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CONFERENCE CHAIR'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the 2024 OVMA Conference and Trade Show!

We're so excited to have you back to the Westin Harbour Castle for Canada's premier veterinary conference! We have an amazing three days mapped out for you, and I can't wait to jump right in.

We've made some exciting changes this year, the first of which you'll notice at the check-in desk! In addition to the association's many sustainability initiatives, we've also launched a new conference registration system to minimize waste, streamline badge-printing and to make the check-in process as quick and efficient as possible.

Thanks to our generous sponsors, we've also upgraded our attendee swag bag, which you'll receive at check-in. This year, we switched out the tote bags for durable backpacks, so you can easily carry around your essentials and have more space to store your many trade show giveaways. But before you fill your bag, be sure to peek inside to check out the great gifts we've added!

When you walk into the venue, you may notice that things look a little different. We've decked out the space to showcase OVMA's beautiful new brand and to encourage connection within our community. We hope the small touches we've incorporated demonstrate the amount of care and attention to detail we've put into this year's event, and get you excited about what's to come.

As usual, we have a great lineup of quality continuing education for every member of the veterinary team, starting with engaging plenary sessions every morning. Be sure to grab your breakfast and head into the Frontenac Ballroom at 8 a.m., Thursday through Saturday, to attend valuable presentations by industry-leading experts, including renowned mental health speaker and Canadian sports journalist Michael Landsberg.

In addition to our morning plenaries, we have over 80 other sessions, totalling more than 90 hours of continuing education to choose from. From our small animal and equine programs to practice management and focus on infection, there are numerous learning opportunities to benefit everyone. As you move from session to session,

don't forget to take a breather and enjoy a coffee break and hot lunch buffet, included with full conference registration, and stop by our new 360 photo booth to have a blast with your colleagues!

You also can't miss our iconic trade show! This year, you can browse and engage with over 100 vendors between the Exhibit and Tabletop Display Halls. Whether you're popping in to mingle with exhibitors, enter the daily lunchtime draw, or to network during a cocktail reception, there's something for everyone. Turn to page 51 for Exhibit Hall hours and put it in your schedule.

OVMA's Member Resource Centre is also located in the Exhibit Hall, and we're ready to help you with whatever you need. Visit us just inside the hall doors to chat with our knowledgeable staff, pick up your complimentary Farley Foundation swag giveaway and enter the OVMA Insurance Program's special prize draw.

To maximize your time and make your experience as enjoyable as possible, we encourage you to download the OVMA Conference and Trade Show app through your device's app store. Through the app, you can browse through sessions, create your own schedule, view maps, engage with other attendees, and so much more.

Posting on social media? Don't forget to hashtag #OVMA2024 and tag OVMA to join the conversation and share your experience with others. To access free Wi-Fi, visit page 6.

A very special thank you to all our sponsors! Without your help, we wouldn't have been able to make this year's conference experience as incredible as it is.

I hope you thoroughly enjoy the 2024 OVMA Conference and Trade Show – I can't wait to see you there!

Brendon Laing, DVM

2024 Conference Chair, Ontario Veterinary Medical Association



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2024 OVMA AWARDS

Each year, OVMA honours the stars of the veterinary profession for going above and beyond and inspiring others to do the same. This year, the association will be recognizing its 2024 award winners prior to the Thursday, Friday and Saturday morning plenary sessions.

2024 AWARD WINNERS - THURSDAY



GOLDEN LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD

Dr. Elizabeth O'Brien

Dr. Elizabeth O'Brien has dedicated her 38-year career to enhancing feline veterinary care. A board-certified feline practitioner, she managed two successful feline-only practices until her recent retirement.

She was the visionary for Cat Healthy, whose mission is to improve the quality and increase the value and medicalization of cats in communities across Canada. Through her leadership, she brought together Canada's six board-certified feline practitioners and industry members to create Preventive Healthcare Protocols for Cats.

She was also a volunteer spokesperson for Care for Cats, a national initiative with a mission to increase the value of owned, homeless and feral cats in communities across Canada, and she has been recognized for her dedication to the welfare of shelter and street cats.



GOLDEN LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD

Dr. Daniel Pierroz

After graduating from the Ontario Veterinary College in 1975, Dr. Daniel Pierroz moved to northwestern Ontario to enhance the mixed animal services at the Nor-West Animal Clinic in Fort Frances. He purchased his practice in 1976, and over the span of his 48-year career, he provided veterinary care to the entire Rainy River District, often as the only practitioner in the area. With limited resources available, he worked on-call and provided after-hours care for the entirety of his career.

Dr. Pierroz has been a lead in several community projects, as well as conducting regular travel clinics to Atikokan, Rainy River and Nestor Falls. Several Indigenous community visits for animal care have also been done, with the first being a fly-in adventure. Without a humane society in the area, he helped local rescue organizations care for and find forever homes for many animals.

2024 AWARD WINNERS - FRIDAY



OUTSTANDING VETERINARIAN AWARD

Dr. Linda Jacobson

Dr. Linda Jacobson has worked at the Toronto Humane Society since 2011, first as a veterinarian and currently as senior manager of Shelter Medicine Advancement.

She co-founded the Ontario Shelter Medicine Association in 2016, which grew over the years, becoming the Canadian Animal Shelter and Community Medicine Association in 2022. She is currently President and Treasurer.

Dr. Jacobson sits on numerous boards and committees and has published 48 peer-reviewed papers on infectious diseases and veterinary internal medicine. She's also an active volunteer, helping with wellness clinics in First Nations communities and providing free trap, neuter, vaccinate, return services for community cats through Toronto Street Cats.



AWARD OF MERIT

Dr. Jason Coe

Dr. Coe has established an international reputation for his leadership in veterinary communications, primary-care veterinary education and understanding the human-animal relationship.

He's currently the VCA Canada Chair in Relationship-Centred Veterinary Medicine at the Ontario Veterinary College and has developed a research program dedicated to bolstering the relationships comprising the circle of care in veterinary medicine. The program is also developing novel practice models for more sustainable business operations and enhanced mental health and well-being for veterinary teams.

Dr. Coe has mentored countless graduate students and has participated in numerous international committees.



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2024 AWARD WINNERS - SATURDAY



OUTSTANDING VETERINARIAN AWARD

Dr. Shane Bateman

Since 2014, Dr. Shane Bateman has worked as an associate professor at the Ontario Veterinary College. He's also a specialist clinician in the Emergency and Critical Care Service in OVC's Health Sciences Centre.

Dr. Bateman was a driving force behind the Kim & Stu Lang Community Healthcare Partnership Program, a new learning pathway at OVC, and served as interim director. The program is designed to train DVM and graduate students to deliver a spectrum of high-quality veterinary care to underserved communities without current access to veterinary care.

He's served as a regional co-director for Community Veterinary Outreach, was a longtime board member at the Guelph Humane Society and has developed and led several programs that deliver low-cost preventive veterinary care to First Nations communities.



ASSOCIATE OF THE YEAR AWARD

Dr. Meaghan Worrall

Dr. Meaghan Worrall is recognized for providing superior patient care, customer service and clinic staff support. She acts as a leader in her clinic, taking her time to welcome, teach and train new staff, while also continuously striving to improve her education to offer the best veterinary medicine. Dr. Worrall's passion, commitment and positive demeanor make her stand out in the profession and among her colleagues and clients.

"She is compassionate and cognizant of the pressures and limitations people face in terms of finances, time and emotional wellness, and she strives to provide the best possible care for every animal (and human) she encounters," says a client.



HONORARY MEMBERSHIP AWARD

Martha Little

A registered veterinary technician with a degree in business administration, Martha Little has followed a multifaceted career path in the veterinary industry.

With experience as an RVT and practice manager, followed by roles in marketing and sales in the veterinary industry, her leadership in veterinary medicine, and her support of veterinarians, veterinary teams and industry partners in Ontario and across Canada, is held in high regard from colleagues in all areas of the profession.

She is well known and respected in the animal health community, is a mentor and a gifted speaker, presenting at various veterinary events in North America.



GENERAL INFORMATION

REGISTRATION DESK

Need assistance? Want to sign up for additional sessions? Visit the registration desk and OVMA staff will be happy to answer your questions.

Wednesday	1:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Thursday & Friday	7 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Saturday	7:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

COMPLEMENTARY COAT CHECK

Guests can enjoy complementary coat check service courtesy of OVMA. It is located on the lower level of the Conference Centre near Frontenac Ballroom.

CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS

The 2024 OVMA Conference and Trade Show is an ideal opportunity for obtaining continuing education credits. An individual can earn up to 20 CE credits with a full conference registration, with up to 90 available hours of amazing sessions to choose from. To record your CE hours, individual certificates of attendance will be provided upon request from OVMA.



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WHAT TO DO WHILE YOU'RE IN TORONTO

As the cultural, entertainment and financial capital of Canada, Toronto offers a wide range of activities for everyone to enjoy. Whether you're looking to visit a museum, shop until you drop, or head out for a nice dinner with friends, here are some suggestions for what to do while you're in the city:

DINING

With thousands of restaurants to choose from, Toronto has culinary options to please every palate. If you don't want to venture too far from the hotel, we've provided a number of restaurants located within 1.5 km of the Westin Harbour Castle Hotel. If these selections don't strike your fancy, check with the hotel concierge for more restaurant suggestions.

1. Don Alfonso 1890 (fine dining), inside the Westin 38th floor – available by reservation only (416.214.5888) or reservations@donalfonsotoronto.com
2. Miku (sushi, Japanese, seafood, Asian), 105-10 Bay St.
3. Alexandros Take-Out (Greek), 5 Queens Quay W.
4. Firkin on the Harbour (pub), 21 Harbour St.
5. The Keg (Steakhouse), 26 The Esplanade
6. Miller Tavern on Bay (steakhouse, bar, pub), 31 Bay St.
7. Pai Northern Thai Kitchen (Thai), 18 Duncan St.
8. Pearl Harbourfront (Asian, dim sum), 207 Queens Quay W.
9. The Goodman Pub and Kitchen (pub), 207 Queens Quay W.
10. Steam Whistle Biergarten (German), 255 Bremner Boulevard Bay 7
11. My Roti Place (Indian), 12 Queens Quay W.
12. Harbour 60 (steakhouse), 60 Harbour St.

