Loving the role of a lifestyle block veterinarian

Increase your aptitude with alpacas, goats and llamas, build your lifestyle block business and grow the practice client base!

Populations of alpacas are growing in New Zealand – particularly in ‘pet’ alpacas for lifestyle blocks (LSB). With novice alpaca ownership on the increase, so too is the demand for a higher level of veterinary expertise in a species for which there is very little accessible information or training available today.

Veterinarians working with lifestyle-block animals are faced with their own set of unique challenges. Poor facilities, well-intentioned owners lacking basic knowledge, and different animal species mean that tailor-made animal health plans are critical for success when it comes to preventative medicine.

Far too often owners turn to free advice from the internet, their neighbours or even retailers before calling their veterinarian. This can sometimes come far too late, when the only option is euthanasia.

Get one step ahead to meet burgeoning demand in this growing sector. The course involves online lectures covering important topics and an optional field trip with Laura Schwerdtfeger, The Lifestyle Vet, who will demonstrate routine alpaca procedures and discuss a variety of different animal health plans.

Learning outcomes:

» Increase confidence in managing alpaca and llama cases
» Learn about key issues in goats
» Learn how to best educate LSB clients
» Learn how to evaluate animal health plans to tailor them to each LSB property
» Grow and diversify your veterinary business by increasing your LSB client base and engage LAVTs in LSB work

Improve animal welfare, have more satisfied and educated clients and make an excellent move for your veterinary business!

COURSE DETAILS
Format: Online & optional field trip
Online: 24 Oct - 6 Nov
Field trip: 7 Nov
Location: Auckland

TOPICS
Anthelmintic guidelines; Basic nutrition; Blood transfusions; Castration/fighting teeth; Common diseases; Diagnostic testing; Fluid therapy; Management plans; Parasite management; Restraint; Skin disease; Supplementations & vaccinations; Welfare

TUTORS
Laura Schwerdtfeger BSc, BVSc
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PRICE
Online only
NZVA member: $460
Non-member: $690
Online and fieldtrip
NZVA member: $640
Non-member: $960

CPD POINTS
This course is worth up to 12 CPD points when recorded as CVE.