



TWO-DAY
VETERINARY CARDIOLOGY

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Echocardiography, ECGs & Clinical Decision-Making in Small Animal Practice

(Theory-based course)

This intensive two-day SkillVet workshop provides a **structured, clinically focused overview of small animal cardiology**, designed for veterinary practitioners who want to improve **diagnostic reasoning and confidence** in echocardiography, ECG interpretation, and cardiac case management.

The course focuses on **common acquired cardiac diseases in dogs and cats**, clinically relevant echocardiographic interpretation, arrhythmia recognition, and real-life cardiac emergencies – all taught from a **practical, decision-making perspective**, without hands-on components.

CORE THEMES COVERED

- ◆ Optimising echocardiography use in general practice
- ◆ Interpretation of echocardiographic findings in acquired heart disease
- ◆ Clinical relevance of echo abnormalities versus incidental findings
- ◆ ECG interpretation and arrhythmia recognition
- ◆ Integration of echo, ECG, and clinical signs
- ◆ Management of common cardiac emergencies
- ◆ Case-based clinical reasoning



KEY LEARNING OBJECTIVES

By the end of this workshop, participants will be able to:

- ◆ Understand practical ultrasound and Doppler principles, including artefacts, image optimisation, and realistic expectations in first-opinion practice.
- ◆ Recognise echocardiographic features of common acquired cardiac diseases in dogs and cats.
- ◆ Identify and interpret key echocardiographic hallmarks of dilated cardiomyopathy, including phenotypes and management
- ◆ Understand the pathophysiology and staging of myxomatous mitral valve disease and identify echo findings that influence management.
- ◆ Recognise and differentiate feline cardiomyopathies, including hypertrophic and other cardiomyopathies
- ◆ Understand the pathophysiology, clinical impact, and management principles of arterial thromboembolism in cats.
- ◆ Perform a structured ECG rate and rhythm analysis and distinguish normal from abnormal tracings.
- ◆ Recognise common and clinically important arrhythmias, including atrial fibrillation, ventricular arrhythmias, and bradyarrhythmias, and know when intervention is required.
- ◆ Integrate ECG findings with structural heart disease and understand indications for Holter monitoring.
- ◆ Apply an integrated, case-based approach to cardiac emergencies, combining clinical signs, echocardiography, and ECG findings to guide decision-making.

WHY ATTEND

- ◆ **Clinically relevant cardiology** focused on real-world decision-making
- ◆ **Clear, structured explanations** of complex cardiology concepts
- ◆ **Integrated approach** linking echocardiography, ECGs, and clinical presentation
- ◆ **Case-based learning** using real-life scenarios from daily practice
- ◆ **Immediate clinical impact**, improving confidence in managing cardiac patient

CERTIFICATION

Certificate of attendance
provided to all participants



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