Small Animal Spinal Disorders
Diagnosis, Prognosis, Medical and Surgical Management

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Overview:
Spinal disease is commonly seen in small animal practice to produce the best outcomes for our patients and clients it is important to be able to diagnose them promptly and provide effective and up to date treatment recommendations. This presentation will give a practical step by step overview of how to determine if a patient truly has a neurological problem, and how to accurately localise the neurological location of the lesion based on history, signalment, clinical signs and physical examination.

Diagnostic tests including laboratory tests, radiographs and advanced imaging will be reviewed and discussed.

Therapy including medical and surgical management along with expected outcomes and prognostic factors will be discussed along with tips on when to refer and when it is appropriate to medically manage a spinal patient. Management of the acute spinal patient will also be discussed along with the perennial question of whether corticosteroids have a role in the management of spinal disease in small animals.