



Lisa Grassato, Veterinary Surgeon

Date of birth
Place of birth

PROFILE

Enthusiastic veterinary surgeon with 8+ years experience in companion animal clinical practice. This included a PhD in clinical sciences at the Veterinary University of Bologna and a specialistic Orthopaedic and Neurosurgical Internship at Fitzpatrick Referrals, UK. Particular interest for small animal soft tissue and orthopaedic surgery. 3+ years experience in on call rota as senior surgeon for small animal surgical emergencies, with active role in teaching to veterinary students. Currently working in a small animal practice in Treviso, Italy.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

June 2021 – Present	General practice veterinarian, Clinica Veterinaria il Podere, Treviso	Treviso (Italy)
	Small animal clinical activities: general clinical examinations, internal laboratory, imaging, bases of anaesthesia, soft tissue surgery (lead and assistant surgeon), orthopaedics (assistant surgeon), clinical assistance to recovered patients.	
Nov 2019 – Jan 2021	Internship in Advanced Orthopaedics and Neurosurgery, Fitzpatrick Referrals, Godalming, Eashing, UK Tutor: Prof. Noel Fitzpatrick	Godalming (UK)
	Taking active part in the day to day running of the clinic under the supervision of specialists; assisting Prof. Noel Fitzpatrick and his team of board-certificate surgeons in orthopaedic and neurological surgeries, helping work up patients, providing and supervising in-patient care. Exposure to some of the world's most innovative and advanced orthopaedic and neurosurgical procedures. Attending a structured programme of education including weekly seminars and journal clubs.	
March 2020	Doctorate in Veterinary Medical Sciences, Bologna University	Bologna (Italy)
Nov 2016 – Oct 2019	PhD student in Veterinary Medical Sciences, Alma Mater Studiorum – Università di Bologna	Bologna (Italy)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Main research project: Evaluation of prognostic and predictive factors during gastro-intestinal surgical emergencies in dogs.- Senior surgeon for daily shifts and on call shifts during night time and weekends for small animal surgical emergencies.	

- Soft tissue surgeries as lead surgeon.
- Assistant orthopaedic surgeon (occasionally).
- Clinical assistance and recheck assessments of the hospitalised surgical patients.
- Soft tissue clinical complete examinations.
- Orthopaedic clinical complete examinations (under the supervision of a senior orthopaedic surgeon)
- Execution and interpretation of orthopaedic radiographic examinations.
- Veterinary Students and Junior Surgeons assistance and training.

Apr 2019 – Jun 2019	Visiting Scholarship in Soft Tissue and Orthopaedic Surgery, Kleintierchirurgie, Augen- und Zahnheilkunde, Klinik für Kleintiere Univ Vienna - Tutor: Prof. G. Dupre	Vienna (Austria)
Mar 2019 – Jun 2018	Visiting Scholarship, Surgical Discovery Centre, Department of Veterinary Medicine, Cambridge - Tutor: Prof. M.J.Allen	Cambridge (UK)
Research project: early study of the possibility to apply the 3D white light scanning technology in veterinary orthopaedics. Discussion of the study design, research and analyses, utilisation of the related devices, data collection and analysis.		
Feb 2018 – Mar 2019	Visiting Scholarship, Queen Mother Hospital for Animals, Royal Veterinary College, London	London (UK)
Rotating externship in small animals practice: soft tissue surgery, orthopaedics, emergency and critical care, anaesthesia.		
Mar 2016 – Mar 2017	Cooperation contract: Emergencies in Small Animal Surgery, University Veterinary Teaching Hospital “Giuseppe Gentile”, Bologna	Bologna (Italy)
- Emergencies in Small Animal Surgery (daily shifts plus on call duties during night time and weekend time as lead surgeon).		
- Clinical recheck and assistance to the hospitalised surgical patients.		
- Veterinary Students and Junior Surgeons assistance, teaching and training.		
Nov 2014 – Oct 2016	General practice veterinarian, Ospedale veterinario Masaccio, Firenze	Firenze (Italy)
Small animal clinical activities: general clinical examinations, internal laboratory, imaging (radiography and fast ultrasound), bases of anaesthesia, soft tissue surgery (lead and assistant surgeon), orthopaedics (assistant surgeon), night shifts, clinical assistance to the recovered patients.		
Since April 2016: on call shifts as lead surgeon for soft tissue surgical emergencies.		
Oct 2013 – Oct 2014	Volunteer full time attending graduate (laureato frequentatore), University Veterinary Teaching Hospital “Giuseppe Gentile”	Bologna (Italy)
Assistant of the Tutor in the clinical activities: orthopaedic visits and surgeries, orthopaedic imaging.		
Aug 2009 – Aug 2009	Member of the Administrative Offices, “Lago Film Fest’ 5th edition: International festival of short films, documentaries, animation movies and screenplays. Revine Lago	Treviso (Italy)
Managerial position.		

