

All-Inclusive Australian Tropics Boutique Small Animal CE Event: Reef, Rainforest & Beach Adventure

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Programme:

Sunday, 23rd August 2026: Arrival of Attendees & Speakers

8PM+

Course Introduction & Information Session

Monday, 24th August 2026

8:30AM - 8:45AM

Housekeeping Announcements

Abdominal Surgery

Endocrinology

8:45AM - 9:30AM



A Surgeon's Guide to Gastrotomy, Gastropexy & Splenectomy - The Ins, Outs & What to Do When Things Go Wrong...



Diabetes Mellitus – Current Concepts, Challenges & Recent Advances

9:30AM - 10:15AM



Diabetic Ketoacidosis Recognition, Approach & Management

10:15AM - 10:45AM

Questions (10:15am - 10:25am), followed by a Coffee Break

10:45AM - 11:30AM



Enterotomy, Enterectomy & Anastomosis (incl. an Introduction to Surgical Stapling Devices & Stapled Anastomoses)



SGLT2 Inhibitors & Euglycemic DKA

11:30AM - 12:15PM



Imaging the Thorax & Abdomen for Decision-making in Emergencies – Improve Outcomes by Ensuring Correct Diagnosis & Management

12:15PM - 1:25PM

Questions (12:15pm - 12:25pm) followed by Lunch

Abdominal Surgery - Laparoscopy

Diagnostic Imaging – Ultrasound in the ER

1:25PM - 2:10PM



Laparoscopy for the General Practitioner: OVEs, OVH & Gastropexy



Ultrasound of the Thorax in Emergencies After Trauma: Distinguish Pneumothorax, Pleural Effusion & Pulmonary Contusion with Minimal Patient Stress

2:10PM - 2:50PM



Ultrasound of the Abdomen in Emergencies - Identify Abdominal Effusions, Contusions & Trauma to the Abdominal Organs

2:50PM - 7PM+

Questions (2:50pm - 3pm), followed by Reef, Rainforest & Beach Adventure (3pm - 7pm) & Wining & Dining

Tuesday, 25th August 2026

Surgery of the Urinary Tract

8:30AM - 9:15AM



Surgical Management of Urinary Obstruction including Cystotomy, Urethrostomy & Urinary Diversion Techniques

9:15AM - 10:15AM

10:15AM - 10:45AM

Questions (10:15am - 10:25am), followed by a Coffee Break

10:45AM - 11:30AM



Ultrasound of the Urinary Tract & Genital System

11:30AM - 12:15PM



Interactive Session Highlighting Examples & Case Studies of Urinary Tract Disorders

12:15PM - 1:25PM

Questions (12:15pm - 12:25pm) followed by Lunch

Diagnostic Imaging

1:25PM - 2:10PM



Imaging of Abdominal Torsions

2:10PM - 2:50PM



Abdominal Case-Discussions

2:50PM - 7PM+

Questions (2:50pm - 3pm), followed by Reef, Rainforest & Beach Adventure (3pm - 7pm) & Wining & Dining

Diagnostic Imaging & Endocrinology



Getting the Most Out of your Radiographs - Practical Tips in How to Perfect your Radiographs from Acquisition to Interpretation



Imaging of the Liver - Which Modality Is Best? Unlocking the Clues....



ALP & Interpretation of Liver Parameters



Cushing's Syndrome - Navigating Testing, Treatment and Common Pitfalls

Endocrinology



Addison's Disease & the Approach to the Addisonian Crisis - Understanding Canine Hypoadrenocorticism from Subtle Signs to Life-Saving Care

Wednesday, 26th August 2026

Endocrinology

8:30AM - 9:30AM



Hypothyroidism - Latest on Diagnostic Dilemmas & Treatment Decisions

9:30AM - 10:15AM



Hyperthyroidism - Current Concepts & Best Practices

10:15AM - 10:45AM

Questions (10:15am - 10:25am), followed by a Coffee Break

10:45AM - 11:30AM



Parathyroid Disease and Case Studies Related to Hyper/Hypothyroid & Hyper/Hypo Parathyroid Cases

11:30AM - 12:15PM

12:15PM - 1:25PM

Questions (12:15pm - 12:25pm) followed by Lunch

Surgical Oncology

1:25PM - 2:10PM



Principles of Surgical Oncology & Tips for Achieving Successful Outcomes

2:10PM - 2:50PM

2:50PM - 7PM+

Questions (2:50pm - 3pm), Reef, Rainforest & Beach Adventure (3pm - 7pm) & Wining & Dining

Diagnostic Imaging of the Thorax



Lung Patterns - Do You Know Your Interstitial Pattern from Your Elbow? In the End, Does It Matter Anyway?



Film Reading & Interpretation of Cases and Case Studies of Respiratory Disease and Challenging Lung Patterns



What Can Radiographs Tell us About Heart Disease?



Interactive Case Discussions Relating to Chest Imaging and the Surgical Approach to Pleural Effusions.

Endocrine & Diagnostic Imaging



Polyuria & Polydipsia - Unravelling the Mystery...



Ultrasound of the Adrenal Glands - Tips & Tricks to Find Them and What's Normal?

Thursday, 27th August 2026

Endocrinology & Imaging

8:30AM - 10:15AM



Vascular Imaging – Where There Is Blood There Is a Way! An Overview of CT & Ultrasound to Best Image Congenital and Acquired Abnormalities of Blood Vessels, including Portosystemic Shunts.

10:15AM - 10:45AM

Questions (10:15am - 10:25am), followed by a Coffee Break

10:45AM - 12:15PM



Portosystemic Shunts- Key Points of Management and Beyond
Hypoglycaemia and Insulinoma – a Roadmap to Diagnosis and Beyond

12:15PM - 1:25PM

Questions (12:15pm - 12:25pm) followed by Lunch

Internal Medicine

1:25PM - 2:50PM



Pragmatic Endocrinology – Making the Most with a Limited Budget
Interpretation of Endocrine Testing – Decoding Diagnostics

2:50PM - 7PM+

Questions (2:50pm - 3pm), followed by Reef, Rainforest & Beach Adventure (3pm - 7pm) & Wining & Dining

Soft Tissue Surgery



Wound Management & Skin Flaps and Graphs for Skin Reconstruction



Tackling Common Surgical Complications & Setting Up for Surgical Success OR Brachycephalic Obstructive Airway Syndrome Surgery & Case Discussions

Online Panel Discussion

Online Panel Discussion: Breathe Easy - Expert Insights on Feline Lower Airway Disease (FLAD) Including Asthma, Chronic Bronchitis, Infectious and Parasitic Causes

Friday, 28th August 2026

Free Day for Reef, Rainforest & Beach Adventure

Saturday, 29th August 2026: Return Journey