

Veterinary Forensic Medicine and Pathology

Present and Future Perspectives

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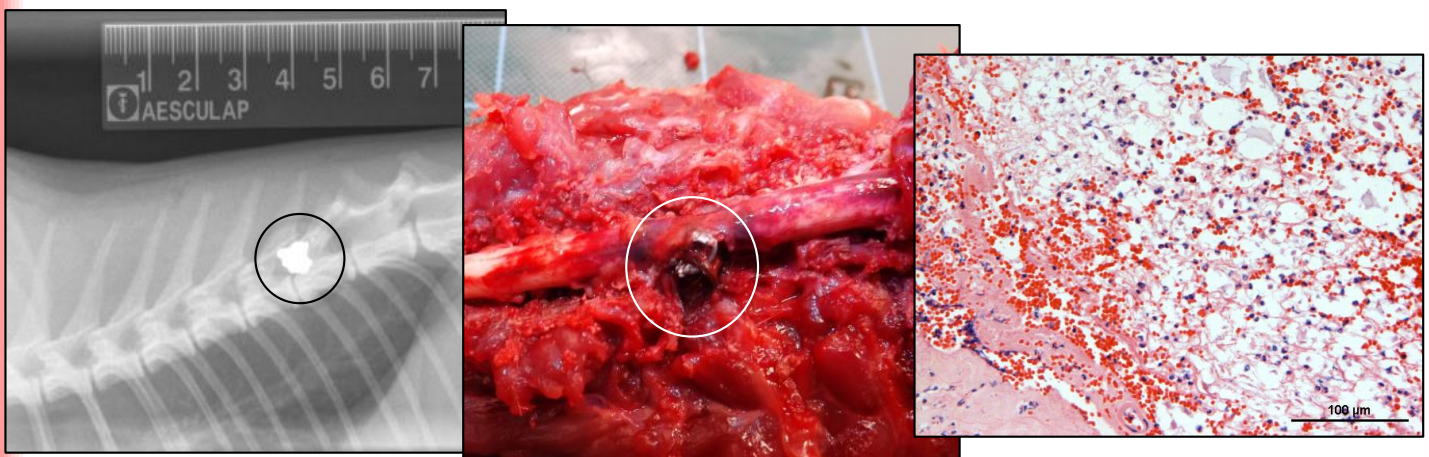
Nowadays the number of cases of animal abuse in the UK is growing, and with it, the frequency of requests to veterinary practitioners and pathologists to provide their expert opinion on forensic cases. Being called to provide evidence in court, or asked to produce appropriate and detailed evidence to be used in a case, can be a challenging experience.

A detailed snapshot of the current situation in UK and a starting point for a discussion about the evolution of the field is needed.

This is the first one-day course aimed at providing a complete overview of the field of veterinary forensic pathology and medicine as it currently stands. Relying on a multidisciplinary approach, the structure of the seminar is intended to follow the typical flow of events, from initial visit to the abused animal, or collection of evidence at the site of crimes against an animal, to pathological examination and finally the courtroom.

At the end of the seminar, delegates will be able to:

- Understand the advantages, limitations, strengths and weaknesses of veterinary forensic pathology and medicine
- Recognize the most important hallmarks of a “good performance” in the courtroom
- Be aware of the major details of the Dangerous Dog Act 1991, including recent amendments



Emanuele Ricci, Lecturer in Veterinary Pathology, University of Liverpool
John McGarry, Lecturer in Veterinary Parasitology, University of Liverpool
Lorenzo Ressel, Lecturer in Veterinary Pathology, University of Liverpool
Lucy Webster, Wildlife DNA Forensics unit, Science and Advice for Scottish Agriculture
Paul Johnson, Consultant Forensic Pathologist, Royal Liverpool University Hospital
Peter Tallack, Police Officer (retired)
Philip Wilson, Senior prosecution manager RSPCA
Ranald Munro, Honorary Professor of Forensic Veterinary Pathology
Sean Taylor, Veterinary Surgeon, GPCert (F&L)

08.00 – 09.00	Registration and Coffee	
09:00 – 09.45	Evolution of a body of evidence	Ranald Munro
09:45 – 10.30	State of the art in Veterinary Forensic Medicine. Evidence collection – the crime scene and the living animal	Sean Taylor
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break	
11:00 – 11:30	RSPCA and the prosecution system. The past, the present and the future of an organisation devoted to animal welfare	Philip Wilson
11:30 – 12:00	Wildlife Forensics: DNA analysis and veterinary pathology combine to help solve wildlife crimes	Lucy Webster
12:00 – 12:30	“Who saw him die? I, said the fly, with my little eye! I saw him die! Introducing Forensic Entomology to Veterinary Science	John McGarry
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch	
13:30 – 14:15	<i>Mortui vivos docent.</i> The dead teach the living	Emanuele Ricci
14:15 – 14:45	Multidisciplinary investigations; getting a little help from my friends	Paul Johnson
14:45 – 15:30	Pathological answers to forensic questions	Lorenzo Ressel
15:30 – 15:45	Coffee Break	
15:45 – 16:15	The Dangerous Dogs Act 1991. Man’s Best Friend or Foe - A way forward	Peter Tallack
16:15 – 16:45	Veterinary expert witness in the court room – duties and expectations	Sean Taylor
16:45 – 17:15	The pathologist and the Criminal Court. What to do and what to avoid	Paul Johnson

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