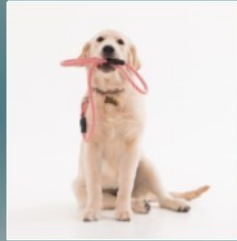


2020 AVSPNI SPRING CONFERENCE



La Mon Hotel & Country Club
24th & 25th April



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Words of welcome from AVSPNI President Cathal Carr



I would like to invite you to attend our Spring (Small Animal) Conference. The Association of Veterinary Surgeons Practising in Northern Ireland (AVSPNI) is returning to the La Mon Hotel and Country Club a little earlier this year on Friday 23rd and Saturday 24th April.

There will be two streams of lectures running simultaneously on Friday and Saturday covering a range of topics for both vets and nurses. We will also have a full trade hall with exhibitors from all of the veterinary sector who will have ample time to show and demonstrate their products and talk to delegates about new advances in medicines and equipment.

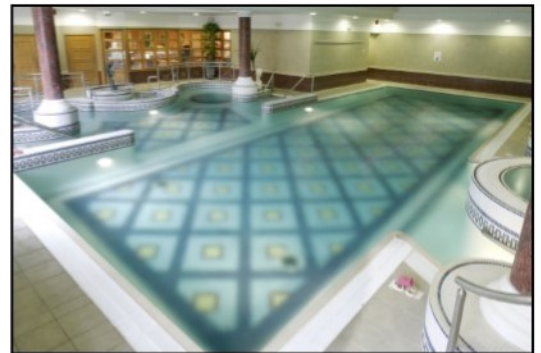
You will see from the lecture programme that we have a fantastic list of speakers who will deliver talks on a subjects ranging from Behaviour and endocrinology for nurses, orthopaedics, GI and wound closure for vets and an advanced stream on canine and feline biliary disease. Again this year we have an interactive session with hands on learning at the suture workshop.

Friday night also is the party night with a 70's theme and the presentation of the prestigious Agria Vet Nurse of the year awards, followed by dinner a live band and disco afterwards, a great chance to pull out all those old cloths from the wardrobe. This is a great opportunity to get a practice table together and come along to party with other members of our profession. Looking forward to seeing you there.

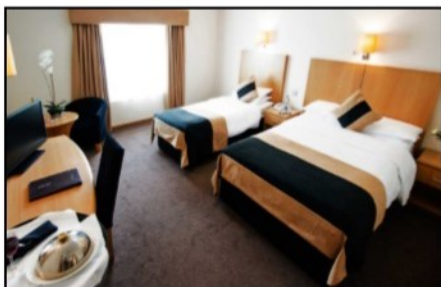
Our conference venue

Accommodation must be booked directly with the hotel.

La Mon Hotel & Country Club is an outstanding family owned 4 Star Hotel. It is conveniently located 15 minutes from Belfast city centre, yet nestled away in the beautiful countryside and has undergone an extensive (and expensive!) refit recently. It is the perfect venue for the AVSPNI Spring Conference as it offers one of the largest state of the art conferencing & events suites amongst hotels in Northern Ireland. Manicured gardens, spacious and comfortable rooms and a fantastic Country Club - we are looking forward to returning to La Mon!



Booking Accommodation



Book rooms by calling the La Mon reservation team Tel: +44 (0) 2890 448631 or email: reservations@lamon.co.uk

All rooms are held at a specially negotiated rate on the Friday night so you MUST tell the hotel you are attending the "Vet Conference" to secure a room. We expect all rooms to be filled quickly, particularly on Party Night (Friday) so book early to avoid disappointment. Rates are: £93 Single £113 Double/twin

Rooms must be booked directly with the hotel before 24th March to receive the special conference rate.

Speakers

Peter Attenburrow



Having started his practicing career as an equine and small animal vet, Peter drifted over to small animal practice and then orthopaedics. For over ten years he provided a referral service in the South West of England in small animal orthopaedics and joined the VDS in 2017. He is now a full time Claims Consultant for the Veterinary Defence Society.

Ed Hall



Ed Hall is Emeritus Professor of Small Animal Internal Medicine at the University of Bristol, and currently sees referral GI cases at Langford Vets. A Cambridge graduate, Ed did postgraduate clinical & research training in Philadelphia and Liverpool. He is a Diplomate of the ECVIM-CA and a Past President of the BSAVA. So far, Ed is the only RCVS Recognised Specialist in Small Animal Medicine (Gastroenterology).

