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OVMA is pleased to welcome you back to Toronto for the 2020 OVMA Conference & Trade Show!

Each year, we are proud to deliver the country’s largest veterinary conference and trade show. With a diverse program covering the hottest topics in veterinary medicine, our program offers something for every member of the veterinary practice team. Whether you are a practice owner, associate, practice manager or veterinary technician, we have a wide variety of educational sessions that are sure to pique your interest.

Choose from a variety of small animal and equine medicine topics such as ophthalmology, emergency and critical care, dentistry, behaviour and much more! If you’re interested in the practice management side of things, we offer sessions focusing on communications, social media and client experience. Plus, don’t forget to register early for our popular master classes so you don’t miss out on this unique learning opportunity!

The Westin Harbour Castle is a CAA/AAA Four Diamond hotel located on the vibrant waterfront of Lake Ontario. Be sure to check out some of the amazing restaurants, shopping and other entertainment that Toronto has to offer while you’re in town! With a full conference registration, you will receive:

- Access to session notes prior to the conference via OVMA’s website
- Daily continental breakfast during the morning plenary sessions, with up to 94 hours of quality CE from North America’s top veterinary speakers and leaders
- Entry to the largest veterinary tradeshow in Canada, featuring more than 150 exhibit spaces showcasing the latest innovative veterinary products and services
- Daily hot lunch buffet
- Exhibit Hall socials with refreshments on Thursday and Friday evenings
- The most up-to-date information accessible at your fingertips via the 2020 Conference App for mobile devices
- The chance to win daily prizes through Exhibit Hall draws

VENUE & TRAVEL INFORMATION

CONFERENCE LOCATION

The Westin Harbour Castle  
1 Harbour Square, Toronto, Ontario  M5J 1A6  
Tel: 416.869.1600  
Fax: 416.361.7448

The natural harbour setting of the Westin ensures a feeling of quiet privacy—but you are only minutes from the commercial and cultural centre of the city, where theatres, shopping, restaurants, and commerce thrive. Complete convention facilities include a glass-enclosed walkway linking the hotel to the Westin Harbour Castle Conference Centre. Deluxe rooms, all with partial or full lake view, combine traditional comforts with a relaxing environment.
ACCOMMODATION

A block of rooms has been reserved at the host venue, the Westin Harbour Castle. Hotel rooms are available to OVMA delegates for $230.00 (plus applicable taxes). The cut-off date is January 17, 2020. Prior to the cut-off date, individuals are entitled to the group rate if they make their reservations and pay a deposit equal to the room rate for one night. Reservation requests received after the cut-off date will be accepted on a space available basis.

Individual delegates may lengthen their stay for up to two days prior and one day after the official meeting dates [January 28 – February 2, 2020]. The hotel will provide these rooms, subject to availability, at the group rate if reserved by the individual prior to the cut-off date.

Individual room reservations will be held until 6:00 p.m., unless the first night’s deposit is received or a guarantee for late arrival is made with a major credit card by the guest.

Reservations can be made by telephone at 416.869.1600 or 1.888.627.8559. Identify yourself as an OVMA Conference delegate when you call. Hotel reservations can also be made on-line. A direct link to make your room reservation at the Westin Harbour Castle Hotel is available through OVMA’s website at: www.ovma.org.

GROUND TRANSPORTATION

Toronto is served by all modes of transportation. By car, the Westin Harbour Castle is located at 1 Harbour Square, just off of the Yonge/York/Bay Exit of the Gardiner Expressway. Delegates concerned about downtown traffic should avail themselves of excellent alternative modes of rapid transit:

- **VIA Rail** Stop at Union Station (downtown Toronto)
- **GO Transit** Stop at Union Station
- **TTC** Exit at Union Station

Ample parking is available at GO STATIONS (Milton, Oakville and Burlington and points along the lake in the west; Pickering, Ajax and Oshawa in the east). For more information on GO TRANSIT, please contact 416.869.3200.

