

Ref. No.	B-SAP.1
Title:	Small Animal Practice
Category and Value:	B - 10 credits
Notional Study Hours:	100

This module is relevant to a number of species and discipline based modular certificates, such as small animal practice, anaesthesia, cardiology, dermatology, diagnostic imaging and reproduction, and can also be taken as a stand alone module.

The B-Small Animal Practice module is **required** for all candidates who are aiming to achieve one of the small animal designated certificates.

Learning objectives

Candidates should have a sound grounding in the areas listed below. They also need develop the skills needed to write case reports that demonstrate the following competencies:

General objectives

- To acquire and develop written communication skills required to present case reports
- To demonstrate an ability to communicate competence in decision making and clinical reasoning
- To demonstrate reflective skills that enable understanding of the issues raised in clinical practice and the candidate's learning as a result of completing the module

Learning Outcomes

- Demonstrate a sound and logical approach to clinical cases and an understanding of the pathophysiological principles of the disorders diagnosed and treated in small animal practice.
- Articulate a rational problem based approach to cases including discussion of diagnostic procedures and assessment of relevant laboratory data.
- Demonstrate an appreciation of the principles of clinical pharmacology related to drugs used in small animal practice.
- Demonstrate understanding of principles of surgical practice as they relate to pre-operative evaluation of the patient, aseptic technique, peri-operative analgesia, justification for surgical procedure chosen, client education, post-operative care

- Demonstrate understanding of the principles of anaesthetic management including pre-anaesthetic assessment, drug pharmacology, choice of anaesthetic equipment, monitoring and supportive measures (for example, fluid therapy), and recovery/post op care.
- Describe use of diagnostic imaging in the candidate's practice including overview of the measures in place that allow the practice to conform to the basic principles of radiation protection and quality control procedures in place that allow for the production of a diagnostic radiograph.
- Describe use of diagnostic imaging in their practice premises and (where applicable) in the field including quality control procedures in place that allow for the safe production of a diagnostic image

General guidance on assessment

Please refer to the General Guidance and Assessment for all Modules document for guidance on assessment and standards to be achieved.