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- Melinda Merck, DVM, Forensic Veterinarian, Veterinary Forensics Consulting, LLC, Author/Editor Veterinary Forensics: Animal Cruelty Investigations, 2nd Ed.
- Doug Mader, DVM, MS, DABVP, Author/Editor Reptile Medicine and Surgery
- Beverly McEwen, DVM, MSc, PhD, DACVP Veterinary Pathologist, University of Guelph, Ontario
- Dana Miller, DVM, Shelter and Forensic Veterinarian, Contributing Author Veterinary Forensics: Animal Cruelty Investigations, 2nd Ed.
- Martha Smith-Blackmore, DVM, Shelter and Forensic Veterinarian, Animal Rescue League of Boston
- Gillian Deegan, JD, Assistant Commonwealth’s Attorney, Botetourt County, Virginia

Course Overview
Each course includes up to 12 hours: 10 hours of core classes plus up to 2 hours of electives. For VFSM Courses 1-3, the two elective classes will be non-dog/cat topics, (i.e., “Hot Topics” in another species). VFSM Course 4 is all non-dog/cat species, including new and all previously offered Hot Topics/electives.

Courses start April 1, 2014 | Enrollment opens in February 2014

Each course will be offered for a two-month period with enrollment allowed up to the last 48 hours. First course, VFSM 1, will be offered April 1-May 31, 2014.

Cost to Register: $375 per course
For more information, please visit vetfolio.com/forensics
VETERINARY FORENSIC SCIENCE AND MEDICINE COURSE 1
April 1, 2014 – May 31, 2014

Core Lectures
• Suspected Abuse: Recognition and Response
• Examination of the Victim
• Forensic Necropsy Procedures
• Neglect: Part 1 and Part 2 (2hrs)
• Sexual Abuse
• Firearm Injuries
• Forensic Report
• Legal Hurdles 101
• Testimony 101

Elective Lectures
• Hot Topic: Equine
• Hot Topic: Reptiles and Amphibians

UPCOMING COURSES

VETERINARY FORENSIC SCIENCE AND MEDICINE COURSE 2

Core Classes
• Blunt Force Trauma (2 hours)
• Sharp Force Injuries
• Asphyxia
• Postmortem Changes, Chemistries and TOD (2 hours)
• Forensic Entomology (2 hours)
• DNA
• Testimony 101

Elective Classes
• Hot Topic: Avian/Poultry
• Hot Topic: Exotics

VETERINARY FORENSIC SCIENCE AND MEDICINE COURSE 3

Core Classes
• Burn-, Electrical-, and Fire-Related Injuries
• Forensic Toxicology
• Special Considerations in Animal Cruelty Cases
• The Animal Experience: Pain and Suffering
• What Really Happened? Analysis of Complex Cases
• Normal and Abnormal Pathology Findings in Specific Types of Cruelty
• Examination of Decomposed and Skeletal Remains
• Animal Fighting
• Hoarding, Sanctuaries, and Puppy Mills (2 hrs)

Elective Classes
• Hot Topic: Large and small ruminants
• Hot Topic: Wildlife

VETERINARY FORENSIC SCIENCE AND MEDICINE COURSE 4

Focus on non-dog/cat species
6 hrs of new core classes. Must complete core classes plus minimum 4 hrs of electives
Electives include new Hot Topic and previously offered Hot Topics Credit will be given for previously taken Hot Topic classes

Core Classes
• Forensic Necropsy Considerations
• Equine
• Zoo/Exotics (2 hrs)
• Wildlife (2 hrs)

Elective Classes
• Hot Topic: Marine/aquatic
• Previously offered Hot Topics in VFSM 1-3

ANIMAL CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATION COURSE 1

Core Classes
• Gathering the Evidence
• Blood evidence (2 hours)
• Forensic Entomology (2 hours)
• DNA
• Legal Issues 101 (2 hours)
• Animal Fighting (2 hours)

Elective Classes
• Testimony 101
• Whose Jurisdiction is it? Using Multiple Agencies

ANIMAL CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATION COURSE 2

Core Classes
• Management of Large Scale Cruelty Cases (2 hours)
• Sheltering for Large Scale Cases (2 hours)
• Feeding Evidence
• Animal Outcomes Post Seizure: Psychological Effects (2 hours)
• Animal Transportation Issues: What are the rules?
• Burials and Surface Remains: Detection and Processing (2 hours)

Elective Classes
• Thinking Outside the Box: Alternative Routes for Charges
• Testimony 201