.....Suspect GDV is on its way in..... all potential heart sinking moments for you if you work in small animal practice. However, help is on its way on this course, where we will combine current theory with handy surgical hints to help boost your confidence levels. Practical sessions will help you to successfully manage these and other stressful situations.

### What you'll learn:

- Haemostasis - how to achieve it
- Surgical drains - how to use them
- Thoracic drainage - best practice
- Oesophageal and intestinal foreign bodies - help!
- GDV and pexy techniques - keep your cool!
- Diaphragmatic rupture - how to manage

### The practical sessions will incorporate:

- Representative models

**30th May 2014**, Studley, Warwickshire  
**Chris Shales** MA VetMB CertSAS DipECVS MRCVS  
£657.00 + VAT (£788.40)

Course Ref: 0612

very practical



A very enjoyable day with a good mix of practical and theory / lectures.



## Everything you Need to Know about the Acute Abdomen

Your small animal patient that presents with an "Acute Abdomen" can prove a major diagnostic and therapeutic challenge. What are your priorities? When should you operate and when shouldn't you? How best to manage GDV or the bleeding splenic mass? What about tricky intestinal obstructions or septic peritonitis? On this course we'll answer these questions and develop your key decision-making skills for effective management of these difficult emergency cases.

### What you'll learn:

- Stabilisation and diagnostic approach to the acute abdomen - when to operate and when not to!
- Gastric dilatation and volvulus - stabilisation and definitive management
- Best approach to and surgical management of haemoabdomen
- How to deal with intestinal obstructions
- Septic peritonitis - diagnosis, management and prevention
- How to make decisions in abdominal trauma cases

**21st March 2014**, Studley, Warwickshire  
**Aidan McAlinden** MVB CertSAS DipECVS MRCVS  
£379.00 + VAT (£454.80)

Course Ref: 0567



Jam-packed day, very helpful and I will feel more confident when making decisions on acute abdominal cases.



# Orthopaedics

Also see  
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// Feel confident to try to perform the operations I have been taught. Very worthy experience.

// Really enjoyed it, hugely improved my confidence in Ortho cases and I am hoping to put my new skills into practice soon.

# Introduction to Orthopaedics

very practical

Are you unsure where to start with small animal orthopaedics? Perhaps you would like to develop your confidence in decision-making and your surgical skills in the kinds of procedures that you are likely to face on a regular basis in practice. This highly practical two day course is specifically designed for you. Seminars and interactive sessions are combined with hands-on surgery sessions during which you are guided by experienced but approachable tutors. Leave with new skills and increased confidence!

### What you'll learn:

- Intramedullary pinning - introduction to ESF
- Orthopaedic instrumentation and how to use it
- Using cerclage and tension band wires in practice
- Surgical approach to the hip - FHNE
- Surgical approach to the stifle - meniscal exam
- Lateral fabellotibial suture for CCL failure
- Patellar luxation surgery

**27th and 28th March 2014**, Studley, Warwickshire  
**Toby Gemmill** BVSc MVM DSAS(Orth) DipECVS MRCVS  
**23rd and 24th June 2014**, Studley, Warwickshire  
**Steve Clarke** BVM&S DipECVS DSAS(Orth) MRCVS  
**£1197.00 + VAT (£1436.40)**

**Course Ref: 0570**

**Course Ref: 0617**

Excellent. Best course I've been on for a long time, wish I'd done it years ago.



# How to Use Bone Plates and Screws

Once you understand and can apply the basic principles, bone plates and screws are invaluable tools for managing your fracture patients. This introductory one day workshop is suitable for you if you have little or no experience of using plates and screws and will be an excellent introduction to using them in your practice. You'll learn the essential theory and then be walked step by step through the basic techniques and skills in well-structured practical sessions, first on models and then putting it all together in a wet lab session.

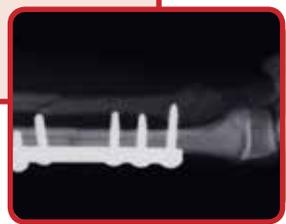
### What you'll learn:

- How to get set up - essential equipment and how to select your first cases
- Understanding the jargon- what you need to know
- How to apply positional and lag screws
- How to use bone plates
- Practical exercises: positional and lag screws / application of dynamic compression
- How to contour plates
- Correct aftercare and how to avoid complications
- Lots of essential practical tips to ensure your success

**12th June 2014**, Studley, Warwickshire  
**Neil Burton** BVSc DSAS(Orth) CertSAS PGCert(TLHE) FHEA MRCVS  
**£657.00 + VAT (£788.40)**

**Course Ref: 0610**

Very good, more prepared to tackle these problems in practice.



## TTA

This course will give participants in depth training in the technique of tibial tuberosity advancement (TTA). The current state of knowledge on cruciate disease will be reviewed and TTA discussed in the light of other treatments. Delegates will be fully briefed on the rationale for TTA and go on to practise the technique in well-supervised plastic bone and wet lab sessions. Delegate numbers will be limited to a maximum of 16 to foster a learning environment with excellent tutor interaction.

