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# Postgraduate Certificate in Small Animal Diagnostic Imaging



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**At the BSAVA we are deeply committed to enabling veterinary professionals to achieve their ambitions in their chosen fields.**

Our Small Animal Diagnostic Imaging Postgraduate Certificate is designed with you in mind; empowering you to enhance your career in a supportive environment. We know that flexibility is important, so we offer a hybrid learning model that can be tailored to suit you. Our teaching standards are exceptional; and so is our community of learners, allowing you to confidently enhance your skills and knowledge.

I am proud to offer our Postgraduate Certificate Programmes to the profession and look forward to supporting you on your learning journey.

**Laura Haddock**  
Academic Manager

# Supportive learning at the BSAVA

## Why choose the BSAVA for your Postgraduate Certificate?



### > **Designed by vets for vets**

Our courses are built to meet the needs of veterinary professionals, particularly those in first opinion practice.

### > **Learn from the best**

Benefit from outstanding speakers and enjoy a top-tier educational experience from a world-renowned association established over 60 years ago.

### > **Join a thriving community**

We are proud to have helped over 700 vets advance their education and enhance their careers.

### > **Consistent support**

You will be supported by a team of tutors and mentors throughout your studies. Our courses are arranged into taught units, giving you the structure and guidance you need to succeed.

### > **Work-life balance**

Our hybrid and flexible learning model is designed to seamlessly fit around your work-life balance. You can take up to 5 years to complete your studies, giving you peace of mind should life take some unexpected turns.

# What our students say



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It is extremely rewarding.  
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**I use it every day to assist colleagues and deliver an overall improved client experience and most importantly patient care... Being able to provide a sensible in-house plan with a sensible prognosis and treatment options really is invaluable... I wish I had done this years ago!**  
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**The course has increased my confidence, knowledge and level of expertise remarkably... It has also opened up ideas about diversifying from clinical work such as coaching, teaching or lab support.**  
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# Introducing the Small Animal Diagnostic Imaging Certificate

**Elevate your career and become  
confident in diagnostic imaging.**

Our Small Animal Diagnostic Imaging Postgraduate Certificate is designed to strengthen your knowledge and expertise to become competent and confident within the area of diagnostic imaging. Become skilled at choosing the most clinically relevant diagnostic imaging techniques and learn to accurately interpret images obtained with radiography and ultrasonography.

This flexible programme combines independent learning with high level support and resources to help you succeed.

Upon completion, you will be awarded the BSAVA Postgraduate Certificate in Small Animal Diagnostic Imaging (BSAVAPGcertSADI).



# A Postgraduate Certificate with the BSAVA

- » 60 academic credits at level 7
- » Approved qualification for the RCVS advanced practitioners list
- » Validated by Nottingham Trent University
- » Membership of the RCVS knowledge with access to the RCVS knowledge library

## Key facts

- » **Start date:** January
- » **Duration:** Three years with extended study available if needed
- » **Price:** £4,315 + VAT per year, with total prices starting from £12,945 + VAT

## The course structure

Our Small Animal Diagnostic Imaging Postgraduate Certificate is designed for part-time study and delivered through a combination of in-person teaching days and online learning. You will spend roughly 50% of your time learning with your peers at our outstanding facilities, and 50% on guided, self-paced online activities; giving you the benefits of both in-person and online education.

Practical workshops are a cornerstone of the programme, and we provide industry-leading equipment for these sessions, to ensure your learning experience is exceptional.

Personalisation is built into our Diagnostic Imaging Certificate; 25% of your time will be spent studying towards the elective of your choice, allowing you to shape your learning journey to suit your interests and ambitions.



# Structure and learning

**The course consists of two modules, equating to a total of 200 study hours per year (including self study). We also include a Professional Key Skills course (at no extra cost), which will provide you with the academic requirements needed to gain Advanced Practitioner status from the RCVS.**

## Module I

This module is divided into 15 core units plus an elective. The units are spread evenly across the first two years of the programme. Here's how it breaks down...

- **Eight days of in-person teaching:** Including practical skills training, lectures, and interactive case-based discussions and activities.
- **Seven online units:**
  - Delivered entirely online, featuring webinars, interactive activities, and live-streamed imaging rounds.
  - Online study is supported by the unit subject specialist, and a dedicated member of the BSAVA team.
- **One elective:**
  - Choose an elective subject with two practical teaching days, guided online learning, webinars, and two days observing practice with a vet working within your chosen subject area.
  - You can choose between Enhanced Ultrasonography or Enhanced Cardiac Imaging.
- **One written examination:** testing the knowledge you have acquired in Module I, prior to progressing to Module II.

## Module II

A casebook is submitted at the end of the third year, this allows you to showcase your ability to work through cases logically, justify your clinical decisions and evaluate outcomes in the context of published literature. Here's what is involved...

- **Eight case reports** make up the casebook. Designed to be completed by vets working in first opinion practice and don't require specialist equipment.
- **Two reflective commentaries** focusing on the veterinary skills you have developed.
- **Case diary:** a portfolio of specified images to demonstrate your skills in diagnostic imaging.

You will benefit from a dedicated casebook tutor to ensure you have the support you need.

