Supporting veterinary professionals like you

The BSAVA is here to support you with advice, CPD, publications and essential online resources. Wherever you are on your professional journey, we are leading the way in small animal practice through education and science.

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CPD DESCRIPTORS

There will be three categories of course set out with the following descriptors:

First steps in...
Half day courses intended for new or recent graduates or those new to small animal practice. Mix and match topics to create a strong platform for your work in practice.

An online discussion forum will be available for attendees in order to offer support within your network of colleagues.

Developing confidence in...
Full day courses intended for veterinary surgeons who already have baseline knowledge and experience in the subject area, but wish to gain confidence. These courses are particularly suitable for those with a few years' experience who are seeking to refresh and develop their skills, or those returning to practice after a career break.

An online resource for each of these courses will offer follow up MCQs to support your learning in the individual topics.

Enhancing proficiency in...
Full day courses for veterinary surgeons working towards or at the level of advanced practitioner. These courses are particularly intended for those with a sound grasp of the subject, but wishing to consider recent advances and to refine application of these skills in practice.

These courses will include an electronic copy of the course notes prior to the course with the possibility of further pre-course reading.
REGIONAL CPD

Quality CPD on your doorstep

BSAVA doesn’t just offer a ‘one size fits all’ regional CPD programme; it is specially devised and run by our members for the whole veterinary community. Regions are in the best place to understand your CPD needs and requirements and will ensure that vets, veterinary nurses and the whole practice team has the opportunity to update current knowledge and expertise without having to travel too far. You’ll also benefit from a great opportunity to network amongst like-minded professionals and take part in social activities.

Regional CPD varies from full and half day courses to evening courses (which also happen to be FREE for BSAVA Members) covering a wide range topical issues; from current concerns, to important clinical topics, to social media and communication – we cover it all! Some of our courses will also include practical or interactive sessions to enhance your learning.

About BSAVA Regions

You may not know it, but BSAVA is run mainly by volunteers and our regional committees are made up of local vets and nurses. These committees work hard to run high quality, interesting and relevant CPD that’s local to you.

As a region, we listen to feedback from our delegates within the region and use this to plan a regional CPD programme. Regions also provide a valuable networking and support role for members and we are always looking for additional volunteers. If this sounds like something you’d like to get involved in please contact us at volunteer@bsava.com.

Book online at www.bsava.com/cpd
Many of our pet rabbit’s health problems stem from dental disease, yet it frequently goes undiagnosed. This talk will consider the anatomy and action of the teeth to demonstrate why problems occur. Bob will also discuss the wide variety of symptoms that dental disease can produce. Diagnostic protocols will be illustrated, together with examples of radiographs. Treatment options will be discussed with many slides from real cases.

Importantly the talk will provide practical steps that can be taken for prevention, together with how owner compliance can be encouraged.

This course is kindly sponsored by iM3 Dental

Book online at www.bsava.com/cpd
First steps in the clinic: dentistry
Encouraging a healthy mouth: top tips for a successful dental

- **Monday 11 March**
  - 10:00–13:00
  - TBC
  - Woodrow House, Gloucester

- **BSAVA Member:** £100
  - **Non-member:** £150

Dental and oral diseases are extremely common in small animals and a potential source of severe pain for your patients. Our speaker will cover the more common dental/oral conditions, and how to treat them, and to give you top tips on the best way to approach your routine dentals.

**LEARNING OBJECTIVES:**

- Understand the common dental/oral conditions
- Learn ways to treat the common conditions
- Top tips for the best approach to routine dentals

North West Region
An update on canine and feline dentistry

- **Wednesday 15 May**
  - 10:00–17:00
  - Alex Smithson
  - Radisson Blu Manchester Airport

- **BSAVA Member:** £200
  - **Non-member:** £300

Intended for veterinary surgeons, this course is a chance to get up to date with the latest topics in dentistry in dogs and cats including some interactive sessions.

Alex is highly trained with over 19 years of experience, and is the only dual qualified Veterinary Surgeon and human Dental Surgeon in this specialist field.

Enhancing proficiency in dentistry
Dentistry in rabbits

- **Thursday 13 June**
  - 10:00–17:00
  - Matthew Fiddes
  - Woodrow House, Gloucester

- **BSAVA Member:** £200
  - **Non-member:** £300

Dental disease is the most common presenting complaints in pet rabbits in general practice. These conditions can however be challenging to manage, often requiring repeated or lifelong treatment.

This course will use clinical scenarios and practical tips to improve the clinical approach and hands-on management of these cases. Diagnosis and treatment of dental disease together with client education will be covered.

**LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

- Be confident in diagnosing dental problems in rabbits
- Learn a good clinical approach to managing rabbit dental cases
- Information for client education

Book online at [www.bsava.com/cpd](http://www.bsava.com/cpd)
North East Region
Canine and feline behaviour

Sunday 20 January
10:00–17:00

Sarah Heath

Pavilions of Harrogate

BSAVA Member: £200
Non-member: £300

Book online at www.bsava.com/cpd
First steps in clinic: behaviour
Dogs don’t bite because they are bad: understanding aggression in dogs

This one-day course will discuss the importance of considering emotional as well as physical health in our patients. It will apply understanding of emotional motivations and behavioural responses to the context of the general veterinary practice and show how it can help in decreasing distress in patients, owners and staff and also lead to an effective preventative behavioural medicine service. The specific topic of neutering will be discussed and the behavioural considerations that apply when making the decisions about whether and when to neuter will be outlined.

Delegates will be given examples of how dogs and cats communicate information about their emotional state and learn how to do an effective emotional assessment of their patients and a comprehensive stress audit of their practice.

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The aim of the course is to help vets to understand the reasons for aggressive behaviour, including the relationship between physical health and aggression.

Advice on helping clients to manage an aggressive dog (behavioural first aid), prior to referral for a behaviour consultation will be given and finally, the session will discuss approaches that the practice can take to minimise the risk of aggression in patients as well as appropriately handle dogs where aggression is shown within the practice.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

➜ Understand the key emotions and motivations underlying aggressive behaviour in dogs
➜ Understand the interrelationship between physical health and aggressive behaviour
➜ Be able to recognise the distance increasing behaviours dogs usually show before they bite
➜ Be able to give first aid advice to a client who mentions in a consultation that their dog is showing aggressive behaviour

Book online at www.bsava.com/cpd
EXOTICS

Southern Region
Holistic rabbit anaesthesia: it’s more than just drugs!