Lindsay Galloway



Lindsay holds certificates in Western veterinary acupuncture & chronic pain management, and small animal behaviour, interests she developed whilst in s/a practice. She joined Longview Veterinary Services. Lindsay holds pain clinics at Edinburgh and Glasgow vet schools, and in private practice, and takes behavioural referrals from across Scotland.

Jo Hinde



Jo is BVNA President and is passionate about improving welfare for both animals and humans. Jo started nursing in 2007 and now utilises her experience to ensure that nurses get the support, recognition & quality training that they deserve. Jo is honoured to play her part in helping BVNA give nurses a collective voice to shape the profession and develop the role of VNs.

Emma Meredith

Emma is the PSNI Wildlife Liaison Officer and provides advice, support and assistance to local officers investigating a wildlife crime and animal welfare concerns. Emma is a member of the Partnership for Action Against Wildlife Crime. She has been involved, with partners, in many operations including Operation Peregrine Watch, Operation Raptor, Operation Silver Fin, Operation Wild Deer and Operation Paws for Thought to combat organised criminality linked to trading in dogs and pups.

Racheal Marshall



Racheal qualified as a veterinary nurse in 2003 whilst working in a busy general practice where she remained for the next 3 years as Senior Nurse. After a short period working as a Lecturer in Veterinary Nursing & Animal Management she returned to nursing as an Emergency & Critical Care nurse working for Vets Now in 2008. Racheal achieved the Veterinary Nursing Certificate in Emergency and Critical Care in 2011 and took up her current position as Head of Clinical Nursing at Vets Now in 2014. Racheal is the current Chair of RCVS Veterinary Nurse Council and a member of RCVS Council.

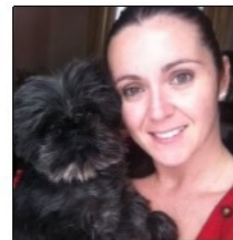
Matthew Pead



Matthew is the RVC Academic director of professional assessment and development, and Director of the Clinical Skills Centre, dividing his time between teaching, research, and the referral practice of the Queen Mothers Hospital for Animals. Previously Matthew has been the head of the Small Animal Medicine and Surgery group and Head of Small Animal Orthopaedics at RVC. He has been active

in research into the physiology of bone & the mechanism of bone disease in both humans and animals.

Gina Parkes



Gina qualified as a veterinary nurse in Northern Ireland in 2008 and then gained her Diploma in Advanced Veterinary Nursing from Myerscough College before joining the Queen Mother Hospital for Animals in 2011 as the Senior Medicine Nurse. She won the BSAVA nurse abstract award in 2015 for complications associated

with intravenous catheter placement before becoming the Head Medicine Nurse at the hospital in 2016. In 2019 Gina gained a PgCert in Veterinary Education and has a keen interest in nursing endocrine patients and infection control.

Kathryn Pratschke





Kathryn is a graduate of University College Dublin where she also completed her surgical residency training leading to the European Diploma in Small Animal Surgery and a Masters in Veterinary Medicine. She has 18 years experience working as a Specialist in Small Animal Surgery within both academia and private referral practice in Ireland and the UK, gaining Fellowship status with the RCVS in 2018. She has been a past examiner for the RCVS Diploma in Soft Tissue Surgery and also Chair of the ECVS Credentials Committee, and has contributed chapters to several surgery textbooks. Her current research interests are mainly in the field of surgical oncology, having recently completed a Masters in Clinical Oncology with distinction at the University of Birmingham.