Mar 2006 – Jun 2008 **Figure skating coach, A.S.D. Skating Spresiano** Treviso (Italy)
Teaching of basic and advanced artistic skating figures to groups of children aged 3-12 years.

EDUCATION

March 2020 **Alma Mater Studiorum Università di Bologna, Doctorate in Veterinary Medical Sciences** Bologna (Italy)

Nov 2014 **Ordine dei Veterinari di Firenze e Prato, Registered Veterinary Surgeon n°856** Firenze (Italy)

Nov 2013 **Alma Mater Studiorum Università di Bologna, State examination (Esame di Stato)** Bologna (Italy)

May 2014 **Rotary Club, "Guido Paolucci" Rotary Award** Bologna (Italy)
Award for the best graduate curriculum in Veterinary Medical Sciences, year 2013-2014

Oct 2013 **Alma Mater Studiorum Università di Bologna, Laurea Specialistica in Medicina Veterinaria, cum laude** Bologna (Italy)
Thesis in Veterinary Surgery Clinics: Tibial Tuberosity Advancement (TTA) to correct the cranial cruciate ligament rupture in dog.

Jun 2012 – Oct 2013 **University Veterinary Teaching Hospital "Giuseppe Gentile", Bologna, Volunteer undergraduate attendant** Bologna (Italy)
Assistant of the Tutor in the clinical activities: orthopaedics visits and surgeries, orthopaedic imaging.

Jul 2019 – Jul 2019 **University of Cambridge, Department of Veterinary Medicine, UK, Fundamentals of Veterinary Science Summer School 2010** Cambridge (UK)
Research project: "Social intelligence: the effect of experience on behavioural synchronization in rooks"

Jul 2010 **Alma Mater Studiorum Università di Bologna, Merit Award** Bologna (Italy)
Merit Award for the excellent results 2009-2010

COURSES

6th AОВI National Congress, Bologna, 07.06.2019-08.06.2019,
AОВI - Associazione Ortopedica Veterinaria Italiana

27th ECVS Annual Scientific Meeting. Poster in the section:
Small Animal Soft Tissue Surgery, Athens, 05.07.2018-
07.07.2018, ECVS - European College of Veterinary Surgeons

VET Festival 2018, Surrey, 08.06.2018, VET - Veterinary
Education Tomorrow

Management of Canine Osteoarthritis, Cambridge, 17.04.2018,
University of Cambridge, Veterinary Department, UK

Secrets of a well-done anaesthesia, Rome, 08.04.2017-09.04.2017,
SCIVAC - Italian Companion Animal Veterinary Association

6th SICEV National Conference, Prato, 17.03.2017-18.03.2017,
SICEV - Società Italiana Chirurgia Endoscopica Veterinaria

Thoracic surgery in the elderly patient, Cremona, 26.02.2017-
26.02.2017, SCIVAC/SCVI - Società di Chirurgia Veterinaria
Italiana