- Wednesday 16 January
  20:00–22:00
- Jo Hinde
- The Potter’s Heron, Romsey
- BSAVA Member: FREE
  Non-member Vet: £40
  Non-member Nurse: £20

An evening course provided by Jo Hinde from lagolearn to provide gold standard anaesthesia, pre- and post-op care for our rabbits. This course will be suitable for vets, nurses and students. This evening will also include the Southern Annual Regional Meeting.

*This course is being jointly run with Lagolearn*

Book online at [www.bsava.com/cpd](http://www.bsava.com/cpd)
**West Midlands Region**

Chicken consultations for first opinion small animal vets and nurses

- **Wednesday 23 January**
  - 20:00–22:00
  - Victoria Roberts
  - RSPCA Frankley, Birmingham

  BSAVA Member: **FREE**
  - Non-member Vet: **£40**
  - Non-member Nurse: **£20**

Victoria will deliver her enormously popular talk on seeing chickens in 1st opinion practice. Subject to the venue and sourcing, we hope to have some chickens in attendance as well.

**North East Region**

**Tortoises**

- **Wednesday 6 February**
  - 20:00–22:00
  - Aidan Raftery
  - IDEXX Wetherby

  BSAVA Member: **FREE**
  - Non-member Vet: **£40**
  - Non-member Nurse: **£20**

An evening update for veterinary surgeons and veterinary nurses on tortoises.

*This course is kindly sponsored by Lafeber*

**Cymru/Wales Region**

**Head tilt in rabbits: causes and cures**

- **Tuesday 5 March**
  - 20:00–22:00
  - Livia Benato
  - Carmarthen Veterinary Centre

  BSAVA Member: **FREE**
  - Non-member Vet: **£40**
  - Non-member Nurse: **£20**

This lecture will discuss the differential diagnosis of head tilt in pet rabbits and will give an update of the available diagnostic tests and treatments. Will also give some tips on how support the rabbit patient while hospitalised.

**LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

- Confidence in how to approach head tilt in rabbits
- The ability to formulate a list of differential diagnosis in order to establish an adequate treatment plan
- Understanding of how best to support the rabbit during the course of the disease

*This course is kindly sponsored by Burgess*
Reptiles are an increasing component of the work load of a small animal practice, either presented by private owners, from zoological collections or occasionally presented as wildlife casualties. Many owners are now expecting a higher level of care from veterinary surgeons and it is important that we, as veterinary surgeons, provide suitable care for these species. The class Reptilia includes more than 6000 species distributed along almost all climates and ecosystems on the planet, apart from Antarctica. This lectures provides an overview of how to approach a reptile patient from a clinical and surgical perspective, highlighting points relevant for emergency room veterinarians as well, but encourages clinicians to seek additional species-specific information to better medically diagnose and treat these patients.

**LEARNING OBJECTIVES AND TOPICS COVERED**

- How to deal with a reptile patient from the waiting room to the hospitalisation area
- How to perform a complete clinical evaluation
- How to perform common and useful clinical techniques
- How to approach and care for the reptile surgical patient

*This course is kindly sponsored by Pinmoore Animal Laboratory Services Limited (PALS)*
**South East Region**

**Rabbit gastrointestinal disease: the “acute abdomen”**

- **Wednesday 15 May**
  - 20:00–22:00
- **Tom Dutton**
- **Stepping Stones Pub, Dorking**
- **BSAVA Member:** FREE
  - **Non-member Vet:** £40
  - **Non-member Nurse:** £20

Rabbits frequently present with non-specific GI symptoms: most commonly ileus/GI stasis. Differentiating medical from acute surgical is vital to ensure the best patient outcomes.

This talk will discuss a practical approach to the management of GI disease in rabbits.

Delegates will leave with more confidence to manage rabbit acute abdominal issues.

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**South West Region**

**Backyard hens: top ten tips**

- **Tuesday 23 July**
  - 19:30–21:30
- **Ben Crisp**
- **The Canalside, Marsh Lane, Bridgwater TA6 6LQ**
- **BSAVA Member:** FREE
  - **Non-member Vet:** £40
  - **Non-member Nurse:** £20

In recent years, the popularity of pet chickens has greatly increased and so all general practitioner vets should be confident in examining, diagnosing and treating the common problems encountered by this species. In this two hour session aimed at veterinary surgeons, Ben Crisp will cover the ten top tips for the backyard hen, including common ailments, diseases and treatments for domestic poultry.

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**First step in clinic: exotics**

Successfully (and safely) negotiate the clinical exam of a reptile patient

- **Tuesday 12 March**
  - 14:00–17:00
- **Tom Dutton**
- **Woodrow House, Gloucester**
- **BSAVA Member:** £100
  - **Non-member:** £150

This course is aimed at the general practitioner wishing to progress their reptile medicine. It will cover; identification of common species, health and safety aspects of handling reptiles, examination and handling techniques. A practical component will be included.

**LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

- Recognise health and safety risks both physical and zoonosis
- Have knowledge of normal anatomy and normal physiological variations
- Perform a complete (as far as the species allows) clinical exam
- Recognise risks to the patient from examination and how iatrogenic injury can be prevented
Do you get stressed when an RTA patient arrives at your practice? This meeting will give you a logical approach to these cases, and help you understand how to deal with the many problems these patients can have. Up to date information on optimum treatment and care will be described as well as a pragmatic approach for a first opinion setting.

Dan Chan is a world renowned emergency and critical care specialist who has worked in both the USA and UK in busy referral hospitals for over 15 years. He has a particular interest in fluid therapy and trauma (being the lead veterinary surgeon of the only Level 1 VetCOT trauma centre outside of North America), making him the ideal speaker for this meeting.
Metropolitan Region
24 hours in vet ECC: everything you need to know about toxicology

- **Tuesday 5 February**
  - **20:00–22:00**
- **Lindsay Kellet-Gregory**
- **Brookmans Park Golf Club, Hatfield**
- **BSAVA Member:** FREE
  - **Non-member Vet:** £40
  - **Non-member Nurse:** £20

This talk will be aimed at GP vets and nurses who want to feel more confident about how to approach commonly encountered toxins.