FRIDAY 24th April

Time	Vets	Nurses	Time
9.15 – 10.15	<p>It's regurgitating but I can't see megaesophagus on the radiograph</p> <p>Megaesophagus is a significant cause of regurgitation and its management and prognosis remain poor however, its diagnosis is relatively easy just from plain radiography. The diagnosis of other causes of regurgitation is more challenging, although appropriate treatment can be rewarding.</p> <p>Ed Hall</p>	<p>You Beta believe it</p> <p>- Complications of Diabetes Mellitus</p> <p>Diabetes Mellitus is a common endocrine disease affecting cats and dogs. Long term disease or treatment failure can increase the chances of our patients developing complications. What are these complications and how do they affect our ability to care for our DM patients?</p> <p>Gina Parkes</p>	9.15 – 10.15
10.15 – 11.00	Break		10.15 – 11.00
	Vets	Vets & Nurses	
11.00 – 12.00	<p>The clinical orthopaedic examination - How does the patient feel?</p> <p>Physical palpation and manipulation together with the history given by the owner are the only way to define the nature and location of an orthopaedic patient's problems. The availability of more and more accurate diagnostic images only increases the requirement for a good clinical exam. Here we review the steps in a good orthopaedic examination and how it forms a basis for diagnosis and treatment.</p> <p>Matthew Pead</p>	<p>Pain related behaviours</p> <p>Common behavioural presentations of pain, and the importance of recognising pain in our patients.</p> <p>Lindsay Galloway</p>	11.00 – 11.45
12.00 – 13.00	<p>Improving survival in peritonitis patients</p> <p>Peritonitis affects virtually all body systems, and this makes it a huge challenge. Early diagnosis and intervention are important, but so too is adequate aftercare and monitoring. This lecture will use case examples to highlight key areas for improving management and survival in patients with peritonitis.</p> <p>Kathryn Pratschke Followed by VSNI presentation</p>	<p>Reactive dogs</p> <p>Causes of inter-dog aggression, safety aspects, and how to approach managing the problem.</p> <p>Lindsay Galloway</p>	11.45 – 12.30
		Lunch	12.30 – 13.45
13.00 – 14.15	Lunch	Nurses	
		<p>I appreciate the feedback!</p> <p>Canine endocrine disease</p> <p>A brief overview of the canine endocrine system followed by a look into the more commonly seen endocrine diseases. The pathophysiology of these diseases, tests and treatments and nursing considerations will also be discussed.</p> <p>Gina Parkes</p>	13.45 – 14.45
14.15 – 15.15	<p>Therapeutic options for behaviour cases</p> <p>When to reach for a behaviour modifying drug, and what other options are there?</p> <p>Lindsay Galloway</p>	<p>Diets for chronic GI disease</p> <p>Most clients think their pet has a food allergy, and there is no doubt that dietary manipulation is a powerful tool in the management of chronic GI disease. The benefits of low-fat, exclusion/elimination, "hypoallergenic", "antigen-restricted", "single novel protein" and hydrolysed diets will be discussed.</p> <p>Ed Hall</p>	14.45 – 15.45
15.15 – 16.00	<p>Management of a lifetime of Hip Dysplasia</p> <p>Dogs can show clinical signs of Hip Dysplasia and its associated secondary osteoarthritis from 6 months old all the way into their old age. Matthew will review the different clinical presentations over the lifetime of an animal and the management options for what, for many patients, is a problem that can be treated conservatively.</p> <p>Matthew Pead</p>	Break	15.45 – 16.30

FRIDAY 24th April

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16.00 - 16.30	Break		15.45 - 16.30
16.30 - 17.15	Acute vomiting and diarrhoea Acute V&D are common presenting problems in S/A practice. Although often described as 'gastroenteritis', not all cases involve inflammation and an incorrect assumption that bacterial enteritis is common leads to the indiscriminate use of antibacterials. Ed will discuss the rational path for the diagnosis and treatment in dogs. Ed Hall	Welfare in the Workplace Jo Hinde	16.30 - 17.15
17.15 - 18.15	A good femoral head and neck excision The femoral head and neck excision (FHNE) is a salvage procedure for intractable hip problems that produces good functional results in most patients, and is well within reach of most practices equipped for surgery. Here we review assessing appropriate patients for FHNE, performing the surgery in the optimal fashion and the appropriate rehabilitation plan. Matthew Pead	Nursing the feline endocrine patient Following a refresher of the feline endocrine system, endocrine diseases affecting our feline patients will be reviewed. The pathophysiology of these diseases will be covered along with cat-friendly nursing considerations and how to support the client through caring for a patient with endocrine disease. Gina Parkes	17.15 - 18.15
18.15 - 19.30	Free time		18.15 - 19.30
19.30 - late			