### What you'll learn:

- Assessment of cruciate injuries and current best practice
- Biomechanical principles behind TTA
- Correct use of TTA instruments and implants
- Correct pre-operative planning for a TTA
- How to perform the surgery
- How to deal with complications
- Correct post-operative management for TTA

5th and 6th June 2014, Studley, Warwickshire

**Gareth Arthurs** MA VetMB CertVR CertSAS DSAS(Orth) PG CertMedEd FHEA MRCVS

**Alex Li** BVetMed RCVS DipSAS(Orth) MRCVS

£1497.00 + VAT (£1796.40)

Course Ref: 0607

very practical



Excellent teaching methods and wet-lab surgery. Perfectly complimented the theory - highly recommended.



## Spinal Surgery

Are you a competent surgeon who wants an introduction to the surgical procedures most commonly used in the management of canine spinal disease? This course will guide you through the indications for surgery and the other options for management of these often challenging patients. We'll discuss the surgical management of intervertebral disc disease in detail. Includes extensive hands-on practical wetlab sessions with direct guidance from the course tutors.

### What you'll learn:

- How to perform a clinical examination of the disc disease patient
- How to diagnose intervertebral disc disease
- Decision-making principles and medical options - make the right choice
- Surgical approaches and techniques and where they're indicated
- Complications of investigative and surgical techniques and how to avoid them

6th and 7th May 2014, Studley, Warwickshire

**Simon Platt** BVM&S DipECVN DipACVIM MRCVS

**Laurent Garosi** DVM DipECVN MRCVS

£1297.00+ VAT (£1556.40)

Course Ref: 0589

very practical



Exactly fulfilled my requirements. Has given me confidence to try these techniques in practice.



# take your spinal surgery to the next level

## Advanced Spinal Surgery

Spinal conditions such as intervertebral disc disease, trauma, degenerative stenosis and congenital anomalies can present a major challenge. Although a hemilaminectomy and ventral slot are the main surgery types effective for disc disease, sometimes a dorsal approach may be required, and chronic discs may require removal of part of the body of the vertebra. Further surgical challenges come when the presenting conditions require the use of spinal implants which need to be placed in precise positions to be successful and to avoid serious injury to the patient.

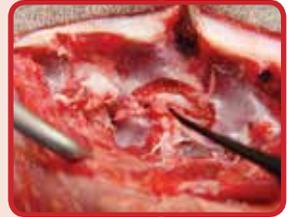
Following on from the success of the spinal surgery course that we have offered for over 10 years, we are now offering a 2 day advanced spinal surgery course which will address alternative approaches and the use of implants in the vertebral column. Prior attendance of the introductory spinal surgery course would be beneficial but is not mandatory.

### What you'll learn:

- Surgical stabilisation of AA subluxation
- Surgery for Wobbler syndrome
- Surgery for lumbosacral disease
- Lateral corpectomy for the treatment of chronic discs in the thoracolumbar spine.
- Extensive hands-on practice sessions with expert guidance and tuition
- Your instructors have over 30 years of combined experience in spinal surgery and are 2 of our most popular tutors
- Get essential practical tips and learn how to avoid potentially disastrous complications

**8th and 9th May 2014**, Studley, Warwickshire  
**Simon Platt** BVM&S DipECVN DipACVIM MRCVS  
**Laurent Garosi** DVM DipECVN MRCVS  
**£1497.00 + VAT (£1796.40)**

Course Ref: 0590



# Diagnostic Imaging

Also see  
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from p.42

“ Fantastic course, learned a lot and definitely improved my knowledge and technique in both Thoracic and Abdominal scanning.

“ Very enjoyable and informative. Lots of time using the Ultrasound machine (which was great!). Feel a lot more confident about scanning in practice now.

## Introduction to Ultrasound

If you have little or no experience of using ultrasound then this practical one day course is an excellent way to get started. Seminars will teach you the basics of abdominal ultrasound and you can then practise scanning dogs yourself, with expert assistance and practical tips from the course tutor. At the end of this course you will have a sound introduction to abdominal ultrasound and its uses in practice, and be ready to practise when you get back to work!

### What you'll learn:

- Principles of ultrasound
- How to choose and use an ultrasound machine and transducers
- Preparing your patient for the best results
- How to begin using ultrasound in your practice
- Identifying artefacts in your scans
- Basic scanning techniques for examination of the liver, spleen, urogenital tract and gastrointestinal tract
- Recognising normal anatomy and commonly encountered conditions in the abdomen

14th May 2014, Studley, Warwickshire  
Esther Barrett MA VetMB CertVR DVDI DipECVDI MRCVS  
£657.00 + VAT (£788.40)

Course Ref: 0593

very practical

Very practical as usual, with transferable skills. Easy to 'take home' and use straight away. A real confidence builder.



