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New online nutrition course offers free access to user-friendly 'foundational information' for all WSAVA members²

A four-module online nutrition course initiated by the World Small Animal Veterinary Association's Continuing Education Committee (CEC) has been launched. Available free of charge to WSAVA members on the WSAVA Academy, the course aims to increase veterinary understanding of the value of nutritional assessments. It also supports veterinary professionals in

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on Oncology from February 1st 2022 for the first batch of Veterinarians. The sessions will be for a span of 3 months, with 10 sessions in total, including 2 MCQ exams, Q&A for every session. The participants will be provided a certificate of completion of training by the end of April.

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Largest-ever canine genomics research reveals human-canine oncology connection³

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The RVC's VetCompass programme has published the results from the world's largest study into cherry eye in dogs, which identified 17 breeds at increased risk of developing the condition, including the Neapolitan mastiff, English bulldog, Lhasa apso and Great Dane, among others. Named after the pink mass that appears from the inner corner of the dog's eye, cherry eye is a condition clinically known

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