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EQUINE CPD

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WELCOME



Here at the University of Liverpool, the Veterinary Postgraduate Unit is delighted to introduce our autumn/spring programme of our upcoming Equine CPD Events! Inside this brochure you will find details of CPD events designed for veterinary surgeons with a broad range of interests and goals. Catering for varied disciplines and learning styles, courses include practical lab-based and on line interactive sessions.

Are the courses relevant to you?

If you are a vet working in the industry, then there will be courses here relevant to you. Although the RCVS CertAVP modules are used to help guide course content, these workshops are available to, and suitable for, all vets working in practice.

CPD workshop aims and principles at the Veterinary Postgraduate Unit.

- We aim to host CPD workshops which offer relevant, evidence-based material presented by knowledge leaders in each discipline.
- We present courses which are accessible, inclusive and welcoming to all practitioners.
- We match the style of delivery with the topic, e.g. group sessions for workplace professional skills, or wetlab practical sessions for surgical skill training.
- We believe that the courses presented by the Veterinary Postgraduate Unit cannot be beaten for value, offering Specialist-led teaching at unparalleled low cost.

We hope you enjoy reading this brochure, which will be updated and circulated as new courses are planned each semester. To book a course, or to make general inquiries, please see our contact options below:

Web: www.liverpool.ac.uk/cpdvets

Email: vpuoffice@liverpool.ac.uk



EQUINE WOUND MANAGEMENT

PRACTICAL TIPS, TRICKS & TRIALS OF EQUINE WOUND MANAGEMENT

Course Type: Lectures, practical case-discussions.

Date: 12th November 2025

Speakers: Prof Debra Archer BVMS PhD CertES(Soft Tissue) DipECVS FRCVS FHEA
Alex Gillen MA MS VetMB CertAVP DipACVS DipECVS FHEA MRCVS
David Stack MVB MSc DVMS DipECVS FHEA MRCVS

CPD Hours: 7

Cost: £275

Are you new to equine wound management or looking for a practical refresher? This workshop is your chance to update your knowledge with the latest evidence-based approaches in wound care at a newly accredited Equine Wound Centre - the first in the UK to be recognised by the Veterinary Wound Healing Association (VWHA), and only the third in Europe.

Morning Lectures

- Dive into the assessment and management of acute and chronic wounds.
- Recognise the familiar and those requiring specialist referral.
- Focus on clinical decision-making, pragmatic management and avoiding common mistakes.

Afternoon Practical Sessions

- Engage in case-based discussions on commonly encountered scenarios.
- Discuss antimicrobial best practices, wound dressings and topical treatments.
- Review immobilisation and advanced treatment options for specific wound care.
- Bring your own cases for personalised advice from our friendly clinicians.

Hosted at the renowned Philip Leverhulme Equine Hospital in Liverpool, this workshop features an internationally recognised team of veterinary specialists. Our experienced speakers understand the pressures faced by both first opinion and referral clinicians so take part to gain insights from experts in a relaxed and friendly environment.

Please see the Veterinary Postgraduate Unit [website](#) for full course learning outcomes.



MARE AND STALLION REPRODUCTION

WITH FOCUS ON MANAGEMENT FOR BREEDING

Course Type: In-person, lectures and lab based

Dates: 18th November 2025

Speakers: Anna Mitchell BVM&S DACT MRCVS B&W Equine

Monica Morganti DACT DECAR MRCVS Twemlows Stud

Alex Gillen MA MS VetMB CertAVP DipACVS DipECVS FHEA MRCVS UoL

Kelly Harrison-Tait BSc(Hons) BVSc CertAVP(ESM) MRCVS B&W Equine

CPD Hours: 7

Cost: £395

Get ready for the 2026 breeding season with our brand-new, practical workshop focused on managing subfertility in mares and stallions. Designed specifically for equine vets in ambulatory practice, this course will boost your confidence and clinical decision-making through an evidence-based approach.

Morning lectures will provide delegates with a practical evidence-based approach to managing the mare for insemination and approach to the subfebrile mare. Surgical reproductive procedures will then be discussed concluding with a lecture on advanced assisted reproductive techniques.

The afternoon will be spent in the lab where delegates will carry out semen analysis and processing. Delegates will also be able to perform techniques used in mare breeding soundness examinations, on specimens. The afternoon will conclude with an informal case-based discussion, covering a wide range of topics.

Learning outcomes

- Develop an evidence-based approach to breeding the mare and managing common subfertility issues of the mare
- Develop understanding of surgical reproductive procedures and when they are indicated
- Develop understanding of the advanced assisted reproductive techniques currently available in equine reproduction
- Develop a theoretical and practical approach to management of the stallion, semen collection and processing
- Develop practical skills in semen analysis and processing
- Develop practical skills in performing and interpreting mare endometrial culture, cytology and biopsy

Please see the Veterinary Postgraduate Unit [website](#) for more information.

ONLINE CPD MINI MODULES

3RD NOVEMBER 2025 & 23 FEBRUARY 2026

CPD HOURS: 25 OVER 4 WEEKS

Our new range of Online CPD mini-modules have been developed for and aimed towards the more experienced veterinary surgeon. If you have completed a CertAVP or are an Advanced Practitioner, or are an experienced practitioner and feel you are currently working at this level, these modules are a great way to support your CPD requirements for the year or maintain your Advanced Practitioner status.