## Introduction to Thoracic and Abdominal Ultrasound

This course will help you to get started in both thoracic and abdominal ultrasound scanning. Seminars are combined with extensive, guided hands-on scanning sessions on both days. You'll learn scanning skills that you can use directly on your patients, and refine them under the supervision of experienced and approachable tutors.

### What you'll learn:

- How to choose ultrasound machines and probes
- How to spot artefacts
- Ultrasound of the liver, spleen, urinary and genital tracts
- How to recognise commonly encountered conditions
- A standard protocol for examination of the heart
- Basic parameters of cardiac disease and how to assess them, including wall thickness, chamber dimension and fractional shortening

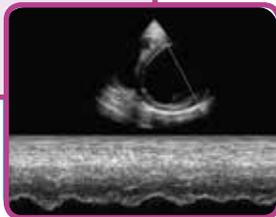
Develop your scanning skills with hands-on help when you come on this course.

25th and 26th June 2014, Studley, Warwickshire  
Mark Patteson MA VetMB PhD DVC CertVR MRCVS  
Paddy Mannion BVMS DVR DipECVDI MRCVS  
£1197.00 + VAT (£1436.40)

Course Ref: 0618

very practical

Excellent introduction to Ultrasound - has given me the confidence to give it a go.



## Practical Abdominal Ultrasound Level 1

Do you want to get started with abdominal ultrasound? This two day course with lots of hands-on practical scanning sessions will get you off to a flying start. Get all the help you need from our expert tutors.

### What you'll learn:

- Ultrasound terminology
- The basic principles of ultrasound
- Getting to grips with the ultrasound machine and probes
- How to locate the bladder, kidneys, spleen, liver, gall bladder and prostate and recognise normal appearance
- Pregnancy diagnosis and identification of pyometra
- Recognising appearance of common diseases affecting the bladder, kidneys, spleen, liver and prostate
- Ultrasound vs. contrast radiography in the evaluation of the urinary tract
- Extensive hands on scanning sessions where you can develop your skills with expert help and guidance

3rd and 4th March 2014, Studley, Warwickshire

Livia Benigni DVM MRCVS CertVDI DipECVDI

£1197.00 + VAT (£1436.40)

Course Ref: 0554

very practical



Excellent course, passionate speaker and extremely useful practical sessions. In only 2 days I feel enormously more confident.



## Practical Abdominal Ultrasound Level 2

This two day practical ultrasound course is designed for vets in practice who have a moderate amount of ultrasound experience. To attend this course, you should be familiar with the basic use of an ultrasound machine, and you should be confident in your ability to locate and examine the liver, spleen, kidneys, bladder and prostate. This course has a limited number of delegates and a high tutor:delegate ratio to help you to get the most from the practical scanning sessions and develop your scanning skills for use in your practice.

### What you'll learn:

- How to recognise ultrasound artefacts
- How to locate the gastrointestinal tract, lymph nodes, pancreas and adrenal glands
- Normal appearance of the gastrointestinal tract, lymph nodes, pancreas and adrenal glands
- How to recognise the appearance of common diseases affecting the gastrointestinal tract, lymph nodes, pancreas and adrenal glands
- Ultrasound-guided cystocentesis and fine needle aspirate
- Review of practical scanning of the urinary tract, liver and spleen

28th and 29th May 2014, Studley, Warwickshire

Livia Benigni DVM MRCVS CertVDI DipECVDI

Charlotte Whatmough BVetMed DipECVDI MRCVS

£1297.00 + VAT (£1556.40)

Course Ref: 0601

very practical



Fantastic course, excellent tutors and great content, looking forward to practising the skills I have learnt.



## Introduction to Cardiac Ultrasound

Get started with echocardiography by attending this highly practical course. We'll go through the theory that you need, and combine this with essential hands-on scanning. During the practical you'll learn how to get the views that you need for 2D and M-mode echocardiography. You'll get plenty of help to develop your scanning skills.

Leave at the end of the day ready to get started in your practice.

### What you'll learn:

- How to choose suitable ultrasound equipment
- How to obtain high quality echocardiograms
- Different planes for the best images
- Measurement of echoes - what is significant?
- How to recognise imaging artefacts
- Using echocardiography in your practice and how to get started

**21st May 2014**, Studley, Warwickshire  
**Mark Patteson** MA VetMB PhD DVC CertVR MRCVS  
**£657.00 + VAT (£788.40)**

Course Ref: 0597

very practical

Excellent course, I now know what I should be doing when scanning hearts so will be scanning many more.



## Next Steps in Cardiac Ultrasound

This is the course for you if you've been on our Introduction to Cardiac Ultrasound course already, or if you've some experience of using cardiac ultrasound in your practice. We'll emphasise the development of your echocardiographic technique to enable you to get the most useful scanning information from your clinical patients. Extensive hands-on practical scanning sessions will give you plenty of opportunity to develop your skills and interpretation with guidance from the course tutor.