West Midlands Region
Case based CPR

- **Thursday 25 April**
  - **20:00–22:00**
- **Matt Gurney**
- **Willows Veterinary Centre, Solihull**
- **BSAVA Member:** FREE
  - **Non-member Vet:** £40
  - **Non-member Nurse:** £20

Current recommendations are that we should train in CPR provision every six months. In this evening session Matt Gurney will cover everything you need to update yourself and what you should be taking back to train your colleagues in practice. You will leave this course feeling confident in the primary steps to take in CPR and what matters the most.

Vet Nurse Merit Award in ECC and Anaesthesia

- **Begins May 2019**
- **Louise O’Dwyer**
- **Online + practical day TBC**
- **BSAVA Member:** £525.00
  - **Non-member:** £787.50

The award is a non-accredited structured CPD course, which provides 30 hours of CPD for qualified vet nurses with an interest in surgical nursing.

The award is made up of 10 webinars, a practical attendance day and completed with an online MCQ assessment and case study supported by an online resource.

**TOPICS COVERED TO INCLUDE**
- Triage
- Shock and fluid therapy
- Analgesia and pain scoring
- Head trauma – the emergency patient plus many more

Book online at [www.bsava.com/cpd](http://www.bsava.com/cpd)
### North West Region

**Practical CPR techniques for small animal emergencies**

- **Wednesday 26 June**
  - 20:00–22:00
- **Liz Leece and Miguel Martinez**
- **Sale Sports Club**
- **BSAVA Member:** FREE
  - **Non-member Vet:** £40
  - **Non-member Nurse:** £20

We have 3 specialists running this CPD evening. We will start with a short lecture to remind delegates about the principles of CPR. There will also be some videos shown to demonstrate some of the techniques. Finally, we will split into small practical groups to practice some of the techniques on mannequins, under the guidance of the tutors. Numbers are limited due to the practical nature so early booking is advised.

This course is kindly sponsored by North West Veterinary Specialists.

### East Anglia Region

**Approach to the feline RTA**

- **Sunday 30 June**
  - 09:30–16:30
- **Karen Humm and Vicky Lipscomb**
- **Cambridge Belfry**
- **BSAVA Member:** £200
  - **Non-member Vet:** £300

Emergency care of the feline trauma case, both medical and surgical management.

This day course is aimed at general practitioners and those that work in emergency and critical care.

### ADDITIONAL BSAVA CPD

- **LEARN@LUNCH WEBINAR FOR VETS**
  - **Wednesday 17 April**
  - Management of open wounds
- **LEARN@LUNCH WEBINAR FOR VETS**
  - **Wednesday 12 June**
  - Thoracocentesis

### Available from BSAVA

**BSAVA Manual of Canine and Feline Emergency and Critical Care**

Third edition

Reviewed and updated, this manual reflects the continued growth in knowledge and understanding in emergency care while remaining a highly practical resource.

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Book online at [www.bsava.com/cpd](http://www.bsava.com/cpd)
East Anglia Region
Should we be raw feeding dogs and cats?

Wednesday 6 February
19:30–21:30

Isuru Gajanayake and Morkel Pienaar
Wood Green, The Animals Charity

BSAVA Member: FREE
Non-member Vet: £40
Non-member Nurse: £20

This evening will be a debate surrounding raw feeding of dogs and cats, including the scientific evidence on either side of the debate.

We have two excellent speakers, one a proponent of raw feeding and one against the practice to debate and discuss the topic. The focus will be on the evidence for and against the practice of raw feeding in dogs and cats to help inform delegates in this controversial area.
West Midlands Region
General practitioner echocardiography: how to do it in an EPIC way?

Tuesday 15 January
COURSE 1: 09:00–13:00
COURSE 2: 14:00–18:00

Chris Linney and Brigite Pedro
Rodbaston Campus, South Staffordshire

COST PER COURSE
BSAVA Member: £200
Non-member: £300

Book online at www.bsava.com/cpd
Developing confidence in canine practice: cardiology

Mitral valve disease and dilated cardiomyopathy in dogs: bringing cardiology into the 21st century

Thursday 28 February
10:00–17:00

Kieran Borgeat
Woodrow House, Gloucester

BSAVA Member: £200
Non-member: £300

Acquired heart disease is common in dogs, and poses a clinical challenge especially in the asymptomatic patient. This course will cover the recent thinking in how to deal with surprise heart disease in your clinic, as well as discuss the up to date management of heart disease and how to treat the very worst patients with heart failure.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

➜ Understand how to use a combination of physical exam findings, cardiac biomarkers and imaging abnormalities to identify pre-clinical heart disease which requires treatment
➜ Appreciate the decision making points in heart disease and when to intervene
➜ Understand how to consider prognosis for an individual dog, and factors to discuss with their owners in ongoing care
➜ Appreciate the options for management of dogs with acute, severe congestive heart failure signs

Basic practical echo course for all level vets. Main focus will be on basic measurements, which are used to assess dogs with MMVD to determine use of pimobendan in pre-clinical phase (EPIC study).

The session has a maximum capacity of 12 delegates (3 per dog and echo machine), allowing each delegate plenty of hands-on experience with echocardiography. Lunch will be provided for all delegates, after the morning session finishes at 1pm, and before the afternoon session starts.

Delegates are encouraged to bring their own dog for practical sessions. There is an incentive of a free BSAVA book of their choice in return.

This course is kindly sponsored by Boehringer Ingelheim & BCF

Book online at www.bsava.com/cpd
South West Region

What’s new in cardiology?

Wednesday 1 May
09:30–16:30
Kieran Borgeat
Exeter Court Hotel
BSAVA Member: £200
Non-member: £300

Cardiology is an ever changing field, with new treatments, updated evidence base, and different approaches every few years. On this one-day course, we will discuss when to use drugs such as pimobendan and spironolactone, rational use of cardiac biomarkers, new approaches to anti-thrombotic therapy in cats, and what options exist for the treatment of congenital heart diseases. Throughout, we will consider things from a general practice perspective, and use real-life case examples to illustrate learning points.

