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Melanie Hezzell graduated from the University of Cambridge with degrees in Veterinary Science with Neuroscience and Veterinary Medicine in 1997. After 10 years in mixed and small animal veterinary practice in the UK, Australia and New Zealand, she undertook a Junior Clinical Training Scholarship at the Royal Veterinary College, University of London followed by a PhD in the epidemiology of canine myxomatous mitral valve disease at the same institution. She then completed specialist clinical training in veterinary cardiology at the University of Pennsylvania, USA. Since her return to the UK, she has worked at the University of Bristol Veterinary School as a clinical academic, where she is currently an Associate Professor in Veterinary Cardiology. She is recognised as a specialist in veterinary cardiology by both the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (UK) and the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine. She is interested in all aspects of cardiology, but particularly in canine myxomatous mitral valve disease and the clinical usefulness of biomarkers.