### What you'll learn:

- Ultrasound physics - a refresher of those artefacts and how to improve your image
- 2D echo, M mode and Doppler echo - what are the measurements you can take and how useful are they?
- Practical sessions - right and left sided views, 2DE, MM, Doppler measurements of inflow and outflow

**9th and 10th June 2014**, Studley, Warwickshire  
**Rachel James** MA VetMB CertSAM DVC MRCVS  
**£1297.00 + VAT (£1556.40)**

Course Ref: 0608

very practical

Very good tutor. Excellent expectations with a passion for teaching. Fantastic further development from basic course.



# ... sort out your lung patterns ...

## Thoracic and Abdominal Radiology - What You Need to Know

Although radiology is the most frequently used diagnostic imaging technique in small animal veterinary practice, consistently accurate interpretation of radiographs is challenging.

On this course we'll help you to get the most out of your canine and feline thoracic and abdominal radiographs. We'll also look at the potential limitations of radiography and identify those cases where an additional or alternative imaging modality (ultrasound, CT or MRI) may be appropriate.

### What you'll learn:

- Normal radiographic anatomy and common variations
- How to interpret lung patterns
- Radiographic evaluation of cardiovascular disease
- Radiographic evaluation of the pleural space
- Limitations of thoracic radiography
- Normal radiographic anatomy
- How to interpret plain abdominal radiographs - a logical approach
- Radiographic evaluation of abdominal masses
- How to make the most of radiology in your practice

Make the most of radiology in your practice when you attend this course.

8th and 9th April 2014, Studley, Warwickshire  
Esther Barrett MA VetMB CertVR DVDI DipECVDD MRCVS  
£697.00 + VAT (£836.40)

Course Ref: 0575

very practical



Very clear, easy to follow seminars.

Practical sessions great and very useful to discuss findings; practical tips will be really useful.



Really useful, informative course.

Plenty of practical scanning.



Well organised, nice size of group, clear practical presentations and interesting discussion.



**Really good hands on course, the small group size was a real benefit.**



**One of the most useful courses I have done.**



**I have learnt so much in these 2 days - all of which has been useful and relevant to general practice.**



**I really feel like I have benefited from this course and feel more confident in the skills I have learned to take back into practice.**



**Great tutor and assistants. Pitched content at the right level. Good small group instruction. Would definitely recommend to colleagues.**

# Online Courses for Veterinary Surgeons



## Online Mini Series™

Learn without leaving your home or practice with these exceptionally easy to attend interactive courses in key areas of small animal practice. Join the hundreds of vets who have learned the easy way with an Online Mini Series™.

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Many thanks for your excellent lectures.



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Just for the record - I think this is a wonderful service.

### Equine Emergencies (January-February 2014)

Harry Carslake MA VetMB DipACVIM MRCVS

This Mini Series is designed for mixed practitioners who would like to reinvigorate their confidence, knowledge and enthusiasm for equine emergency calls! It is suitable for both recent graduates and more experienced practitioners, and will cover diagnosis and management of commonly encountered equine emergencies, including what to do when referral isn't an option.



### Thoracic Radiology (March-April 2014)

Esther Barret MA VetMB DVIDI DipECVDI MRCVS

Thoracic radiology is demystified as we look in turn at the lower airways and lung fields, the heart and thoracic vessels and finally the pleural space, mediastinum and thoracic boundaries.

**'My confidence in dealing with those weekend chest films on my own is hugely enhanced. Good notes and good film reading practice.'**



### Six of the Best (April-May 2014)

Simon Platt BVM&S DipECVN DipACVIM MRCVS

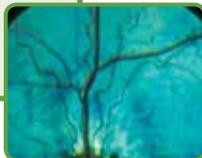
In this Mini Series we will cover those neurological conditions which you see often in practice and, using plenty of case videos, will help you to deal with these patients effectively and appropriately. We'll explore Vestibular Disease, Neck and Back Pain, Seizures, Chronic Weakness in the Old Patient, Head and Spine Trauma, and Lameness.



### Ophthalmology Case Challenges (May-June 2014)

David Gould BSc(Hons) BVM&S PhD DVOPhthal DipECVO MRCVS

Does your heart sink when an eye patient walks through the door? In this online course we'll use real case examples to help you to deal with your ophthalmology cases more effectively and with considerably less stress.



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### Respiratory Surgery

Jonathan Bray MVSc Cert SAS MACVSc MRCVS DECVS

Get all the help you need with upper and lower airway surgery in your practice. Includes emergencies, stabilising your patients and management options for best outcomes. Get updates in laryngeal paralysis, tracheal collapse and brachycephalic airway disease. Learn how to manage pleural effusions and lung contusions to keep your patients alive.



### Cardiac Ultrasound

Mark Patteson MA VetMB PhD DVC CertVR MRCVS

Mark explodes several myths and helps you focus on the key areas to help you improve your cardiac ultrasound technique

**'Mark very clear and explains things in ways that are not only easy to understand but enable me to work out problems from the underlying principles.'**



### Hot Topics in Feline Medicine

Samantha Taylor BVetMed(Hons) CertSAM DipECVIM-CA MRCVS

Get right up to date with current thinking in feline practice with this essential mini series.