ATTRACTIONS

Ripley's Aquarium of Canada

Visit Canada's largest indoor aquarium, Ripley's Aquarium of Canada, located in the heart of downtown Toronto at the base of the CN Tower. Explore a world of 16,000 aquatic animals at this underwater adventure to remember. Discover the world's most extensive jelly fish exhibit. Watch with wonder as graceful stingrays glide through the water. And see more than 100 species of fish. There's also a live coral exhibit, daily live shows and much more. Visit www.ripleysaquariumofcanada.com for more information.

Hockey Hall of Fame

Experience the game that defines Canada at the Hockey Hall of Fame. Go one-on-one against life-size, animated versions of today's greatest goalies and shooters, call the play-by-play of some of hockey's greatest goals in the TSN Sport Centre replica, take the shooting challenge, strike a pose with the Stanley Cup and catch a showing of Stanley's Game Seven (3D), hockey's first 3D film.

For more ideas on what to do in Toronto, and the most current listing of events, visit Tourism Toronto website at: www.seetorontonow.com.



MORNING PLENARY KEYNOTE SESSIONS

All conference days will feature a plenary keynote session that explores solutions to the industry's most pressing challenges. Each keynote session will include a presentation and a short time for Q & As.

Mental health: the truth you need to hear

Thursday, January 25 | 8 a.m. – 9 a.m. | Room: Frontenac Ballroom

The phrase “off the record” connotes a hushed conversation, but TSN’s popular talk show of the same name was anything but secretive. Hosted by Michael Landsberg, the series—which recently ended after an 18-season run—was full of personality, humor, debate, sports commentary, pop culture and big-name personalities. On stage, Landsberg was a candid and funny host who didn’t shy away from taboos.



**Michael
Landsberg**

Mental Health
Speaker &
Founder of
#sicknotweak

Canadian Sports
Journalist

In this opening keynote, Michael Landsberg will speak more openly and candidly than anyone you’re likely going to hear speak about mental illness. The power of sharing his story will change how people view themselves.

Speaking openly about his own battles with anxiety and depression, Michael will aim to help veterinary professionals identify, address and end the stigma around the many mental health issues plaguing the field, such as burnout, compassion fatigue, depression and suicide. Whether you’re struggling with a mental illness, are concerned about a team member, or are looking for strategies to better support your team, this one-hour talk will make a difference in your life.

Michael is an ambassador for Bell Let’s Talk and the founder of #SickNotWeak, a charity that reframes mental illness as a health issue, rather than a character flaw. The foundation serves as both a resource and community for people living with mental illness, and those who wish to support their loved ones.

In 2020, Michael released a documentary, *Darkness and Hope: Depression, Sports, and Me*, where he discusses his struggles with depression and interviews famous guests – including Olympian Clara Hughes, two-time Stanley Cup champion Stéphane Richer, and four-time World Series winner Darryl Strawberry – about their own battles. *Darkness and Hope* was nominated for a Canadian Screen Award, and Landsberg was personally honored with the organization’s Humanitarian Award. The Canadian Alliance on Mental Illness and Mental Health also named Landsberg one of its Champions of Mental Health.

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Breakfast Bites: latest industry news and hottest topics in infectious diseases

Friday, January 26 | 8 a.m. – 9 a.m. | Room: Frontenac Ballroom

Join us for this interactive session that will provide a light, but informative overview of a selection of new guidelines, studies and other happenings in the veterinary world, with a focus on infectious diseases.



Maureen Anderson, DVM, DVSc, PhD, DACVIM

Dr. Maureen Anderson is a graduate of the Ontario Veterinary College and is ACVIM board-certified in large animal internal medicine. Her graduate research focused on MRSA in horses and equine personnel, as well as hand hygiene and infection control measures used in small animal clinics. She is currently Lead Veterinarian - Animal Health and Welfare at the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, where she continues to work in areas bridging animal and public health, including infection control.



Scott Weese, DVM, DVSc, DACVIM

Dr. Scott Weese is a veterinary internist, a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine, and a Fellow of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences. He is a professor at the Ontario Veterinary College, Director of the University of Guelph Centre for Public Health and Zoonoses, Chief of Infection Control at the Ontario Veterinary College Health Sciences Centre, is a member of the Tripartite Global Leaders Group on AMR and is Chair of the WHO Advisory Group for Critically Important Antimicrobials in Human Medicine.

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Burning bright in a burnout culture: self-care strategies for veterinary professionals

Saturday, January 27 | 8 a.m. – 9 a.m. | Room: Frontenac Ballroom



Ernie Ward, DVM, CVF

In his seminar, Dr. Ernie Ward will explore the unique challenges of burnout and stress facing veterinary professionals and provide practical tools and real-life strategies for preventing and managing burnout. Interested in learning how to cultivate self-care habits and implement practical strategies for managing stress and overwhelm? Join this seminar to regain your power and thrive in your personal and professional life!

Dr. Ward is an award-winning veterinarian, well-renowned speaker, impact entrepreneur, author of several books, columnist and media personality. In addition to his noteworthy veterinary career, Dr. Ward is Founder and President of the Association for Pet Obesity Prevention and hosts an award-winning podcast called the Veterinary Viewfinder. He's been featured on the Today Show, Good Morning America, NBC Nightly News, CNN, Nightline, FOX News and numerous talk and news shows. Additionally, Dr. Ward was voted Speaker of the Year at both VMX and WVC conferences, was awarded 2018 Veterinary Journalist of the Year, received the US National Practice of Excellence Award and has received many veterinary and civic recognitions throughout his career.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

Friday, January 26

7:30 a.m. | Room: Marine

OVMA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

- This event is open to members of the association and invited guests only.

Friday, January 26

12 p.m. | Room: Dockside 2

AAHA FORUM & LUNCHEON

- Join American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA) CEO Garth Jordan and President Dr. Mark Thompson for an inside-look at a few of the latest offerings from AAHA, including the results from unique research designed to help practices achieve 90 per cent staff retention and an improved approach to online learning, focused on AAHA standards and guidelines.

This event is open to registered conference attendees only.

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MASTER CLASSES

OVMA has incorporated more intensive programs for conference attendees, with Master Class sessions to provide the ideal opportunity to participate in a focused and in-depth learning experience.

Please note the following for all Master Class sessions and refer to the registration form for additional information:

- Pre-registration is required in order to attend.
- Master Class participation requires conference registration for the same day as the Master Class.
- Enrolment numbers are restricted. Be sure to register early to avoid disappointment.

Friday, January 26

1:15 p.m. – 5 p.m. | Room: Pier 2/3

EMERGENCY & CRITICAL CARE

 *Jennifer Devey, DVM, DACVECC*

Difficult emergency and critical cases – are there any new tricks?

- Management of difficult emergency and critical patients can be challenging. This interactive workshop will discuss diagnostic tests, monitoring tools and treatments that may help improve outcome – including those that have been available for years but have been underutilized, as well as newer items that have become available more recently.

Saturday, January 27

1:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. | Room: Marine

DENTISTRY

 *Amy Thomson, DVM, DAVDC*



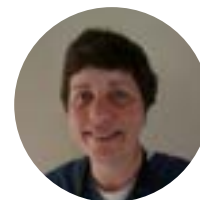
Radiographic interpretations

- This Master Class will focus on dental radiographic anatomy. Specifically findings that are physiologically normal, but may look pathological. There will also be a review of labial mounting to ensure you never treat the wrong tooth (due to incorrect labelling). As well, we will review both feline and canine dental radiographic pathology (TR, periodontitis, endodontic disease, development anomalies, etc.).

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SPEAKERS:



Dr. Jennifer Devey



Dr. Amy Thomson

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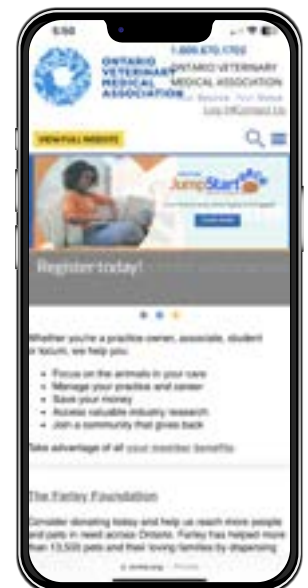
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PROGRAM EXTRAS

Thursday, January 25

12 p.m. - 12:40 p.m. | Room: Frontenac Ballroom

LUNCH PLENARY

Moving the profession forward: Update on the Modernization of the Veterinarians Act



For the last nine years, the modernization of the Veterinarians Act was, and still is, a primary focus of the work being done at OVMA. This is an exciting time as updating the act will bring positive changes to the profession and help teams do their best work while balancing the needs of clients and their beloved animals. Veterinarians are eager to know the details of the legislative process, provisions in a potential new act, and the position the association will take on various matters. To learn more, come join us for a lunch plenary session! The session will include a short presentation with updates on status of the project and OVMA's advocacy work and current priorities, as well as a panel discussion answering members' questions.

Panel



Dr. Matthew Richardson
OVMA's President



Dr. Brendon Laing
OVMA's President-Elect



Dr. Katherine Mullin
OVMA's Past President



John Stevens
OVMA's CEO



Brandi Deimling
OVMA's Manager of Government
& External Relations

Moderator



Dr. Gwen Jeun
OVMA's Past President



PROGRAM EXTRAS *(CONTINUED)*

CORPORATE PARTNER SYMPOSIA

Looking for additional educational opportunities? Take advantage of these sponsored educational hours to get that little bit extra and learn what's new in the industry. While there are no additional fees, pre-registration is required, as space may be limited. See the registration form for details and to reserve your seat for this year's Corporate Partner Symposia sessions.



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Thursday, January 25

6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. | Room: Harbour A/B


 *Andy Roark, DVM, International Speaker, Author and Media Personality*

Rediscovering the joy in veterinary medicine

It's not enough for you to make it through the day. You should enjoy what you do, and you should enjoy it for the long term. This lecture will help you find meaning in veterinary medicine again, establish clear boundaries and put your needs above your clients' so that you can provide care for as many animals as possible, for as long as you want.

