



The College of  
Animal Welfare

# Rehab Congress

**Thursday 8 February 2024**

9.30am-4.30pm



# Rehab Congress Programme

**9am – 9.30am**      **Online Registration and Exhibition**

**9.30am – 9.35am**      **Chair's Welcome**

*Kathryn Scroope AFHEA PGCert VBM RVN VNRT*

**9.35am – 10.25am**      **Rehabilitating the Cranial Cruciate Patient**

*Diane Messum, MCSP HCPC BSc(Hons) MSc VetPhysio ACPAT Cat A RAMP, Davies Veterinary Specialists*

Partial or complete rupture of the cranial cruciate ligament is one of the most common causes of hind limb lameness in dogs. It can result in pain commonly associated with lameness, muscle atrophy and poor limb function as a result of dynamic joint instability. During this presentation we will cover the following key points:

- Discuss the effect that cranial cruciate disease has on the joints structure, motion and function
- Factors that might predispose a patient to bilateral cranial cruciate disease
- Conservative and surgical management options for cranial cruciate disease
- Should stifle orthotics be factored into our management plan
- Biomechanical considerations post-surgery and navigating the problems that may be encountered
- The importance of restoring range of motion, muscle strength and neuromuscular control to minimise the progression of degenerative joint disease

**10.25am – 11.20am**      **Post-Op Management of the Neuro Patient**

*Mathilde Granger, DVM, MRCVS, Dip APhys, CVPP, Vet&Physio Ltd*

After spinal cord injury, several basic neurological functions can be affected; from subtle proprioceptive deficits to paraplegia and incontinence.

In this session, we will briefly present the consequences of spinal cord injury and see how this will guide the different phases of the rehabilitation program. We will explain the basics behind different rehabilitation techniques such as acupuncture, physiotherapeutic exercises and laser therapy.

We will end with suggesting some standard rehabilitation programs to apply in your clinic, adapted with specific goals for the affected patient and based on regular review of the progress.

**11.20am – 11.35am**      **Live Q&A Panel** Present questions to the speakers

**11.35am – 12.05pm**      **Online Exhibition and Lounges**

**12.05pm – 1pm**      **Feline Rehabilitation: Where to start**

*Sian Baker RVN, SMART Veterinary Clinic Ltd*

This presentation will focus on looking at the best ways to successfully manage feline rehabilitation in practice and the main starting points to consider.

We will look at the basics of feline behaviour, home environment and pain presentation. We will then consider how this can impact their rehabilitation management and the ways in which we approach their assessment and treatment (at home and at the practice) so we can look to gain the most successful outcomes.

Cats are not small dogs and this talk aims to highlight this and to arm delegates with simple tips and tools to help target our feline patients treatments more appropriately.

**1pm-1.15pm**

**Live Q&A Panel** Present questions to the speakers

**1.15pm-2.15pm**

**Online Exhibition and Lounges**

**2.15pm - 2.55pm**

### **Physiotherapeutic techniques: Effective support and care in the inpatient setting**

*Sarah Conley, Chartered Physiotherapist ACPAT (Cat A), MCSP, HCPC, MSc, PGDip, BSc (Hons) PGCE, Davies Veterinary Specialists*

This session will consider the needs of a variety of patient presentations - how best to support your patients from a physiotherapeutic point of view, how to optimise the rest environment and make use of efficient support systems.

Strategies for proactive management of recumbent patients will also be considered in relation to associated pathology and we will discuss a range of support techniques and ergonomics that can optimise independence, mobility and comfort.

A concise overview of canine biomechanics will also be included to deepen understanding and allow you to offer the best targeted support alongside manual techniques; looking at when (and when not) to use them.

**2.55pm - 3.45pm**

### **Weight management support for rehab**

*Dr Eleanor Raffan, BVM&S PhD MRCVS CertSAM DipECVIM-CA AFHEA, University of Cambridge*

In this presentation, Dr Eleanor Raffan, a vet and researcher from the University of Cambridge will outline recent research on how genetics, hormones, feeding practices, owner management and much more interact to cause obesity.

She will discuss how we can use that knowledge to improve our management of overweight patients by targeting interventions to match the particular challenges individual pet/owner combinations face, particularly in the context of rehab patients with their particular challenges.

**3.45pm - 4.05pm**

**Live Q&A Panel** Present questions to the speakers

**4.05pm-4.10pm**

**Chair's Close**

*Kathryn Scroope AFHEA PGCert VBM RVN VNRT*

**4.10pm-4.30pm**

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