**'Superb! Great balance of essential theory and application to the types of cases I see in practice.'**



## How to Fix Fractures

Mark Glyde BVSc MACVSc MVS HDipUTL DipECVS MRCVS

Mark will teach you how to plan your surgeries correctly and review the key practical aspects of the commonly used fracture fixation devices.

**'Very easy to understand and definitely an inspiring teacher!'**

**'Understood principles better especially on making decisions.'**



## The Reptile Survival Guide

Kevin Eatwell BVSc(Hons) DZooMed(Reptilian) DipECZM(Herp) MRCVS

The Reptile Survival Guide will give you a practical understanding and more confidence when dealing with these wonderful creatures.

**'Intensive and stimulating course, excellent speaker.'**

**'More confident now with these challenging patients.'**



## Cardiology Crash Course

Nuala Summerfield BSc BVM&S DipACVIM(Cardiology) DipECVIM-CA (Cardiology) MRCVS

Get all the help you need with your cardiology patients in practice. Diagnosis, differentials, therapeutics and much more!

**'The whole course was so well presented – well organised and clinically easily understandable. The lecturer deserves an A\*!'**



## Neurology Boot Camp

Laurent Garosi DVM DipECVN MRCVS

Simon Platt BVM&S DipACVIM (Neurology) DipECVN MRCVS

Your small animal neurology will be firing on all fibres with the expert help of Laurent Garosi and Simon Platt in their Neurology Boot Camp.

**'Really useful, practical stuff I can use straight away, thank you.'**



To register for these courses call us now on  
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# Nurses

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// Very good course content, in more depth than I expected. I have lots of information to take back for both Vets and Nurses. So the boss will be pleased.

// Excellent course and content. Common sense approach highlighted which let me know I am already doing the right thing! Will be doing more CPD Solutions courses.

# Successful Management of Diabetes Mellitus

Diabetes mellitus is a common endocrinopathy in cats and dogs. The diagnosis is usually straightforward, but patient management can be challenging. Using a case-based format, we will explore the diagnosis and management of diabetes mellitus. Recent advances in the management and monitoring diabetes mellitus will be presented. Successful management of diabetes requires a team approach. As a nurse, you are a vital member of the management and monitoring team; you will work with owners of diabetic pets on a daily basis and you'll often be the first port of call for owners when they have concerns.

## What you'll learn:

- What is diabetes mellitus and how is a diagnosis achieved?
- Treatment of diabetes mellitus and your role as a nurse
- Feeding diabetic patients
- Monitoring diabetics
- Problem diabetic cases and how to approach them

6th March 2014, Studley, Warwickshire  
Grant Petrie MA VetMB CertSAC CertSAM MRCVS  
£335.00 + VAT (£402.00)

Course Ref: 0556

Professional approach to learning but on a fun level, appropriate to nurses throughout.



# Clinical Nutrition

Getting nutrition right is vital for hospitalised patients and those with specific conditions. On this course we'll equip you to provide appropriate nutrition for your patients, and communicate effectively with owners on their pet's diet. We'll cover the basic concepts of nutrition and go on to cover nutritional management of dogs and cats who are in your hospital and special dietary requirements for dogs and cats with urinary tract, gastrointestinal tract or cardiac disease.

## What you'll learn:

- Basics of nutrition of the dog and cat
- Nutrition for dogs and cats hospitalised in your practice
- Nutrition for your patients with urinary tract disease, including chronic kidney disease, urolithiasis and cystitis
- Adverse reactions to food and what to do
- Nutrition for animals with hepatic disease, pancreatic disease and gastrointestinal diseases
- Nutrition for patients with cardiac disease

8th July 2014, Studley, Warwickshire  
Marge Chandler DVM MS MACVSc DACVN DACVIM DECVIM MRCVS  
£335.00 + VAT (£402.00)

Course Ref: 0624A

Just as expected with CPD Solutions.



## Wound Management - Making a Difference

This course will enhance your role in wound management. You'll gain the knowledge and skills that you need for a confident approach to the management of wounds in your practice in association with your veterinary surgeon. We'll give you the skills you need to adopt a pro-active and effective plan with both routine and challenging cases.

### What you'll learn:

- How to assess wounds and set objectives
- Advanced wound management principles: delayed union and second intention healing
- What to do with delayed healing and chronic wounds
- How to develop your role in practice
- How to select and apply dressings
- Evidence versus experience

Get better outcomes with your wounds when you come on this course.

5th March 2014, Studley, Warwickshire

**Georgina Hollis** BSc MVWHA  
£335.00 + VAT (£402.00)

Course Ref: 0555



Excellent course content and quality of speakers. Very practical course and took away lots of hints and tips that can be applied immediately in practice.



