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New Referral Dentistry service launched!

Andrea Garcia Gramser DVM Gp Cert FelP MRCVS heads up the Rowe Referrals dentistry and oral surgery service.

Andrea is about to complete the European certificate in Veterinary Dentistry (ESAVS) and has started an alternative residency in Veterinary Dentistry with the ECVS.

Referrals can be made for the following:

- Second opinion on oral examination and dental x-rays
- Treatment of periodontal disease
- Complicated extractions
- Malocclusions
- Gingivitis stomatitis and other inflammatory diseases in cats
- Tooth resorption
- Enamel disorders
- Selected maxillofacial fractures and / or neoplasia

What we do

- Ophthalmology
- Orthopaedics
- Soft Tissue & Spinal Surgery
- Dentistry
- Laparoscopy
- CT Scanning
- MRI
- Ultrasound
- Internal Medicine
- Radioactive Iodine
- Dermatology
- Neuro Diagnostics
- Acupuncture

As part of a wider Referral department, Andrea is happy to take elderly patients and those who have complicated underlying conditions, such as diabetes, CKD and heart disease as the team can work together to provide a holistic approach to their care and treatment. We can provide advanced diagnostic imaging (including dental x-rays, CT, MRI, radiology and ultrasonography), 24 hour hospitalisation, oncology support and an incredibly experienced and talented medical and surgical team.

CPD Events – online and on demand

As we are unable to hold our usual in-house events or invite you over to spend time with us, we have moved our CPD online and are hosting regular events. If you would like to register for our next online session or be notified of future events please email us at referrals@rowevetgroup.com or follow us on Facebook.

All previous CPD events can be viewed via the following link:

<https://rowevets.support/webinars>

Online CPD
Events now
available.

Soft Tissue Surgery Case Study

Reef, a 2 year old male neutered lurcher, was referred to our diagnostic imaging department for investigation of abdominal swelling.

He had a history of an abdominal cyst which had been drained a few months previously at another practice. He presented because of acute onset anorexia, straining to defecate and abdominal enlargement.

An ultrasound examination was performed by diagnostic imaging specialist Mags Costello who found a large cystic mass (12cm in diameter) with mineralised areas and echogenic material in caudal abdomen which appeared to arise from the right caudal aspect of the kidney, possibly from a stalk and this aspect of the kidney appeared abnormal. There was a section of intestine with sharp change from normal to massively distended with fluid and less gas with hairpin bends and stacking. There was an area of abnormal mesentery below the cystic mass with a “swirl” which could represent strangulation/ mesenteric tear/volvulus and some loops of gut appear to wrap around the cyst.



Reef was taken to surgery as an emergency, there was strangulation of a large portion of the small intestine which appeared unrelated to the large perirenal cyst. 1.8 Meters of jejunum was removed and a simple end to end anastomosis performed. The ileocecolic junction was preserved. The cyst was then opened explored and omentalised. It would not have been possible to remove the cyst without sacrificing the ureter on that side.

Although short bowel syndrome is a risk, keeping the ileocecolic junction intact is associated with far less complications independent of how much intestine is removed.

Reef made a good recovery from the procedure and was rescanned to assess the cyst a few weeks ago. Despite omentalisation this has unfortunately filled up again which means would have to consider uteronephrectomy on that side to resolve this.

We think the cyst was likely congenital in origin but do not think it contributed to the intestinal strangulation.



Meet the team spotlight on...



Ian Jennings

BSc. (Hons), BVSc. Cert VDI MRCVS

Ian graduated from the University of Melbourne in 2004 after attaining a BSc. in neuroscience from the University of Edinburgh in 2000.

He spent 3 years at a busy first opinion hospital in Staffordshire before joining the Rowe Veterinary Group in 2007, working as clinical lead, at our Wotton-under-Edge branch.

Ian gained the RCVS certificate in Veterinary Diagnostic Imaging (VDI) in 2011 and was awarded advanced practitioner status in 2015.

Ian has a special interest in the use of magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI), especially for investigating neurological conditions, and has run our on-site scanning service for the past 10 years. He is currently studying for a certificate in Neurology/Neurosurgery and launched our new neuroimaging referral service in December 2019.