This course is kindly sponsored by CEVA

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To gain an understanding of the common respiratory conditions in dog; learning to recognise inspiratory versus expiratory dyspnoea and therefore a logical diagnostic approach. How to take good chest radiographs and interpret the various lung and chest conditions. Learn how to obtain good BAL samples and take Trucut biopsies and prepare them to post to a cytologist.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

➜ Understanding cardiothoracic radiology, what’s important to know
➜ How to perform a proper BAL (bronchoaveolar lavage) and prepare it for submission to the cytologist
➜ Pleural and mediastinal disease
➜ How to perform a Trucut biopsy – easier than you think

Developing confidence in canine practice: respiratory

Approach to the common respiratory disease in the dog

Tuesday 16 April
10:00–17:00
Mike Martin
Woodrow House, Gloucester
BSAVA Member: £200
Non-member: £300

PetSavers is part of the BSAVA and are the UK’s leading veterinary charity. It is dedicated to improving the health of pets by relieving the distress and pain caused by diseases, so that our companion animals can enjoy longer, fuller and healthier lives.

For further information or to find out how you can get involved visit www.petsavers.org.uk
Join us this Summer for 2 packed days of CPD, networking and Ceilidh.

Register your interest on www.bsavacongress.com and be the first to receive the programme and book your place.
South West Region

*Back to Basics: first opinion approach to the spinal patient*

**Tuesday 15 January**
19:30–21:30

Nicolas Granger

Engineer’s House, Bristol

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- Refresher of neurolocalisation, including some more unusual spinal signs
- When and what cases need referral
- Clinical case examples

**LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

- How to neurolocalise a spinal lesion
- To learn some of the more unusual spinal signs
- To understand the prognosis for certain spinal lesions and when they need referring
Developing confidence in feline practice: neurology

Feline neurology: taking the ‘n’ out of can’t

Thursday 7 February
10:00–17:00

Mark Lowri
Leeds TBC

BSAVA Member: £200
Non-member: £300

The neurological assessment in cats is also often limited in time due to their non-cooperative nature hence assessment of a few key tests is far more important than performing a barrage of tests that are more than likely to result in an angry cat. This course will give tips on determining when a cat has a neurological problem followed by specific aspects of the neurological examination that can help in diagnosing the condition causing those clinical signs.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

➜ Build confidence in identifying neurological problems in cats
➜ Identify key test to diagnose specific problems

Available from BSAVA

BSAVA Manual of Canine and Feline Neurology
Fourth edition

Many veterinary practitioners consider neurology to be one of the more difficult specialties, yet it is an area that just requires a logical and systematic approach. Part 1 of this manual describes the increasing availability of additional diagnostic tests such as MRI, which has greatly advanced this discipline.

Part 2 on neurological presentations provides an excellent reference text covering the diverse signs and symptoms of neurological conditions. Part 3 provides up-to-date coverage of therapeutic options.

The manual features more than 100 video clips of neurological examinations and disease specifics.

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### South West Region

**10 important things about lymphoma that you may not know**

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| Wednesday 27 March | 19:30–21:30 | Darts Farm, Exeter | Owen Davies | BSAVA Member: FREE  
Non-member Vet: £40  
Non-member Nurse: £20 |

Owen will provide the latest evidence on the diagnosis, staging and treatment of lymphoma in cats and dogs. He will update on monitoring of residual disease, novel treatment strategies, and provide useful tips for managing these patients in first opinion practice, followed by case discussion and questions.
South East and Southern Regions

**CHEMOTHERAPY MINI SERIES PART 1**

**Diagnosis and staging in lymphoma: what’s helpful, what’s not? Making the best decisions in first-opinion practice**

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This course will cover:

- Optimal techniques for lymphoma diagnosis
- Which staging evaluations are indicated and when?
- How do I manage canine lymphoma in first-opinion practice?
- How do I know whether it’s IBD or lymphoma?

These presentations will take you through available diagnostic strategies for canine and feline lymphoma. As well as presenting information about what might be considered to be optimal management in specialist practice, we will also focus on how to make the best decisions in day-to-day first-opinion practice.

Southern Region

**CHEMOTHERAPY MINI SERIES PART 2**

**Practicalities of chemotherapy: safe administration, sensible treatment decisions**

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This course will cover:

- How do we minimise cytotoxic substance exposure risk in practice?
- How do we decide who is a good candidate for chemotherapy?
- What is the best chemotherapy treatment for canine mast cell tumours?
- What are the alternatives to chemotherapy?

This lecture will comprise two presentations. There will be information about safe handling of cytotoxic substances, including a summary of the rules governing use of cytotoxic substances in practice. Practical tips will be provided relating to chemotherapy handling and to side effect management. One of the safest steps to take when considering chemotherapy use is not to use it at all. Case selection is therefore an important part of optimal cytotoxic management practice. A series of cases will be presented with an explanation of how chemotherapy might be used in their management.
BSAVA dispensing course

Thursday 7 March
Donal Murphy, Pam Mosedale, Mike Jessop, Michael Stanford, John Millward
Chaired by Fred Nind
Oulton Hall, Leeds
BSAVA Member: £200
Non-member: £300

Book online at www.bsava.com/cpd
Southern Region

The good, the bad, the ugly in social media: educate, gain and retain ideal clients using social media

This course meets the RCVS practice standards veterinary hospital Dispensing course requirements and is ideal for the new PSS Medicines Award CPD requirement.

It is also AMTRA accredited and carries 41 AMTRA CPD points.

It is suitable for Vets, Vet Nurses and other staff who deal with the dispensing of medicines and the pharmacy.

The BSAVA Dispensing course helps veterinary practices manage their dispensaries with up-to-date information on the medicines regulations.

**LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

- Gain updated information on medicines legislation and regulations
- Understand the cascade and how to treat animals when no authorised medicines are available
- Understand Controlled Drugs and the requirements for storage and recording within the different schedules
- Learn how to look after medicines and how to run the Dispensary legally and efficiently
- Understand the regulations covering disposal and movement of waste

Social media allows you to build a vibrant, online community of local pet owners with your veterinary practice at the centre. The benefits of this community are huge and extend far beyond acquiring new clients, and many practices have busy Facebook pages. But should you be considering other platforms such as Instagram? Is your Facebook page helping to deliver your business aims? Are you measuring the success of your page and how do you compare to other practices? In this session, we will be looking at case studies and research to answer some of these questions. We will also consider how best to keep the Facebook page functioning to maximum effect in a busy practice.

