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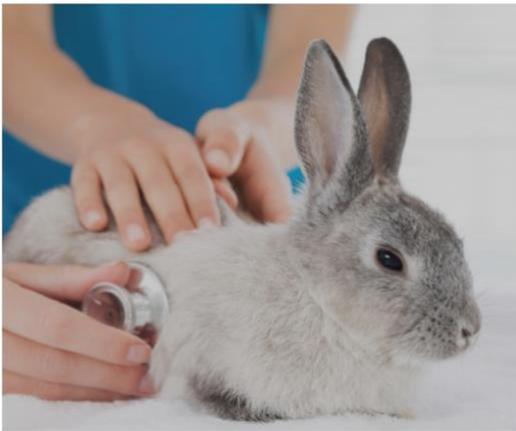
R.A.C.E.-approved webinar Emergency and Critical Care of Rabbits

Presenter: Charly Pignon, DVM, DECZM (Small Mammal)
Wednesday, November 7, 2018 - 1 pm EST (UTC-04:00)

Intensive care in rabbits requires a thorough knowledge of rabbit anatomy and physiology along with an understanding of basic clinical procedures. When a rabbit is presented on an emergency basis, the first step is triage. If the animal is in respiratory distress or not breathing at all, if the animal is not responding to manipulation, then the rabbit requires immediate stabilization or a resuscitation protocol should be initiated. In other cases, as rabbits hide clinical signs, a precise history should be obtained and a thorough physical examination should be performed.

In cardiopulmonary arrest, mechanical cardiac activity halts leading to hemodynamic collapse. As this is an absolute emergency, the clinic staff must be prepared. The “ABCDE” sequence can be used, but is adapted to the anatomy and physiology of the rabbit.

As rabbits are very sensitive to pain and its consequences can be deadly, one of the first treatments to give to rabbit are painkillers. In many critical cases, clinical signs are often secondary to dehydration or alterations of the electrolytes equilibrium. Fluid therapy should be performed in three steps: deficit correction, rehydration, and maintenance with electrolytes supplementation as needed.



Lecture Objectives will include:

- Emergency triage
- Cardiopulmonary resuscitation
- Analgesia
 - Opioids
 - Anti-inflammatories
 - Co-analgesics
- Fluid therapy
 - Deficit correction
 - Rehydration
 - Maintenance
- Critical care nutrition

Registration opens October 23, 2018

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