



AO VET NA Masters Course-Principles of Deformity Correction: Thoracic Limb



November 2, 2022 - November 4, 2022 Glendale, Arizona, USA

The purpose of this course is to provide the participant with the basic fundamentals of understanding how to assess the alignment of the forelimb of the dog. These principles will then be applied to a number of conditions that arise from pathologic malalignment of the forelimb, such as growth disturbances, angular limb deformation and joint incongruity. Participants will learn a variety of pre-operative assessments and operative techniques in a highly interactive environment involving lectures, workbook exercises, software-based planning sessions and hand-on laboratory experiences.

*Attendance / completion of an AO VET Principles in Small Animal Fracture Management course is a prerequisite for the Masters level course since familiarity with instrumentation and techniques will be assumed.

REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS ARE REQUIRED TO BRING EITHER A LAPTOP OR IPAD TO THE COURSE IN ORDER TO ACCESS THE COMPUTER SOFTWARE TEMPLATING PROGRAM

Target Audience:

Enrollment is open to Veterinary residents and practicing veterinarians.



Event Summary

Tuition:

Level Name: Participant - Veterinary

Pricing Tier: Attending Tuition: \$2,000.00

Level Name: Participant - Veterinary

Pricing Tier: Resident Tuition: \$1,800.00

Course Prerequisite(s):

 Principles of Small Animal Fracture Management Venue:

Renaissance Phoenix Glendale Hotel 9495 W Entertainment Blvd Glendale, Arizona, USA Phone Number: (623) 937-3700

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Language(s):
English
Directly Provided by:

AO
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Professional Level
Prerequisite(s):
No Prereguisites

CME

Continuing Education Credit: 20.75

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Expected results of AONA's CME activities for surgeons, fellows, and residents are to:

- Increase their knowledge base and surgical skill level
- Improve competence by applying advances of knowledge in patient care in the areas of trauma, degenerative disorders, deformities, tumors, and reconstructive surgical techniques
- Address practice performance gaps by improving management of aspects of traumatic injuries and musculoskeletal disorders (i.e., preoperative planning to post-operative care)

Learning Objectives

Upon completion, participants should be able to:

- · Assess the limb alignment of the thoracic limb (both normal and abnormal) in the dog
- · Utilize the determined limb alignment to document and define any malalignment or deformity present
- Use the map of documented malalignments to develop a pre-surgical plan for correction

Faculty



Fox, Derek - Chairperson DVM, PhD, DACVS Professor, Small Animal Orthopedic Surgery Veterinary Health Center University of Missouri Columbia, Missouri

Dr. Fox is a Professor of Small Animal Orthopedic Surgery and Chief of the Small Animal Surgery Service at the University of Missouri's Veterinary Health Center. He graduated from veterinary school at Michigan State University in 1998, after which he completed an internship, surgical residency and PhD at the University of Missouri, becoming faculty in 2004. He teaches courses and lectures on a variety of topics regarding small animal orthopedic surgery both nationally and internationally. Dr. Fox's special research interest is in limb alignment and deformity correction. He has authored or co-authored over 60 peer reviewed papers, 8 text book chapters and numerous abstracts. He adapted the use of the Center of Rotation of Angulation methodology for the quantification and pre-surgical planning of angular limb deformities in dogs. He is a member of the American College of Veterinary Surgeons, Veterinary Orthopedic Society and AO.



Jaeger, Gayle - Co-Chairperson DVM, MSpVM, DACVS Pet Emergency Treatment and Specialties Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Gayle Jaeger, a native of Long Island New York, received her Bachelor's of Science from Syracuse University, and then earned her Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine from North Carolina State University. She completed an academic internship at Oklahoma State University and a Specialized Orthopedic Surgical Internship in Orlando, Florida at Affiliated Veterinary Specialists. Dr. Jaeger then returned to North Carolina State University for her Surgical Residency training while earning a Masters Degree in Specialized Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Jaeger, was inducted into the American College Of Veterinary Surgeons In 2004 and has been faculty with AONA since 2008. She currently practices in Lancaster Pennsylvania. In her free time she enjoys snowmobiling in Maine and boating on the Chesapeake.



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Dr. Agnello received her veterinary degree from Cornell University, School of Veterinary Medicine and completed a small animal surgery residency at the University of California. She is a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Surgeons and the American College of Veterinary Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation. She is currently faculty in small animal orthopedic surgery at University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Agnello's clinical and research interests include minimally invasive surgery, angular limb deformity correction, and clinical trials for the treatment of osteoarthritis.



