



Association of Veterinary Surgeons Practising in Northern Ireland

An AVSPNI Small Animal Evening Meeting
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Christmas Dinner: 7.15pm

Main Presentation: 8pm



2 CVE points

Medial Patella luxation

Medial patella luxation is a common cause of lameness encountered in small animal practice, for which most patients require surgical management. In order to optimise the outcome of surgery thorough pre-operative assessment is essential to facilitate selection of the appropriate surgical procedures for the individual patient.

Key Learning Objectives

- Recognise the importance of orthopaedic examination in patients with medial patella luxation
- Appreciate the importance of diagnostic imaging as part of pre-operative assessment
- Distinguish between patients who require different management strategies
- Describe the surgical procedures to stabilise the patella
- Recognise when specialist assessment and intervention may be appropriate

Speaker: Steve Clarke



After graduating from the Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies in 1996 Steve undertook a residency in small animal surgery at Glasgow University Veterinary School from 2002 to 2005. Steve has been both an ECVS Diplomat in Small Animal Surgery and a RCVS Diplomat in Small Animal Orthopaedics since 2006, and an RCVS Recognised Specialist in Small Animal Orthopaedics since 2007. Steve has worked in private orthopaedic referral practice since 2005, firstly in Scotland, and for the last nine years as part of the orthopaedic team at Willows Referral Service in the West Midlands.

Steve has been an examiner for the RCVS Diploma in Orthopaedics since 2014, and an AOVET faculty member since 2014. Steve is current co-chair of the AOVET UK & Ireland Advanced Techniques in Small Animal Fracture management course and is the current AOVET UK & I Chairperson. Steve has a particular interest in orthopedic complication management, arthrodesis and management of humeral intra-condylar fissure and humeral condylar fractures.

Booking Essential: To reserve your place e-mail info@vetni.co.uk stating names and practice of all those planning to attend and whether or not you will be there in time for supper

Current AVSPNI members, FREE of CHARGE, subject to attendance

- A **member** who fails to attend, send a substitute or cancel by noon on the day of the meeting will be liable for a £20 charge.
- Registration fee for **non-members** —£40 including supper, payable beforehand. Only refundable in full if cancellation is notified by 12 noon on Tues 3rd December. 50% refund can be claimed if cancellation happens after Tues 3rd December but by noon on the day of the meeting.



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