Case Log Instructions for the CSAVP and CASVM
Soft Tissue Surgery

ESAVS
European School for
Advanced Veterinary Studies

Case log explanations and instructions:

The case log for the **ESAVS Certificate / Soft Tissue Surgery** shall contain at least 100 cases mostly compiled in the second half of the program.

The following cases categories are mandatory:

1. GI: At least 10 cases of Gastro-intestinal surgery, including gastric and intestinal surgery (maximum one case of intestinal biopsies)
2. UT: At least 10 cases of Urinary tract surgery, including urinary tract stones, incontinence, pexies.
3. RS: At least 10 cases of reconstructive surgery cases, including various skin flaps after proper removal of tumors or wound treatment
4. AI: At least 10 cases of airways and/or thoracic surgery cases, including various upper airways diseases (Brachycephalic, laryngeal paraly- sis), Intra-thoracic surgery cases are not mandatory.
   If the candidate cannot provide these 10 cases as a primary surgeon, at least 6 of those shall still be made as a primary surgeon. For each missing case as a primary surgeon, at least 2 cases of the same category shall be done as an assistant surgeon. Identity and location of the primary surgeon shall be given.
5. CR: At least 10 cases of Colo-rectal and hernias cases, including various hernias repair (perineal, inguinal) and colo-rectal tumors, anal and perianal diseases
6. HN: At least 10 cases of head and neck surgery (eye, salivary glands, nose, tumors, etc…) including a minimum of 4 cases of ear surgery for otitis externa, media, ear polyps etc.
7. Va: Various – Must be soft tissue or emergency cases. Pure orthopedic or neurosurgery cases will not be considered.

For each category, there shall not be more than 40% of similar cases. For instance, not more than 4 cases of Brachycephalic surgery in the AI group.

The case log will be rejected whenever more than 50% of the cases will be similar in one category. For instance, more than 50% of Brachycephalic surgery cases in the airway and thoracic category or more than 50% anal sac removal in Colo-rectal surgery.

Further, a case log may not be acceptable and may be rejected in its entirety if critical concerns regarding one or more categories result in a fail, regardless of whether all other required criteria are adequately met.

For each case, the following information is mandatory (information is provided as an example)

1. **Date**: 11 January 2017
2. **Name or file number**: Kiki XX, File 23112015
3. **Species, breed, age** : Dog, Labrador, 6 Y
4. **Major complain/ Problem** : Abdominal pain and vomiting
5. **Examinations (Blood work, Diagnostic imaging, Laboratory, …)**: CBC and Profile, Abdominal XR, Abdominal Ultra-sound
6. **Final diagnosis**: intestinal foreign body
7. **Surgical procedure**: Intestinal resection und anastomosis- Single layer closure with 3/0 monofilament Biosyn in a continuous pattern. Eso- phagostomy tube.
8. **Complications/Results**: Massive hypoalbuminemia corrected over 4 days of intensive care. Went home 7 days after surgery
9. **Follow-up : 1.Control at suture removal: Mention any wound issues and/or concern about potential complications of the surgery**
    2.Further controls: Phone interview, Veterinary report or other consultation
10. **Your comment**: Hypoalbuminemia was the most difficult aspect to control. Both human albumin and plasma transfusions were necessary
11. **Code**: GI

The case log needs to be compiled as an Excel file using the template in the appendix.
Cases need to be summarized according to category at the beginning of the case log table (for example: GI = 11 cases, UT = 15 cases etc.)

Abbreviations may be used but must also be explained at the beginning of the case log table. List the cases in chronological order.