Bleedorn, Jason - Lecturer DVM, MS, DACVS Associate Professor Small Animal Orthopedics Colorado State University Department of Clinical Sciences Fort Collins, Colorado

Dr. Bleedorn is an associate professor of orthopedics at Colorado State University. His clinical and research interests include bone deformity correction, 3D imaging/modeling/printing, implant design/biomechanics, fracture innovation, and arthroscopic surgery. He has published manuscripts and book chapters in these areas and is concurrently an instructor for AO VET, Arthrex, and IMEX. He is passionate about innovation, improving orthopedic care for pets, and teaching of veterinarians, residents and students. Dr. Bleedorn's academic training includes a veterinary degree (University of Illinois, 2005), internships (Purdue University, 2006 and Dallas Surgical Center, 2007), and residency (2010) and MS degree (University of Wisconsin, 2015). He was on faculty at the University of Wisconsin for 10 years prior to moving to Colorado in 2022.



Hayashi, Kei - Lecturer DVM, PhD, DACVS Professor Emeritus College of Veterinary Medicine Cornell University Ithaca, New York

Dr. Kei Hayashi graduated from the University of Tokyo with BVMS/DVM/PhD degrees (1986-1997), and then obtained MS and PhD degrees at the University of Wisconsin (1997). He completed a small animal surgery residency at the University of Wisconsin (2003) and became a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Surgeons (ACVS). He served as an assistant professor of small animal orthopedic surgery at the Michigan State University (2003-2005) then moved to UC Davis and was tenured with accelerated promotion in 2012. He began his appointment at Cornell University in 2013. His research focus is in pathology of ligament/tendon injury and wound healing, evaluation of total joint replacement systems, molecular profiling of osteoarthritis, and comparative orthopedics and sports medicine. His clinical interests are in arthroscopy, total joint arthroplasty, biological approach to joint surgery, minimally invasive fracture treatment, and application of novel research discoveries to clinical patients.



Kowaleski, Michael - Lecturer DVM, DACVS, DECVS Professor Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine Tufts University North Grafton, Massachusetts

Dr. Kowaleski earned his DVM degree at the Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine in 1993. After several years in general practice, he completed his residency training in small animal surgery at Tufts University in a joint program with the Angell Memorial Animal Hospital in 2002. He earned board certification by the American College of Veterinary Surgeons in 2003 and the European College of Veterinary Surgeons in 2010. He was an Assistant Professor of Small Animal Orthopedic Surgery at The Ohio State University from August 2002-August 2007 at which time he was promoted to Associate Professor with tenure. He returned to Tufts in 2007 and currently, he is a Professor of Small Animal Orthopedic Surgery at the Cummings Veterinary Medical Center at Tufts University. His areas of clinical and research interest include arthroscopy, enhancement of fracture healing, external skeletal fixation, fracture repair and orthopedic implants, total joint replacement, clinical and radiological assessment of limb alignment, osteoarthritis, peri-operative and chronic pain management, and the role of osteotomy in the management of joint disease.



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Dr. Denis Marcellin-Little is a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Surgeons and a charter Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation. Dr. Marcellin-Little specializes in orthopedic surgery. He is professor and former service chief of small animal orthopedic surgery at the University of California, Davis, where he Chairs the department of surgical and radiological sciences. Dr. Marcellin-Little graduated from the French veterinary school of Toulouse, France in 1988. He did an internship at Hollywood Animal Hospital in Hollywood, Florida, followed by a small animal surgery residency at North Carolina State University, where he was on the faculty from 1994 to 2017. He joined UC Davis in 2017. Dr. Marcellin-Little's surgical interests include total joint replacement and the management of limb deformities. His research interests include the medical and surgical management of severe joint disease and limb deformities. Dr. Marcellin-Little has completed all three phases of the faculty development program, Faculty education, Chair education and Leadership education programs. Dr. Marcellin-Little represented veterinary medicine on the Board of Directors of AO North America from 2020 to 2024.

