VETERINARY SURGICAL PRINCIPLES AND TEAM BUILDING
“IMPROVE YOUR QUALITY”

June 10, 2017
Friendship Hospital for Animals
4105 Brandywine Street, NW
Washington, DC 20016

Continuing Education Provider
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COURSE OBJECTIVES
This course is intended to improve communication and planning skills among trained veterinarians and the entire hospital teams. It is also specifically focused on enhancing surgical skills.

Improve the quality (and quantity) of your team by learning, applying and refining operating room team work techniques.

COURSE OVERVIEW
This course is designed to improve the quality and quantity of work in a practice by 1) applying and refining teamwork techniques and 2) providing a forum for reviewing and standardizing basic surgical skills training.

Team efficiency through strong coordination and teamwork efforts has been shown to increase productivity, enhance employee and client satisfaction, and is essential in any veterinary practice. Team building activities performed regularly have been shown to significantly decrease errors and improve the employee performance.

Over the last few years, a significant amount of literature has flourished to prove the importance of basic surgical skills and techniques and establish operating surgical skills standards as part of the training of staff performing surgery.\(^1\) In parallel, alternative learning resources such as simulation laboratories have been explored in order to enhance and accelerate the learning process for surgical residents.\(^2\)

A veterinary survey on personnel and patient preparation performed in 2013 amongst ACVS & ECVS diplomates revealed that application of accepted guidelines is inadequate (Verwilghen et al, unpublished). This corroborates the findings of a large body of human medical literature and the single veterinary report\(^10\) on the subject, and suggests the need for formal training and periodic updates in the matter of basic skills should be an essential yearly routine in any general and specialized practice.
AGENDA *
SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 2017

8:00 am  Welcome and Distribution of Material Introduction
8:15 am  Lab - Team Building: What is it About and How Does it Help Us?
10:00 am Break
10:15 am Basic Techniques to Improve Quality: A Review on Surgical Team Preparation Techniques
  ■ Hand Hygiene and Disinfection: Why is it so Important?
  ■ How to Prepare Yourself: Gowning and Gloving
  ■ Disposable Handling and Safe Presentation of Materials
11:15 am Lab - Exercises on Surgical Team Preparation Techniques
12:15 pm Lunch
1:15 pm Team Building: Why is it so Important? How does it Influence the Quality of my Work?
  ■ Team Building Activities
2:00 pm Essential Points to Improve Workflow: Time, Room Flow, Briefing and Debriefing
3:00 pm Lab - Exercise on Briefing and Debriefing
3:30 pm Break
3:45 pm Table Setup: How to Prepare and Use the Equipment Efficiently
  ■ Table Setup and Scrub Nursing Simulation with Case Scenario
4:45 pm Closing Remarks and Questions
5:00 pm Adjourn

*Course agenda subject to change
LITERATURE


REGISTRATION

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Registration Fee: $175.00 per person

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ABOUT THE PRESENTER
Augusta Pelosi, DVM, Dipl. ACVS, ACVIM (Cardiology)
Augusta graduated in 2000 in Veterinary Medicine (Universita’ degli Studi di Pisa), rotating internship at the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University (2001-2002), small animal surgery residency at Michigan State University (2002-2005) and cardiology residency at Michigan State University (2005-2007) Augusta is currently the co-owner and medical director of the North American Veterinary Heart Center in Jupiter, Florida.

ABOUT THE PRESENTER
Denis Verwilghen, DVM, MSc, PhD, DES, Dipl. ECVS:
Denis runs his own private consultant business in surgery and surgical biosecurity. Denis graduated from Ghent University in Belgium in 2003 and worked in private practice before enrolling in a surgical residency at Liege University in Belgium. After a period as Head of Equine Surgery at Uppsala University in Sweden, Denis has been an Associate Professor in Large Animal Surgery at Copenhagen University for 4 years, where he ran the basic surgical skills lab. Denis has an active research and education track into the aspects of basic surgical techniques with particular focus in hand hygiene and aseptic procedures.

TO REGISTER
Click on the link below to fill out the registration form:
www.AesculapUSA.com/VetProgram

Registration Fee: $175.00
Pre-registration with a credit card is required to attend this program.
7-8 CE Credits Pending R.A.C.E. Approval
Deadline for Registration: June 2, 2017
*Space is limited! Please register at your earliest convenience.

For questions regarding registration, contact Janet Mahaffey at 800-258-1946, ext. 5223 or janet.mahaffey@aesculap.com.
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