SATURDAY 25th April

Time	Vets	Vets (Advanced)	Nurses	Time
09.15 - 10.15	Wounds 1 - the good, the bad and the ugly - traumatic and open wounds Wounds are an everyday part of vet practice, but there is still little practical information and literature regarding how to manage traumatic/open wounds. Kathryn will give an overview of steps to take and pitfalls to avoid in managing these sometimes highly problematic wounds. Kathryn Pratschke	Canine and feline biliary disease The assumption that dogs only get chronic hepatitis and cats only get cholangitis is not correct. Using case examples, Ed will explore the similarities and differences of hepatitis between dogs and cats. Extra-hepatic biliary disease cases will also illustrate the problems of bile duct obstruction, cholelithiasis and gall bladder mucoceles. Ed Hall	Don't bug me! - Safeguarding the patient with infection control The current climate surrounding infectious diseases is changing. Our patients are now increasingly at risk of developing healthcare associated infections that cannot be as easily or safely treated with antibiotic therapy. The best way to protect them is to safeguard them from the risk of infection using gold standard infection control practice. Gina Parkes	09.15 - 10.15
10.15 - 11.15	Schedule 3 and the Art of Delegation See panel to the right. This shared vet and vet nurse lecture will be held in the VN lecture room. Rachael Marshall		Schedule 3 and the Art of Delegation Schedule 3 of the Veterinary Surgeons Act allows delegation of certain tasks to Registered and Student Veterinary nurses. What may be delegated and what needs to be taken into consideration when deciding to delegate? Understanding supervision and the legal implications of delegation Rachael Marshall	10.15 - 11.15

SATURDAY 25th April

Time	Vets	Vets & Nurses	Time
11.15 – 12.00	Break		11.15 – 12.00
12.00 – 13.00	<p>Wounds 2 – the good, the bad and the ugly – challenges in reconstruction Using case examples, Kathryn will review the theory of wound reconstruction and how best to apply it to the practical challenge of the patient in front of you. The pros and also the cons of some of the more recent technologies for facilitating wound reconstruction will also be discussed. Kathryn Pratschke</p>	<p>Wildlife casualties The Partnership Against Wildlife Crime (PAW), PAW sub groups and their initiatives as well as the role of PSNI in wildlife crime and animal welfare. Emma Meredith</p>	12.00 – 13.00
13.00 – 14.15	Lunch		13.00 – 14.15
14.15 – 15.15	<p>Surgical complication or negligence? Understanding the ex gratia route and how VDS defend your reputation over and above the commercial aspect of any claim. Peter Attenburrow</p>	<p>Resource guarding behaviour Causes, safety concerns, breed predispositions, and management. Lindsay Galloway</p>	14.15 – 15.15
15.15 – 15.45	Break		15.15 – 15.45

SATURDAY 25th April

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15.15 – 15.45	Break			15.15 – 15.45	
15.45 – 16.45	<p>Smoke and mirrors Dispelling common behavioural myths, with a generous helping of practical advice. Lindsay Galloway</p>	<p>Fracture trauma below the elbow and stifle Treatment of trauma distal to the elbow and stifle is complicated by an increased likelihood of wounds and open fractures but has the advantage that methods of stabilisation such as external coaption and the external skeletal fixator are more applicable than in the upper limb. Case examples will be used to explore options for trauma in this area, including a realistic understanding of the costs involved in different treatment plans. Matthew Pead</p>	<p>Suture Workshop At the end of this workshop you should understand good technique for basic suture patterns and knot tying, as well as getting an introduction to tension relieving suture patterns, hand ties and Chinese finger trap sutures. Kathryn Pratschke</p>	<p>Diabetic Mellitus client care toolkit Discussion, role-play and practical tasks that will help to improve your knowledge & understanding of the client's journey as a diabetic pet owner. Gina Parkes</p>	15.30 – 16.30
16.45 -17.45	<p>GI bleeding Gastrointestinal (GI) blood in the absence of diarrhoea is suggestive of a focal source of bleeding. It is usually grossly visible as haematemesis and/or melaena or haematochezia; microscopic bleeding that is not visible grossly is called occult bleeding. Ed will use case examples to explain how to investigate GI bleeding. Ed Hall</p>			16.30 – 17.30	
17.45	Home!			17.45	