## Local Anaesthetic Techniques

Local anaesthesia is an under-used area of small animal practice and can be incorporated into many anaesthetic protocols that you will regularly carry out in your practice. The advantages for your patients are huge. This highly practical course will help you to use local anaesthetic techniques effectively in your patients. You'll leave this course with the confidence to perform each technique studied. First you'll learn the theory, and then you'll practise the techniques in hands-on sessions with the direct support of the course tutor.

### What you'll learn:

- The very latest guidelines for pain management
- Local anaesthetic techniques for orthopaedic, soft tissue and dental procedures that you perform in your practice
- How to use nerve locators for specific techniques
- How to use epidural and spinal anaesthesia in your patients
- The opportunity to practise all techniques described

This course is relevant to vets and experienced nurses in first opinion practice as well as those studying for further qualifications in anaesthesia.

12th May 2014, Studley, Warwickshire

**Matt Gurney** BVSc CertVA DipECVAA MRCVS

Vet : £447.00 + VAT (£536.40) Nurse : £347.00 + VAT (£416.40)

1 Vet + 1 Nurse : £699.00 + VAT (£838.80)

Course Ref: 0591



Good speaker, friendly and good at answering questions that arose. Well located and good value.

There is a special rate for vets and nurses attending from the same practice.



## Anaesthesia for Nurses

As a veterinary nurse in general or small animal practice, the monitoring and care of anaesthetised patients will form a significant proportion of your daily work. The best anaesthetic monitor is the person monitoring the patient - that means you! As awareness increases about the potential risks of small animal anaesthesia, and owner expectations about the care of their pets becomes ever higher, your role becomes even more important. This course will help you to develop your knowledge and skills in this vital area, so that you can carry out this responsible role effectively and competently, keeping your stress levels in theatre to a minimum.

### What you'll learn:

- How to choose a breathing system
- Monitoring anaesthesia: - How can you prevent things from going wrong and what can you do when they do?
- Pain assessment
- Intravenous access and fluid therapy - which fluids should be used?
- Perioperative care - comfort and safety for patients

13th March 2014, Studley, Warwickshire

Elizabeth Leece BVSc DipECVA CertVA MRCVS  
£335.00 + VAT (£402.00)

Course Ref: 0561



The course was interesting and enjoyable.

I feel it covered all relevant subjects relating to anaesthetics and more than met up to my expectations.



## Advanced Anaesthesia for Nurses

As a qualified veterinary nurse, you have an important role in providing a high standard of anaesthetic support for all patients. You will encounter challenging scenarios due to both the nature of the procedure being performed and the health of the patient. This is particularly true in a referral environment. It is vital that you are up to date with the drugs and protocols being used to ensure that you can perform this role effectively. This course will help you with specific considerations for critical patients and those undergoing complex surgeries.

### What you'll learn:

- Anaesthesia for complex medical cases
- Analgesia options and what you need to know
- How to monitor anaesthesia in critical patients
- What you need to know about anaesthesia for complex surgery
- Are you up to date with advances in anaesthesia?
- Your role as a nurse in referral practice anaesthesia

30th June 2014, Studley, Warwickshire

Elizabeth Leece BVSc DipECVA CertVA MRCVS  
£335.00 + VAT (£402.00)

Course Ref: 0620



Great day, lots of useful practical tips as well as theory.



# Anaesthesia and Analgesia in Critical Care

Do you deal with critical patients in your practice? Would you like some help with these challenging patients? On this course you'll find out how to give them the best quality of nursing care and contribute to optimum outcomes for each animal. You can also ask any questions that you have about areas that come up in your day to day work. You'll leave the day with increased confidence and workable plans to use when involved in anaesthesia and pain management in critically ill patients.

## What you'll learn:

- Basic principles of anaesthesia - a modern approach
- The pain pathway: how and where analgesics work
- New drugs and current thinking; how it affects critically ill patients
- Mortality and anaesthesia in critical patients
- Anaesthesia for critical cats
- Fluid therapy for critical care and anaesthesia
- Monitoring for anaesthesia - what do we look at and why?
- How to stabilise critical patients and techniques you'll need for critical care cases

10th April 2014, Studley, Warwickshire  
Matt Gurney BVSc CertVA DipECVAA MRCVS  
£335.00 + VAT (£402.00)

Course Ref: 0577



Excellent, as always!



## Practical Haematology and Urine Analysis

Blood and urine sampling are essential for diagnosing many different diseases. Nurses with a good understanding of these areas are key to the smooth running of the practice, playing a vital role in handling and analysing diagnostic samples. This day course will introduce the principles you need to give you the confidence to process a multitude of diagnostic samples productively, optimising the information obtained from every sample. The practicals will focus on blood smears and sediment microscopy, introducing critical blood film examination to confirm automated haematology analysers and their results.