This course meets the RCVS practice standards veterinary hospital Dispensing course requirements and is ideal for the new PSS Medicines Award CPD requirement. It is also AMTRA accredited and carries 41 AMTRA CPD points.

For Vets, Vet Nurses and other staff who deal with the dispensing of medicines and the pharmacy.

The BSAVA Dispensing course helps veterinary practices manage their dispensaries with up-to-date information on the medicines regulations.

**LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

- Gain updated information on medicines legislation and regulations
- Understand the cascade and how to treat animals when no authorised medicines are available
- Understand Controlled Drugs and the requirements for storage and recording within the different schedules
- Learn how to look after medicines and how to run the Dispensary legally and efficiently
- Understand the regulations covering disposal and movement of waste

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**BSAVA Manual of Small Animal Practice Management and Development**

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ANAESTHESIA

Scottish Region
Anaesthesia in first opinion practice

Sunday 10 February
10:00–17:00

Pat Pawson, Madonna Livingstone,
Zamantha Marshall and Lissann Wolfe

Glasgow University Vet School

BSAVA Member: £200
Non-member Vet: £300

LECTURES
→ Anaesthetic management of brachycephalic dogs
→ Monitoring respiratory function: a guide to the use of pulse oximetry & capnography
→ Rabbit anaesthesia

CASE DISCUSSIONS
→ Problem-solving with pulse oximetry & capnography

CHOICE OF PRACTICALS
→ Anaesthetic machine and breathing systems – are they functioning?
→ Intubation of the rabbit
→ Intubation of the cat and dog

Book online at www.bsava.com/cpd
This short course will focus on anaesthesia of two groups of patients in which airway management can be challenging, i.e. brachycephalic dogs and rabbits.

**LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

1. Recognise potential complications associated with sedation/anaesthesia in brachycephalic breeds and design a sedative/anaesthetic protocol that minimizes these risks.
2. Understand the principles of pulse oximetry and capnography.
3. Identify and interpret abnormal readings and common artifacts when using pulse oximeters and capnographs.
4. Recognise that pre op stabilisation as well as a warm environment are critical to safely anaesthetising rabbits. Drug doses and protocols will be discussed.
5. Demonstrate intubation of the cat and dog, using a suitable endotracheal tube and appropriate equipment. How to safely inflate the cuff on the ET tube.
6. Demonstrate intubation of the rabbit, using a suitable endotracheal tube and appropriate equipment.
7. Perform function checks on anaesthetic machines and breathing systems, and identify faults.

**West Midlands Region**

**Creative anaesthesia and pain management**

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**Alessandra Mathis and Gwen Covey-Crump**

**Hillscourt, Birmingham**

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Alessandra Mathis, will focus on different drug combinations and approaches to anaesthesia and acute pain management for patients with various morbidities. It will be aimed at giving general practitioners a broader range of tools and skills for anaesthetising difficult cases and providing multi-modal analgesia. Gwen Covey-Crump will speak on the management of chronic pain, considering a whole practice team approach to the pet + carer consort. Gwen’s expertise will allow delegates to consider how they can improve their management of chronic pain using both pharmacological and non-pharmacological tactics.

This day meeting will be very relevant for both veterinary surgeons and veterinary nurses. Working as a team to manage anaesthesia in general practice, vets will benefit from understanding which different drug combinations are appropriate to prescribe for different circumstances, while the nursing team need to know how this will affect their patient’s anaesthetic monitoring and recovery. Management of chronic pain can be best achieved in a holistic way involving the whole practice team, with many practices running nurse mobility clinics, physiotherapy or complementary therapies.

*This course is kindly sponsored by Summit*
Metropolitan Region

Are they ever too old for GA?

Tuesday 19 March
20:00–22:00

David Neilson

Brookmans Park Golf Club, Hatfield

BSAVA Member: FREE
Non-member Vet: £40
Non-member Nurse: £20

This lecture is to cover all aspects of geriatric anaesthesia with the overall intention of reassuring the general practitioner when they have an old animal to anaesthetise. Topics discussed will include the physiology of ageing and how this will affect our choice of anaesthetic agents and common protocols that could be used. Delegates will also have the opportunity to seek advice on any specific concerns or worries they may have.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

➜ After the session, the delegate should be more comfortable with performing anaesthesia in the geriatric patient
➜ The delegate should be able to take the knowledge learnt in the session and apply it to clinical practice

This course is kindly sponsored by Jurox

East Anglia Region

Rabbit anaesthesia

Tuesday 11 June
20:00–22:00

Iain Cope

Swayne And Partners,
Bury St. Edmunds

BSAVA Member: FREE
Non-member Vet: £40
Non-member Nurse: £20

Rabbits are becoming ever increasingly popular pets with owners being more knowledgeable and having higher expectations of the veterinary care they require. Our understanding of the disease processes rabbits suffer from has increased in line with this, along with better understanding of their husbandry and emotional needs.

However, there are still lots of myths and misconceptions surrounding rabbit anaesthesia and how safe it may or may not be. This talk will aim to discuss rabbit anaesthesia, the options available to you and some of the latest techniques. There will also be time to discuss any cases and experiences you have, so that hopefully by the end of the evening you will feel confident and happy in anaesthetising these animals.

This course is kindly sponsored by Millpledge Veterinary UK
South West Region

Anaesthesia: truth, lies and misconceptions

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We are all encouraged to practise evidence-based veterinary medicine. In this regard, a number of the procedures that we perform as part of anaesthesia, and accept as being beneficial for the patient, have actually been proven to be detrimental in some cases. Similarly, there is increasing data demonstrating that the analgesic drugs we commonly use may be ineffectual in a proportion of animals, and we may have to look to alternatives.

This lecture will present a series of scenarios relating to anaesthesia and analgesia, and question whether what we commonly accept is actually truth, lie or misconception. It is intended to make the audience actively think about what they do on a daily basis, and is equally applicable to both veterinary surgeons and veterinary nurses.