In this session you'll learn the four keys to thriving in the long term in veterinary medicine, and the five tips to survive and thrive through imposter syndrome.

6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. | Room: Frontenac Ballroom

 *David Murphy (CEO, VetStrategy)*
Melanie Dickinson, DVM, IPSAV, DVSc (Internal Medicine)
Chris Pinard, DVM, DVSc, DACVIM (Oncology)
Steph Lovell, DVM, DACVIM (Neurology)

Unlocking success: mastering referral relationships for seamless case referrals

Uncover the key strategies and invaluable insights required to provide a positive and successful referral experience for clients and patients. Our distinguished panel of Animal Health Partners' specialists will illuminate the path to success, providing essential dos and don'ts for achieving rewarding referrals. Delve into expert perspectives on forging robust referral relationships, perfecting communication, and elevating patient care standards together. Immerse yourself in interactive Q&A sessions with our specialists and harness the potential of collaborative veterinary practice. Join us on this transformative journey towards maximizing your case referrals.

Friday, January 26

6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. | Room: Harbour A/B

 *Tom Gibson, (BSc), DVM, DVSc, DACVS, Small Animal Surgery*

Unleashing the power of multi-modal care: practical application of proactive osteoarthritis management

Join us for an exclusive dinner session with Dr. Tom Gibson as he shares invaluable insights on optimizing osteoarthritis management and client communication in clinical practice. Dr. Gibson will focus on how to develop practical protocols within your practice for implementing an effective, proactive osteoarthritis patient care program.

He will underscore the importance of utilizing validated tools to identify early patient risk factors, shifting from re-active to proactive treatment approaches (both surgical and medical) and enhancing client engagement. Involving pet owners in decision-making and care can unlock an often-underutilized clinical opportunity to support and enhance both the human-animal and veterinarian-client bonds, the positive effects of which can lead to improved patient outcomes and client satisfaction levels

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Unleashing the power of multi-modal care: Practical application of proactive osteoarthritis management *(Continued)*

The session will also touch upon pharmaceutical and nutraceutical products available within the multimodal toolbox. Dr. Gibson will guide you on recommending products that empower pet owners to navigate the complex market effectively.

6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. | Room: Frontenac Ballroom

 *Michelle Evason, BSc, DVM, DACVIM (SAIM), MRCVS*
Jason Stull, VMD, MPVM, PhD, DACVPM

All the tools you need to tackle CIRDC in your patients

Para influenza. Dog flu. Bordetella. Mycoplasma. Over recent years, these canine infectious respiratory disease complex (CIRDC) pathogens have caused prominent illness in Canadian dogs, as well as created great challenges for veterinary practices, dog boarding and daycare facilities. New respiratory pathogens (pneumovirus) affecting dog health continue to emerge, pushing veterinarians to stay current with new diagnostics, therapies and prevention.

During the symposium, Drs. Jason Stull and Michelle Evason will provide you with all the tools you need to tackle CIRDC in your patients. You will receive practical steps to assist in:

- Identifying these patients before they come in your door (and infect other dogs!).
- Making the diagnosis and identifying the causative pathogen(s) to best inform treatment.
- Developing a dog/owner-specific prevention plan.
- Knowing the steps every facility should take (now) to protect themselves from dog respiratory infections and outbreaks.

Saturday, January 27

7 a.m. – 8 a.m. | Room: Harbour A/B

 *Walt Ingwersen, DVM, DVSc, DACVIM (SAIM)*

Best practices in management of feline diabetes

Join us for a sunrise symposium where we delve into the latest advancements in feline medicine, brought to you by Boehringer Ingelheim. This is your chance to learn more about managing feline diabetes mellitus, and to engage with the experts and ask questions about our product portfolio.

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Friday, January 26

12 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. | Room: Marine

TOPICS TO CHOOSE FROM INCLUDE:

Managing your new osteoarthritis toolbox

 *Tiffany Durzi, DVM, CVA, CCRT, CVPP*



Chronic osteoarthritis is a common disease that practitioners manage daily in small animal practice. The good news is that there are some great recent developments, including new pharmaceutical, nutraceutical, nutritional and rehabilitation therapies. This dynamic lunch session will focus on practical management tips for chronic osteoarthritis pain in dogs and cats.

Practical approach to management of lymphoma or mast cell tumours in dogs

 *Paul Woods, DVM, MS, DACVIM (Internal Medicine, Oncology)*



We will review the best current scientific evidence-based information about canine mast cell tumour staging, grading and therapy (surgery, radiation, chemotherapy), or about canine lymphoma diagnosis and therapy (chemotherapy).

Diagnostic dilemmas in feline retroviruses

 *Matthew Kornya, BSc, DVM*



Diagnosing FIV and FeLV in cats is not as simple as we used to think. A blue dot (or the lack thereof) is only the first step in what is often a complex diagnostic challenge, and discordant results abound.

* Lunch service will be provided to all participants in the session room. Pre-registration is required and a nominal surcharge applies. See registration form for details.

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SPEAKERS:



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PROGRAM EXTRAS (CONTINUED)

Friday, January 26

ACCESSIBLE VETERINARY CARE



Jason Coe, DVM, PhD

Michelle Evason, BSc, DVM, DACVIM (SAIM), MRCVS

Jason Stull, VMD, MPVM, PhD, DACVPM

1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. | Room: Pier 9

Spectrum of care: chatting cost and options with clients

This session will discuss the background and impacts of the current “access to care” crisis we face in veterinary medicine, as well as one proposed solution to address this problem. We will recall the direct and indirect impacts of access to care on veterinary patients, clients and staff. We will discuss the “what” and “how” of providing spectrum of care in veterinary practice and we will have an overview of veterinary comfort with cost conversations.

2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. | Room: Pier 9

Spectrum of care key components: is it time to ‘cease and desist’ gold standard?

We will dive into the specifics of how to provide spectrum of care in daily practice, highlighting key areas critical for success. A case example will be used to showcase real world incorporation into clinical practice. We will recall key areas that need to be included to successfully integrate spectrum of care into your practice, as well as barriers to offering spectrum of care options and solutions to overcome these barriers.

4 p.m. – 5 p.m. | Room: Pier 9

Spectrum of care case examples: talking options in the trenches

This session will build on the earlier two sessions and offer commonly encountered case examples of providing spectrum of care in daily practice. We will discuss everyday scenarios for which spectrum of care is easily included into daily practice, identify ways to immediately include spectrum of care in your practice, and identify similar examples specific to your daily patient and owner encounters. This is an interactive session to provide communication techniques and tools, share experiences and discuss questions and solutions between presenters and the audience.



Thursday & Friday | 6:30 a.m. – 7:30 a.m. | Room: Regatta

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SMALL ANIMAL PROGRAM

Thursday, January 25

EMERGENCY & CRITICAL CARE

 *Jennifer Devey, DVM, DACVECC*

9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. | Room: Harbour A/B

Respiratory emergencies: the blue patient

Airway obstructions, drowning, pneumothorax and asthma all lead to signs of respiratory distress but all require different management. This lecture will discuss how to recognize the problem by looking at breathing patterns. Techniques for providing oxygen support will be demonstrated. The rationale behind treatments will be discussed, as well as how to determine if the patient is responding.

10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. | Room: Harbour A/B

Gizmos and gadgets

This lecture will discuss more unusual uses of supplies that are inexpensive and found in almost every veterinary hospital. Learn how to perform suction using a simple automotive tool, how to perform an immediate tracheostomy with only a drip chamber, and how many things can be fixed using towels and duct tape!

1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. | Room: Harbour A/B

Fluid resuscitation in shock

Fluids are always indicated for patients in shock; however, the questions become crystalloid or colloid? How much? How fast? How to determine if the fluid plan is working? Cats are not small dogs and fluid plans must be adjusted to account for their different physiology.

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SPEAKER:



Dr. Jennifer Devey

SMALL ANIMAL PROGRAM (CONTINUED)

Thursday, January 25

EMERGENCY & CRITICAL CARE (continued)

2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. | Room: Harbour A/B

Heatstroke – the first hour

Heat stroke is a common and potentially life-threatening emergency. Brachycephalic breeds are much more vulnerable and have unique needs. This talk will briefly discuss first aid recommendations for owners. Emergency measures in the first hour of presentation in order to help minimize morbidity and mortality will be the focus of this talk.

4 p.m. – 5 p.m. | Room: Harbour A/B

CPR review

This lecture will review CPR based on the recommended guidelines published by the RECOVER initiative. Algorithms will be used to overview the steps of basic life support and advanced life support including assessing the patient, rescue breathing, drug administration, electrocardiogram interpretation, defibrillation and closed chest compressions.

INTERNAL MEDICINE

 Vladimir Stojanovic, DVM, MVSc, DACVIM-SAIM

9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. | Room: Frontenac Ballroom

Immune mediated diseases and immunosuppressive therapies

A brief review of immunology will be provided, with an emphasis on the pathophysiology of the development of immune mediated disease and pathophysiology and dysregulation of the immune system resulting in the development immune mediated disease.

10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. | Room: Frontenac Ballroom

Immune mediated diseases and immunosuppressive therapies (continued)

During this session, we will discuss common immune mediated diseases with emphasis on immune mediated hemolytic anemia and immune mediated thrombocytopenia. The difference between canine and feline species will be highlighted, as well as use of most common immunosuppressive treatment options.

1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. | Room: Frontenac Ballroom

Acute pancreatitis in dogs

Pathophysiology, development and the use of different modalities in diagnosis of canine pancreatitis will be discussed, as well as short and long-term treatment options for pancreatitis.

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SPEAKER:



Dr. Vladimir Stojanovic



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2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. | Room: Frontenac Ballroom

The vomiting cat

During this session, we will discuss detailed pathophysiology and development of vomiting. We will also discuss common medications used to control vomiting and how they apply to different clinical scenarios.

