

**Program Title:**

Rabbits and Rodent

Tutor:

Dr David Vella

Next Session:

21st June - 1st August 2010

No of Modules:

10

Level of content:

Introductory

Price:

\$355 (members)

\$395 (non members)

Rabbits and Rodents

Pet rabbits and rodents are presenting to veterinary practitioners in ever increasing numbers. As the numbers climb, so too does the general public's expectation on veterinarians to provide these unique species with excellent veterinary care. The pet rabbit and rodent patient can provide unique challenges that set them apart from the more common canine and feline medicine disciplines.

This course aims to provide the practitioner with a general overview of rabbit, guinea pig, rat and mouse veterinary medicine. Beginning with the basics in rabbit and rodent biology, the course will then explore clinical anatomy and physiology relevant to recommendations on husbandry, nutrition and preventative health. Further clinical information will be detailed encompassing handling, restraint, physical examination, clinical techniques, diagnostics, therapeutics and general anaesthesia. A summary of common problems in rabbit and rodent health will be highlighted.

Upon completion of this course, participants should feel more confident in approaching pet rabbit and rodent patients and be able to formulate a measured diagnostic and therapeutic methodology to their common problems.

Modules:

- 1 Rabbits and Rodent Natural History and Biology
- 2 Clinical Anatomy and Physiology
- 3 Husbandry
- 4 Nutrition and Preventative Health
- 5 Handling, restraint and Physical Examination
- 6 Clinical Techniques
- 7 Rabbit Radiology and Radiography
- 8 Therapeutics
- 9 Anaesthesia
- 10 Common Problems

Dr David Vella BSc BVSc (Hons) Diplomate ABVP (Exotic Companion Mammals)

David consults exclusively as an exotics vet in Sydney. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science in 1992, and a Bachelor of Veterinary Science in 1996, both from the University of Sydney. In 2009, David became a Diplomate of the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners in Exotic Companion Mammals, the first and only Australian vet to achieve these credentials.

David's interest in natural history began early in life. Growing up in Sydney's suburbia he was lured to the appeal of native avifauna and herpetofauna. His first four years of vet life were spent practicing in the UK, where his exposure to 'exotic' pets was greatly enhanced. Since graduating as a vet, the appeal of exotic veterinary medicine has engaged David to work on a range of exotic animals. He is particularly interested in small mammals (especially rabbits) as well as reptile and amphibian medicine and surgery. David now consults as a primary accession and second opinion exotic small mammal and reptile vet at Sydney's North Shore Veterinary Specialist Centre.



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