Underground transportation is available within the SUBWAY system at the Union Station stop. Upon arrival at Union Station, take the stairs (not escalators) up one level and follow the signs for “Harbourfront LRT.” To get to the Westin Harbour Castle, exit at Queen’s Quay Station, which is the first stop of the Harbourfront LRT. For more information on the TTC, please phone 416.393.4636. Upon arrival at Union Station by TRAIN, please follow the underground signs for the subway and proceed as above.

AIR TRANSPORTATION

**Airport: Lester B. Pearson International**

Limousine service at a flat rate of approximately $60.00 is offered by several different companies. Taxis are also available.

**UP Express Train**…is a dedicated air-rail link that takes travellers from Toronto Pearson International Airport to Union Station in the heart of downtown Toronto. The trip takes 25 minutes, with trains leaving every 15 minutes between 5:30 a.m. and 1:00 a.m. It is approximately a 7 minute walk from Union Station to the Westin Harbour Castle.

**UP Express** is located in Terminal 1 next to the Terminal Link Train. Tickets can be purchased at www.UPexpress.com.

PARKING

Valet parking with in and out privileges for hotel guests is available at $45.00/day at the Westin Harbour Castle. Availability is not guaranteed. Self-parking outside is available for hotel guests at $35.00/day. Rates are subject to change. Other above ground parking at various costs is also available at several locations in the vicinity of the hotel. Please refer to the map below. All pricing is subject to change.

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24 HR OUTDOOR LOTS:

1. SP PLUS Parking – 7 Queens Quay East
2. CANADA AUTO PARKS Parking – 30 Bay Street
3. TAR GET Park – 39 Queens Quay East

24 HR INDOOR GARAGE:

4. PARKLINK Go Park-Waterpark Place – 128 Queens Quay W (between Bay Street & York Street)
5. PARKLINK Convention Centre Parking – 2 Lake Shore Blvd E
6. IMPARK One York – 87-89 Harbour Street

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DINING
With thousands of restaurants to choose from, Toronto has culinary options to please every palate. If you’re feeling the January chill and don’t want to venture too far from the hotel, we’ve provided a list of 10 Restaurants located within one kilometer of the Westin Harbour Castle Hotel. If these selections don’t strike your fancy, check with the hotel concierge for more restaurant suggestions.

1. Miku (Sushi, Japanese, Seafood, Asian)
   105-10 Bay Street
2. Firkin on Harbour (Gastro Pub), 10 Yonge Street
3. Alexandros Take-Out (Greek), 5 Queens Quay West
4. Piazza Manna (Pizza), 10 Bay Street
5. Corks (in back corner of Longo’s) (Tapas/Small Plates)
   15 York Street
6. Miller Tavern on Bay (steakhouse, Bar, Pub), 31 Bay Street
7. The Roof at SOCO (Canadian), 75 Lower Simcoe Street
8. Pearl Harbourfront (Asian, Dim Sum)
   207 Queens Quay West
9. Indian Roti House (Indian), 256 Queens Quay West
10. Kupfert & Kim (Vegetarian, Vegan, Gluten-Free)
    100 King Street West

OTHER 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 ripleyaquariumofcanada.com for more information.

CN Tower
Classified as one of the Seven Wonders of the Modern World by the American Society of Civil Engineers and known as one of the world’s tallest towers, the CN Tower provides entertainment, and a wide range of unique attractions, exhibits, and food and beverages. It also features views of the city of Toronto you won’t find anywhere else, so be sure to visit when you’re in town if you haven’t yet experienced this Canadian wonder! Visit www.cnTower.ca for more information.

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

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.

Enjoy TO!
Delegates are strongly encouraged to take advantage of the discounted registration fees by registering early. Please consult the registration forms on pages 41 and 42 for more details.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?
All members of the hospital team are encouraged to attend the annual OVMA Conference and Trade Show. The pricing structure allows any member of the veterinary team to attend any presentation regardless of job title. Some additional registration fees may apply for Master Class sessions. Please refer to the registration form for details.

HOW TO REGISTER
Four Easy Ways to Register
Delegates are encouraged to fax in their registration form or to register online to ensure accuracy.

