



Mastering Canine Lameness & Orthopedic Exam Skills

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Online Pre-Course Assignments

- Canine Gait & 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**