These 100% online modules will provide you with 25 hours of designation specific CPD. Over four weeks each mini module will cover a different weekly topic in an area in which there may have been changes, advances or controversy in recent years. The course will be taught and tutored by Liverpool and other external veterinary specialists, following a similar format to the University of Liverpool's CertAVP modules. With online lectures, discussion boards and weekly MCQ tests designed to help support your learning these short designation specific modules provide a fun and interactive way to ensure you keep up to date in your area of interest. Modules are available in:

- Equine Ophthalmology
- ****NEW** Physiotherapy Masterclass on the Equine Back and Pelvis** aimed at both qualified Physiotherapists and Equine Clinicians
- Equine Veterinary Nursing (15 CPD hours)

Each module will provide:

- Four weeks of online teaching material with weekly lectures, readings and interactive discussion boards
- Full access to the University of Liverpool online library
- Access to veterinary specialists
- The chance to join an online network with vets with a similar area of interest.



ONLINE MINI MODULE

EQUINE

OPHTHALMOLOGY

3RD NOVEMBER 2025

CPD HOURS: 25

COST: £435

The course is taught and tutored by Liverpool and other external veterinary specialists, following a similar format to the University of Liverpool's CertAVP modules. With online lectures, discussion boards and weekly MCQ tests designed to help support your learning this short Equine mini-module will provide a fun and interactive way to ensure you keep up to date in your area of interest.

Module Lead:

Fernando Malalana DVM PhD DipECEI PGCert T&LHE FHEA MRCVS

Week 1:

- Pre-purchase examination - The Eye Examination of the eyes at PPE's
- Cataracts
- Retinal abnormalities

Week 2:

- Equipment and Therapeutics update
- "How to" Debride a corneal ulcer and sample collection
- "How to" Take photographs of the eyes
- Analgesics
- Antimicrobials

Week 3: Break Week

Week 4:

- External conditions of the eye
- Eyelid trauma
- Enucleation
- Sarcoids and masses

Week 5:

- Updates on common conditions
- Uveitis
- Corneal Ulcers
- Keratitis

Further details and booking information can be found [here](#).



ONLINE MINI MODULE

PHYSIOTHERAPY MASTERCLASS ON THE EQUINE BACK AND PELVIS

AIMED AT BOTH QUALIFIED PHYSIOTHERAPISTS* AND EQUINE CLINICIANS

23RD FEBRUARY 2026

CPD HOURS: 25

COST: £435

In February 2026, we will be offering a Physiotherapy Masterclass on the Equine Back and Pelvis, aimed at both qualified Physiotherapists* and Equine Clinicians looking to refresh their knowledge of the assessment and treatment options available in this common area of practice. The weeks will focus on revising back and pelvis pathology before reviewing current approaches to diagnosis, assessment and initial management from both professional perspectives. Common clinical cases and the principles behind their rehabilitation will be addressed in week 5, and the over-arching theme throughout the module will be one of professional collaboration and the 'team approach' to maximise clinical outcomes.

This fully online CPD mini-module is tailored for professionals wishing to enhance, develop and consolidate their clinical knowledge and understanding in this area. Participants will gain access to the University of Liverpool online Library for the remainder of the current academic year (until mid-July 2026) allowing easy access to evidence-based research in their chosen clinical fields.

*ACPAT qualified Physiotherapists only

Vet Module Leads:

Em Prof. Catherine McGowan BVSc, MANZCVSC, DEIM, Dip ECEIM, CertVBM, PhD, FHEA, FRCVS

Cajsa Isgren BVetMed, MSc, CertAVP(ESO, ESST, ED), DipECVS, DipECVSMR, PhD, MRCVS

Physio Module Lead:

Katie Meredith MCSP HCPC ACPAT RAMP Chartered Physiotherapist

- **Week 1: 23rd February** - Review of Equine Back and Pelvis Pathology and Pathophysiological Principles
- **Week 2: 2nd March** – Current Veterinary Diagnosis and Initial Treatment
- **Week 3: 9th March** – Break Week
- **Week 4: 16th March** – The Teamwork Approach to Rehabilitation
- **Week 5: 23rd March** – Rehabilitation Principles In Practice

Further details and booking information can be found [here](#).



ONLINE MINI MODULE

EQUINE VETERINARY

NURSING

3RD NOVEMBER 2025

CPD HOURS: 15

COST: £260

Our new Nursing Online CPD mini-modules have been developed for and aimed towards veterinary nurses. These 100% online modules will run over three weeks and will include one Zoom meeting. A different topic will be covered each week, providing you with 15 hours of CPD. The course is taught by experienced equine Veterinary Nurses from the University of Liverpool referral hospital teams, and other veterinary contributors. Teaching materials are in the form of online lectures, readings, interactive discussion boards, live Zoom sessions with course tutors and speakers and weekly MCQ tests designed to help support your learning. You also have access to the university of Liverpool online library and to discussions with tutors and peers, making learning fun and interactive.



Week 1: Fundamentals of equine nursing - Emma Rees RVN

- Simplifying drug and fluid therapy calculations
- The pharmacodynamics of common equine drug categories (antimicrobials and analgesia)
- Understanding Osmosis and the fundamentals of fluid therapy
- Setting up and maintaining a general practice lab

Week 2: Surgical and anaesthesia nursing -

Sarah Clark RVN, Vicky Gregory REVN, Rebecca Bruford RVN

- Suture and needle types, suture patterns, and their applications in equine surgery
- The role and responsibilities of the scrub and circulatory nurse
- General anaesthesia monitoring
- Preparing for a safer anaesthetic recovery

Zoom meeting

Week 3: Neonatology and medical nursing -

Annie Graham MRCVS, Bonny Millar REVN, Rebecca Bruford RVN

- Nursing care of the dummy foal at home
- Failure of passive transfer: how nurses can prevent it and their role in treatment
- Neonatal respiratory disease and nursing support
- Understanding blood gas analysis for anaesthesia and medical nursing

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