This course is kindly sponsored by Dechra

Available from BSAVA

BSAVA Manual of Canine and Feline Anaesthesia and Analgesia Third edition

The third edition of this manual has been extensively revised and updated to take account of the latest techniques and considerations. The structure, which has worked so well for the previous editions, has been retained and there are new chapters on pain assessment methods, anaesthesia for MRI and how to manage chronic pain.

Full-colour illustrations, tables and charts allow readers to easily visualise techniques, ensuring that this manual will be a must-have for any practice.

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Book online at [www.bsava.com/cpd](http://www.bsava.com/cpd)
North West Region

Fix that itch! Advances in the diagnosis and management of the itchy cat and dog

Friday 8 March
10:00–17:00

Sue Paterson and Alison Wilson

The Mere, Cheshire

BSAVA Member: £200
Non-member: £300

Intended for veterinary surgeons, this course will cover advances in managing atopic/itchy dogs in light of some of the newer therapeutics available, the importance of appropriate antimicrobial prescribing and when and how to use topical therapy.
East Anglia Region
Bothersome bottoms

Tuesday 16 April
19:30–21:30
Sue Paterson
Swayne & Partners,
Bury St. Edmonds
BSAVA Member: FREE
Non-member Vet: £40
Non-member Nurse: £20

Sue Paterson is taking time out from her presidential duties to help us deal with itchy painful bottoms, the ones that just keep coming back (the pets' ones that is!) Sue will cover anal sac diseases, dermatological disease and fistulas and much more. Helps you deal with the next case with confidence (as well as a glove) rather than discovering another reason not to see them!

This course is kindly sponsored by Vetruus

West Midlands Region
Interactive alopecia

Tuesday 14 May
19:30–21:30
Sue Paterson
Holiday Inn, Leamington Spa–Warwick
BSAVA Member: FREE
Non-member Vet: £40
Non-member Nurse: £20

In the first part of this talk we will review hair growth and the causes of alopecia. After that we will work through a series of interactive alopecia cases.

By the end of the evening we would hope you should be confident in differentiating the different forms of alopecia, being able to decide on appropriate diagnostic tests and choose therapy where needed.

This course is kindly sponsored by Vetruus

Vet Nurse Merit Award in Dermatology

Begins spring 2019
Sue Paterson and Natalie Barnard
Woodrow House, Gloucester
BSAVA Member: £525.00
Non-member: £787.50

The award is a non-accredited structured CPD course, which provides 30 hours of CPD for qualified vet nurses with an interest in surgical nursing.

The award is made up of 3 attendance days, 2 webinars and completed with an online MCQ assessment and case study.

Your study is supported by an online resource where you can view webinar recordings if you cannot make the live date or wish to watch them again, a discussion forum where you can discuss cases and other study topics with your colleagues also taking the course and course notes for your course.

TOPICS TO INCLUDE
➤ Dermatological consultation history and examination
➤ Causes of pruritus
➤ Ulcerative disease/crusting and scaling diseases
➤ Ear anatomy/investigation of ear disease plus many others

Vetruus

Book online at www.bsava.com/cpd
Northern Ireland Region
Fracture management: kintsugi for the canine (and feline)

Tuesday 26 February 10:00–17:00
Philip Witte
Slieve Donard Resort & Spa, Newcastle, Co. Down
BSAVA Member: £200
Non-member: £300

This course of six lectures will cover aspects of canine and feline fracture management. The course will encompass immediate management and assessment of fracture cases and an understanding of the biological and mechanical requirements of healing fractures. Management of specific fractures (particularly those more commonly encountered) will be discussed with presentation of cases from the speaker’s case record.
### East Anglia Region

**Gastrointestinal medicine and surgery**

- **Date:** Sunday 3 March 10:00–17:00
- **Speakers:** Ian Battersby and Ronan Doyle
- **Location:** Radisson Blu, Stansted
- **Fees:**
  - BSAVA Member: £200
  - Non-member: £300

Management of conditions of the gastrointestinal tract is a major part of what we do as small animal vets. Although often straightforward, there are so many situations where we need to have a logical problem-solving approach to diagnose and manage the patient. This is especially true when we need to make a decision for surgery or where a patient has not responded to our tried and trusted symptomatic treatments. From many years of working and speaking together Ian Battersby (Head of Internal Medicine, Davies Veterinary Specialists) and Ronan Doyle (Head of Soft Tissue Surgery, Davies Veterinary Specialists) have developed a relaxed friendly day of CPD on which they will present a logical case based approach to the management of medical and surgical conditions of the gastrointestinal tract.

### Southern Region

**Eye can do that! Practical ophthalmic surgery for the GP Vet**

- **Date:** Saturday 9 March 10:00–17:00
- **Speaker:** Heidi Featherstone
- **Location:** Sparsholt College, Hampshire
- **Fees:**
  - BSAVA Member: £400
  - Non-member: £500

This course is suitable for young graduates who wish to perform basic techniques with guidance and support, and for more experienced folk who wish to refresh their skills in basic ophthalmic surgery. A practical, down-to-earth course – practical lectures will be interspersed by practical wet lab sessions throughout the day. Topics covered include basic principles of ophthalmic surgery, corneal surgery (e.g. corneal debridement and keratotomy), eyelid surgery (e.g. ‘the perfect wedge resection’), ‘cherry eye’ surgery and tips for performing an enucleation that minimises the risk of post-operative swelling!

This course is kindly sponsored by Veterinary Speciality Products (S J Hales)

### North East Region

**Not just a stab in the dark! Shining the light on surgical challenges**

- **Date:** Sunday 17 March 10:00–17:00
- **Speaker:** Liz Welsh
- **Location:** Gomersal Park Hotel, Bradford
- **Fees:**
  - BSAVA Member: £200
  - Non-member: £300

This course, intended for veterinary surgeons, will have detailed lectures in how to surgically manage various abdominal conditions, and delegates will leave with an improved ability to assess and deal with various abdominal conditions.