# Course content

**Below is a breakdown of the units you will cover within the programme.**

Principles of Imaging 1: Fundamentals of Radiography, CT, MRI, and Scintigraphy IN PERSON - THEORY

Principles of Imaging 2: Core Concepts of Diagnostic Ultrasonography IN PERSON - PRACTICAL

Abdomen 1: Abdominal Radiography and CT ONLINE

Abdomen 2: Abdominal Ultrasonography 1 IN PERSON - PRACTICAL

Abdomen 3: Advanced Abdominal Ultrasonography IN PERSON - PRACTICAL

Thorax 1: Thoracic Radiography 1 ONLINE

Thorax 2: Advanced Thoracic Radiography ONLINE

Thorax 3: Thoracic CT and Ultrasonography IN PERSON - THEORY

Musculoskeletal 1: Orthopaedic Radiography ONLINE

Musculoskeletal 2: Joint Radiography, CT, and Musculoskeletal Ultrasonography ONLINE

Head and Neck 1: Radiography and CT of the Head and Neck ONLINE

Head and Neck 2: Ultrasonography and MRI of the Head and Neck IN PERSON - PRACTICAL

Echocardiography 1: Foundational Techniques in Echocardiography

IN PERSON - PRACTICAL

Echocardiography 2: Advanced Echocardiography IN PERSON - PRACTICAL

Neurodiagnostic Imaging: Techniques and Interpretation  
in Neurodiagnostic Imaging ONLINE

Electives TWO IN-PERSON PRACTICAL DAYS AND TWO Q&As

- » Enhanced Cardiac Imaging OR
- » Enhanced Ultrasonography



# Can you bring a dog?

**Due to the Small Animal Diagnostic Imaging Postgraduate Certificate involving hands-on, practical-based sessions, we rely on students to bring their own dogs (or one borrowed from a friend or colleague) to certain practical days. We understand that this is not possible for everyone, but we ask anyone that is able to bring a suitable dog to do so. Animal welfare is paramount to us, so a dedicated team member will be present to look after your pets when they are not involved in practical exercises. Furthermore, our local hotel is dog-friendly, making it easy to arrange overnight stays with your dog.**

If you have any further questions about bringing a dog to the practical sessions, feel free to reach out to one of our course coordinators, who will be happy to assist.



## Facilities

Course days are held at Woodrow House in Gloucestershire, the heart of the BSAVA. Purpose-built with our courses in mind, the conference facilities provide a perfect venue for learning, networking and developing practical skills.



# How to get started?

## To enrol in the BSAVA Postgraduate Certificate:

- Applicants must hold a veterinary qualification
- UK based applicants must be on the RCVS Home Practising Register
- Applicants based outside the UK must hold a veterinary qualification that would entitle them to register as members of the RCVS.
- Applicants must have spent a minimum of one year in Veterinary Practice.
- Veterinary surgeons who qualified in 2007 or later and who are based in the UK must have completed the RCVS Professional Development Phase (PDP) or Graduate Development Programme (VetGDP) before they can enrol.

As the course is taught and assessed in English, applicants must have a good command of spoken and written English. We do not enforce testing but suggest a minimum British Council IELTS grade requirement of 6.5 or equivalent. Equivalent experience may include the successful completion of a degree or other accredited postgraduate qualification in the English language or a significant period of residence/work placement in an English-speaking country.

## Fees overview:

- **Annual enrolment fee for 2026:** £4,315 + VAT
- **Total fees:** From £12,945 + VAT
- Fees can be paid annually prior to course commencement, or as a monthly direct debit
- For the first three years of study, the annual enrolment fee applies. If studies are extended, then only a significantly reduced enrolment is payable in years 4 and 5.

## What's included:

- » **Course attendance:** Full access to all content, including teaching days, practical sessions and online units.
- » **Extensive online resources:** Enjoy comprehensive access to our online materials, from webinars to forums, BSAVA publications and even our formulary.
- » **BSAVA Membership:** Benefit from full BSAVA membership for the duration of your studies.
- » **RCVS Knowledge Membership:** Access the comprehensive RCVS Knowledge Library and all its valuable resources.
- » **Examination fees:** All assessment and examination costs are included.
- » **Academic and pastoral support:** Continuous guidance from our tutoring and mentoring teams throughout your studies.
- » **University registration:** Your registration with Nottingham Trent University is part of the package.
- » **Discounts:** Get reduced rates for BSAVA Events and special prices on BSAVA manuals.

## How to apply

**Enrolling in the BSAVA Postgraduate Certificate programme is simple, and we're here to guide you, every step of the way.**

At the BSAVA we've designed a smooth process to help you join our Postgraduate Certificate programme. You can register anytime during the year, making it convenient to fit your schedule. To secure your place, apply via our website ([www.bsava.com/education/postgraduate-certificates](http://www.bsava.com/education/postgraduate-certificates)).

Since places are allocated on a first come first served basis, early application is encouraged.



# Let's talk...

If you have any questions or need further support, we're here to help.

Contact us via phone at 01452 726700 or email us at [certificate@bsava.com](mailto:certificate@bsava.com).

You can also check our FAQs for more information at [bsava.com/education/education-faqs](http://bsava.com/education/education-faqs).

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