

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

IRISH

FLUID THERAPY IN CATS AND DOGS

December 4 **Lisburn, Co. Antrim**

Lecturer in internal medicine and emergency and critical care medicine, Simone Schuller will discuss the topic of fluid therapy as part of the BSAVA-NI CPD. The evenings meeting will be followed by the groups AGM, taking place at the Veterinary Surgeons Supply Company, Lisburn, Co. Antrim. More information can be obtained by e-mailing shane@braemarvetclinic.co.uk

EQUINE EMERGENCIES

January 19 **Rochestown Park Hotel, Cork**

Patrick Pollock, MRCVS will speak at this meeting, which investigates equine emergencies. Edward Myers will chair the event. For more information, or to express your interest, contact President of the Cork Veterinary Clinical Society, Sandra Spratt on 025 24399.

VICAS WINTER CONFERENCE

January 30 to February 1 **Galway**

The annual VICAS Winter Conference will take place in Galway this January. The three-day event, which is being held in the Radisson SAS Hotel, is worth 12.5 CVE credits. The scientific lectures promise to focus on topics of a practical nature, relevant to common conditions encountered by vets in practice. Speakers include Gerry Polton, Shane Guerin and Stephen White. A separate nursing stream is scheduled for Saturday. Interested parties can register online at www.veterinaryireland.ie

EQUINE INFECTIOUS DISEASES

February 19 **Naas, Co. Kildare**

BEVA and Veterinary Ireland are set to host a joint meeting on equine infectious diseases in the Osprey Hotel in Naas, Co. Kildare. The event, preceded by a buffet supper at 7pm will focus on the investigation and management of infectious diseases in horses. Dr Vivienne Duggan and Prof. Josh Slater will speak at the meeting, which will emphasise on approaches and techniques for the equine practitioner. Those interested in registering for the evening event can contact Veterinary Ireland on 01457 7976.

CHRONIC DISEASES OF THE LOWER AIRWAYS

February 26 **Rochestown Park Hotel, Cork**

A meeting will take place in Rochestown Park Hotel, Cork on the topic of chronic disease of the lower airways. Renowned speaker Thurid Freitag will present at the event. Further details are available by contacting Sandra Spratt on 025 24399.

INTERNATIONAL

ENDOSCOPIC SURGERY

December 17 **Warwickshire, UK**

This interactive course aims to alter the view of practitioners who think laparoscopy is something that should only ever

be performed in a teaching hospital. Attendees will handle and use the types of equipment and instruments needed in practice, while practical 'hands-on' sessions with trainer models enable participants to manipulate the instruments. For more information on the event, which will take place in the CPD Solutions Training Centre, Studley, Warwickshire, e-mail courses@cpd-solutions.com

FELINE NEUROLOGY

January 12 **Warwickshire, UK**

This one-day course will discuss diagnostic and therapeutic approaches to feline patients with neurological disease. The course is aimed at clinicians in practice who want a greater understanding of feline neurology. Specific areas to be covered include: The neurological examination for your feline patients; specific diagnostic techniques for cats; epileptic seizures; vestibular disease; brain and cranial nerve disorders; and, how to approach the paralysed cat. More information can be obtained by contacting Liz at CPD Solutions on 0044 151 328 0444.

PET BEREAVEMENT

January 15 **Manchester, UK**

This course sets out to ensure professionals are equipped with adequate knowledge when supporting clients through the difficult time of a pet bereavement. It is aimed at all those in contact with pet-bereaved clients, including Vets, VNs and receptionists. The days' programme will include: The human-companion animal bond; loss and grief; companion animal euthanasia; compassionate communication skills; practical strategies; and, interventional self-care. The event will take place at the Worsley Park Marriot Hotel, Manchester, UK. For more information tel: 0044 1926 410 454 or e-mail office@spvs.org.uk

CAMBRIDGE EXPERT VETS: CERTIFICATE IN DAIRY CATTLE PRACTICE

January 19 to 23 **Cambridge, UK**

This five-day residential course for veterinarians consists of 10 modules. The modules highlight important information and key skills to optimise the health, welfare, productivity and profitability of dairy cattle. Additional assignments, review questions and an examination are required before the certificate is awarded. This course is accredited by the European School of Postgraduate Studies. Further information is available from Cambridge Expert VETS, (Veterinary Education and Support). Course details and an online booking facility can be found at www.expertvets.com

CAMBRIDGE EXPERT VETS: CERTIFICATE IN BEEF CATTLE PRACTICE

February 2 to 6 **Cambridge, UK**

This five-day residential course for veterinarians consists of five modules, each highlighting important information and key skills

to optimise the health, welfare, productivity and profitability of beef cattle. Additional assignments, review questions and an examination are required before the certificate is awarded. This course is accredited by the European School of Postgraduate Studies. For more information, visit www.expertvets.com

APPROACH TO THE VOMITING DOG

February 11

Cheshire, UK

Vomiting dogs can frequently present in first opinion practice. Many vets face challenges in their approach to these patients for example, determining how to localise the cause of the vomiting and how to reach a diagnosis. During this course, a case-based format will be used to examine the management of vomiting. Participants will work through and problem-solve a number of dogs with a common presentation with diverse causes. For more information, or to reserve a place for this one-day event, contact 0044 151 328 0444.

RABBIT WELFARE ASSOCIATION AND FUND: ANNUAL CONGRESS

February 28

Nottingham, UK

The Rabbit Welfare Association and Fund (RWA&F) is holding its annual congress at the Village Hotel, Chilwell, Nottingham, with its usual two-tier programme: one series of lectures for veterinarians and nurses, and the other for animal care assistants, rescuers and pet-owners. Several UK-based veterinarians with a special interest in pet rabbits will deliver a range of lectures on neurology, management of stress, coccidiosis, neoplasia, encephalitozoonosis and anaesthesia. There will be the usual commercial exhibition featuring relevant pharmaceutical and husbandry products. The RWA&F annual conference is proving to be an excellent and popular medium for veterinarians and veterinary nurses to obtain up-to-date information on their treatment, as well providing an opportunity to revise the basics and to discuss issues with colleagues. For further information on the event e-mail Anne Mitchell hq@rabbitwelfare.co.uk