FAX: Complete the registration form in full, including credit card payment information and fax toll free to 877.482.5941. Please note, if you opt to pay by cheque, your registration is not recognized or processed until actual cheque and completed registration form are received in the OVMA office. Fax copies of cheque payment are not accepted. The fax line is open 24 hours a day. One registration form must be submitted per conference delegate unless a clinic registration request is being made.

All faxed registrations must be received in the OVMA office no later than January 10, 2020 to be processed as a pre-registration. Registrations received after January 10, 2020 will be treated as an on-site registration request.

MAIL: Complete a registration form, in full, including payment information and return to the OVMA office at: 420 Bronte Street S, Suite 205, Milton ON L9T 0H9. All mailed registrations must be received in the OVMA office no later than January 10, 2020 to be processed as a pre-registration. Registrations received after January 10, 2020 will be treated as an on-site registration request.

PHONE: Call the OVMA office, Monday thru Friday from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. up to and including January 10, 2020 to register by phone. Please be sure to have credit card information available.

ONLINE: ovma.org

ON-SITE REGISTRATION
Delegates are welcome to register on-site and are encouraged to bring their completed registration form to avoid line-ups. Prices remain at the “Regular” Rates as shown on all registration forms. On-Site Registration Desk hours are:

Wednesday 1:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Thursday & Friday 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday 7:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Payment can be made by Visa or MasterCard. Cheques cannot be accepted.

CLINIC REGISTRATIONS
*For veterinarian registrations only*
Your practice can send as many as three veterinarians to the conference at a reduced rate. One veterinarian per day may attend, and all must be a member of OVMA.

Each day of the Conference, the veterinarian registered for that day is to pick up their delegate kit at the Pre-Registration area.

REGISTRATION CONFIRMATIONS
A confirmation of your registration will be sent to you via email. Please ensure that your email address is included on your registration form.

CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS
A 90% refund will be provided if you need to cancel your registration up to and including December 13, 2019. Cancellations from December 14, 2019, to January 10, 2020 are subject to a 50% refund. Registration cancellations made after January 10, 2020 or “no-shows” will not be refunded.

NAME BADGES
All meeting delegates will be provided a name badge. This will be your admission to the Exhibit Hall and sessions. You must be wearing your name badge at all times during the Conference. No one will be admitted to the Exhibit Hall or session rooms without a proper name badge and lanyard.
OUT-OF-PROVINCE DELEGATES
The OVMA welcomes the participation of out-of-province delegates and extends member rates to registrants who are members of their provincial or state Veterinary Medical Association. To take advantage of this offer, please indicate on the registration form the name of the Provincial/State Veterinary Medical Association of which you are a member.

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS
Conference proceedings will be made available on the OVMA Website (ovma.org) prior to the conference. Printed notes for individual sessions will not otherwise be made available at the conference.

CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS
The 2020 OVMA Conference is an ideal opportunity for obtaining continuing education credits. An individual can earn up to 21 CE credits with a full conference registration with up to 94 available hours of amazing sessions to choose from. To record your CE hours, individual certificates of attendance will be provided upon request to the OVMA office.

MESSAGE CENTRE
For the convenience of all delegates, a Message Centre will be set up in the registration area from 8:00 a.m. Thursday until 1:30 p.m. Saturday afternoon.

EMPLOYMENT BOARD
For the duration of the conference, OVMA will provide a bulletin board. Delegates may use this board to post employment opportunities for veterinarians, students and veterinary technicians.

LUNCHES
One lunch ticket per delegate will be included for each day registered for the scientific sessions. Lunch tickets must be presented in order to receive lunch each day. Additional lunch tickets, at a cost greatly subsidized by OVMA, are available for spouses and visitors. A limited number of tickets can be obtained at the On-Site Registration Desk. Buffet lunches will be served all three days in the Frontenac Ballroom Foyer (also located on the street level of the Conference Centre), with some seating available in the Frontenac Ballroom daily from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Please be sure to visit the Exhibit Hall for coffee and tea.

GENERAL INFORMATION

2020 OVMA CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
OVMA would like to extend a very special thank you to this year’s Conference Committee members. Their combined expertise, perspective and dedication have combined to provide you with the best education possible. Thank you!