This course is kindly sponsored by Kruuse

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*Book online at [www.bsava.com/cpd](http://www.bsava.com/cpd)*
Developing confidence in feline practice: orthopaedics
Feline fractures: cage rest or repair

Thursday 9 May
10.00–17.00

Sorrell Langley-Hobbs
Leeds TBC

BSAVA Member: £200
Non-member: £300

Gain a better understanding of the more common orthopaedic pathologies and injuries in cats.
The focus will be on the diagnosis, management and common complications of these cases.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES
➜ Feel confidence in diagnosing common orthopaedic injuries in cats
➜ Learn management techniques for these injuries
➜ Resolve complications which may arise in these cases

Metropolitan Region
Brachycephalic obstructive airway syndrome (BOAS): a practitioners guide

Tuesday 4 June
20.00–22.00

Jane Ladlow
The Old Bull Inn, Royston

BSAVA Member: FREE
Non-member Vet: £40
Non-member Nurse: £20

The speaker will give a whistle stop tour of BOAS including recognition of the condition, treatment and considerations of when it is best to refer.

Northern Ireland Region
Small animal physiotherapy and rehabilitation: lameness diagnosis

Tuesday 18 June
20.00–22.00

Lowri Davies
Crowne Plaza Belfast

BSAVA Member: FREE
Non-member Vet: £40
Non-member Nurse: £20

In this course, intended for veterinary nurses and veterinary surgeons, Lowri Davies will cover rehabilitation and physiotherapy focusing on lameness diagnosis. Lowri is one of only three specialists in the field of Canine Rehabilitation and Sports Medicine working in the UK having successfully passed the American College of Veterinary Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation examination.
Vet Nurse Merit Award in Surgical nursing

The award is a non-accredited structured CPD course, which provides 30 hours of CPD for qualified vet nurses with an interest in surgical nursing.

The award is made up of 10 webinars, a practical attendance day and completed with an online MCQ assessment and case study.

Your study is supported by an online resource where you can view webinar recordings if you cannot make the live date or wish to watch them again, a discussion forum where you can discuss cases and other study topics with your colleagues also taking the course and course notes for your course.

**TOPICS COVERED TO INCLUDE**

- Pre-operative patient presentation
- Good theatre practice
- Monitoring intra-operative blood loss and use of blood products
- Use of post-operative antibiotics and surgical site infections

BSAVA Manual of Canine and Feline Surgical Principles

This manual is an invaluable tool that every vet should read before wielding a scalpel, encompassing everything the surgeon should know before beginning surgery.

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West Midlands Region
Managing multiple medical problems

Tuesday 8 January
10:00–17:00

Kit Sturgess

The Punch Bowl Inn, Shropshire

BSAVA Member: £200
Non-member: £300

This highly relevant topic in dogs and cats is often very challenging for vets to deal with as there is very little literature to support a particular course of action. This day course will discuss approach to diagnosis, then use case-based scenarios to talk through decision making. The day will mainly be focused on internal medicine, but this broad topic will facilitate inclusion of other themes such as anaesthetic risk and medical management of osteoarthritis. Kit Sturgess' broad medical expertise and teaching experience will make this a course not to miss.
South East Region
Pancreatitis

Thursday 24 January
10:00–17:00

Penny Watson
Holiday Inn, Gatwick

BSAVA Member: £200
Non-member: £300

Intended for veterinary surgeons and veterinary nurses, this course will give an update on how to diagnose, approach and manage these often difficult cases in general practice.

This course is kindly sponsored by Protexin veterinary.

North West Region
The pale dog

Tuesday 29 January
20:00–22:00

Daniel Batchelor
The Tickled Trout, Preston

BSAVA Member: FREE
Non-member Vet: £40
Non-member Nurse: £20

Daniel will guide us through an evening discussing anaemia in dogs.

Cymru/Wales Region
Practical endoscopy

Tuesday 12 March
09:30–16:30

Kit Sturgess
Welshpool Livestock Market

BSAVA Member: £200
Non-member: £300

Gastrointestinal (enteroscopy) endoscopy has been performed for over 200 years initially with rigid endoscopy. This course aims to deliver a very practical approach to gastrointestinal endoscopy with two practice sessions using phantom models with everyone having the time to ‘drive’ the endoscope to navigate the stomach and small intestine, spot lesions and retrieve foreign bodies. These practical sessions will be supported by 4 lecture sessions outlining with up to 4 delegates using each phantom model.

The course is designed to be interactive, delegate led and peer supported.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Equipment
- Anaesthesia for endoscopy
- Driving the scope through both the upper and lower GI tract
- Taking biopsies
- Indications/contraindications for intestinal endoscopy
- Reflection on learning objectives
Metropolitan Region

Beyond Baytril: exotic medicine for the GP

- **Thursday 16 May**
  - 10:00–17:00

- Nathalie Wissink-Argilaga

- One Park Crescent, London

- **£**
  - BSAVA Member: £200
  - Non-member: £300

Bird and reptile medicine can be challenging at times, not least because these small pets are adept at hiding signs of illness until problems are at an advanced stage. In addition, their anatomy, physiology, diseases and even the drugs that can be used can all vary considerably from more traditional companion animal pets.

This course is aimed at the first opinion vet on commonly seen conditions and how to treat them in exotic species.

North East Region

What to do when NSAIDs don’t work!

- **Wednesday 22 May**
  - 10:00–17:00

- Scott Rutherford

- Frank Pet Surgeons, Leeds

- **£**
  - BSAVA Member: FREE
  - Non-member Vet: £40
  - Non-member Nurse: £20

Intended for veterinary surgeons, this evening course will consist of a presentation and discussion on dealing with chronic cases of osteoarthritis.

ADDITIONAL BSAVA CPD

- LEARN@LUNCH WEBINAR FOR NURSES
  - Wednesday 27 February
  - How to help cats with cat flu

Free to BSAVA Members

BSAVA Small Animal Formulary

Ninth edition

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28-29 June 2019
Aberystwyth University

Large and small animal ‘CPD by the sea’ for vets, vet nurses and students, with an exhibition and traditional Welsh Twmpath on the seafront.

www.bsava.com/Education/Vets-Cymru-2019
East Anglia Region

Clinical pathology conundrums

Sunday 12 May
10:00–17:00

Tim Williams

Cambridge Golf & Conference Centre

BSAVA Member: £200
Non-member: £300

An interactive case based day, reviewing basic haematology, biochemistry and urinalysis. After this course, delegates will have been exposed to the haematological and biochemistry changes expected of common medical disorders.

