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Sponsorship Proposal: Endoscopic Gastric Foreign Body Retrieval Workshop

Workshop Overview

The Endoscopic Gastric Foreign Body Retrieval Workshop is a 2-hour, hands-on continuing education session focused on building confidence and competency in minimally invasive foreign body removal procedures. Through guided instruction and structured practice, participants will develop essential skills for safely navigating the gastric environment and managing common clinical scenarios involving ingested foreign material.

Emphasis is placed on practical application, allowing attendees to gain familiarity with endoscopic equipment and improve procedural decision-making in a supportive, small-group setting.

Workshop Instructor

Armi Pigott, DVM, DACVECC

Workshop Objectives

Upon completion of the workshop, participants will be able to:

- Demonstrate basic flexible endoscope handling, including scope navigation and visualization of the gastric lumen
- Select appropriate retrieval instruments based on foreign body size, shape, and surface characteristics
- Perform endoscopic foreign body retrieval using wire baskets, snare loops, and rat-tooth graspers in a model-based setting

Educational Content Summary

Foreign body ingestion is a common emergency presentation, and endoscopic retrieval is an increasingly accessible alternative to surgical intervention. This hands-on workshop introduces participants to basic flexible endoscope handling and gastric foreign body retrieval techniques. Working in small groups at dedicated endoscopy stations, participants will practice scope navigation, visualization, and object retrieval using a variety of tools including wire baskets, snare loops, and rat-tooth graspers. Models will be used to allow repeated practice in a low-stakes environment. This session is designed for practitioners with limited or no prior endoscopy experience.

Audience & Format

Target Audience: Veterinarians, veterinary technicians, and veterinary students

Capacity: 18 participants (limited enrollment)



Format: In-person, hands-on workshop with small-group instruction

Sponsorship Opportunity

Sponsorship of the Endoscopic Gastric Foreign Body Retrieval Workshop provides an opportunity to support practical, skill-based veterinary education in a high-demand clinical area. This workshop equips veterinary professionals with hands-on experience to improve efficiency, patient outcomes, and the use of minimally invasive treatment options.

Sponsor recognition may include:

- Acknowledgment in conference materials
- Verbal recognition during the workshop
- On-site signage
- Opportunity to provide educational materials or product information

Use of Sponsorship Support

Sponsorship funds will directly support the interactive nature of the workshop, including:

- Endoscopy equipment and maintenance
- Retrieval instruments (wire baskets, snares, graspers)
- Model materials for repeated practice
- Hands-on station setup for small-group learning

Sponsorship Investment: \$1,300

Conclusion

Support will directly enhance the delivery of high-quality, hands-on veterinary education. By supporting this workshop, the sponsor contributes to improving clinical confidence and advancing minimally invasive techniques that lead to better patient outcomes and reduced reliance on surgical intervention in common emergency cases.