Dog and cat haematology, Prato, 28.11.2015-29.11.2015-
ATOVELP - Associazione Toscana Veterinari Liberi
Professionisti

Bases of small animal abdominal ultrasound, Florence,
20.06.2015-21.06.2015, UNISVET - Unione Italiana Società
Veterinarie

LANGUAGES	Italian	Native speaker	English	B2
	French	A1		

SKILLS	Social skills	Expert	Ability to Work in a Team	Expert
	Organisational skills	Expert	Teaching	Expert
	Artistic skills	Expert		

PUBLICATIONS

Grassato L, Drudi D, Pinna S, Valentini S, Diana A, Spinella G. Shoulder lameness in dogs: preliminary investigation on ultrasonography, signalment and hemato-biochemical findings correlation. *Front Vet Sci.* 2019 Jul 9; 6:229. doi: 10.3389/fvet.2019.00229. PMID: 31338372

Pinna S, Lambertini C, Grassato L, Romagnoli N. Evidence-based veterinary medicine: a tool for evaluating the healing process after surgical treatment for cranial cruciate ligament rupture in dogs. *Front Vet Sci.* 2019 Mar 5; 6:65. doi: 10.3389/fvet.2019.00065. PMID: 30891453

Spinella G, Dondi F, Grassato L, Magna L, Cola V, Giunti M, Del Magno S, Valentini S. Prognostic value of canine pancreatic lipase immunoreactivity and lipase activity in dogs with gastric dilatation-volvulus. *PLoS One.* 2018 Sep 18; 13(9):e0204216. doi: 10.1371/journal.pone.0204216. PMID: 21134430

Grassato L, Spinella G, Musella E, Giunti M, Valentini S. Plasma lactate concentration: is it a reliable prognostic factor in dogs with gastric dilatation- volvulus? In: *Vet Surgery short abstracts 2018, 27th Annual Scientific Meeting July 5 – 7, 2018, Athens, Greece*; p.52.

Cola V, Spinella G, Dondi F, Magna L, Grassato L, Del Magno S, Giunti M, Valentini S. Evaluation of canine pancreatic lipase in dogs with gastric dilatation volvulus (GDV) and its association with outcome or necrosis. In: *Vet Surgery short abstracts 2017, 26th Annual Scientific Meeting July 13 – 15, 2017, Edinburgh, UK, EICC*; p.44.

Del Magno S, Foglia A, Pisoni L, Cola V, Grassato L, Troia R, Pelizzola M, Giunti M. Retrospective evaluation of small-bore chest drain versus trocar-type thoracostomy tube for the management of pyothorax in cats. In: *Atti 71° convegno SISVet, Napoli 28 giugno – 1 luglio 2017*; p.116.

Grassato L, Spinella G, Musella V, Giunti M, Vilar JM, Valentini S. Pre- and post-surgical evaluation of plasma lactate concentration in 45 dogs with gastric dilatation-volvulus: a preliminary study. *Heliyon.* 2020; 6(1):e03307.

Del Magno S, Foglia A, De Bastiani D, Cola V, Pisoni L, Grassato L, Pelizzola M, Troia R, Giunti M. The use of small-bore wire-guided chest drains for the management of feline pyothorax: a retrospective case series. *Open veterinary journal.* 2020; 10(4).

Pinna S, Lanzi F, Grassato L. Bologna Healing Stifle Injury Index: a comparison of three surgical techniques for the treatment of cranial cruciate ligament rupture in dogs. *Front Vet Sci.* 2020; 830.

Kvale E, Kalmukov I, Grassato L, Kalf S, Solano M. Epicondylar plate fixation of humeral condylar fractures in immature French bulldogs:45 cases (2014-2020). *JSAP.* 2022.

Spinella G, Tidu L, Grassato L, Musella V, Matarazzo M, Valentini S. Military working dogs operating in Afghanistan theater: comparison between pre- and post-mission blood analyses to monitor physical fitness and training. *Animals.* 2022; 12, 617. doi.org/10.3390/ani12050617.