### What you'll learn:

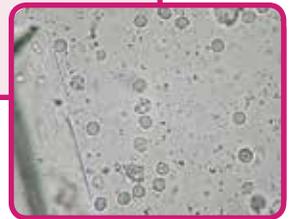
- Blood and urine sampling – when, where and how
- Sample artefacts and pitfalls to avoid
- Automated analysis – role and limitations
- Introduction to blood film examination
- Urine analysis and microscopy
- Practical case examples for illustration

**11th July 2014**, Studley, Warwickshire  
**Roger Powell** VetMB MA DipACVP DipRCPath MRCVS  
**£397.00 + VAT (£476.40)**

Course Ref: 0627

very practical

Very informative, great course material to take home. Very good set-up for practicals and great range of examples to look at. Excellent tutor.



## Making the Most of Your Microscope

Microscopic understanding and analysis is at the hub of your practice's diagnostic capability. Vets and Nurses with a good understanding of these areas are crucial to the smooth running of the practice. You play a vital role in the handling and analysing of diagnostic samples, both those done 'in house' and those referred to external or reference laboratories. This course will provide you with the principles and confidence to handle a multitude of diagnostic samples productively, optimising the information obtained from every sample.

### What you'll learn:

- Smearing and staining – can you see it?
- Sample artefacts – can you interpret the result?
- Urinalysis – sediment examination – Sedistain?
- Haematology – introductory microscopy – red and white cells, platelets
- Introduction to cytology – superficial skin and ear preps, inflammation
- Practical case examples – what you might see in your practice

**12th March 2014**, Studley, Warwickshire  
**Roger Powell** VetMB MA DipACVP DipRCPath MRCVS  
**£427.00 + VAT (£512.40)**

Course Ref: 0560

very practical

Good, spacious, comfortable lecture theatre and lab area.



## Surgical Skills for Nurses Schedule 3 Procedures

Do you want to get more 'hands-on' with surgery in your practice? Would you like to help work through a busy ops list? Schedule 3 of The Veterinary Surgeons Act allows nurses to carry out minor surgical procedures under the supervision of a veterinary surgeon. Veterinary nurses are increasingly taking on these cases, utilising their knowledge and skills, whilst increasing their job satisfaction. The course aims to outline the necessary skills required to competently carry out some common procedures via the use of lectures and practical sessions.

### What you'll learn:

- How to prepare a patient for surgery, which instruments and suture materials to use
- How to cope with traumatic wounds and 'stitch ups'
- How to perform lump removals
- Biopsy techniques - FNA, needle core and skin punch
- How to use surgical drains
- How to manage specific presentations - abscesses, aural haematoma, tail amputation

15th May 2014, Studley, Warwickshire  
Paul Aldridge BVSc CertSAS MRCVS  
£447.00 + VAT (£536.40)

Course Ref: 0594

very  
practical



Really enjoyed both theory and practical aspects of today's CPD, would recommend to other VNs.



## Nursing the Orthopaedic Patient - from Admission to Discharge

Orthopaedic nursing is one of the most commonly required services in both first opinion and referral practice, especially after road traffic accidents. On this course we'll discuss your role in some of the commonly seen orthopaedic surgeries. We'll go through what you need to know in theatre, what analgesia options are suitable and what you can do to make recovery and rehabilitation as trouble free as possible for both patient and owner.

### What you'll learn:

- Comparing common orthopaedic surgical procedures - understanding the vet's choice
- Analgesia - pre, peri and post operative pain management
- Fracture repair - classification, ASIF principles
- Trauma and RTA patients - including open fracture management and nursing
- Nursing for recovery and rehabilitation
- Post-operative nursing - including nutritional support

22nd May 2014, Studley, Warwickshire  
Alison Young DipAVN (Surg) RVN  
£335.00 + VAT (£402.00)

Course Ref: 0598



Very informative on all aspects of best practice for orthopaedic cases, from first presentation to discharge. Excellent tutor, very informative and entertaining course.



# Introduction to Canine Physiotherapy

This course will get you started in canine physio and show you how you can use it in your practice. Extensive hands-on practical sessions let you practise under the guidance of the expert tutor.

## What you'll learn:

- The role of physiotherapy in small animal practice and the benefits of team working
- Indications, and safe application of massage, passive movements, stretches and hot/cold therapy
- Introduction to therapeutic exercise:
  - Strength, suppleness, stamina and proprioception
  - The benefits of hydrotherapy
- Case studies apply theory to practice

**18th and 19th July 2014**, Studley, Warwickshire

**Brian Sharp** MSc(VetPhys) BSc(Phys) BSc(Biol) PGCertEd PGDipHealthEd MCSP HPC Reg ACPAT (Category A)

**£550.00 + VAT (£660.00)**

**Course Ref: 0632**

very practical



Very informative and I feel much more confident in going back to practice and developing my own skill.



# Anatomy

A sound knowledge of anatomy is an essential requirement for anyone involved in the rehabilitation process. To carry out effective rehabilitation, you need an understanding of the main anatomical structures and the effects of injury or surgery. We will explore the differences between canine and feline anatomy, and there will be a large practical element with emphasis on developing your fine palpation skills.

