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RECOVER VETERINARY CPR CERTIFICATION - BASIC AND ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT

How do we best treat animals in cardiopulmonary arrest? An evidence-based veterinary CPR guideline published by the RECOVER Initiative in 2012 aimed at determining how to maximize the chances of patient survival led to the official veterinary CPR certification process approved by the American College of Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care. This course will equip participants with concepts and techniques in Basic Life Support (BLS) and Advanced Life Support (ALS) reinforced through scenario-based simulations.

MYTHBUSTERS: ECC NURSING MYTHS AND TRUTHS (An audience-guided content lecture)

Various nursing practices are considered to be "standard of care", but are they really? Some nursing practices are continued out of tradition, while some might have valid evidence to support its use. There also are topics of controversy that commonly spur debate. Recent evidence elucidating many prominent questions will be answered, and the methods in incorporating evidence into nursing practice discussed. The content of the lecture is guided by audience interest.

PRACTICAL BLOOD BANKING

Equipped with the knowledge of the various blood products available, a veterinary practice must decide the most practical and reasonable way to provide patients with the best course of treatment. The method of supplying blood products will be strongly influenced by the type and size of the practice. Historically, it has not been uncommon for a practice to have a "hospital cat/dog" or the pets of the staff members donate their blood (whole blood) for the patients. While many lives have been saved this way, it is difficult, with current knowledge and availability of blood products, to recommend this method except in dire circumstances. Discussion of viable options when blood products are not available and where they are, what advancements have been made.