LAPAROSCOPY COURSE FOR SMALL ANIMAL VETERINARY PRACTITIONERS

Learn the essential theoretical knowledge and practical experience of Laparoscopic surgery.

This two day course is an intensive practical skills course intended to train small animal practitioners in laparoscopic surgery. The course is supported by Karl Storz – Endoscope

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INTRODUCTION

This course is intended for those who have minimal or no experience with laparoscopy surgery technique. The course will provide veterinary practitioners with the essential theoretical knowledge and practical experience of basic level laparoscopic surgery. The course will progress participants from introduction through to the ability to practice basic laparoscopic skills, as well as perform some of the key procedures in veterinary laparoscopic surgery.

In the last few years laparoscopic surgery skills and procedures have become an increasingly important part of the veterinary surgical discipline and this course will give participants the basic grounding, theory and practical skills needed for commencing and developing a safe laparoscopic practice.

This course is an intensive practical skills course with ample opportunity to practice in the laboratory, using high-quality laparoscopic equipment on bench-top models specifically designed for laparoscopic training.

Those participating in the course will use the training equipment to practice repeatedly in order to develop a high level of basic laparoscopic skills.

Experience demonstrates that strictly defined training programs successfully assist the surgeon in acquiring laparoscopic skills to a significant degree not only in a subjective view, but to a degree
that is quantitatively provable. The quality of a course is obtained by means of a preset number of repetitions or by a defined proficiency level.

To achieve those goals the content of the course is the following:

- The first day will include introduction to equipment and instrumentation, lectures and videos regarding the use of the laparoscopy instruments and explanation of the different laparoscopic basic skills 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 (peg transfer, pattern cutting, suturing, and practicing the cautery-cutting device).
- The second day of the course will include practical laparoscopy surgery procedure (laparoscopic abdominal exploration, and ovariectomy) on live/anesthetized dogs.

**Instructors and Lecturers:**

**WesternU-CVM**
- Dr. Ohad Levi, DVM
- Dr. Dominique Griffon, DMV, DACVS, DECVS
- Dr. Lyon Lee, DVM, PhD, DACVAA
- Dr. Maria Fahie, DVM, DACVS

**Karl Storz, North America**
- Mr. Dan McMahon
- Mr. Matt Willis
COURSE SCHEDULE

Day 1*
8:00 – 8:30am: Check-In and Breakfast (provided)
8:30 – 8:45am: Welcome: Dr. Phillip Nelson, CVM Dean
8:45am – 12:00 Noon: Lectures on Instrumentation/Equipment, aspects of laparoscopic
ventilated anesthesia, laparoscopy training techniques,
laparoscopic procedures (access to the abdomen – different
insufflation techniques, portals and cannula placement,
laparoscopic abdominal anatomy and manipulation of internal
organs) different MIS techniques (arthroscopy and Thoracoscopy).
12:00 – 1:00pm: Lunch (provided)
1:00 – 5:00pm: Laparoscopic training on models (basic laparoscopic tasks, biopsy,
ovariectomy)
5:00pm Dinner: participants and faculty

Day 2*
8:00 – 8:30am: Breakfast (provided)
8:30am – 12:00 Noon Dog laparoscopic basic technique and laparoscopic ovariectionmy
12:00 – 1:00pm: Lunch (provided)
1:00 – 5:00pm: Continue dog laparoscopic basic technique and laparoscopic
ovariectomy

* Light refreshment will be available during breaks for both days.
REGISTRATION

Fee: $1,800.00

Registration can be made by check or credit card.

Enrollment is limited in number. Please contact Dr. Ohad Levi (olevi@westernu.edu) or Ms. Courtney Saenz (csaenz@westernu.edu) before submitting your registration to find out availability.

If paying by credit card you will need to call our office and you will be directed to the Bursar’s Office to submit payment over the phone. (Courtney Saenz 909-469-8208)

If paying by check please make check payable to: Western University of Health Sciences

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College of Veterinary Medicine
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Cancellations and Refunds:
Registration fees are fully refundable until 30 days prior to the course, and non-refundable after 30 days prior to the course.

CONTINUING EDUCATION (CE)

• Credits: 18

This continuing education program has been approved by the Western University of Health Sciences College of Veterinary Medicine (WU-CVM) Continuing Education Committee for 18 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 state’s practice act.
Local airports are Ontario International (ONT) and Los Angeles International (LAX).

- If staying at Sheraton Fairplex, shuttles can be arranged for transport to/from Ontario airport.
- If traveling in/out of LAX please keep in mind estimated travel time can be a minimum of 2 hours.

LODGING

Pomona:
- Sheraton Fairplex: rooms can be reserved at a discounted rate although this is not definite until the college can arrange this with the hotel.

Other area hotels:

Chino Hills:
- Ayres Hotel
- Hampton Inn & Suites

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

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