



Online Camelid Health Course for Vets

“DEVELOP CONFIDENCE WITH CAMELIDS”

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Camelid Veterinary Services Ltd

A 9-week course, starting on Monday 17th January 2022, 4.00pm UK

[11.00am EST (US), 5.00pm CEST (Europe)]

This course will provide an introduction to the veterinary management of camelids. The objective of this course is to arm the vet in practice with sufficient confidence with which to approach most of the common scenarios seen in practice. Attendees that also elect to do the practical training will learn useful tips for handling and evaluating alpacas, and get to practice their clinical and diagnostic skills.

The course will cover:

- Key anatomical and physiological differences of camelids as compared to other domestic large animal species
- Routine on farm procedures such as restraint, venipuncture including catheter placement, castration, nasolacrimal duct flushes and vaccinations.
- How to approach the sick Camelid, including diagnostic selection and emergency management
- Camelid parasite issues, both internal and external
- Reproductive emergencies
- Management of newborn crias
- Dental management

Taught by the UK's only RCVS Recognised Specialist in Camelid Health & Production, you will have ample opportunity for questions - there is no such thing as a stupid question!

Suitable for all vets working with camelids.

COURSE SCHEDULE:

Session 1. 17 th January	Introduction to Camelid Medicine and the Physical examination
Session 2. 24 th January	Routine on-farm procedures
Session 3. 31 st January	Parasite control: worms, coccidia and fluke
Session 4. 7 th February	Skin problems

Session 5. 21 st February	Camelid emergencies including how to approach “the sick camelid”
Session 6. 28 th February	Reproductive emergencies
Session 7. 7 th March	Management of Newborn Crias
Session 8. 14 th March	Dental Management
Session 9. 21 st March	Bovine TB in camelids

Each session will last around 1.5 hours including time for questions. **All sessions will be available as a recording (available for about 4 months)** to view after the event in case you aren't able to attend.

There will be an optional half day practical session for those able to physically attend our clinic in South East Oxfordshire on Tuesday 29th March (9am to 2pm). If there are too many people wishing to attend this practical session, an additional session will be arranged which will most likely be in the afternoon on the same day. This practical half-day session will include training in practical alpaca handling skills, toenail trimming, dental evaluation, body condition scoring, venipuncture (using an alpaca venipuncture model), blood smear preparation, and abdominal ultrasound examination. Lunch will be provided.

Course Registration Information:

Course fee*:

- £350 + VAT per person for the full course including all 8 sessions. Sessions can be taken individually for £45 +VAT (Not available for online booking – please email us to book individual sessions at admin@ukalpacavet.com). Full printed course notes are also included and will be posted to delegates ahead of the course. (There will be a small supplement for those not in the UK to cover the additional postage.)
- Optional practical session: £140 +VAT per person.

For vet practices, please contact us for practice pricing as logins are restricted to a single attendee only.

Registration is open to vets, vet students (UK 4th/5th years only: discounts available, please email for details), and vet nurses/technicians only.

* **The British Alpaca Society will subsidise (60% subsidy) up to 20 UK resident vets per year if they complete all sessions and the practical. See separate notes for how to access this funding on our website.**

How to register?

Online at www.ukalpacavet.com/courses/ or enquire:

By email admin@ukalpacavet.com, or telephone 01491 680313.

About the Course Director/Presenter

Claire E Whitehead BVM&S MS DipACVIM FHEA MRCVS

Claire graduated from The University of Edinburgh in 1999. She completed a Residency in Large Animal Internal Medicine at The Ohio State University in July 2005. After a further year at Ohio State as a clinical instructor in Camelid Medicine and Reproduction, she returned to the UK in 2007 where she established the first referral service catering specifically for Camelids alongside other farm animals at The Royal Veterinary College, London. In May 2011, she set up in private practice running a camelid-only referral and consultancy practice and runs courses for vets and owners/breeders on Camelid Health and Reproduction. She opened a new camelid-focussed facility in Summer 2015. She is the current President of the British Veterinary Camelid Society and was recognized as an RCVS Specialist in Camelid Health & Production in February 2016. Claire has extensive speaking experience and has presented at conferences all over the United States, in the UK, Ireland, Switzerland, Finland, Sweden, Norway and Holland as well as New Zealand.