

**Small Animal Laparoscopy Course**  
**Veterinary Practitioners**



**Friday, June 18<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**\*Covid 19 L.A. County Safety Guidelines will be provided closer to the beginning of the course\***

**Introduction**

Minimally invasive laparoscopic surgery is increasing in demand in small animal practice. Research shows that defined training programs and repetition of skills are essential to procedural success with minimal complications. We are offering a basic laparoscopic surgery course intended for veterinarians with minimal or no previous experience in the field. The course goal is to deliver essential basic theoretical knowledge about laparoscopy and provide opportunities for practical experience in basic laparoscopic surgery using bench-top models and progressing to live patient

procedures. Equipment company representatives will provide valuable information for adding this modality to your practice. By the end of the course, participants will be prepared for developing and commencing safe laparoscopic practice.

The first day will include an introduction to equipment and instrumentation via lectures and videos focusing on the use of the laparoscopy instruments; explanation of the different laparoscopic basic skills training tasks; and specific procedures such as biopsy (liver, spleen, pancreas and kidney), ovariectomy, thoracoscopy, and laparoscopic assisted procedures (intestinal biopsy, gastropexy and cystostomy). During the remainder of the first day, participants will practice basic laparoscopic skills (peg transfer, pattern cutting, suturing, and practicing the cautery-cutting sealing device) and laparoscopic procedures (laparoscopic portals, insufflation, biopsy and ovariectomy) using laparoscopic training models and simulators. In the end of the first day instructors will perform laparoscopic surgery demonstration on a live dog including laparoscopic abdominal exploration follow by ovariectomy.

The second\* day of the course will include practical laparoscopy surgery procedure (laparoscopic abdominal exploration, and ovariectomy) on live dogs.

\*Due to the Covid 19 restrictions half of the group (4 clinicians) will have the surgery on live dogs on Saturday **AM** (June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021) and the other 4 clinicians on Saturday **PM** (June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021)

### **Certification**

In the end of the course, each clinician will receive a certificate of small animal laparoscopy course completion and 17 CE credit points.

## **Instructors and Lecturers:**

Dr. Ohad Levi, DVM  
Dr. Maria Fahie, DVM, DACVS  
Dr. Dominique Griffon, DMV, MS, PhD, DECVS, DACVS  
Dr. Lyon Lee, DVM, PhD, DACVA  
Dr. David Clark, DVM, DABVP  
Dr. Young Joo Kim, DVM  
Ms. Annette Chavarria-Marron, RVT  
Ms. Prisma Martinez, RVT  
Miss Janelle De Hara, RVT  
Mr. Matt Willis, Karl Storz, North America  
Ms. Meredith Anderson, Medtronic

## **Schedule**

### **Day 1 – Friday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

<b>7:30 - 8:00</b>	Breakfast (provided) and check-in
<b>8:00 - 9:35</b>	Dr. Ohad Levi: Introduction to Laparoscopy- Equipment/instruments, procedures, and laparoscopy surgery complications
<b>9:35 - 9:50</b>	Coffee break
<b>9:50 -10:20</b>	Dr. Dominique Griffon: Arthroscopy in small animals
<b>10:20 - 10:50</b>	Dr. Lyon Lee: Anesthesia principals under insufflation
<b>10:50 - 12:00</b>	Laparoscopy procedure, laparoscopic training on models/simulators (basic laparoscopic tasks, biopsy, and ovariectomy)
<b>12:00 - 12:30</b>	Lunch (provided).
<b>12:30 –14:15</b>	Laparoscopy procedure, laparoscopic training on models/simulators (basic laparoscopic tasks, biopsy, and ovariectomy) continue.
<b>14:15 – 14:30</b>	Coffee break
<b>14:30- 17:00</b>	Laparoscopic ovariectomy procedure on a live dog (demonstration by instructors).

**Day 2 - Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup> \***

**\*half group (4 clinicians) AM and half group PM\***

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| <b>8:00-8:30</b>     | Breakfast (provided)  |
| <b>8:30 -10:10</b>   | Surgery - laparoscopic basic technique and laparoscopic ovariectomy on live dogs  |
| <b>10:10-10:25</b>   | Coffee break  |
| <b>10:25 - 12:05</b> | Surgery - laparoscopic basic technique and laparoscopic ovariectomy on live dogs  |
| <b>12:05-13:00</b>   | Lunch (provided to all)   |
| <b>13:00 – 15:00</b> | Surgery - laparoscopic basic techniques and laparoscopic ovariectomy on live dogs |
| <b>15:00-15:15</b>   | Coffee break  |
| <b>15:15 – 17:15</b> | Surgery - laparoscopic basic techniques and laparoscopic ovariectomy on live dogs |

**Registration Fee:**

**\$1900**

**Payment:**

Only credit card payments are accepted through the following link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2021-small-animal-laparoscopy-course-for-veterinarians-practitioners-tickets-85875767733>

Registration is limited to ***eight veterinarians***. Once the registration is full, additional names will be placed on a waiting list. If any spots become available, we will contact you.

For any questions please contact:

Dr. Ohad Levi [olevi@westernu.edu](mailto:olevi@westernu.edu) or CVM Continuing Education Coordinator:  
Ms. Nicole Jimenez at [CVMCE@westernu.edu](mailto:CVMCE@westernu.edu)

**Continuing Education Credits: 17 CE Credit\***

*\* 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.*

**Cancellations and Refunds:**

Cancellations greater than 30 calendar days prior to the start of the event and due to last minute Covid 19 situation will result in a refund of 100% of registration costs. Cancellations less than 30 days prior to the start of the event will result in no refund.

**Travel:**

Local airports: Ontario International (ONT ~15 minutes) and Los Angeles International (LAX ~ 60-120 minutes, depending on traffic\*).

\*If traveling in/out of LAX please keep in mind estimated travel time could be a minimum of 2 hours.

**Lodging:**

**Chino Hills**

- Ayres Hotel Chino Hills, CA (Shuttle transportation provided)
- Hampton Inn & Suites Chino Hills, CA

**Claremont**

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

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