4 p.m. – 5 p.m. | Room: Frontenac Ballroom

The vomiting cat (continued)

In this session, we will focus specifically on a vomiting cat with emphasis on clinical presentation, common diagnostic tests and treatment of various conditions resulting in vomiting. Comparative issues will also be discussed as needed.

THERIOGENOLOGY

9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. | Room: Harbour C

Crash course in small animal reproduction: relevant anatomy, physiology and pathology

 Rasa Levstein, DVM, DACT, DVSc

Small animal reproduction continues to play a role in the day-to-day work of veterinary practitioners. However, continuing education in this field is in short supply. This introductory session aims to present the principles of reproductive physiology and pathology. The objective of the presentation is to provide the attendees with the tools to understand the stages of the cycle and associated pathologies in the bitch and the queen. In addition, we will explore the most common reproductive conditions in the stud dog and the tom.

10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. | Room: Harbour C

Pros and cons of surgical sterilization of dogs

 Alain Fontbonne, DVM, PhD, Diplomate ECAR

The benefit of surgical sterilization has been clearly demonstrated in several health aspects. In bitches, prepubertal ovariectomy (OVE)/ovariohysterectomy (OVH) provides a strong prevention of mammary tumors later in life. OVE/OVH also prevents pyometra, pseudopregnancy and ovarian diseases. In the male dog, benign prostatic hyperplasia, perianal adenomas and testicular tumors are prevented. However, for the past five to ten years, some scientific studies have focused on the potential detrimental effects of surgical sterilization, such as the risk of developing some types of cancers in neutered males and spayed females, although these seem to be linked with a breed predisposition. There is contradictory data about neutering and lifespan. Surgical gonadectomy often reduces unwanted behaviors potentially linked with testosterone in castrated male dogs, but it may increase some types of aggression towards other dogs or even humans.

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SPEAKER:



Dr. Rasa Levstein



Dr. Alain Fontbonne

SPEAKER:



Dr. Juan Castillo

THERIOGENOLOGY (CONTINUED)

Thursday, January 25

1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. | Room: Harbour C

Male reproductive disorders, a clinical perspective

 **Juan Castillo, DVM**

According to the most recent pet survey by the Canadian Animal Health Institute (CAHI), the Canadian dog population increased by five per cent from 2020 to 2022, and this trend is expected to continue. This growing demand for pets has increased the population of intact dogs in North America and, as a result, concerns regarding reproductive conditions in pets are being brought to veterinary hospitals. The intention of this talk is to provide attendees with up-to-date and comprehensive information about the most common disorders in male canine reproduction using real case studies. Topics to be discussed will cover the basics of male anatomy, conditions of the testes, penis, and prepuce, cryptorchidism and prostatic disorders. The objective is to provide veterinarians with the knowledge and tools required to assess and treat the male dog.

2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. | Room: Harbour C

Pyometra and metritis: similarities and differences

 **Rasa Levstein, DVM, DACT, DVSc**

Pyometra and metritis are common and serious uterine diseases of bitches and queens. There is a widespread belief that we should 'never let the sun go down on a pyometra', but for most cases, the same applies to acute metritis, as well. The terms 'pyometra' and 'metritis' are often used interchangeably. The goal of this presentation is to discuss similarities and differences in pathogenesis and treatment of both conditions, with special attention given to one important difference in their treatment. Some new medical treatments for pyometra became available recently, and will be briefly discuss them, as well.

4 p.m. – 5 p.m. | Room: Harbour C

Physiology of pregnancy and prediction of parturition in the bitch

 **Juan Castillo, DVM**

The duration of pregnancy in the bitch is often estimated from the time the owner witnesses the dogs mating (reported as a "tie" or a "lock"), which gives an overly wide window of 58 to 72 days for the potential whelping date. Such a long time of observation often leads to more room for error when owners are attempting to predict parturition. However, knowledge of even just one of three events (LH surge, ovulation, or day one of diestrus) can decrease that window significantly, giving the owner the opportunity to know and respond promptly when problems occur. Whether an elective C-section is being planned, or when dystocia is suspected, accurate diagnosis and appropriate treatment can result in healthy puppies being born, without jeopardizing the health of the bitch. The objective of this talk is to provide appropriate information to understand how to estimate a whelping date, how to determine whether a bitch is actually in labour, and how to determine the best time to perform a C-section.



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Friday, January 26

PRACTICE PEARLS

9:15 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. | Room: Frontenac Ballroom

Canine acute diarrhea treatment guidelines

 *Scott Weese, DVM, DVSc, DACVIM, FCAHS*

This presentation will introduce the upcoming ENOVAT canine acute diarrhea treatment guidelines, focusing on when (and when not to) use antibiotics in acute hemorrhagic and non-hemorrhagic diarrhea.

9:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. | Room: Frontenac Ballroom

Global veterinary telemedicine trends

 *Christiane Orsini, DVM*

We will review trends of veterinary telemedicine globally through experience, networking research and surveys. Specific focus will be on the benefits to the veterinary community through using telemedicine in Canada, especially in the provinces of Ontario, British Columbia and Alberta.

10:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. | Room: Frontenac Ballroom

Farley Foundation Wants (to Give) You (Money)!

 *Matthew Richardson, DVM, PhD*
Victoria Hickey, AHT

This is a team presentation of the Farley Foundation's mission, vision, funding, fundraising and comprehensive discussion of the easy online application and approval process. We'd like to encourage practices to start taking advantage of and fully utilize Farley Foundation funding to assist clients who are struggling financially.

11:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. | Room: Frontenac Ballroom

How to see emergency patients more efficiently

 *Jennifer Devey, DVM, DACVECC*

Learn ideas based on over 30 years of front-line ER doctor experience on how to see emergency patients more efficiently, starting at the time of the initial phone call to the arrival of the pet, checking the patient in, and having the animal seen by the technician and doctor.

Friday, January 26

PRACTICE PEARLS (*continued*)

1:15 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. | Room: Frontenac Ballroom

If the client cannot afford an MRI: how do we diagnose idiopathic epilepsy?

 *Andrew Barker, BSc, DVM, DACVIM (Neurology)*

Idiopathic epilepsy is the most common cause of seizures in canines. Clinical diagnosis requires elimination of other potential causes which involve expensive diagnostics. Cost-effective ways to potentially rule out other causes, including metabolic, neoplasia, encephalitis and congenital origins will be discussed.

1:45 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. | Room: Frontenac Ballroom

Treatment of TL IVDD: how much do we really know?

 *Andrew Barker, BSc, DVM, DACVIM (Neurology)*

Intervertebral disc disease is the most common spinal disease in dogs. Despite this, there is very limited definitive evidence of the best therapies and benefits of surgery. The evidence for medical and surgical intervention will be reviewed.

2:30 p.m. – 3 p.m. | Room: Frontenac Ballroom

Nasogastric tubes: the good, the bad and the ugly

 *Judy Brown, DVM, MSc, DACVECC*

Nasogastric feeding tubes can be a critical tool in improving patient care by allowing removal of fluid or air from the stomach and enabling the safe administration of drugs or nutrition. However, placing and maintaining these tubes requires special care. Dr. Judy Brown will review indications for nasogastric tube placement, walk through techniques for placement and maintenance, and discuss how to identify and avoid potential complications.

3 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. | Room: Frontenac Ballroom

The role of Gabapentin in pain management remains in chronic pain, not acute

 *Conny Mosley, Dr.med.vet, DACVAA, CVA*

Gabapentin has many potential applications and as veterinarians we appreciate its anxiolytic and analgesic properties. The misconception that Gabapentin may be efficacious as a sole analgesic for acute pain is a concern as we see an increase in prescribing gabapentin in this way. This lecture will help clarify the appropriate role of Gabapentin.

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4 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. | Room: Frontenac Ballroom

Top radiographic interpretation mistakes and errors

 *Lukas Kawalilak, DVM, DACVR*

Dr. Lukas Kawalilak will review the top interpretation errors in patients referred to him for further imaging.

4:30 p.m. – 5 p.m. | Room: Frontenac Ballroom

When ear disease goes bad: approach to *Pseudomonas* Otitis

 *Anette Loeffler, Dr.med.vet, PhD, DVD, DipECVD, FHEA, MRCVS*

Two case examples outlining the diagnostic steps and treatment options for *Pseudomonas* otitis, one following the medical treatment route, the other needing surgery (TECA-BO).

DENTISTRY

 *Amy Thomson, DVM, DAVDC*

9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. | Room: Harbour A/B

Dental and maxillofacial emergencies: ER guide to teeth

The focus of this lecture will be to classify all maxillofacial as well as dental injuries that can be seen in an ER. The most important thing is to find these abnormalities in order to ensure that appropriate treatment recommendations can be made. This lecture will also help attendees either identify or rule in or out some conditions based on facial and oral examination without the use of skull radiographs in order to better assist in making appropriate referrals or treatment recommendations.

10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. | Room: Harbour A/B

It's NOT stomatitis: guide to diagnosis before treatment

In my referral practice and teaching, I find Feline Chronic Gingivostomatitis (FCGS) is the most common misdiagnose, as well as confusion and frustration in providing treatment. This lecture will focus on some clear objective and anatomic signs that make a confident FCGS diagnosis - and then touch on treatment. It will also compare similar conditions, that have different pathogenesis and thus different treatment recommendations.

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SPEAKER:



Dr. Amy Thomson

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DENTISTRY *(continued)*

1:15 p.m.– 2:15 p.m. | Room: Harbour A/B

Dentistry communication: words matter, too

We can only provide great care if we have owners that elect to take our treatment and management recommendations. This lecture will focus on the language used with pet owners when making oral disease and care recommendations. We will work through common “difficult” conversations, as well as how to ensure owners understand our recommendation and myth debunking.

2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. | Room: Harbour A/B

Dentistry physics: taking the insanity out of extractions

Dentistry is the reason you had to take physics to get into vet school...they just didn't tell you! The most common extraction technique errors I see are those that use our own force and strength, instead of the appropriate instruments and physics, which leads to operator fatigue. Additionally, often the incorrect techniques are used for extended periods of time without any progress. Doing the same thing over and over, while expecting a different result is the definition of insanity! Attendees will learn the basic physics of dental extractions, as well as different instruments and approaches to speed up extractions and decrease operative frustration and fatigue.