Book online at www.bsava.com/cpd
North East Region

Urinalysis

Wednesday 10 July
09:30–16:30

Idexx pathologists and Internal medicine

IDEXX, Wetherby

BSAVA Member: £200
Non-member: £300

There will be presentations from Idexx Clinical Pathologists and Internal Medicine who will share some interesting cases. The day will be very practicle with sessions working with the clinical pathologists in a small groups, using the facilities at IDEXX to hone your in house urinalysis skills.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Improved interpretation of urine samples and a refresh on urinalysis in internal medicine

This course is kindly sponsored by IDEXX

Available from BSAVA

BSAVA Manual of Canine and Feline Clinical Pathology
Third edition

The third edition of this popular manual has been extensively updated to reflect advances in this field, while readers will also find new chapters on inherited and cardiac disease.

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Order online versions at www.bsavalibrary.com

ADDITIONAL BSAVA CPD

LEARN@LUNCH WEBINAR FOR NURSES
Wednesday 27 March
Biochemistry basics

Book online at www.bsava.com/cpd
Metropolitan Region
Pub Quiz and social event for Metropolitan Region Annual Regional Meeting (ARM)

📅 Wednesday 23 January
₂₀:₀₀–₂₂:₀₀

📍 Brookmans Pub, Hertfordshire

💰 BSAVA Member: FREE
Non-member: FREE

The BSAVA Metropolitan Regional Committee would like to invite all its members to join them for an evening of relaxation and fun for their Annual Regional Meeting. There will be a very small bit of official business, alongside a pub quiz and a chance to catch up and network with vets and vet nurses in your region. If you are not a current BSAVA member, come along and find out all about BSAVA!

A glass of wine and pizza will be provided for all. We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible!
First steps in clinic: preventative care
Prevention is better than cure: packing a punch with prophylaxis

Tuesday 12 March
10:00–13:00
Vicky Black
Woodrow House, Gloucester
BSAVA Member: £100
Non-member: £150

This module will examine important commonplace issues and empower veterinarians to provide an evidence-based approach to their preventative medicine consultations. The course will examine in turn: your first puppy and kitten consult, followed by a review of the evidence for neutering and a discussion on pre-anaesthetic blood screening, finally, there will be a discussion on vaccination including analysis of the literature in terms of vaccination guidelines, vaccination reactions, and when to recommend titres.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES
➜ List important breed-related disorders relevant to the first puppy or kitten consult
➜ Recognise and recall important breed screening programmes
➜ Critique the evidence for neutering, including whether and when to do it
➜ Recognise when preanaesthetic blood testing may be useful, and how to interpret abnormal results
➜ Describe available vaccination protocols and be able to explain the merits and pitfalls of the different approaches

South West Region
Practical ultrasound for beginners

Wednesday 12 June
09:30–17:00
Esther Barrett
Exeter Racecourse
BSAVA Member: £250
Non-member: £370

A mix of lectures and practical sessions aimed at those wanting to develop their ultrasound skills.

The course covers ultrasonography of the liver, spleen, kidneys and gastrointestinal tract.

This course is kindly sponsored by BCF

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The BSAVA Professional Key Skills online CPD module is free of charge to all paying BSAVA members.

Whether you are looking for evidence for Key Skills CPD for your RCVS advanced practitioners list application or simply because the topics interest you the BSAVA can fulfil your needs.

Whether you are a vet surgeon or a vet nurse you can enrol on this online CPD and complete anything from 20 hours (for one section) or 120 hours (for all 6 sections).

The sections listed below contain a variety of learning resources from specifically written course notes, through link to articles and MP3s and a written task completes each section.

The tasks are not marked but do allow you to gain a certificate of completion for the CPD.

➤ Thinking and decision making processes
➤ Emergency care
➤ Protection of animal and human health
➤ Animal welfare and professional conduct
➤ Quality and safety of service
➤ Advanced professional and personal development

We have had over 500 people enrol on the Professional Key Skills and over 30 people complete the full module.

If you are a BSAVA member then email courses@bsava.com to enrol on the course free of charge.
BSAVA’s new webpages have been developed to support our qualified members by providing a structured bank of online resources around GENERAL PROFESSIONAL SKILLS for the veterinary profession.

Whether you are a new or recent graduate, returning to work after a break, an employer supporting a newly qualified graduate in your practice or simply wanting to refresh your professional or clinical skills, we hope you’ll find support within our PDP pages. For each topic, or RCVS competence, you’ll be able to access a range of resources, including webinars, podcasts, videos, PDFs and weblinks. These are available in bite-sized chunks, from 15 to 90 minutes to provide CPD for even the busiest day.

Employing newly qualified graduates in your practice?

BSAVA recognises the importance of providing support for our members who employ new graduates. The PDP webpages provide resources on recruitment, best practice for supporting and appraising a new graduate, coaching and mentoring staff teams, and adopting reflective learning across your practice.

Already a paying BSAVA member?

Then visit www.bsava.com/cpd/pdp, login and start browsing topics immediately.

Book online at www.bsava.com/cpd
Diagnosing non-accidental injury is rarely simple: and those who have encountered cases of suspected abuse talk about the ‘difficulty of diagnosis’. Except in certain areas of practice, vets do not see cases of animal abuse daily, weekly or monthly but the incidence is on the increase and the most challenging cases are those of deliberate harm, not teasing or tormenting, or the rather more common ‘neglect’, through ignorance of an animal’s needs. As trusted individuals (the bond between owner and vet practice is often very strong), members of the veterinary team may receive information about a violent incident that constitutes abuse, against an animal or a vulnerable individual. Increasingly, it is being recognised that the animal is often the index case that triggers further investigation into violent households.

The Links Veterinary Training Initiative, supported in 2018 by BSAVA, will provide guidance on setting up a practice protocol and identifying an ‘abuse advisor’ who will aid vets in suspected cases of abuse. Through the abuse advisor, effective relationships with RSPCA Officers, police domestic abuse officers and aid agencies should be set up so that vets have expert support when they suspect animal or human abuse. The training gives comprehensive guidance about recording clinical notes and importantly, what to do when dealing with disclosure from a human victim of abuse.

Please book early to secure your place, as numbers will be limited.

There will be further dates and locations for this important training day in the Autumn/Winter brochure.