Albert Wimmers, DVM, 2020 OVMA Conference Chair
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CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS
PRINT SESSION NOTES
PRIOR TO THE CONFERENCE FREE-OF-CHARGE

VISIT OVMA.ORG
AVAILABLE BY DECEMBER 20, 2019
MORNING PLENARY SESSIONS

The 2020 Conference will feature daily plenary sessions exploring current issues of interest to all members of the profession. While attending these morning plenary sessions, conference delegates can relax and enjoy a complimentary continental breakfast.

The 2020 Morning Plenary Sessions will feature the following:

**Thursday, January 30**

8:00 – 9:00 a.m.
Room: Frontenac Ballroom

Transforming Your Leadership and Productivity For Peak Performance

Are you an ambitious veterinary professional that feels overwhelmed by work but still wants to blast through every target and then some? Dr. Nick Bontis has leveraged two decades worth of research on management performance to help you focus on the items that matter most – delighting your customers, impressing your team members and solidifying your value to your organization. Ranked among the top 30 management gurus world-wide, Dr. Bontis is recognized by the former editor of Harvard Business Review and Fortune Magazine as “a pioneer and one of the world’s real experts in intellectual capital.” Maclean’s Magazine has rated him as one of “McMaster University’s most popular business professors for six years in a row!” He is also a 3M National Teaching Fellow, an exclusive honour presented to the top university professors in the country.

Dr. Nick Bontis, Ph.D
Director, Institute for Intellectual Capital Research
Friday, January 31
8:00 – 9:00 a.m.
Room: Frontenac Ballroom
Infectious Disease Roundup
A light-hearted but informative discussion of noteworthy (and maybe some cringe-worthy) infectious disease topics from the past year for Ontario veterinarians. Drs. Anderson and Weese will discuss selected studies, outbreaks and guidelines highlighting some of the latest developments and challenges in the field of infectious diseases.

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 of Animal Health and Welfare at the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. She continues to work in areas bridging animal and human health, including rabies and antimicrobial stewardship, and co-leads the companion animal Ontario Animal Health Network (OAHN).

Dr. Scott Weese is a veterinary internist with a focus on infectious diseases, particularly emerging diseases, antimicrobial resistance and zoonotic diseases. He is a Professor at the Ontario Veterinary College, Chief of Infection Control at the OVC Health Sciences Centre and Director of the University of the Guelph’s Centre for Public Health and Zoonoses.

Enjoy double the learning in one session! You won’t want to miss Friday’s Breakfast Bites, which features two expert speakers discussing infectious disease topics from the past year.

Saturday, February 1
8:00 – 9:00 a.m.
Room: Frontenac Ballroom
Get Your EQ On: Harness Your Emotional Intelligence to Live a Happier Life
While most think IQ is more important, EQ has a much greater impact. Emotional intelligence is what we use when we empathize with our coworkers, have deep conversations about our relationship with our spouse or significant other, and attempt to manage an unruly child. It’s a vital consideration in the workplace because it is strongly associated with job performance and it is linked to higher job satisfaction for those with high EQ as well as employees who work with those with a high EQ. Overall, it allows us to connect with others, understand ourselves better, and live a more authentic, happy life. If your EQ game needs some work and you are looking to have a positive impact on those around you, then getting out of bed a little early on the last day of the conference will be worth it! Looking to brush up on your conflict resolution skills? Check out Shawn’s full day of lectures for more tips on resolving conflict.

Friday’s Breakfast Bites has been sponsored by IDEXX
Saturday’s Morning of Management has been sponsored by Petplan Pet Insurance
Wednesday, January 29

ORNAMENTAL FISH MEDICINE WORKSHOP: THE ENVIRONMENT AND ITS’ ROLE IN DISEASE
9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

ROOM: Regatta
The objective of this seminar is to provide veterinary practitioners and professionals working with ornamental fish, an introduction to housing, husbandry, water quality, testing, as well as disease prevention, recognition and treatment. The session will open with an overview of the aquatic environment and standard protocols. Common disease challenges will then be presented as case studies to allow attendees to work through scenarios from presenting complaint to treatment completion.