4 p.m. – 5 p.m. | Room: Harbour A/B

Getting roots out: helping avoid and treat retained roots

Fractured roots must be removed. And they can be very challenging to get out without the right steps and equipment. This lecture will first focus on ways to avoid fractured roots, and then on the tips and tricks to get those root tips out when fractures do occur.

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SPEAKER:



Dr. Dawn Boothe

PHARMACOLOGY

 Dawn Boothe, DVM, MS, PhD, DACVIM, DACVCP

9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. | Room: Harbour C

Opioids and analgesia in dogs and cats

Given the opioid crisis and its impact on human medicine, a relook at opioids is prudent. This session will review the clinical pharmacology and clinical use of the most commonly used drugs as used in dogs and cats.



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10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. | Room: Harbour C

Sparing the opioids: non-opioid alternatives for pain control

The opioid epidemic has had a profound impact on the attitudes associated with opioid use in the medical communities. Although our profession contributes minimally to substance abuse, we will be impacted. A knowledge of effective alternatives for the management of pain can help us become part of the solution. This seminar will delineate some of these alternatives and when available, summarize the evidence.

1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. | Room: Harbour C

The high points of medical cannabinoids

The plethora of cannabinoid products hitting the market can be overwhelming. Owners are increasingly reaching for them, yet our ability to support their decision-making is hampered by regulatory barriers, limitations in the products themselves, as well as the impact of formulations on efficacy and safety. Yet, evidence is emerging that these products may provide therapeutic benefits. This session will attempt to make some sense out of this rapidly emerging therapeutic intervention.

2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. | Room: Harbour C

NSAIDs: it's not just about the pain

Today's NSAIDs are among the most effective drugs to control pain in animals. Their safety compared to older NSAIDs is well established. However, their mechanism of action has both positive and negative benefits in other body systems. This session will delineate some of these effects and address risk factors for adversity among the different products approved for use in animals. Their use with other analgesics will be summarized.

4 p.m. – 5 p.m. | Room: Harbour C

Emerging therapies: narrowing the target and impact on efficacy and safety

Advances in drug therapy increasingly are zero-ing in on specific molecules that are in the center of pathophysiology. Tyrosine Kinase inhibitors, monoclonal antibodies, and SGLT and LFA-1 inhibitors are examples of drugs approved for use in North America in dogs and cats. This session will review the attributes of this approach to therapy.

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SPEAKER:



Dr. Anette Loeffler

Saturday, January 27

DERMATOLOGY

 *Anette Loeffler, Dr.med vet, PhD, DVD, DipECVD, FHEA, MRCVS*

9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. | Room: Harbour A/B

Canine pyoderma

The session will summarise key treatment recommendations from the new ISCAID guidelines on canine pyoderma, evidence underpinning those recommendations and highlight changes and opportunities for good antimicrobial stewardship. Particular focus will be on topical antibacterial therapy, responsible choices for systemic drugs and new recommendations on shorter treatment duration.

10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. | Room: Harbour A/B

How to make the ISCAID canine pyoderma guidelines work

This session will go into further detail from the new ISCAID canine pyoderma guidelines. The emphasis will be on cytology for diagnosis and follow up of pyoderma, identification of primary causes that lead to the development and to recurrences of pyoderma and tips on owner conversations/education to improve compliance and manage expectations.

1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. | Room: Harbour A/B

Bacterial culture and antimicrobial susceptibility testing in skin patients

We will discuss what can be achieved by the microbiology laboratory, limitations of laboratory testing (no clinical breakpoints for topical therapy), tips on how to interpret reports (commensal vs. pathogen), examples of where clinical interpretation is required and where communication between lab and clinician are critical. Opportunities for responsible antimicrobial stewardship will be highlighted.

2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. | Room: Harbour A/B

How to select the right ear drops

This is an overview of the most common microbial pathogens involved in canine otitis and in-house cytology for their identification. We will discuss active ingredients and rationale for combinations of drugs in commonly used ear drop preparations, as well as tips on decision making process and how to incorporate clinical findings and antimicrobial stewardship.

3:45 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. | Room: Harbour A/B

Chronic otitis in dogs: what to do beyond ear drops

This will be a discussion of common primary causes and predisposing and perpetuating factors. Tips on diagnosis of deeper pathology (when is imaging needed), importance of correction of underlying disease, value of systemic and topical glucocorticoids in the management of chronic otitis will be covered.



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RADIOLOGY

 **Lukas Kawalilak, DVM, DACVR**

9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. | Room: Harbour C

Radiology of the upper airway

During this case-based lecture, participants will learn to differentiate normal from abnormal upper airways on radiographs with emphasis on recognizing the effect of obliquity in this challenging anatomic region, identifying common radiographic signs of upper airway disease and localizing disease based on regional anatomy.

10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. | Room: Harbour C

Radiology of the lower airway (continued)

During this case-based lecture, participants will re-visit the classic pulmonary parenchymal interpretation paradigm and its applications to common respiratory pathology. Multimodality imaging and its use in pulmonary disease will also be discussed.

1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. | Room: Harbour C

Do the twist: imaging of abnormal visceral torsions

While veterinary imaging is so exciting you may want to twist and shout, you don't want this happening to your abdominal organs! This case-based lecture will review the imaging signs of visceral torsion in multiple modalities with a focus on radiographs and ultrasound.

2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. | Room: Harbour C

Diagnostic imaging of the non-traumatic hemoabdomen patient

A hemoabdomen is a medical emergency. During this review of recent peer-reviewed literature, participants will learn about imaging findings on ultrasound that can help guide decision making for these critical patients.

3:45 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. | Room: Harbour C

Don't lose your breath! Interpreting the brachycephalic thorax

Having to interpret the thorax of a brachycephalic dog when it presents in respiratory distress can be a challenge for even the most experienced practitioner. This lecture reviews common variations of normal seen in these patients as well as some validated measurements of their hearts and tracheas.

SPEAKER:



Dr. Lukas Kawalilak



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Dr. Ameet Singh

SMALL ANIMAL PROGRAM (CONTINUED)

Saturday, January 27

SURGERY

 *Tom Gibson, BSc, Bed, DVM, DVSc, DACVS, DACVSMR*

9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. | Room: Pier 2/3

Fracture management using coaptation for small animals

Many of us are faced with the daily management of fractures in companion animal practice. These fractures may be managed entirely in your primary care practice or may be stabilized and then referred to a tertiary care facility for definitive treatment. Understanding principles of wound and fracture management and injuries or conditions of the joints is essential to making appropriate choices leading to a successful outcome. This session will focus on the principles of fracture stabilization and the dos and don'ts of external coaptation.

10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. | Room: Pier 2/3

Management of osteoarthritis in the feline

The prevalence of osteoarthritis (OA) is surprisingly high in our feline companions and not just in older cats, but its clinical significance has largely gone unrecognised until recently. OA is a painful condition and appropriate diagnosis, and treatment is essential to assure optimum quality of life. As clinicians we must proactively identify these at-risk patients in the practice population. Recognition of OA pain is a challenge as cats will not always exhibit clinical lameness. This session will discuss some of the unique aspects of treating cats with OA.

 *Ameet Singh, DVM, DVSc, DVSc, DACVS*

1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. | Room: Pier 2/3

Linear foreign body: from start to finish

In this session we will discuss how to perform surgery for a linear foreign body efficiently and successfully. Tips and tricks will be provided to help you with this challenging procedure!

2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. | Room: Pier 2/3

Cutaneous mass removal: tips and tricks

Cutaneous mass removal is commonly performed in small animal practice. Key operative maneuvers will be reviewed and discussed in the lecture to maximize successful oncological outcome!

3:45 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. | Room: Pier 2/3

Brachycephalic obstructive airway syndrome: help them breathe!

Join this session and learn about ways to improve your surgical treatment of BOAS!



FOCUS ON INFECTION PROGRAM

Pets are part of the family and consequently veterinarians are part of the family's health care team. Zoonotic disease exposure is an inherent risk of pet ownership. With increased public awareness of zoonotic diseases, veterinarians need to be able to address client and physician concerns (both real and perceived) and provide appropriate counseling to reduce the risk of zoonotic disease transmission.

This Focus on Infection Program will address important zoonotic disease issues pertaining to household pets, sometimes combining infectious disease specialists from both veterinary and human medicine.

Thursday, January 25

9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. | Room: Pier 2/3

 Dawn Boothe, DVM, MS, PhD, DACVIM, DACVCP

Antimicrobial stewardship and minimizing resistance: the role of culture and susceptibility (the best bang for your bug?)

Culture and susceptibility increasingly is important to designing the dosing regimen even for the most common infections: UTI and pyoderma. Yet, its use is only as good as our ability to understand what it does – and does not – mean. And sometimes, in the absence of patient data, population data can be used. As one of many tools, culture and susceptibility data can be used – and abused – when making therapeutic antimicrobial decisions. This session will discuss what those numbers do and don't mean, and how they can be used to choose the best drug for your patient using a UTI and pyoderma as examples.

SPEAKER:



Dr. Dawn Boothe

Thursday, January 25

FOCUS ON INFECTION PROGRAM (CONTINUED)

10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. | Room: Pier 2/3

Antimicrobial stewardship and minimizing resistance: designing the dosing regimen (the MIC is the KEY)

The dosing regimen is probably the most important tool that we can use to increase efficacy of therapy while minimizing the advent of resistance. This session will demonstrate the approach to designing dosing regimens for concentration versus time dependent antimicrobial drugs based on the minimum inhibitor concentration from your patient or population data. Risk factors for failure that should result in dose adjustment will be addressed.

SPEAKER:



Dr. Maureen Anderson

1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. | Room: Pier 2/3

 *Maureen Anderson, DVM, DVSc, PhD, DACVIM*

Who ya gonna call? Veterinary reporting guide 101 (Ontario)

Ever worry about having to report a patient diagnosis to “someone?” Ever tried to report something, only to find out you didn’t have to? Stop guessing! Learn what to do - and what to expect - when you see (or think you might be seeing) a reportable disease.

