

## Speaker Biography



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Mark Morton is an RCVS Specialist in Small Animal Orthopaedic Surgery. He graduated from the University of Liverpool, initially working in general practice in North Wales. He spent the next nine years at Davies Veterinary Specialists in Hertfordshire, completing a rotating internship followed by a residency in small animal orthopaedic surgery. He remained there as an orthopaedic surgeon before joining ChesterGates Veterinary Specialists in August 2016. His research interests include common calcaneal tendon (Achilles tendon) injuries. He has developed and published a new surgical technique for these injuries using a new implant developed from a similar technique in people.

Mark is currently working with RCVS Knowledge to develop a registry for the surgical management of cruciate ligament ruptures in dogs. The registry will be available free-of-charge to all veterinary surgeons. It aims to provide feedback to clinicians in order to evaluate which surgical techniques and implants lead to improved patient outcomes and to minimise complications. Working with colleagues, Mark is also developing a systematic and structured approach to obtaining and presenting clinical queries and Knowledge Summaries around cranial cruciate ligament ruptures. This will take the form of a decision support algorithm within the Veterinary Evidence journal. This framework will allow other clinicians to help answer clinical queries, the target being a complete algorithm that will provide practitioners with the best current evidence around this common condition.