Registration required by January 8, 2020
Please contact Brandi Deimling – bdeimling@ovma.org
1-800-670-1702 ext. 224

JumpStart Boot Camp has been sponsored by:

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

ROOM: Pier 2
This one day team session teaches successful strategies to help turn phone shoppers into clients, overcome client objections, gain clients, add value and keep the appointment book filled. Sign up early to reserve your spot! See page 25 for full details.

To register contact Sheila Krane – skrane@ovma.org
1-800-670-1702 ext. 216

JumpStart! Boot Camp has been sponsored by:

CVO ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & MEMBERS’ FORUM
5:30 p.m. (Doors open at 5:00 p.m.)

ROOM: Pier 4/5
College Council provides leadership in veterinary medicine in Ontario. Attend the Members’ Forum to learn more about the role and participate in discussions on the important topics that are on the Council table!

Registration required by Jan. 20, 2020
Please contact Ms. Kim Huson: by email at khuson@cvo.org or call 800.424.2856, ext. 2245.

OVMA STUDENT SYMPOSIUM
1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

ROOM: Dockside 3
Learn how to succeed financially, excel in your first job, negotiate a winning employment contract, manage your student debt, and more! Led by Darren Osborne and Dr. Chris Doherty, of the OVMA Economics Department, this free pre-conference session is designed specifically for students. Registration for this free conference session, and the full 2020 OVMA Conference qualifies as an OVC Phase 4 rotation. Contact Dr. Chris Doherty at: cdoherty@ovma.org to register.

OVC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION RECEPTION
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

ROOM: Regatta
Please join the OVC Alumni Association for a fun night of networking together over appetizers and drinks. For more information contact Amy Tremaine at: tremaina@uoguelph.ca
Sponsored by: OVC Alumni Association

Friday, January 31, 2020

OVMA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
7:30 a.m.

ROOM: Marine
Ontario Veterinary Medical Association Annual General Meeting, continental breakfast format. This event is open to Members of the Association and invited guests only.

AAHA FORUM AND LUNCHEON
12:00 p.m.

ROOM: Dockside II
Game-changing: An insider’s look at AAHA in 2019
Join American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA) President Dr. Guylaine Charette, for an overview of how AAHA is shaking the industry up this year. From shaping wellbeing through the Healthy Workplace Culture Initiative to reimagining AAHA accreditation, Dr. Charette will walk you through an in-depth look at how technology is being put to work by the association. In addition, look forward to an enthusiastic review of AAHA’s newest conference, Connexity. This session will give you a sneak peek into the latest movements behind the scenes at AAHA HQ. Lunch will be provided and there is no cost for participants to attend. AAHA would like to thank Merck Animal Health for sponsoring this event.
Participation open to registered conference delegates only.

OVC CLASS REUNIONS
Attention all Ontario Veterinary College Grads:
The OVMA, in conjunction with the OVC Alumni Association, encourages all registered conference delegates celebrating a milestone to reunite and reminisce. For those interested in organizing a reunion for their class year, please contact Amy Tremaine, Alumni Advancement Manager for the Ontario Veterinary College, at 519.824.4120 ext. 56679 or e-mail: tremaina@uoguelph.ca by November 15, 2019.

Saturday, February 1, 2020

CVMC BREAKFAST
7:00 – 8:00 a.m.

ROOM: Dockside II
Christian Veterinary Mission Canada (CVMC) is a fellowship of Christian veterinarians, students, technicians and those of allied interest committed to living their faith out through their profession. CVMC staff and volunteers serve in developing countries around the world as well as here in Canada.
Please join us for a special time of fellowship and get an update on where God is at work through CVMC with special guest, Dr. Suzanne Laidlaw, DVM who will share on “Hope” based on Hebrews 6:19.

2020 OVMA Conference – Registration Program
Once again, the OVMA has incorporated more intensive programs for conference delegates. These intensive sessions will 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.
- Enrolment numbers are restricted. Be sure to register early to avoid disappointment.
- Master Class participation requires conference registration for the same day in addition to the Master Class fee.