2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. | Room: Pier 2/3

Rabies: must dos, don’ts and don’t bothers

To booster or not to booster? What good is a rabies antibody titre? Ten days observation or six months confinement? Get the answers to the most common questions regarding rabies prevention and response in Ontario, including the scoop on the latest regulation updates. Rabies is real!

SPEAKER:



Dr. Catherine Belanger

4 p.m. – 5 p.m. | Room: Pier 2/3

 *Catherine Belanger, DVM*

Unleashing risks: challenges and considerations with imported dogs in Canada

Each year, thousands of dogs enter Canada with limited oversight on their health status. This session will explore issues faced by Canadian veterinarians regarding imported dogs, including vaccination status, medical records and common infectious pathogens, as well as guidelines and resources available for veterinary practitioners.



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EQUINE PROGRAM

Friday, January 26

EQUINE TRADITIONAL CHINESE VETERINARY MEDICINE

 *Vasiliki Harvey, DVM, CVA, CVMMMP*

9:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. | Room: Pier 7/8

Unlocking an ancient medical wisdom

An equine practitioners' useful introduction to understanding the core basics and potential value of Traditional Chinese Veterinary Medicine (TCVM) in the horse.

11 a.m. – 12 p.m. | Room: Pier 7/8

The equine diagnostic journey of TCVM

Unraveling healing pathways through the lens of TCVM's "Five Element Theory." Plus, an overview of a TCVM diagnostic equine scan, pulse diagnosis and palpation. The TCVM diagnosis IS the treatment.

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. | Room: Pier 7/8

Acupuncture and Chinese herbal therapies for the horse

Targeted medicine within a unified field; how to most effectively perform acupuncture and safely select helpful Chinese herbal medicines based on a correct TCVM diagnosis.

2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. | Room: Pier 7/8

From knowledge to action

How to get started with just a box of needles and some basic TCVM theory. Empowering equine veterinarian practitioners with actionable plans and basic TCVM skills so you can get started today!

4:15 p.m. – 5 p.m. | Room: Pier 7/8

TCVM equine case studies

Several TCVM equine cases of common equine practitioner medical "nightmares" used to demonstrate how TCVM can be successfully integrated into an existing western medicine practice for remarkable results, happy clients and satisfying profits.

SPEAKER:



Dr. Vasiliki Harvey

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SPEAKER:



Dr. Ann Dwyer

EQUINE PROGRAM *(CONTINUED)*

Saturday, January 27

EQUINE OPHTHALMOLOGY

 *Ann Dwyer, DVM*

9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. | Room: Pier 7/8

Seeing differently: equine eye examination

This talk will describe the anatomy and physiology of the equine eye using everyday objects as analogies for ocular structure and function, leading to understanding of disease. Topics will include the tunics of the eye, and how the cornea, lens and ocular media stay transparent and nourished, as well as the importance of the blood ocular barrier.

10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. | Room: Pier 7/8

The many faces of uveitis

This talk will review the diagnosis, pathophysiology, therapy and prognosis of equine recurrent uveitis (ERU), the leading cause of blindness in horses. ERU involves intraocular inflammation in one or both eyes that recurs or persists, causing various degrees of inflammation, scarring, degeneration and ocular dysfunction.

1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. | Room: Pier 7/8

Tracks of my tears: problems of the cornea

This talk will cover the variety of ulcerative and non-ulcerative conditions that commonly affect the equine cornea. Methods for field diagnosis of corneal infections and inflammatory problems will be covered, and practical medical and surgical therapeutic options will be described. The talk will emphasize ways to handle corneal problems in field conditions.

2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. | Room: Pier 7/8

Everything is relative: problems of the equine orbital and adnexa

This talk will summarize common conditions affecting the equine orbit, periorbit, eyelids, nictitans, nasolacrimal system and conjunctiva. Tips for field diagnosis and imaging will be shared and new information on genetic risks for pericocular tumors will be discussed. Treatments of trauma, neoplasia and other conditions will be discussed.

3:45 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. | Room: Pier 7/8

The ocular part of the prepurchase exam

This talk will present cases representing real and simulated scenarios of horses presented for prepurchase exam. Findings relating to breed, color, trauma, previous surgery, inflammation, degeneration, neoplasia and immune mediated conditions will be shown; the audience will learn whether these are concerns that would mitigate a purchase decision or not.



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PRACTICE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

As a leader, you work hard every day to improve patient and business performance, support your team and enhance your clients' and patients' experience at your hospital. Whether you're a veterinarian, hospital manager, technician or client service representative, the sessions offered as part of the management stream include tools and strategies every member of the team can benefit from and add to their toolbox.

Thursday, January 25 COMMUNICATIONS

 *Cindy Adams, MSW, PhD*

9:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. | Room: Pier 4/5
Taking stock in why communication matters

What do we gain by improving communication in veterinary medicine? What does the evidence show we get if we invest in enhancing communication? This interactive session will examine how effective and intentional communication skills are essential for practice success, and client satisfaction. The growing body of research evidence that confirms a strong correlation between building a relationship with clients, getting to know, and integrating their perspective throughout the interaction and improved outcomes including client and veterinarian satisfaction, adherence, accuracy, efficiency and supportiveness. The session is intended to equip participants with a scientific background of knowledge to be able to move communication to the next level of implementation.

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SPEAKER:



Dr. Cindy Adams

PRACTICE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (CONTINUED)

Thursday, January 25

COMMUNICATIONS (CONTINUED)

11 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. | Room: Pier 4/5

Essential communication for everyday practice

Veterinary communication research clearly demonstrates how the use of specific skills can lead to improvements in client and veterinary satisfaction, follow-through and adherence, and other outcomes of care. We can now promote these skills as worth teaching, learning and using with intention in clinical practice. Certain skills and methods have now been shown to make a substantial difference to veterinarian-client communication and to ensuring patient health outcomes, practice viability and veterinarian satisfaction over the course of a career. In this session, we will review and discuss the communication skills that veterinarians and others can employ to enhance their clients' ability to become more involved in the consultation and to take part in a more balanced relationship in order to develop a joint management plan.

2:45 p.m. – 5 p.m. | Room: Pier 4/5

Feedback conversations

In the professional setting, the process of evaluating and discussing the performance of employees requires the capacity to give and receive feedback. This process traditionally involves a discussion of the individual's strengths and/or weaknesses, with suggestions to improve. The way in which feedback is provided might be often too infrequent and, in some cases, not at all. The delivery ranges from written to face-to-face, or some combination of the two. Depending on the feedback culture of an organization, this may translate into the ability for any member of the team to ask for and/or share feedback with others, done with intention, clarity and authenticity. Part one and part two of this session is intended to prepare participants with the foundational skills for providing and receiving feedback in the work environment and beyond.

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SPEAKER:



Phil Richmond

Friday, January 26

WELL-BEING & CULTURE

 **Phil Richmond, DVM**

9:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. | Room: Pier 4/5

Proof positive: successful teams seek psych safety

Psychological safety is the most important aspect of successful teams. Our ability to feel safe to share ideas, to grow from failure, and to be honest with empathy allows our team to bypass the "interpersonal mush" that can exist otherwise. A sense of belonging, ability to be vulnerable, and strong interpersonal relationships are the initial ingredients to create this environment. We can assess psychological safety in a team using different tools. If psychological safety is lacking, we can help foster it using specific interventions, including civility and growth mindset work.



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11 a.m. – 12 p.m. | Room: Pier 4/5

Don't believe everything you think

Overgeneralizing, mind reading, jumping to conclusions and assumptions are just a few of the thinking traps that impede performance. Successful communication and well-being are dependent on the ability to focus, challenge and reframe automated behaviors. Learn to stay solution-focused rather than problem-focused. Understand how becoming self-aware of the processes allows you to understand clients and co-workers more effectively.

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. | Room: Pier 4/5

Unleash your neurological superpowers: capitalizing character strengths in vet medicine

The science and study of character strengths is the backbone of modern positive psychology. Assessment of character strengths and working to utilize our signature strengths serve to keep us engaged at work, home and life. The concepts of repletion and self-regulation are examined, as well as ways to increase them all. When our team members are aware and use their character strengths at work, they experience significantly higher levels of engagement and flourishing.

2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. | Room: Pier 4/5

Me, we and us: the foundation of workplace well-being

Research and evidence from the fields of positive psychology and positive organizational scholarship has outlined the keys for workplace wellbeing. Dr. Aaron Jarden—a professor of psychology, leading organizational well-being researcher and consultant at Auckland University of Technology—described the most effective way he's found to embed well-being programs into workplaces. The use of a simple 'me', 'we' and 'us' framework can be understood by anyone in a veterinary organization, from interns to CEOs. It gives a practical language to get others on board, to understand the concepts, and envision how the strategies will be implemented.

4:15 p.m. - 5 p.m. | Room: Pier 4/5

Growth mindset: be curious, not judgemental

This Walt Whitman quote is at the heart of a growth mindset. Decades of research have confirmed that there is a science to resilience and success. Growth mindset is the key to peak performance, well-being and personal mastery. Uncover the impact of mindset in day-to-day life. Learn tested practices for combating judgement, self-doubt and self-criticism while harnessing your mental power. Support others in unleashing their creativity and resourcefulness.

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SPEAKER:



Dr. Ernie Ward

PRACTICE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (CONTINUED)

Saturday, January 27

MANAGEMENT

 **Ernie Ward, DVM, CVFT**

9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. | Room: Pier 4/5

The art of the appointment: a step-by-step guide to streamlining your workflow

This session will provide new veterinary professionals with practical tips and tools for creating an efficient and effective appointment workflow, efficient physical exam techniques, communicating with pet parents about abnormal findings and encouraging follow-up care, and how to achieve a total team approach to optimizing patient care and improving practice profitability.