Agenda

Day 1

Wednesday, November 02, 2022 - 08:00 - 17:10 - (includes breaks, travel-time and meals)

Activity Area

Conference Registration AO Office

Desk Solana E Breakfast

Coffee Break Solana Ballroom Foyer FRC Asteria Boardroom Media/Event Center Lab

Solana B Lecture Lunch Solana E

Reception Outside Courtyard

Conference Registration Registration

Desk

Schedule	Title	Moderator	Faculty	Room
08:00 - 08:10	Welcome and Course Overview		Fox, D	
08:10 - 12:20	GEOMETRIC CONCEPTS AND PRINCIPLES OF THE CORA METHODOLOGY			
08:10 - 08:30	Introduction to the CORA Methodology - Geometric Concepts		Fox, D	
08:30 - 09:00	Workbook Exercise 1: Determining the Normal Alignment of Generic Bones		Jaeger, G	
09:00 - 09:30	Determining the Location and Magnitude of a Deformity - The Anatomy of A 'CORA'		Jaeger, G	
09:30 - 10:00	Workbook Exercise 2: Using the CORA Method to Assess the Location and Magnitude of a Deformity		Jaeger, G	
10:00 - 10:20	Coffee Break			Solana Ballroom Foyer
10:20 - 11:00	The Graphical Method of Determining the Plane of the Deformity		Fox, D	
11:00 - 11:30	Workbook Exercise 3: Using the Graphic Method to Determine the Plane of the Deformity		Fox, D	
11:30 - 11:50	Concepts of Osteotomies and Paley's Three Rules		Kowaleski, M	
11:50 - 12:20	Workbook Exercise 4: Practicing Virtual Corrections of Deformities with Different Osteotomy Types		Kowaleski, M	
12:20 - 13:30	Lunch			Solana E
13:30 - 17:10	GEOMETRIC CONCEPTS AND PRINCIPLES OF THE CORA METHODOLOGY (continued)			
13:30 - 13:50	Circular External Skeletal Fixators (CESF) Introduction and Concepts		Agnello, K	
13:50 - 14:10	CESF Nomenclature and Systems		Agnello, K	
14:10 - 14:30	CORA Plane of Deformity as it Relates to CESF Application		Jaeger, G	
14:30 - 15:00	Workbook Exercise 5: Designing a Hinged CESF Frame to Correct an Oblique Plane Deformity		Jaeger, G	
15:00 - 15:30	Coffee Break			Solana Ballroom Foyer
15:30 - 15:45	Lab A Planning: Determining the Magnitude and Location of a Frontal Plane Deformity - PVC		Agnello, K	
15:45 - 16:00	Lab B Planning: Determining the Magnitude and Location of an Oblique Plane Deformity - PVC		Agnello, K	
16:00 - 16:10	Travel to Lab			

16:10 - 16:40	Lab A: Correcting a Frontal Plane Deformity with a Hinged CESF Frame - PVC
16:40 - 17:10	Lab B: Correcting an Oblique Plane Deformity with a Hinged CESF Frame - PVC
17:10 - 17:10	Adjourn for the Day
17:10 - 18:10	Welcome Reception

Day 2

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Thursday, November 03, 2022 - 08:00 - 17:20 - (includes breaks, travel-time and meals)

Activity Area Conference Registration AO Office Desk Breakfast Solana E Coffee Break Solana Ballroom Foyer FRC Asteria Boardroom Media/Event Center Lab

Solana B Lecture Lunch Solana E

Reception **Outside Courtyard** Conference Registration Registration

Desk

Schedule	Title	Moderator	Faculty	Room
08:00 - 12:10	APPLICATIONS OF PRINCIPLES TO THE RADIUS AND ULNA			
08:00 - 08:20	Physical Examination of the Canine Forelimb Focusing on Alignment and Deformity Assessment		Hayashi, K	
08:20 - 08:40	Assessing Alignment of the Normal Humerus and Radius/Ulna using Radiography		Hayashi, K	
08:40 - 09:10	Workbook Exercise 6: Determining the Normal Alignment of the Humerus and Radius/Ulna		Hayashi, K	
09:10 - 09:30	Determining the Location, Magnitude and Plane of Uniapical Radioulnar Deformities Using Radiography		Bleedorn, J	
09:30 - 10:00	Workbook Exercise 7: Determining the Location, Magnitude and Plane of a Uniapical Radioulnar Deformity		Bleedorn, J	
10:00 - 10:20	Coffee Break			Solana Ballroom Foyer
10:20 - 10:40	Lab C and D Planning: Determining the Location, Magnitude and Plane of an Oblique Uniapical Radioulnar Deformity		Jaeger, G	
10:40 - 11:00	Lab C and D Explanation and Overview		Jaeger, G	
11:00 - 11:10	Travel to Lab			
11:10 - 11:40	Lab C: Correcting and Oblique Uniapical radioulnar Deformity Model with a CESF an Opening Wedge Osteotomy			
11:40 - 12:10	Lab D: Correcting an Oblique Uniapical Radioulnar Deformity Model with ORIF and Closing Wedge Ostectomy			
12:10 - 13:10	Lunch			Solana E
13:10 - 17:20	APPLICATIONS OF PRINCIPLES TO THE RADIUS AND ULNA (continued)			
13:10 - 13:30	Torsion-Angulation Deformities of the Radius/Ulna: Assessment with Gross Examination and Radiographs		Fox, D	
13:30 - 14:00	Workbook Exercise 8: Planning a Correction of a Radius/Ulna Torsion-Angulation Deformity with Radiographs		Fox, D	
14:00 - 14:20	Computed Tomography of the Normal Radius/Ulna		Bleedorn, J	
14:20 - 14:40	Torsion-Angulation Deformities of the Radius/Ulna: Assessment with Computed Tomography (CT)		Kowaleski, M	

