Rabbit & Rodent Dentistry Workshop

Upskill yourself to treat dental disease in rabbits and rodents.

This workshop is intended for veterinarians who wish to gain further expertise in rabbit and rodent dentistry so that they can confidently approach, diagnose and treat these cases in their own clinics. The course will consist of a series of morning lectures to review and consolidate knowledge in anatomy, radiology, anaesthesia, analgesia, instrumentation, intra/post-operative complications and peri-operative management. In the afternoon, all participants will have the opportunity to practice intubation techniques, nerve blocks and common dental procedures on cadavers during a 3-hour wet lab. This will provide invaluable hands-on practical experience as well as interactive discussion to all delegates.

Dental disease is one of the most common conditions seen in rabbits and rodents in clinical practice. The growing popularity of these pets means that veterinarians in first opinion practice will inevitably be presented with an increasing number of dental cases as part of their routine caseload. As our duty of care and to meet soaring client expectations, it is important to understand the aetiology of dental disease in lagomorphs and rodents as well as the diagnostic imaging modalities and treatment options currently available.

Early Bird: expires 7 September 2019

Workshop
Saturday 19 October 2019
8.30 – 5.00

Location
Veterinary Science Conference Centre
Regimental Drive
The University of Sydney

Tutors
Lorenzo Crosta
Shiva Sawmy
Petra Schnitzer
Bree Talbot
Program Tutors

Lorenzo Crosta
med vet, PhD, Dipl. ECZM.
European Specialist in Zoological Medicine. Ass. Professor in Avian 
& Zoological Medicine, University of Sydney 
Director, Avian, Reptile 
and Exotic Pet Hospital

Lorenzo Crosta graduated in Veterinary Medicine at the 
University of Milan (Italy) in 1989, and received his PhD in 
Veterinary Clinical Sciences, from the University of Turin 
in 2009. After graduating Lorenzo immediately started 
working with birds and traveled abroad to increase his 
skills and knowledge in avian medicine, and was the first 
Italian member of the Association of Avian Veterinarians.

After working as a practitioner for 10 year, at the 
beginning of 2000 he took the position of Veterinary 
Director at the Loro Parque, in Tenerife (Spain), the 
most diverse Parrot collection in the world, where he 
worked until mid-2005. Since then he has been working 
back in Italy, where he has been working as an avian 
practitioner and as a consulting veterinarian for various 
zoos and bird collections in Italy, Spain, Portugal, Brazil 
and Mexico. Since 2013 he is Accredited by the FNOVI 
(Italian Federation of Veterinary Colleges), in Avian 
and Zoological Medicine and Surgery and Zoo Health 
Management. In 2015, he successfully sat the exam for 
the ESVPS General Practitioner Certification in Exotic 
Animal Practice and since 2010 he is lecturer at the 
University of Milan, on selected topics on Management 
and Welfare of Birds.

In 2016 he was recognized “de facto” as a Diplomate 
of the European College of Zoological Medicine, and 
therefore is a Specialist in Zoological Medicine 
(Zoo Health Management subspecialty). Lorenzo has 
been a panel member of the EFSA (European Food 
Safety Authority), and has been twice Chairman of 
the European Committee of the Association of Avian 
Veterinarian and the President of the Italian Society 
of Exotic Animal Veterinarians (SIVAE) and is still 
cooperating with national and international journals 
and has published several papers and book chapters. 
Lorenzo’s main interests are related to bird conservation 
(his has been the official veterinarian of the Spix’s and 
Lear’s Macaws recovery programs), bird breeding and 
diseases related to avian fertility.

Workshop

Saturday 19 October

8.30 REGISTRATION

9.00 Lecture: Diagnostic Imaging of the Rabbit 
and Rodent Skull
Review of rabbit and small mammal (rodent) 
skull/dental anatomy including radiography, 
endoscopy and CT scan

10.00 Lecture: Rabbit and Rodent Anaesthesia
Review of anatomical specificities, common 
drugs used, analgesia, fluid therapy, nerve 
blocks, intubation techniques, patient monitor-
ing, pre, intra and post-op monitoring

11.00 MORNING TEA

11.30 Lecture: Rabbit and Rodent Dentistry
Equipment required, extraction techniques, 
antibiosis, complications and post-operative 
care and nutrition

1.00 LUNCH

2.00 Rabbit and Rodent Dentistry- WET LAB
Intubation techniques, nerve block practicals, 
extraction techniques: incisors vs molars, 
extraoral vs intraoral

5.00 END
Shiva Sawmy
BSc (Hons) Biol., BVM&S MRCVS

Originally from Mauritius, Dr Shivananden Sawmy has worked as a field biologist with some of the island’s critically endangered wildlife, such as the Pink Pigeon and Echo Parakeet for several years prior to graduating from the Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies, Edinburgh, UK in 2010. He enjoys treating all pet species ranging from dogs and cats, rabbits, reptiles, raptors to fish. Having a passion for exotic animals and wildlife work, he completed a year-long internship in Avian/Exotics Animal Surgery and Medicine under the mentorship of Neil Forbes, FRCVS, at Great Western Exotics in 2013.

He has worked in exotics and small animal practices across the UK until the opportunity to move back to Scotland presented itself. Furthermore, he has also worked with a neuter clinic, primates and endangered reptile and bird species back his native Mauritius.

He is currently enrolled on the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons’ Certificate AVP in Zoological Medicine course and has recently collaborated on a chapter in a soon to be published textbook on Reptile Medicine and Surgery (Editor: Brendan Carmel). He looks forward to providing gold standard treatment to all things scaly, feathery and furry.

Petra Schnitzer
med vet, GP-Cert Exotic Animal Practice, ECZM Resident (Avian)

Petra Schnitzer graduated at the University of Vienna, with a thesis on the Evaluation of the physiological bacterial flora in Hermann’s tortoise.

After having received training in birds and exotics at the University of Vienna, she underwent an externship in northern Italy (Clinica Veterinaria Valcurone), and in Brazil (Parque das Aves).

After her training, Petra has been staff veterinarian at the Loro Parque (Tenerife, Spain) the largest parrot collection in the world and then headed back to Northern Italy, where she almost exclusively worked with exotic animals in Italy, Spain and Austria.

Petra completed her residency for the European College of Zoological Medicine (Avian Specialty) and will soon sit the ECZM test.

Further, she is currently teaching for the General Practitioner Certificate in Exotic Animals for IMPROVE international in Spain and Chile and lecturing at post-graduate courses in Italy.

Her main interests are avian cardiology, ultrasound in exotic species and avian anesthesia.

Bree Talbot
BScAgr(Hons) BVSc MANZCVS (Unusual Pets)

AREPH’s Senior Veterinarian, Dr Bree Talbot graduated from the University of Sydney in 2004 with a Bachelor of Agricultural Science (majoring in animal genetics) and then in 2010 with a Bachelor of Veterinary Science. Since graduating Bree has worked in a variety of veterinary disciplines to widen her medical and practical knowledge. In 2015 Bree achieved membership into the Australian and New Zealand College of Veterinary Scientists in the medicine and surgery of unusual pets. Bree has also undertaken numerous continuing education courses in exotic pet medicine to ensure her patients receive the most up to date treatment. In addition to exotic pet medicine, Bree has a keen interest in wildlife medicine having worked for a charity based wildlife clinic for several years before joining the AREPH team in 2014.

Bree currently shares her home with four cheeky rabbits (Lord Humphrey, Sir Fredrick, Lady Oomph and Princess Stephanie), one very cute old dog ‘Miss Grace’ and is lucky enough to have a horse called ‘Toby’.
### Registration

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