

# Vi Webinar:

## THE NURSES' ROLE IN TRIAGE AND STABILISATION OF EMERGENCY PATIENTS

Date: 18th May 2026

Time: 19:30 BST

Online via Zoom

### Seconds Save Lives: The Crucial Role of Veterinary Nurses in Emergency Triage and Stabilisation

This session will guide participants through the assessment and management of emergency patients from first presentation to stabilisation, highlighting the vital role of the veterinary nurse throughout the process. It will cover efficient, consistent triage to prioritise cases, assess urgency, and recognise life threatening conditions, followed by a structured assessment of major body systems and the key clinical parameters involved. The nurse's essential contribution to stabilisation will be explored, including fluid therapy, treatments under veterinary direction, and vigilant patient monitoring. A real world case example will be used to bring these principles to life and demonstrate their application in clinical decision making.

**This interactive, case-based webinar will give a thorough overview of the topic, with the following learning outcomes in mind:**

- Approaching the emergency patient: from presentation to stabilisation
- The veterinary nurse's role in emergency care
- Effective and consistent triage: prioritising cases and identifying life-threatening issues
- Structured major body system assessment and key clinical parameters
- Patient stabilisation: fluid therapy, treatments, and ongoing monitoring
- Case example illustrating real-world clinical decision making

Meet the speaker:

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Lyn qualified as a veterinary nurse in 1992 and worked in charity and referral hospitals, gaining the Diploma in Advanced Veterinary Nursing (Medical) in 2004. She developed an interest in Emergency and Critical Care working at an emergency out of hours provider before moving to the Queen Mother Hospital for Animals as an Emergency and Critical Care nurse in 2009. She obtained her Post Graduate Certificate in Veterinary Education in 2014 and is now a Senior Teaching Fellow and co-deputy course director for the Graduate and Post-graduate Certificates in Advanced Veterinary Nursing at the Royal Veterinary College. Her interests include pain management, ethics in nursing care and holistic nursing.



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*This webinar is suitable for veterinary nurses and veterinary surgeons. SVNs and other members of the practice team wishing to learn more are also very welcome to attend.*

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