Case Log for the Certificate of Small Animal Veterinary Practice / Dermatology

Case log explanations and instructions:

The case log for the Certificate of Small Animal Veterinary Practice / Dermatology shall contain at least 100 cases mostly compiled in the second half of the program. Among the 100 cases, not less than 30 cases in cats and 30 cases in dogs, and 5 cases in small mammals and unusual species (birds, reptiles, Amphibia, fish) shall be included.

The following cases categories are mandatory (individual cases may include more than one category):

- 1. 20 cases of surface, superficial and deep microbial infections, including those caused by bacteria, fungi and viruses (code MI).
- 2. 10 cases of parasitic infestation (code PI).
- 3. 15 cases of hypersensitivity disorders (code HD).
- 4. 5 cases of autoimmune and immune-mediated dermatoses (code AI).
- 5. 5 cases of neoplasia
- 6. 5 cases endocrine and metabolic diseases (code EM).
- 7. 3 cases of congenital and hereditary defects (code CH).
- 8. 3 cases of keratinising defects (code KD).
- 9. 5 cases of diseases affecting specialised areas of skin, including those affecting the eyelids, claws and ears (code SS).

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

- 1. **Date :** 10 February 2017.
- 2. Name or file number : Dougal, File 538743.
- 3. Signalment: Dog, crossbred, 10y, neutered female'
- 4. **Major complaint/ Problem :** 4 cm nodular lesion on the left thorax which had recurred following surgery 4 weeks previously. Dog is otherwise well.
- 5. **Examinations (Blood work, Diagnostic imaging, Laboratory, ...)**: Aspirates from the lesion showed large numbers of gram positive filaments and coccoid bacteria. Haematology and blood biochemistry were unremarkable. Culture yielded *Nocardia asteroides*. Thoracic radiography showed no lesions.
- 6. Final diagnosis: Nocardiosis
- 7. **Treatment**: further surgery followed by oral therapy with trimethoprim and sulfadiazine (30 mg / kg twice daily) for 4 weeks led to resolution of the lesion.
- 8. Complications/Results: there were no complications.
- 9. **Follow-up**: the lesion did not recur.
- 10. Your comment: this infection seems to have occurred following a wound on the thorax a few weeks earlier.
- 11. Code: MI