10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. | Room: Pier 4/5

Unleashing greatness: the art of cross-training for a stronger veterinary team

Our success with veterinary patients and clients relies on the efforts of the entire team, including customer service reps (CSRs), assistants, kennel staff and anyone without a string of initials behind their name (DVM, RVT/CVT/LVT, MBA, etc.). The fact is that veterinary technicians and/or veterinarians can't practice veterinary medicine without a solid support team behind them. So why isn't there more love and appreciation for these crucial colleagues without degrees and titles? Team cross-training is instrumental in building veterinary teams that respect each other and achieve greatness. This is a wide-ranging conversation ultimately designed to help you create a more caring, educational and nurturing workplace through targeted training systems. If you're struggling with conflict between coworkers, decreased staff morale, inefficient operations or losing enthusiasm for work, this session will offer insights and ideas to catalyze your clinic's transformation!

1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. | Room: Pier 4/5

Client-centric excellence: unlocking the power of top clients for sustainable practice success

This seminar will explore the importance of tracking and analyzing individual client spending data to identify trends, optimize pricing and promotions, and drive revenue growth in your practice. We will also address the long-term sustainability of current practice models, offering insights into the importance of prioritizing top clients, providing exceptional service, and creating a culture of growth and innovation to drive lasting success.



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2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. | Room: Pier 4/5

Finding your perfect match: strategies for hiring team members who embrace your veterinary practice's culture

In the busy world of managing a veterinary practice, finding team members who possess the necessary skills and align with your practice's unique culture is not only challenging, but paramount to success. In this presentation, we delve into effective strategies for identifying and attracting individuals who truly embrace your veterinary practice's culture. By emphasizing the importance of cultural fit and shared values, we unlock the potential to build a cohesive and passionate team dedicated to the mission and success of your practice. Discover the power of finding your perfect match and watch as your practice thrives with a harmonious team by your side.

3:45 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. | Room: Pier 4/5

Motivation beyond money: three non-cash incentives that drive veterinary staff retention

In the increasingly competitive field of veterinary practice, attracting and retaining talented staff is crucial for success. This presentation reveals the power of non-cash incentives in motivating and retaining veterinary staff. Dr. Ward shares three proven strategies that go beyond monetary rewards and ignite a passionate and dedicated workforce. From the leadership skills needed to foster a supportive work environment to offering opportunities for growth and recognition, and the importance of supporting individual well-being, we will explore innovative ways to inspire your team and create a workplace where they feel valued, empowered and motivated to stay for the long haul. Witness the remarkable impact of motivation beyond money on staff retention and elevate your veterinary practice to new heights.

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Lunchtime Exhibit Hall Draws

Each day, attendees visiting the Exhibit Hall over the lunch break will be entered in a special daily draw for \$500. These draws will take place at 12:45 p.m. and you must be in the Exhibit Hall to win!

Exhibit Hall Socials

Need more time in the exhibit hall? Take advantage of these two designated blocks of time to network with the exhibiting companies. The OVMA Conference and Trade Show not only offers great continuing education, it is also a great opportunity to catch up with former classmates, meet colleagues and make new friends. Renew acquaintances over coffee, at lunch or during one of the Exhibit Hall cocktail receptions.

Exhibit Hall Hours

Metropolitan Ballroom

Second level of the Westin Harbour Castle Conference Centre

Thursday, January 25

10 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

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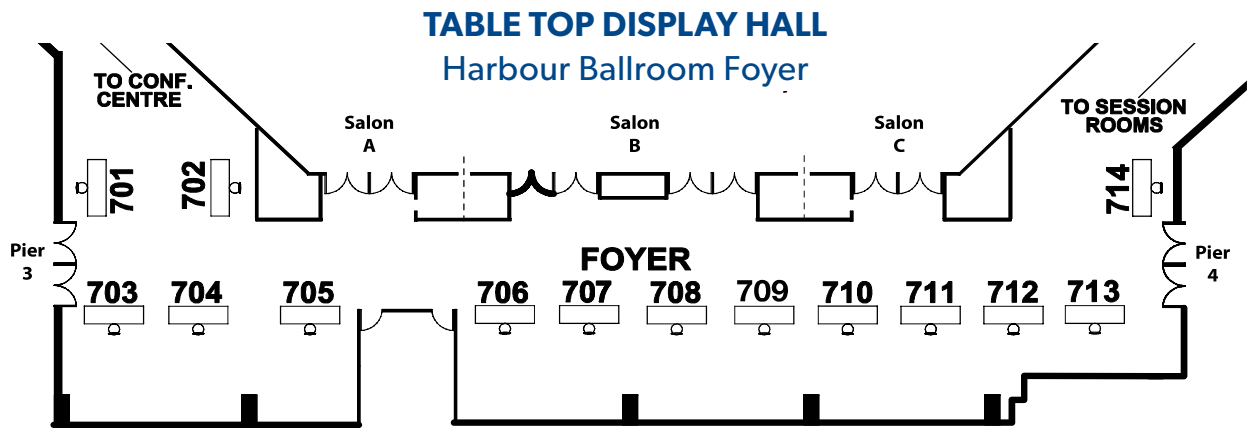
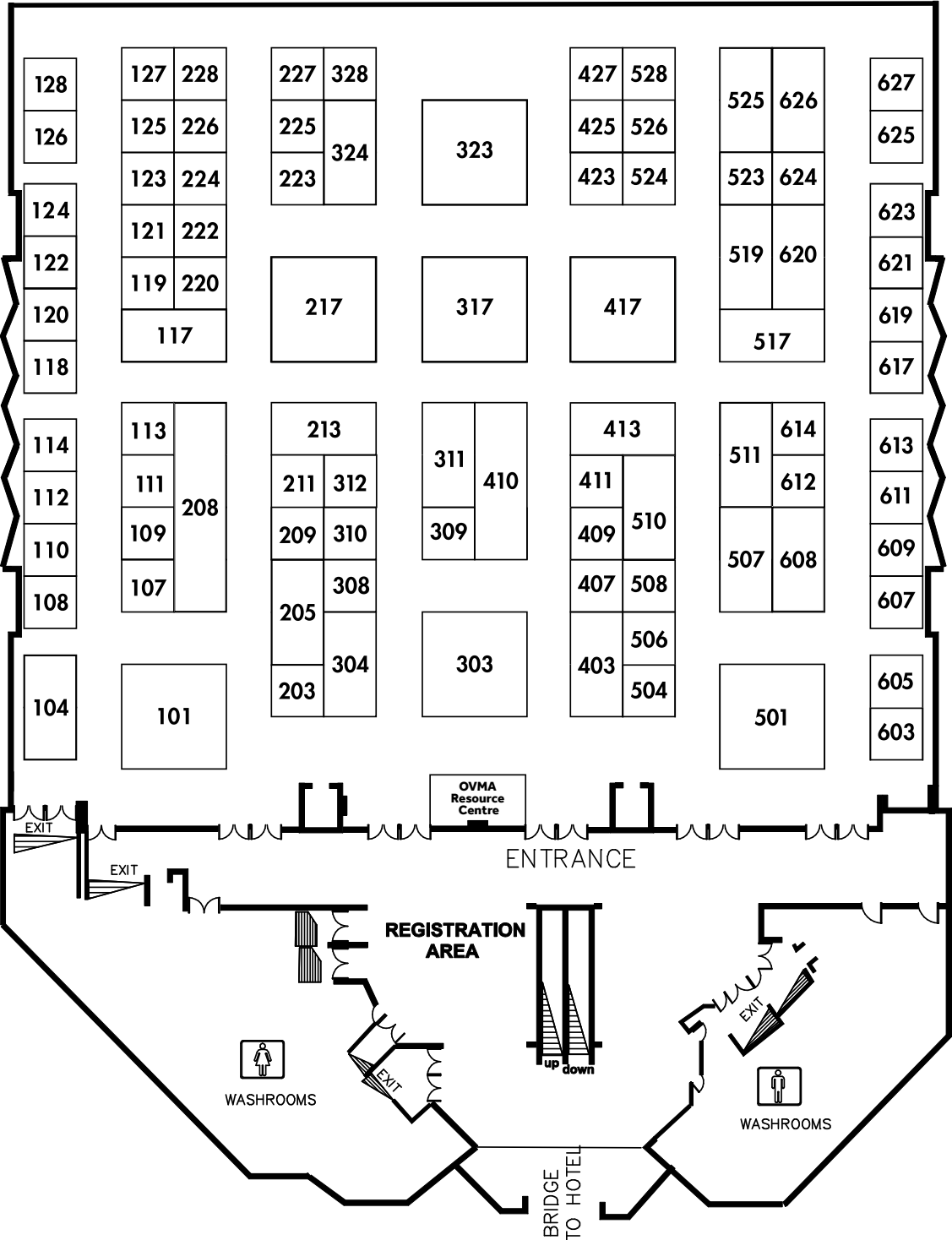


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	Small animal			Focus on infection		Practice management
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8 a.m.	Morning Plenary and Continental Breakfast Frontenac Ballroom Mr. Michael Landsberg Mental health: the truth you need to hear					<small>SPONSORED BY:</small> 
9 a.m.	Networking break				9 a.m.	Networking break
9:15 a.m.	Dr. Vlad Stojanovic Immune mediated diseases and immunosuppressive therapies	Dr. Jennifer Devey Respiratory emergencies: the blue patient	Dr. Rasa Levstein Crash course in small animal reproduction: relevant anatomy, physiology and pathology	Dr. Dawn Boothe Antimicrobial stewardship and minimizing resistance: the role of culture and susceptibility (the best bang for your bug?)	9:15 a.m.	Dr. Cindy Adams Taking stock in why communications matter
10:15 a.m.	Coffee break in the trade show			<small>SPONSORED BY:</small> 	10:30 a.m.	Coffee break in the trade show
10:45 a.m.	Dr. Stojanovic Immune mediated diseases and immunosuppressive therapies (continued)	Dr. Devey Gizmos and gadgets	Dr. Alain Fontbonne Pros and cons of surgical sterilization of dogs	Dr. Boothe Antimicrobial stewardship and minimizing resistance: designing the dosing regimen (the mic is the key)	11 a.m.	Dr. Adams Essential communication for everyday practice
11:45 a.m.	Lunch break			<small>SPONSORED BY:</small> 	12 p.m.	Lunch break
1:15 p.m.	Dr. Stojanovic Acute pancreatitis in dogs	Dr. Devey Fluid resuscitation in shock	Dr. Juan Castillo Male reproductive disorders: a clinical perspective	Dr. Maureen Anderson Veterinary reporting guide 101 (Ontario)	1:30 p.m.	Dr. Adams Essential communication for everyday practice (continued)
2:15 p.m.	Networking break				2:30 p.m.	Networking break
2:30 p.m.	Dr. Stojanovic The vomiting cat	Dr. Devey Heatstroke: the first hour	Dr. Levstein Pyometra and metritis: similarities and differences	Dr. Anderson Rabies: must dos, don'ts and don't bothers	2:45 p.m.	Dr. Adams Feedback conversations
3:30 p.m.	Coffee break in the trade show			<small>SPONSORED BY:</small> 	3:45 p.m.	Coffee break in the trade show
4 p.m. 5 p.m.	Dr. Stojanovic The vomiting cat (continued)	Dr. Devey CPR review	Dr. Castillo Physiology of pregnancy and prediction of parturition in the bitch	Dr. Catherine Belanger Imported dogs	4:15 p.m. 5 p.m.	Dr. Adams Feedback conversations (continued)



