

ADVANCED COURSE



North America

Blended Course—Advanced Techniques in Small Animal Fracture Management with Wet Lab



AO VET NA
COURSE



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CARY, NC

COURSE OVERVIEW

The AO VET NA Advanced Techniques in Small Animal Fracture Management with Wet Lab course expands upon the concepts presented in the AO VET Course - Principles of Small Animal Fracture Management and adds new subjects for discussion with both dry and wet lab experiences. Fractures, nonunions, arthrodesis, and orthopaedic complications are among topics covered. Faculty will present new techniques and innovative orthopaedic concepts. Participant interaction with the faculty is an important part of this program. The mobile wet lab experience will allow participants to perform approaches and stabilize fractures using a variety of implant systems and application techniques. Ample opportunity is provided in both the practical labs and the lectures to have your questions answered by some of the best veterinary orthopedists in the world. After completing the course, participants should be able to apply the principles and techniques they have learned to challenging small animal orthopaedic cases.

The new 'blended' course format includes REQUIRED online coursework and learning materials provided prior to the face-to-face event which are MANDATORY for completion and attendance at the course.

PRE-REQUISITE

Prior attendance at an AO VET Course - Principles of Small Animal Fracture Management is a prerequisite.

TUITION

Residents: \$2,500
Attending: \$3,200

TARGET AUDIENCE

Enrollment is open to veterinary surgery residents towards the end of their training program, interns and practicing veterinarians with experience in orthopaedics and traumatology.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Upon completion, participants should be able to:

- Integrate advances in the art and science of fracture repair into veterinary medicine, particularly as it pertains to small animals
- Perform anatomic approaches to common fractures, gain adequate exposure and reduction, and successfully place implants in both dry bone models and animal anatomic specimens
- Apply new techniques and innovative concepts in fracture fixation to complicated cases in small animal surgical practice
- Discuss orthopedic complications encountered in small animal orthopedic practice
- Define indications for internal fixation, develop decision making for anatomic reconstruction versus bridging fixation, and define criteria for implant selection

COURSE CHAIRPERSONS



W. Brian Saunders, DVM, PhD, DACVS
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