### Thursday, January 30

**GASTROENTEROLOGY**

1:15 – 3:30 p.m.
ROOM: Pier 7

**Managing Chronic Enteropathies in Dogs: From Food First to Antimicrobials and Immunosuppression**

Kenneth W. Simpson, BVMS, PhD, DACVIM, DECVM.CA

A thorough and systemic approach is required to determine the cause of chronic diarrhea. An integrated approach based on patient history, physical findings, clinicopathological and intestinal function testing, and diagnostic imaging will be presented. How to treat chronic intestinal disease such as inflammatory bowel disease, lymphangiectasia, and antibiotic and diet responsive enteropathies. Probiotics – hope or hype?

The Gastroenterology Master Class has been sponsored by Royal Canin

### Friday, January 31

**DENTISTRY**

9:15 – 11:45 a.m.
ROOM: Pier 2

**Radiographic Review of Uncommon Pathology in the Dog and Cat: Step-by-Step Guide to Quadrant Extractions in the Cat**

Barden Greenfield, DVM, DAVDC

This master class will review uncommon radiographic pathology in the dog and cat as well as an in-depth review of a step-by-step guide to quadrant extractions in the cat. The session will be interactive and a video presentation of quadrant extractions will be reviewed (as well as crown amputations).

**PHARMACOLOGY**

9:15 – 11:45 a.m.
ROOM: Pier 3

**Drug Interactions**

This session will use a case-based approach to recognize and prevent clinically important drug-drug interactions and other therapeutic misadventures in dogs and cats.

Lauren Trepanier, DVM, PhD, DACVIM, DACVCP

**SURGERY**

1:15 – 3:30 p.m.
ROOM: Pier 2

**Setting Up a Laparoscopic Surgery Program in YOUR Practice**

Ameet Singh, DVM, DVS, DACVS

Laparoscopy, minimally invasive surgery of the abdomen, is now being adopted in many general practices. This masterclass will review the equipment required to begin a laparoscopic surgery program in your practice. The most common indications for this exciting technique including laparoscopic ovarioectomy/ ovariohysterectomy, prophylactic gastropexy, cryptorchidectomy and abdominal organ biopsy will be reviewed.

The Surgery Master Class has been sponsored by Royal Canin
Friday, January 31

**ONCOLOGY**

1:15 – 5:00 p.m.
ROOM: Pier 3

Companion Animal Surgical and Medical Oncology
Sarah Boston, DVM, DVSc, DACVS
Paul Woods, MS, DVM, DACVIM

In an interactive, case-based session we will identify problems, recommend diagnostics, recommend and review staging, outline treatment plans, and predict outcomes. Working together we will attempt to solve common (and not so common) oncology challenges!

The Oncology Master Class has been sponsored by Chiron Compounding Pharmacy

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Saturday, February 1

**CARDIOLOGY**

9:15 – 11:45 a.m.
ROOM: Pier 9

Stage D Congestive Heart Failure — What Now?
Ashley Jones, BHSc, DVM, DACVIM

Diuretics are the mainstay of therapy for congestive heart failure. However, resistance can develop via various mechanisms with prolonged treatment. This lecture series will review relevant CHF pathophysiology and provide case-based discussion of refractory CHF cases requiring advanced diuretic therapy.

The Cardiology Master Class has been sponsored by Chiron Compounding Pharmacy

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**OVMA MASTER CLASSES continued**

Join us at the OVMA Conference on Jan. 29, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Westin Harbour Castle, Toronto.

OVMA Members: $195
(Staff are eligible if the practice owner is a member)

Non-members: $270

REGISTRATION FEE:

You’ll learn how to:
- Effectively handle phone shoppers
- Turn client complaints into opportunities
- Communicate effectively to gain client compliance
- Overcome client objections
- Keep the appointment book filled
- Provide the ultimate client experience

Join us at the OVMA Conference on Jan. 29, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Be all you can be!

JumpStart! Bootcamp is an interactive, full-day workshop designed for frontline staff. It will teach you how to handle everyday situations effectively and set you up for success.

