

Practical training without and with animals – From dummies to live animals

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What is a simulator and how can it be used? Why and when can it be a good idea to use the simulators? A simulator can be several different kinds of dummies but can also be a sedated or euthanized animal. The idea of using simulators before the training with live animals begins, gives the trainee a chance to practice how to place hands, fingers and equipment without causing any stress or harm to animals. It also gives the trainer better opportunities to explain, interfere and shape the trainees' techniques during the procedure. When using live animals, pre-trained animals are a good way to avoid stressful situations. When the trainee is comfortable with the procedures it is easier to start using the untrained animals in a calmer manner.