

## **From cadaver to museum plinth: A novel method of articulating an ostrich skeleton.**

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*The Lanyon Museum of Comparative Anatomy at the Royal Veterinary College (RVC) displays an extensive collection of articulated skeletons many of which are produced and presented in-house by the anatomy technical staff. Using an ostrich (Struthio camelus) cadaver, we detail novel and inexpensive methods for skeleton preparation and articulation to provide a valuable teaching resource. We also summarize alternative techniques and their advantages and disadvantages. Our ostrich skeleton is now displayed in The Lightwell at the RVC's Camden campus, and is accessible as a teaching tool for a broad range of scientific staff and students.*