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PROGRAM EXTRAS:

The Zen Zone – Morning Yoga

6:30 a.m. – 7:30 a.m.
Room: Regatta

LUNCH PLENARY

Moving the profession forward: Update on the Modernization of the Veterinarians Act

12 p.m. – 12:40 p.m.
Room: Frontenac

EXHIBIT HALL EVENTS:

Exhibit Hall Hours

10 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Table Top Display Hours:

Harbour Ballroom Foyer
10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Lunchtime Exhibit Hall Draw

12:45 p.m.

Cocktail Reception

5 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

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6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Room: Harbour A/B

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6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Room: Frontenac Ballroom




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	Small animal				Equine program	Practice mgmt.
	Dentistry Harbour A/B SPONSORED BY: 	Pharmacology Harbour C SPONSORED BY: 	Practice pearls Frontenac		Equine traditional Chinese veterinary medicine (TCVM) Pier 7/8	Well-being and culture Pier 4/5 SPONSORED BY: 
8 a.m.	Breakfast bites and continental breakfast Frontenac Ballroom Scott Weese and Maureen Anderson Hottest Topics in Infectious Diseases					SPONSORED BY: 
9 a.m.	Networking break			9 a.m.	Networking break	
9:15 a.m.	Dr. Amy Thomson Dental and maxillofacial emergencies: ER guide to teeth	Dr. Dawn Boothe Opioids and analgesia in dogs and cats	Dr. Scott Weese Canine acute diarrhea treatment guidelines Dr. Christiane Orsini Global veterinary telemedicine trends	9:15 a.m.	Dr. Vasiliki Harvey Unlocking an ancient medical wisdom	Dr. Phil Richmond Proof positive: successful teams seek psych safety
10:15 a.m.	Coffee break in the trade show SPONSORED BY: 			10:30 a.m.	Coffee break in the trade show	
10:45 a.m.	Dr. Thomson It is not stomatitis: guide to diagnosis before treatment	Dr. Boothe Sparing the opioids: non-opioid alternatives for pain control	Dr. Victoria Hickey Dr. Matthew Richardson Farley Foundation wants (to give) you (money) Dr. Jennifer Devey How to see emergency patients more efficiently	11 a.m.	Dr. Harvey The equine diagnostic journey of TCVM	Dr. Richmond Don't believe everything you think
11:45 a.m.	Lunch break SPONSORED BY: 			12 p.m.	Lunch break	
1:15 p.m.	Dr. Thomson Dentistry communication: words matter, too	Dr. Boothe The high points of medical cannabinoids	Dr. Andrew Barker Can't afford an MRI: how do we diagnose epilepsy? Dr. Barker Treatment of IVDD: how much do we really know?	1:30 p.m.	Dr. Harvey Acupuncture and Chinese herbal therapies for the horse	Dr. Richmond Unleash your neurological superpowers: character strengths in vet medicine
2:15 p.m.	Networking break			2:30 p.m.	Networking break	
2:30 p.m.	Dr. Thomson Dentistry physics: taking the insanity out of extractions	Dr. Boothe NSAIDs: It's not just about the pain	Dr. Judy Brown Nasogastric tubes: the good, the bad and The ugly Dr. Conny Mosley The role of gabapentin in pain management	2:45 p.m.	Dr. Harvey From knowledge to action	Dr. Richmond Me, we and us framework for veterinary workplace well-being
3:30 p.m.	Coffee break in the trade show SPONSORED BY: 			3:45 p.m.	Coffee break in the trade show	
4 p.m. 5 p.m.	Dr. Thomson Getting roots out: helping avoid and treat retained roots	Dr. Boothe Emerging therapies: narrowing the target and impact on efficacy and safety	Dr. Lukas Kawalilak Top radiographic interpretation errors Dr. Anette Loeffler When ear disease goes "bad": approach to pseudomonas otitis	4:15 p.m. 5 p.m.	Dr. Harvey Traditional Chinese veterinary medicine Equine case studies	Dr. Richmond Growth mindset: be curious not judgemental



CANADA'S PREMIER VETERINARY CONFERENCE

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 2024

PROGRAM EXTRAS:

The Zen Zone – Morning Yoga

6:30 a.m. – 7:30 a.m.
Room: Regatta

OVMA AGM

7:30 a.m.
Room: Marine

AAHA Luncheon

12 p.m.
Room: Dockside II

OVC “Lunch With...” Sessions

12 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.
Room: Marine

* Lunch service provided in session room.
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OVC Health Sciences Centre

CASCMA: Accessible Veterinary Care

1:15 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Room: Pier 9

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EXHIBIT HALL EVENTS:

Exhibit Hall Hours

10 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Table Top Display Hours

Harbour Ballroom Foyer
10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Lunchtime Exhibit Hall Draw

12:45 p.m.

Cocktail Reception

5 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

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MASTER CLASS SESSIONS:

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EMERGENCY & CRITICAL CARE

Difficult emergency and critical cases: Are there any new tricks?

 Jennifer Devey, DVM,
Diplomate ACVECC

1:15 p.m. – 5 p.m. | Pier 2/3


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CORPORATE PARTNER SUNSET SYMPOSIA

Unleashing the power of multi-modal care: practical application of proactive osteoarthritis management

6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Room: Harbour A/B

 Tom Gibson, (BSc), DVM,
DVSc, DACVS, Small Animal Surgery

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All the tools you need to tackle CIRDC in your patients

6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Room: Frontenac Ballroom







 Michelle Evason, BSc, DVM,
DACVIM (SAIM), MRCVS
Jason Stull, VMD, MPVM,
PhD, DACVPM

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PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 2024

	Small animal			Equine program	Practice mgmt.
	Dermatology Harbour A/B <small>SPONSORED BY:</small> 	Radiology Harbour C	Surgery Pier 2/3 <small>SPONSORED BY:</small> 	Equine ophthalmology Pier 7/8 <small>SPONSORED BY:</small> 	Management Pier 4/5 <small>SPONSORED BY:</small> 
8 a.m.	Morning Plenary and Continental Breakfast Frontenac Ballroom Dr. Ernie Ward Burning Bright in a Burnout Culture				<small>SPONSORED BY:</small> 
9 a.m.	Networking break				
9:15 a.m.	Dr. Anette Loeffler Canine pyoderma	Dr. Lukas Kawalilak Radiology of the upper airway	Dr. Tom Gibson / Dr. Ameet Singh Fracture first aide	Dr. Ann Dwyer Seeing differently: anatomy and physiology of the eye	Dr. Ernie Ward The art of the appointment: a step-by-step guide to streamlining your workflow
10:15 a.m.	Coffee break in the trade show				
10:45 a.m.	Dr. Loeffler How to make the ISCAID canine pyoderma guidelines work in practice	Dr. Kawalilak Radiology of the lower airway	Dr. Gibson / Dr. Singh Management of osteoarthritis in the feline patient	Dr. Dwyer Many faces of uveitis	Dr. Ward Unleashing greatness: the art of cross-training for a stronger veterinary team
11:45 a.m.	Lunch break <small>SPONSORED BY:</small> 				
1:15 p.m.	Dr. Loeffler Bacterial culture and antimicrobial susceptibility testing in skin patients: opportunities and pitfalls	Dr. Kawalilak Imaging of abnormal visceral torsions	Dr. Gibson / Dr. Singh Linear foreign body: from start to finish	Dr. Dwyer Tracks of my tears: problems of the cornea	Dr. Ward Client centric experience: unlocking the power of top clients for sustainable practice success
2:15 p.m.	Networking break				
2:30 p.m.	Dr. Loeffler How to select the right ear drops	Dr. Kawalilak Diagnostic imaging of the non-traumatic hemoabdomen patient	Dr. Gibson / Dr. Singh Cutaneous mass removal: tips and tricks	Dr. Dwyer Everything is relative: problems of the periocular region	Dr. Ward Finding your match: strategies for hiring team members who embrace your culture
3:30 p.m.	Coffee break (Harbour foyer)				
3:45 p.m. 4:45 p.m.	Dr. Loeffler Chronic otitis in dogs: what to do beyond ear drops	Dr. Kawalilak Don't lose your breath! Interpreting the brachycephalic thorax	Dr. Gibson / Dr. Singh Brachycephalic obstructive airway syndrome: help them breathe!	Dr. Dwyer The ophthalmic portion of the prepurchase exam	Dr. Ward Motivation beyond money: three non-cash incentives That drive veterinary staff retention



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10 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.

Table-Top Display Hours:

Harbour Ballroom Foyer

10 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.

Lunchtime Exhibit Hall Draw

12:45 p.m.

SUNRISE SYMPOSIUM

Best practices in management of feline diabetes

7 a.m. – 8 a.m.

Room: Harbour A/B



Walt Ingwersen, DVM,
DVSc, DACVIM (SAIM)

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MASTER CLASS SESSIONS

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DENTISTRY MASTER CLASS

Radiographic Interpretations

1:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Room: Marine



Amy Thomson, DVM

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