

20 CPD Points

Surgery Intensive: Practical Skills for GP Vets Workshop



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This 2-day, hands-on workshop is designed for veterinarians who wish to expand their surgical skillset and confidently incorporate a wider range of soft tissue and orthopedic procedures into their clinical practice.

The course emphasizes clinically relevant anatomy, step-by-step technique instruction, and practical tips to improve surgical efficiency and outcomes.

Participants will leave with practical, immediately applicable skills and increased confidence in performing these procedures in their own practices.

Course Details

14 - 15 November 2026

8:30 AM - 5.00 PM

Location

Veterinary Science Conference Centre

Regimental Drive

The University of Sydney

Tutors

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Early Bird rates expire 19 Sep 2026

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Program

For each procedure, a “how-to” overview and video demonstration– highlighting key tips and tricks for success, will be followed immediately by the hands-on lab with coaching from the instructors.

Day 1 - Canine		Day 2 - Feline	
8.30	Registration	8.30	Registration
9.00	Salivary Mucocele When removing affected salivary glands in dogs with salivary mucocele the cranial aspect of the sublingual gland is the most challenging. This technique ensures accurate identification and removal this gland to reduce risk of mucocele recurrence. Laryngeal Tie-back Laryngeal tie-back is a highly anatomy driven procedure. We will thoroughly review canine laryngeal anatomy and how to manipulate it during the tie-back procedure. Proper placement and tensioning of the suture that will abduct the arytenoid cartilage is key to successfully improving air-flow through the upper airway.	9.00	Ventral Bulla Osteotomy Middle ear polyps are frequently diagnosed in young cats. Accurate identification and exposure of the bulla including identification and removal of the inner septum will be covered. Nasal planectomy & pinnectomy Cats presenting with squamous cell carcinoma of the pinna and/or nasal planum can be successfully treated with nasal resection and complete removal of the pinna. Participants will be coached through these reconstructive techniques to achieve a complete and cosmetic repair.
12.00	Lunch	12.00	Lunch
1.00	Scrotal Urethrostomy Occasionally chronic cystic calculi formers need a larger urethral opening to successfully pass smaller stones without obstruction. This procedure will demonstrate how to get the largest permanent urethrostomy opening with the least amount of post-operative hemorrhage. Femoral Head and Neck Osteotomy (Craniolateral approach) FHO is an economic and functional alternative to total hip replacement for hip dysplasia, and hip related trauma. Review of key regional anatomy will guide participants through accurate FHO via a craniolateral approach to the hip. Efficient Splenectomy Review of splenic vasculature will allow the spleen to be safely removed in 4-5 pedicle ligations. Tips for fail-safe en bloc pedicle ligation techniques can also be applied to large dog spay and neuters. Rapid Gastropexy Large dog gastropexy for GDV can be intimidating and challenging in the emergency setting. This technique will review regional anatomy and allow a surgeon to perform an incisional gastropexy efficiently and safely without additional assistants in 15 minutes or less.	1.00	Perineal Urethrostomy Feline perineal urethrostomy is traditionally performed with the patient in a sternal perineal position. In this lab we will perform our PU with the cat in dorsal recumbency. This is a more ergonomic positioning and allows access to the urinary bladder via laparotomy if necessary. Femoral Head and Neck Osteotomy (Ventral approach) FHO via a ventral approach can allow for a more rapid functional recovery but is a less familiar approach to most surgeons. We will review of key regional anatomy and coach participants through this alternate approach for this common procedure. Chest drains & E-tubes A variety of safe and efficient chest and E-tube placement techniques will be covered to improve participants confidence in management of critical care patients.
5.00	Day 1 End	5.00	Day 2 End

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Course Fees

Registrant Type	Early Bird	Course Price
Member*	\$3,790	\$3,990
eMember / Non-Member	N/A	\$4,435

**Members include: Practice, Professional, Part-time Professional, Recent Graduate members.*

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