



## Mastering Canine Lameness and Orthopedic Exam Skills

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### Online Pre-Course Assignments

- Canine Gait and how to improve your detection of lameness (Approx. 1 hour)
- The ART of the Meaningful Lameness Exam - Tell Me Where it Hurts (Approx. 1 hour)
- The SCIENCE and SPECIFIC TECHNIQUES of the Orthopedic Exam (Approx. 2 hours)
  - Recumbent and Standing Patient Exam techniques
  - Why assessment of comfortable passive range of motion (PROM) is so important, how to do it and common errors
  - How to PROPERLY perform a drawer sign such that you can distinguish cranial- from caudal-cruciate ligament ruptures and you're more likely to detect a partial tear.
  - Tibial Compression Test ("tibial thrust") made easy.
  - The Ortolani Sign and what it DOES and DOES NOT tell you
  - Other Hip Laxity tests that CAN detect FUNCTIONAL hip laxity
  - How to detect TRAUMATIC hip luxation and distinguish DORSAL from VENTRAL luxation
  - How to screen for occult axillary (brachial plexus) tumors
  - How to easily (and not to) measure Shoulder Abduction Angle (SAA) for assessment of medial shoulder instability
- Diagnostic Evaluation of the Puppy Suspected of Hip Dysplasia (Approx. 1 hour)