

### **Its as easy as ABC: nursing the dog with GDV**

GDVs were once commonly seen in first opinion practice, however since specific emergency clinics have become increasingly common many nurses are less familiar in how to deal with such patients. This lecture will look at how to deal confidently with GDV patients, from the initial telephone conversation, emergency presentation, through stabilization, to post-operative care. Nurses will leave with improved knowledge on the physiological changes that occur with GDV and how this has an impact on the major organ systems, and how we tailor out treatment plans to deal with these changes.

### **Antibiotic stewardship: time for real infection control**

This lecture will look at various components of antibiotic stewardship and use, from how we should select individual antibiotics, and specific antibiotics that should avoid using routinely; through the emergence of antibiotic resistance, and why it is such a grave concern to the role of the veterinary nurse in preventing antimicrobial resistance. We will also look at what procedures can be put into place to reduce our reliance on antibiotic administration, and the importance of prevention of hospital acquired infections.

### **Dealing with difficult wounds**

Non-healing, or difficult to heal wounds in veterinary practice rarely pose an immediate risk to life, however they can result in prolonged periods of veterinary care which can be very costly to the owner, uncomfortable and stressful for the patient, and potentially may result in euthanasia, or limb amputation in some cases.

There are numerous underlying causes of non-healing wounds and these can generally be divided into wound factors, patient factors and surgeon factors all of which will be discussed during this lecture, along with case studies.

**Whats on the menu? Nutritional support of the critical patient** This lecture will review and update delegates on the topic of clinical nutrition of dogs and cats. An emphasis will be placed on the importance of the technicians' role in nutrition. Areas to be covered include: identification of patient requiring nutritional support, creating a nutritional plan for hospitalised patients, calculating patients' nutritional needs and assisted feeding techniques

### **Anaesthesia and analgesia consideration for the GI patient**

GI emergencies are one of the most common emergency presentations. Patients presenting with gastrointestinal disorders or dysfunctions - gastric dilatation volvulus, hemoabdomen, intestinal/abdominal foreign body, gastrointestinal perforation - routinely require general anaesthesia to facilitate complete examination, obtain necessary diagnostic testing or imaging, or for surgical intervention. This lecture will look at specific considerations regarding the type of gastrointestinal dysfunction and how this will influence each step in the anaesthetic process from premedication and induction to the recovery and postoperative phases.

**Road traffic accidents: how can we help?**

Patients commonly present to veterinary practice following motor vehicle accidents and this situation can be stressful for all those involved from owner, to patient, to staff. This lecture will look at our goals for the first few hours in the treatment of these patients including fluid therapy, analgesia and monitoring, and will explain the rationale behind these decisions.