## What you'll learn:

- Course introduction
- Bones, joints, ligaments, muscles, tendons:
  - Structure
  - The effects of use and disuse
  - The conflicting requirements of stability and mobility
- Canine conformation and posture
- Comparative anatomy of the canine and feline patient
- Palpation of major body structures
  - A logical regime for effective palpation

**24th and 25th January 2014**, Studley, Warwickshire

**Brian Sharp** MSc(VetPhys) BSc(Phys) BSc(Biol) PGCertEd PGDipHealthEd MCSP HPC Reg ACPAT (Category A)

**£750.00 + VAT (£900.00)**

**Course Ref: 0549**

very practical



Excellent course with clearly imparted information backed up with fully supported practicals.

*This course can be attended as a stand alone session and it is also part of the VNRT - Level 2*



## Exercise and Rehabilitation

Exercise and rehabilitation represent the final stage in maximising your patient's fitness and function following illness, injury or surgery. Rehabilitation involves helping individuals to achieve the highest level of function, independence and quality of life possible. A good understanding of the principles of exercise will allow you to perform more effective rehabilitation with your small animal patients. In this module we will explore the principles and practice of exercise and rehabilitation, including applications for both land-based and aquatic therapy.

### What you'll learn:

- Principles of exercise and rehabilitation
  - Strength, suppleness, stamina, balance and proprioception
  - Assisted, active-assisted, active and resisted exercise
  - Concentric, eccentric and isometric muscle activity
  - Kinetic chains - open and closed
  - Rehabilitation equipment
  - Progressing exercise
- Hydrotherapy
- Designing effective rehabilitation programmes

25th & 26th April 2014, Studley, Warwickshire

**Brian Sharp** MSc(VetPhys) BSc(Phys) BSc(Biol) PGCertEd PGDipHealthEd MCSP HPC Reg ACPAT (Category A)  
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Course Ref: 0584

very practical



I feel that I am progressing through the course and slowly gaining confidence with using different techniques in practice.

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## Neurology

The neurological patient probably represents one of your greatest challenges as a veterinary nurse, and appropriate rehabilitative management is essential if a good functional outcome is to be achieved. During this module we will explore neurology from the anatomical and physiological basis of nerves and nerve conduction to pathological conditions and management strategies. In the practical sessions we will practise nerve palpation, neurological examination and appropriate rehabilitation techniques that you can use with your patients.

### What you'll learn:

- The adaptable nervous system
- Anatomical pathways of the main peripheral nerves
- The physiology of motor control
- Common pathologies seen in small animal practice
- Surgical approaches to neurological conditions
- The neurological examination
- Rehabilitation strategies for the neurological patient
- Case studies

16th and 17th May 2014, Studley, Warwickshire

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**Ben Keeley** BVM&S CertSAS DipECVS MRCV  
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very practical



As with other modules on this course, very well taught, was great to have different speaker for different areas of knowledge.

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## Critical Care

Caring for the critical care patient is a specialist area of veterinary nursing, yet many of the principles involved are equally applicable to the recumbent ward patient. During this module we will equip you with the knowledge and skills that you need to provide effective rehabilitative care for all of your recumbent and critical care patients. Pain management strategies are applicable not only to your critical care patients, but also to many patients suffering from chronic pain conditions. This module will provide valuable information to help you to provide effective care for these patients.

### What you'll learn:

- The respiratory system - anatomy and physiology
- Common pathologies and treatments
- Pain and how to manage it
- Effects of long term recumbency
- Physiotherapy strategies for the critical care patient
  - Chest care
  - Dealing with recumbency

20th and 21st June 2014, Studley, Warwickshire

**Brian Sharp** MSc(VetPhys) BSc(Phys) BSc(Biol) PGCertEd PGDipHealthEd MCSP HPC Reg ACPAT (Category A)  
£750.00 + VAT (£900.00)

Course Ref: 0616

very  
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Well taught and great content as always. Handbooks really well written and informative.

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Alison Lambert BVSc MMRS MRCVS

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Adam Auckburally BVSc CertVA DipECVAA MRCVS

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### The Whelping Bitch and Paediatrics (April-May 2014)

Louise O'Dwyer MBA BSc(Hons) VTS(ECC) DipAVN (Medical & Surgical) RVN

As a veterinary nurse, you will frequently be involved in looking after the pregnant and whelping bitch, and caring for neonates. In this online course we will help you to deal with these stressful situations with knowledge and confidence.



### Getting Started with Physiotherapy – How to Get Them Fit and Healthy (June-July 2014)

Lowri Davies BVSc MRCVS Cert Vet Acup CCRP

From examination of the rehabilitation patient through to the decision making process which should assist in the safe development of a basic physiotherapy protocol, this online series will provide you with a practical approach to physiotherapy in practice.



### Emergency and Critical Care Nursing (October-November 2014)

Paul Aldridge BVSc CertSAS MRCVS

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