MANDY BURROWS IS EXCITED TO OFFER YOU A PROBLEM BASED APPROACH TO CANINE AND FELINE DERMATOLOGY IN THIS DISTANCE TAUGHT PAPER OFFERED IN MASSEY UNIVERSITY’S MASTER OF VETERINARY MEDICINE (MVM).

On this course you will learn:
- A problem based approach to: pruritus, alopecia, papules, pustules, crusts, nodules and ulcerated lesions in dogs and cats.
- How to get a better outcome for your patients with skin disease using practical information that you can apply every day in your veterinary practice.
- How to get a diagnosis of skin and ear diseases in dogs and cats; improve the quality of your patient care and your practice income.
- About recent advances in the management and therapy of dermatological disease, when to treat- when to refer.

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Course number
118.762

Credits
15 credit paper in the Master of Veterinary Medicine programme

Course features
In-depth part-time study spread over 8 months
Learning materials and facilities
- Lecturer-authored notes
- Study guide
- Electronic library access
- 3 day workshop: face-to-face or an online option for some sessions
Learning community
- Online case discussion
- Social forum
Assessment
- Online assessments
- Paper-based exam in a centre near you
Course requirements
- Internet access

Cost in your currency
- Australian dollars approx $5676*
- UK pounds approx £3109*
- Canadian dollars approx $5690*
- US dollars approx $5190*
- Euro approx €3785*

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Welcome to Dermatology in Small Animal Practice, 118.762.

I hope you will enjoy this paper which is designed to improve your knowledge of canine and feline dermatology. As complicated and challenging as it is, dermatology is also fascinating and rewarding and I hope you will find this as exciting a subject as I do. In general veterinary practice, dermatology cases are a significant proportion of the caseload and lead to animal discomfort as well as being a source of considerable anxiety to owners. Despite this, dermatology cases are seldom afforded the same degree of care and investigation that, say orthopaedic or neurologic cases receive. There is, in my opinion, a need for many skin cases to be dealt with in a more meticulous and detailed fashion in order to attain a specific diagnosis and so advise the clients of prognosis and treatment options.

Completing this paper will improve your ability to meet the challenges these cases present. This paper is organised into modules based on dermatological presentation. Pruritus is first, followed by alopecic diseases and then diseases characterised by scaling, erosion and ulceration, nodules and draining tracts and finally otitis externa.

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OVERVIEW OF THE PAPER

Aim
Having completed this paper, you will have built on knowledge obtained in your primary veterinary qualification to gain advanced knowledge in the field of canine and feline dermatology.

Topics covered

Module 1: General principles of dermatology
- The dermatological examination
- Performing and interpreting diagnostic tests

Module 2: Diseases causing pruritus
- Approach to pruritus in the dog
- Approach to pruritus in the cat
- Adverse food reactions in the dog and cat
- Atopic dermatitis in the dog and cat
- Superficial bacterial pyoderma and Malassezia dermatitis

Module 3: Diseases causing alopecia
- Approach to the dog and cat with alopecia
- Follicular dysplasia / dystrophies
- Hair cycle arrest
- Demodicosis in the dog and cat
- Dermatophytosis in the dog and cat

Module 4: Diseases causing scaling and crusting
- Primary disorders of cornification
- Secondary diseases of cornification
Module 5: Diseases presenting with erosion and ulceration
- Pemphigus complex
- Basement membrane diseases
- Lupoid dermatoses
- Miscellaneous diseases

Module 6: Diseases presenting with nodules (non neoplastic), draining tracts and/or non healing wounds
- Localised and generalised deep pyoderma
- Bacterial
- Fungal
- Miscellaneous diseases

Module 7: Otitis externa
- Pathogenesis and diagnostic techniques
- General principles of management

LEARNING MATERIALS

There are several different forms of self-study material you need to use for this paper. Each is explained in more detail in this administration guide.

Administration guide:
Administrative information, information about assessments and how the course works

Study guide:
Guide to your study, explains what to read at which points in the course and includes material authored by the lecturer as well as readings from the literature

Stream class website:
Online classroom for interactions with the rest of the class and provision of electronic learning materials

Contact course:
An optional 3 days of face-to-face teaching

Assessments:
Two online case assessments and a final exam in a centre near you