Put your money where the mouth is: invest and upgrade your dentistry skills in companion animal oral care.

This course is designed to provide the essentials to become a good companion animal dentist and to drive your dental service to the next level in standard of care.

The interactive lectures and workshop will offer the latest knowledge and techniques in optimal dental care for dogs and cats. Topics include: periodontal flap surgery, surgical extractions and techniques for avoiding and treating extraction complications, management of the three types of feline tooth resorptions, as well as current best practice in oral pain management.

A focus of the course will be on optimal radiographic positioning to obtain diagnostic dental radiographs and, importantly, the radiographic interpretation of any oral pathology.

At the end of the course, participants will have a better understanding of managing periodontal disease and the below skills:

- Improved surgical skills to better manage oral disease including surgical extractions and how to avoid complications
- Ability to utilise valuable diagnostic tools to identify and treat more oral disease
- Increased confidence in managing complex oral disease cases
- Ability to reduce post-operative pain through simple anaesthetic techniques

Program

Friday 25 August

Seminar

8.30 REGISTRATION

9.00 How to Manage Periodontal Disease in General Practice Including Homecare

10.30 MORNING TEA

11.00 Surgical Tooth Extraction Techniques

12.00 Complications seen with Tooth Extractions

12.30 LUNCH

1.30 Dental Radiology:
This is now the standard of care for diagnosing oral diseases!

2.30 Feline Oral Diseases:
Part 1 – Chronic Gingivostomatitis

3.00 AFTERNOON TEA

3.30 Feline Oral Diseases:
Part 2 – Feline Tooth Resorption

4.00 Pain Management for Oral Surgery:
Which drugs, where do I give them, how long do they last?

5.00 END

Saturday 26 August

Workshop

8.30 REGISTRATION

9.00 Demonstration of dental equipment:
How to correctly hold dental instruments and equipment maintenance

9.30 Demonstration of the anatomical landmarks and intra and extraoral techniques for delivering local anaesthetic agents to preempt oral pain.

10.00 Demonstration of intraoral radiographic positioning techniques for cats and dogs and the production of diagnostic radiographs.

Hands-on opportunity to take dental radiographs on dry skull specimens utilising the available digital radiographic equipment.

Interpretation of any oral pathology found (Radiographs can be taken at any stage during the workshop).

10.30 MORNING TEA

11.00 Demonstration of how to perform a surgical extraction:
Including: treatment planning and decision-making; surgical approach; various flap techniques; tooth sectioning and the correct use of dental/periosteal elevators; handpiece/burs and extraction forceps; wound closure and postoperative instructions.

11.30 Hands-on opportunity to perform a number of extractions in dogs and cats especially on the more challenging teeth, including extraction complications and how to avoid those, and what to do when you fracture a root:

✗ Perform simple extraction of 1st premolar tooth
✗ Perform a surgical extraction (mucoperiosteal flap raised) on maxillary or mandibular canine tooth
✗ Perform a sectional extraction of maxillary 4th premolar tooth/mandibular 1st molar
✗ Deal with any extraction complications

Hands-on use of small gauge needles/syringes to deliver local anaesthetic agents, followed by a discussion on local anaesthetic complications.

✗ Perform a caudal maxillary block
✗ Perform a caudal mandibular block
✗ Perform rostral maxillary, palatal and rostral mandibular blocks

12.30 LUNCH

1.30 Hands-on continuation on extraction procedures, dental radiography and local anaesthetic techniques.

3.00 AFTERNOON TEA

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4.00 Open discussion with attendees:
At the end of the workshop attendees have the opportunity for a open discussion on any topics relevant to the practice of veterinary dentistry.

5.00 END
Speakers

Anthony Caiafa
BDSc BVSc MACVSc
Tony Caiafa graduated from the University of Melbourne with a Bachelor of Veterinary Science in 1978. He worked as a vet for 16 years. He returned to study a Bachelor of Dental Science in 1998 and graduated dux of his year. He has extensive experience in all aspects of general dentistry with a particular interest in Dental Implants and Root Canal treatment. Tony has a great rapport with patients and tries very hard to make every visit as comfortable as possible. He continues to work with our four legged friends as a guest lecturer in Veterinary Dentistry at James Cook University, Townsville.

Christine Hawke
BSc (Vet) BVSc (Hons) PhD MANZCVS
Christine Hawke graduated from the University of Sydney in 1993, and spent four years in general practice both in Australia and the UK, during which time she disliked dentistry immensely. She returned to the University of Sydney in 1999, and completed her PhD in immunogenetics of autoimmune disease in 2003. After a break to start a family, Christine returned to the Faculty of Veterinary Science as a clinical lecturer, where, strangely enough, she developed an unexpected passion for small animal dentistry. Christine sat her ANZCVS memberships in Veterinary Dentistry in 2006. She founded Sydney Pet Dentistry in 2007, and divides her time between clinical dentistry and teaching all aspects of small animal dentistry to vets, vet nurses, and undergraduate students.

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