14:40 - 15:10	Workbook Exercise 9: Planning a Correction of a Radius/Ulna Torsion-Angulation Deformity with CT	Kowaleski, M	
15:10 - 15:30	Coffee Break		Solana Ballroom Foyer
15:30 - 16:00	Lab E Planning: Determining the Location, Magnitude and Plane of an Oblique Uniapical Torsion-Angulation Deformity	Kowaleski, M	
16:00 - 16:20	Lab E Explanation and Overview	Kowaleski, M	
16:20 - 16:30	Travel to Lab		
16:30 - 17:20	Lab E: Correcting an Oblique Uniapical Torsion-Angulation Deformity with either CESF or ORIF and Osteotomy of Choice		

Day 3

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Friday, November 04, 2022 - 08:00 - 16:30 - (includes breaks, travel-time and meals)

ActivityAreaAO OfficeConference Registration
DeskBreakfastSolana ECoffee BreakSolana Ballroom FoyerFRCAsteria BoardroomLabMedia/Event CenterLectureSolana B

Lecture Solana B Lunch Solana E

Reception Outside Courtyard

Conference Registration
Desk

Schedule Title Moderator Faculty Room 08:00 - 12:00 COMPLEX DEFORMITIES AND OTHER TOPICS ON FORELIMB ALIGNMENT Biapical Radioulnar Deformities of Chondrodystrophic 08:00 - 08:20 Fox, D Dogs: Assessment and Description of Condition 08:20 - 08:40 Fox, D Biapical Radioulnar Deformities - Correction with ORIF 08:40 - 09:00 Biapical Radioulnar Deformities - Correction with CESF Marcellin-Little. D 09:00 - 09:30 Workbook Exercise 10: Determining the Location and Fox, D Magnitudes of Biapical Deformities 09:30 - 09:50 Radioulnar Incongruency: Short Radius - Identification and Agnello, K Strategies for Treatment 09:50 - 10:10 Radioulnar Incongruency: Short Ulna - Identification and Hayashi, K Strategies for Treatment 10:10 - 10:40 Coffee Break Solana Ballroom Foyer 10:40 - 11:00 Other Radioulnar Deformities: Premature Closure of the Bleedorn, J Lateral Aspect of the Distal Radial Physis 11:00 - 11:20 Other Radioulnar Deformities: the Dysostoses: Radial Agnello, K Hemimelia, Ectrodactyly 11:20 - 11:40 Advanced Concepts: Software Advances in Assessment Kowaleski, M and Virtual Planning of Radioulnar Deformities 11:40 - 12:00 Advanced Concepts: 3D Printing and Surgical Planning of Bleedorn, J Radioulnar Deformities 12:00 - 13:00 Lunch Solana E 13:00 - 16:30 COMPLEX DEFORMITIES AND OTHER TOPICS ON FORELIMB ALIGNMENT (continued) 13:00 - 13:20 Advanced Concepts: 3D Printed Cut Guides and Jaeger, G **Templates for Correction**

13:20 - 13:40	Timing of Radioulnar Deformity Correction: Juvenile Versus Adult Surgical Intervention	Agnello, K	
13:40 - 14:10	What is the Evidence: Relationship of Forelimb Alignment to Medical Compartment Disease of the Elbow	Hayashi, K	
14:10 - 14:30	Case Discussion	Tomlinson, J	
14:30 - 14:50	Case Discussion	Kowaleski, M	
14:50 - 15:10	Coffee Break		olana Ballroom Oyer
15:10 - 15:30	Case Discussion	Bleedorn, J	
15:30 - 15:50	Case Discussion	Agnello, K	
15:50 - 16:10	Case Discussion	Jaeger, G	

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