

BVR SMA Seminar

6th-7th November 2026

Let's Move Forward: Pain Management Beyond Drugs

Day 1: How do I know my patient is painful, and what is painful?

9.00 - 9.45	Let's get it over with - physiology of acute and chronic pain	James Hunt
	Let's move	
10.00 - 10.45	Do I need the same management approach for the border collie and the labrador? - the biopsychosocial approach to pain management	Lowri Davies
	Let's move	
11.00 - 11.30	Coffee	
11.30 - 12.00	Clinical examination: common pitfalls of orthopaedic examination	Jane Oatley
12.00 - 13.00	Clinical examination practical - gait analysis, palpation, anatomical landmarks	Mathilde Granger Lowri Davies Jane Oatley
13.00 - 14.00	Lunch	
14.00 - 14.20	Pain scores - good tool/bad tool?	James Hunt
14.20 - 14.40	Pain evaluation - what tools do we have to help?	Lowri Davies
14.40 - 15.30	Practical - interactive discussion on pain scores. video analysis of gait	James Hunt Lowri Davies
	Let's move	
15.30 - 16.00	Coffee	
16.00 - 16.20	Is my patient painful or...am I missing something?	Mathilde Granger
16.20 - 17.00	Interactive discussion: the pain conundrum	Jane Oatley Lowri Davies James Hunt
	Let's move	



Dr James Hunt is a Founding Fellow in Pain Management of the American College of Veterinary Anaesthesia and Analgesia (ACVAA), and an EBVS® and RCVS Specialist in Animal Welfare Science, Ethics and Law. He holds a PhD and a Master's in small animal pain topics, the European Diploma in Animal Welfare Science, Ethics and Law, and the RCVS Certificate in Veterinary Anaesthesia.

He worked within first opinion practice for a number of years, and now divides his time between work as a clinical anaesthetist in a multi-disciplinary referral hospital and running an independent pain management clinic in Dulverton, Somerset.



Lowri Davies graduated from Bristol Veterinary School in 1992 and developed her interest in sports medicine and rehabilitation whilst working in specialist equine practice. Lowri completed her IVAS certificate in Veterinary Acupuncture in 1999 and her CCRT accreditation in 2004. In the same year she established the SMART Veterinary Referral Centre - the first specialised sports medicine and rehabilitation clinic for small animals in the UK. She became a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Sports

Medicine and Rehabilitation in 2015 and is past president of the BVR SMA. Her clinics have a large Europe wide client base and Lowri is called upon regularly to lecture internationally on the subject. Lowri has also contributed to a number of texts on pain management and rehabilitation as well as authoring "Care of the Canine Athlete". Her main interests are musculoskeletal ultrasound, sports medicine and the management of complex pain cases.



Jane Oatley's veterinary career has been small animal orthopaedics for many years, working in Veterinary Schools, referral hospitals, in-house in GP practices and, more recently, opening a dedicated sports medicine and rehabilitation practice at my home. She has concentrated on soft tissue causes of lameness, exploring acupuncture, Laser and Myofascial techniques alongside conventional orthopaedic practice to try and help return her patients to full

function alongside 2 fantastic animal physiotherapists. They run regular fitness workshops for sporting dogs. She is becoming an agility fanatic, (late midlife crisis or early dementia maybe!) currently loving competing with her 3-year-old Labrador, Bumble.

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Day 2: How can I manage pain with everything but systemic drugs?

9.00 – 9.20	Acupuncture and its role in pain management	Lowri Davies
9.20 – 9.40	Nerve blocks and their role in pain management	James Hunt
9.40 – 10.00	Intra-articular injections	Jane Oatley
	Let's move	
10.10 - 11.10	Case presentations: interactive session, how to run a chronic pain consultation	Lowri Davies Hannah Capon
11.10 - 11.30	Coffee	
11.30 - 13.00	Practical sessions (with real dogs): - Acupuncture demonstration - Nerve palpation - Exercise prescription (delegates to rotate through all 3 sessions)	Lowri Davies James Hunt Amanda Morgan
13.00 - 14.00	Lunch	
14.00 - 14.30	Interactive session: do you know what your laser is doing?	Amanda Morgan
14.30 - 15.00	Other electrotherapies: an evidence-based approach	Amanda Morgan
	Let's move	
15.10 - 15.40	The role of nutrition in pain management	Lowri Davies
15.40 - 16.00	Coffee	
16.00 – 16.20	Physiotherapy in pain management	Amanda Morgan
16.20 – 16.40	Is my house scary?	Hannah Capon
16.40 – 17.00	Exercise as a positive tool in pain management	Lowri Davies
17.00	End	



Mathilde Granger graduated as a vet in France in 2002 and has been working in the UK since 2006. She passed a Diploma of Animal Physiotherapy in 2012. She founded Vet&Physio Ltd, a small animal rehabilitation, pain management and physiotherapy centre based in Somerset in 2019. She is a member of the International Veterinary Association for Pain Management (IVAPM) and is a Certified Veterinary Pain Practitioner since October 2022. She is particularly interested in looking after older pets and chronic pain patients. She has been chair of the British Veterinary Rehabilitation and Sports Medicine Association (BVR SMA) since 2021, and is passionate about promoting veterinary rehabilitation to increase awareness amongst vets and veterinary professionals.



Hannah Capon graduated from Cambridge University in 2002 and has since worked in a wide range of veterinary settings, from sole-charge first opinion practice to emergency teamwork environments. Her career has given her valuable insight into the complexities of veterinary care, particularly in the management of chronic conditions. Hannah has a strong interest in chronic pain management, geriatrics, musculoskeletal health, and rehabilitation. She won World Small Animal Veterinary Association Welfare Award in 2025, the 2020 Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons Impact Award, 2019 CEVA Vet of the Year, and a finalist spot for 2019 Petplan Vet of the Year. She is the founder of Canine Arthritis Management (CAM), an online educational and support platform designed to help both pet owners and veterinary professionals improve the care of arthritic dogs. Through CAM, she has played a key role in raising awareness and providing practical guidance on managing canine arthritis.



Amanda Morgan qualified as a Chartered Physiotherapist in 2009 and went on to complete postgraduate studies in Veterinary Physiotherapy, specialising in equine and canine therapy. She has spent the last thirteen years working at SMART Specialist Veterinary Referrals in Swansea. Amanda is registered with the Health and Care Professions Council, the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy and the Association of Chartered Physiotherapists in Animal Therapy and is a member of the British Veterinary Rehabilitation and Sports Medicine Association. When she's not working, Amanda enjoys long walks with her dog Cass and her horse Monty.