LAPAROSCOPY COURSE FOR SMALL ANIMAL VETERINARY PRACTITIONERS

Western University of Health Sciences
May 23 – 24, 2016

This two day course is an intensive practical skills course intended to train small animal practitioners in laparoscopic surgery.

Limited to six participants.

Contact: Dr. Levi at olevi@westernu.edu or 909-469-8428 for more information.
For further details:
http://www.westernu.edu/bin/veterinary/continuinged/2016finallaparoscopicbrochure.pdf

Cost $1850

“The course was well planned and executed...well worth the investment”
– Shachar Malka, D B.Sc, DVM, Dipl ABVP

“Dr. Levi was a fantastic instructor and I learned even more than I thought I would...I highly recommend this course to my colleagues and anyone interested in broadening their laparoscopy skills.”
– Tidhar Klein B.Sc, DVM

This continuing education program has been submitted to the Western University of Health Sciences College of Veterinary Medicine (WU-CVM) Continuing Education Committee (but not yet approved) for 17 hours of continuing education credit. This CE credit would be provided by WU-CVM as an AVMA accredited veterinary college and participants should be aware that some veterinary medical boards have limitations on the content and provider of continuing veterinary education credit. Please consult your states practice act.
In the last few years, laparoscopic surgery procedures have become increasingly important in the discipline of veterinary surgery. This course is intended for individuals who have minimal to no experience in laparoscopic surgical techniques and will provide veterinary practitioners with the essential theoretical knowledge and practical experience in basic laparoscopic surgery. The course will take participants from an introductory level and provide them with basic laparoscopic skills in several key procedures required to perform veterinary laparoscopic surgery. These essential skills are needed for fostering the development of a safe laparoscopic practice.

Course

This course is an intensive theoretical and practical skills course with extensive opportunity for hands-on practice with high-quality laparoscopic equipment on bench-top models specifically designed for laparoscopic training. Participants in the course will use models for repeated practice to develop a high level of basic skills. These practice sessions will culminate in participants performing laparoscopic spays on patients from the local shelter.

The program will consists of the following:

Day 1 – The first day will begin with an introduction to laparoscopic equipment; didactic instruction on the use of laparoscopy equipment; explanation of various laparoscopic training tasks; and specific procedures such as biopsy (liver, pancreas, and kidney), ovariectomy, and laparoscopic assisted procedures (intestinal biopsy, gastropexy, and cystostomy). During the remainder of the day participants will train on laparoscopic models (e.g., peg transfer, pattern cutting, suturing, and practicing the cautery-cutting device).
**Day 2** - The second day will include practical laparoscopy surgery procedure (laparoscopic abdominal exploration, and ovariectomy) on live, anesthetized canine patients.

Instructors and lecturers:

Dr. Ohad Levi, DVM

Dr. Dominique griffon, DVM, DECVS, DACVS

Dr. Lyon Lee, DVM, PhD, DACVAA

Dr. Maria Fahie, DVM, DACVS

Mr. Dan McMahon/ Mr. Matt Willis, Karl Storz North America

Miss. Alissa Pecel, Medtronic (Covidien)
Laparoscopy Course Schedule

Day 1:

- **7:30 - 8:00**  Breakfast (provided) and check-in
- **8:00 - 8:15**  Dr. Nelson, CVM- WesternU Dean, welcome.
- **8:15 - 9:05**  Dr. Ohad Levi: Introduction to Laparoscopy - Equipment, instruments, procedures.
- **9:05 - 9:55**  Dr. Dominique griffon: Arthroscopy in small animals
- **9:55 - 10:10** Coffee break
- **10:10 - 11:00** Dr. Lyon Lee: Anesthesia principal under insufflation
- **11:00 - 11:50** Dr. Maria Fahie: Ovariectomy versus Ovariohysterectomy
- **11:50 - 12:50** Lunch (provided)
- **12:50 - 14:30** Laparoscopic training on models (basic laparoscopic tasks, biopsy, ovariectomy).
- **14:30 - 14:45** Coffee break
- **14:45 - 17:00** Laparoscopic training on models (basic laparoscopic tasks, biopsy, ovariectomy).

Day 2:

- **8:00 - 8:30**  Breakfast (provided)
- **8:30 - 10:10** Surgery - laparoscopic basic technique and laparoscopic ovariectomy on a live dogs
- **10:10 - 10:25** Coffee break
- **10:25 - 12:05** Surgery - laparoscopic basic technique and laparoscopic ovariectomy on a live dogs
- **12:05 - 13:00** Lunch (provided)
- **13:00 - 14:40** Surgery - laparoscopic basic technique and laparoscopic ovariectomy on a live dogs
- **14:40 - 14:55** Coffee break
- **14:55 - 17:15** Surgery - laparoscopic basic technique and laparoscopic ovariectomy on a live dogs
Registration: Registration fee: $1850.00

Registration is available through Eventbrite (https://www.eventbrite.com/e/laparoscopy-course-for-small-animal-veterinary-practitioners-tickets-20770854184). The program is limited to 6 participants. Once the registration is full, individuals who wish to attend will be placed on a wait list and will be contacted if space becomes available.

Please contact Dr. Ohad Levi (olevi@westernu.edu) or Ms. Karla Marquez (kmarquez@westernu.edu) if you have any questions or it is necessary to arrange other forms of payment.

CE credits: 17 CE credit hours

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Cancellations and Refunds:

Cancellations greater than 30 calendar days prior to the start of the event will result in a refund of 90% of registration fees. Cancellations less than 30 days prior to the start of the event will result in no refund.

Travel:

Local airports are Ontario International and Los Angeles International (LAX).

- If traveling in/out of ONT and staying at Sheraton Fairplex, shuttles can be arranged for transport to/from Ontario airport.
- If traveling in/out of LAX, estimated travel time can be a minimum of 2 hours to and from the Pomona area.
Lodging:

Pomona

- Sheraton Fairplex - Pomona, CA

Surrounding area hotels:

Chino Hills:

- Ayres Hotel Chino Hills (shuttle provided – please check with Stephanie)
- Hampton Inn & Suites Chino Hills

Claremont:

- Double Tree by Hilton Claremont
- Hotel Casa 425 + Lounge

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