

Newsletter 12/2019

We are pleased to welcome you to the monthly BattLab newsletter. This newsletter will bring you the latest news and information about our laboratory and all tests that we can offer to all our clients.




Wishing all of you a **MERRY CHRISTMAS** and a **HAPPY NEW YEAR** from all the Battlab team!

Here are our holiday opening times. Christmas week we will be open as usual from 9am to 530pm, except for Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th of December. The laboratory will also be closed on Wednesday 1st of January.

AN EXCITING START OF THE YEAR AHEAD

The exciting news continue and, after the success of our 2019 evening seminars at BattLab, we have decided to surprise you with a super guest speaker for the start of the new year. On Wednesday 22nd of January 2020, Prof Michael Willard from the Texas A&M University will give a talk for the **Warwickshire Veterinary Clinical Club** in partnership with BattLab. The seminar will be focusing on **Small bowel disease, including protein losing enteropathies**. Prof Michael Willard is an international recognised expert in veterinary gastroenterology and laboratory medicine and we are sure you can't wait to hear from him, as much as we are. If you are interested, [send us your contact email](#) and we will add you to the interest list.




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Warwickshire Veterinary Clinical Club
A Division of the British Veterinary Association

Prof. Michael D. Willard -
"Small bowel disease, including protein-losing enteropathies"

We are pleased to announce the upcoming seminar sponsored by BattLab for the Warwickshire Veterinary Clinical Club, with special guest speaker **Prof Mike Willard** (Texas A&M University, USA).




Prof Willard is a 1975 graduate of the Texas A&M University, College of Veterinary Medicine. He completed his internship and Masters degree at Kansas State University and his internal medicine residency at Michigan State University. After that, Prof Willard held faculty appointments at Michigan State University, Mississippi State University, and now at Texas A&M University. He has also consulted and worked at a private referral practice. He is currently a Professor of Small Animal Clinical Science and specialises in gastroenterology, hepatology, pancreatology and endoscopy. Prof Willard has given over 3,200 hours of post-graduate continuing education lectures both nationally and internationally, has over 80 refereed publications, and has over 130 book chapters in print. He is currently an Associate Editor for the Journal of Veterinary Internal Medicine.

Date and time: Wednesday 22nd of January 2020 at 7:30 (hot buffet), 8:15 (talk)

Additional information:

- Cost: annual membership, including 9 talks – Vets £100, Nurses £40.
- The possibility of attending a single seminar is available at the cost of £30.
- Registrations: email to warwickshirevetcc@btinternet.com or admin@battlab.com

Venue: Holiday Inn Hotel,
Olympus Avenue
Tachbrook Park
Leamington Spa,
CV34 6RJ



MEMORIES FROM THE LAST SEMINAR



Thanks to all the vets who joined us last month for the fourth (and last for 2020) of our free Battlab evening seminars focused on **canine mast cell tumours** and brilliantly presented by **Dr Katarzyna Purzycka**, oncologist from the Royal Veterinary College (RVC).

For all those who could not participate, there's a summary of the key points below:

Mast cell tumour (MCT) is the most common neoplasm in the dog, accounting for approximately 20% of all cutaneous tumours.

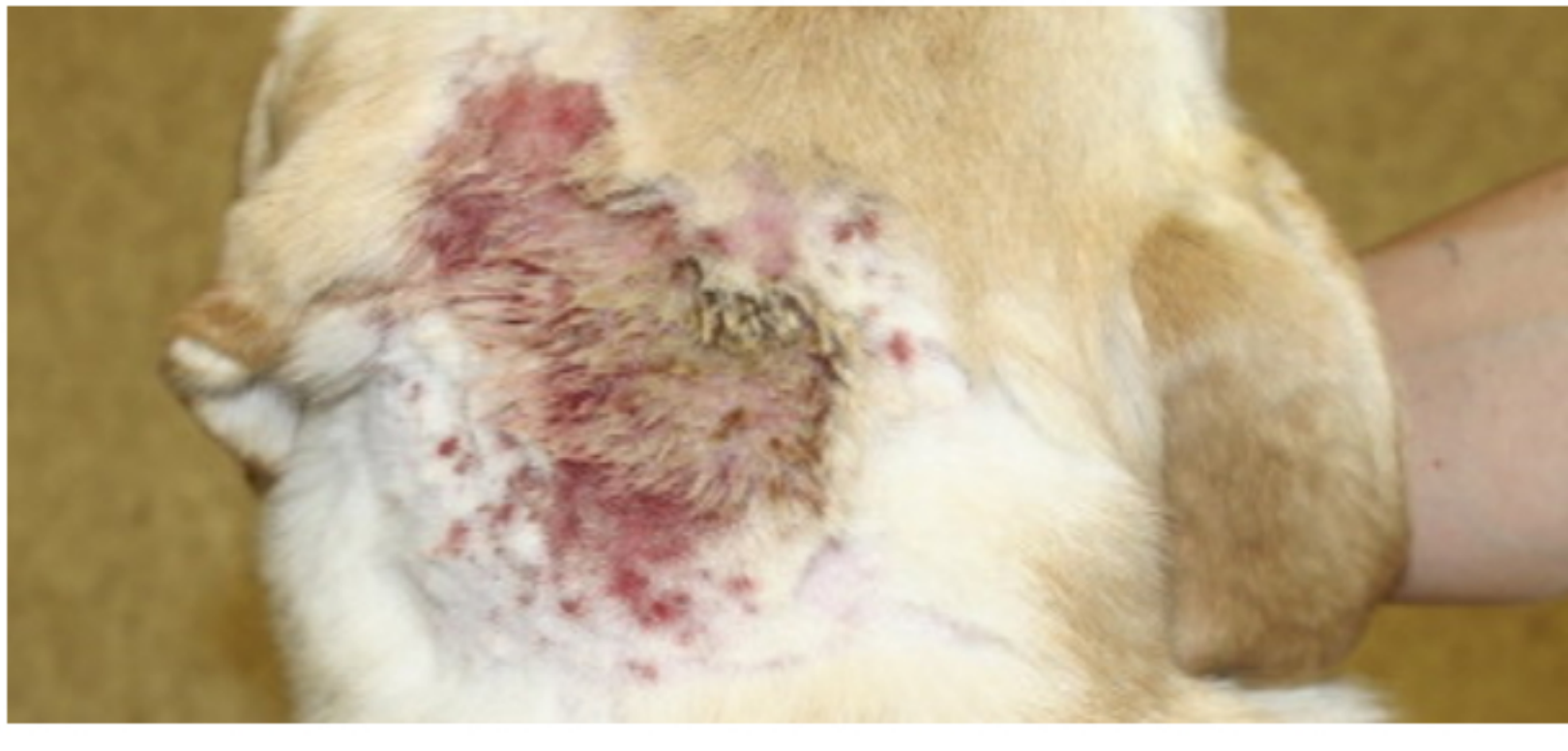
High risk factors for canine MCTs include:

- Anatomic location (including mucocutaneous junctions, perineum, scrotum/preputial area, internal organs)
- Tumour size (large tumours may be associated with a worse prognosis after treatment)
- Clinical stage (lesions confined to the skin have better prognosis than higher stage disease)
- Histologic grade (strongly predictive of outcome, see below for details)

[Read more](#)

How to choose the correct antibiotic to treat canine pyoderma

By Dr Carmen Lorente, DVM, PhD, DipECVD, EBVS® European Specialist in Veterinary Dermatology




(From Stephen D. White, in *Canine and Feline Infectious Diseases*, 2014)

Most cases of canine pyoderma are caused by *Staphylococcus pseudintermedius*. Despite Staphylococci having a relatively predictable pattern of antimicrobial sensitivity and often responding to an empirical selection of treatment, bacterial resistance is becoming more and more frequent, making culture and sensitivity tests necessary. In some countries, the use of systemic antibiotics is recommended only after culture and antibiogram have been performed.

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Yours sincerely,
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