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OVMA CORPORATE PARTNER SYMPOSIUM

Looking for additional educational opportunities? Take advantage of these sponsored educational hours to get that little bit extra and see what’s new in the industry. No additional fees are required, however pre-registration is required, and space may be limited. Please see the Registration Form for details and to reserve your seat in these sessions. Don’t miss this year’s Corporate Partner Symposia sessions:

Thursday’s Corporate Partner Sunset Symposium
6:30 – 7:30 p.m. • Frontenac Ballroom

Christopher Fernandez-Prada, DVM, MSc, PhD
Join us for an evening session with parasitologist Professor Christopher Fernandez-Prada and learn about the new Canadian Parasitology Expert Panel (CPEP) guidelines for managing parasites in dogs and cats, with a special focus on newly emerging parasitic threats. He will also examine the importance of proper diagnosis and current prevention protocols for your patients. Dinner service will be provided before the session. Pre-registration required.

Thursday’s Corporate Partner Sunset Symposium session is sponsored by Elanco.

Friday’s Corporate Partner Sunset Symposia
6:30 – 7:30 p.m. • Frontenac Ballroom

Feline House Soiling: Understanding the Litterbox Blues
Kelly St. Denis, DVM, MS, DAVBP (Feline)
Feline house soiling is a common reason for clients to relinquish their cats to shelters. House soiling is a multifactorial issue, and has often been going on for long periods before clients seek help. Join us as we explore the truth behind the litter box blues and how veterinary teams can best help clients find resolution to these issues.

Friday’s Corporate Partner Sunset Symposium session is sponsored by Hill’s.

OVMA’S ZEN ZONE

Wellness isn’t just for the veterinary patient… it’s needed by the entire veterinary team participating in their care. Join registered yoga instructors to start and end your day with a sense of wellness, wholeness and balance within all aspects of your being. Everyone welcome, beginners and seasoned yogis alike!

No fees apply, but please be sure to pre-register for yoga session of interest (see registration form).

Zen Zone Schedule
Room: Regatta

Morning bliss
Start your conference day on a positive note. Designed to help you feel good in your body as you enjoy the practice of your favourite yoga poses.
Thursday, 6:30-7:30 a.m. with Gwen Jeun, DVM, RYI
Friday, 6:30-7:30 a.m. with Denise Mandarino, RVT, RYI

Mindfulness meditation
Thursday, Friday & Saturday
12:00 – 12:15 p.m. with Gwen Jeun, DVM, RYI
Bring mindfulness to your day in a 15 minutes breath-centred meditation session (no pre-registration required).

Restorative yoga
Thursday & Friday, 6:00 – 6:30 p.m.
with Gwen Jeun, DVM, RYI
Close each day with a series of floor-based, long held poses to allow your body and mind to rest and relax after a long day of learning.

The OVMA Zen Zone is sponsored by Boehringer Ingelheim.
OVC “LUNCH WITH...” SESSIONS
Friday, January 31
12:00 – 1:15 p.m.
Marine Room

There’s more on the menu than food!
Spend your lunch with some of OVC’s leading professors and enjoy an extra helping of interactive CE... in-depth topic-specific discussions in an informal but informative setting. Five topics to choose from – space is limited so don’t delay!
Please note: lunch service will be provided to all participants in the session room. Pre-registration is required and a surcharge applies. Please see Registration Form for details.

What to do if the Anemia Does Not Get Better With Steroids?
Dorothee Bienzle, DVM, PhD, DACVP
Primary autoimmune hemolytic anemia (AIHA) is relatively common in dogs and less common in cats. Most affected dogs are around middle-age, and get over this episode of immune dysregulation within a few months of immunosuppression with glucocorticoids. However, some dogs do not get better or only transiently better. Adding another immunosuppressing drug sometimes helps these dogs, but more often these dogs have a primary underlying bone marrow disorder. Increasing immunosuppression can result in adverse effects such a gastrointestinal ulceration, suppression of endogenous glucocorticoid production, hyperglycemia and polyuria. Dogs that do not respond by normalizing their hematocrit within approximately four weeks of therapy should have a bone marrow biopsy.

Rehabilitation for the General Small Animal Practitioner
Tiffany Durzi, DVM, CVA, CCRT, CVPP
Have you ever thought about whether adding rehabilitation services to your general small animal practice would be beneficial to your patients or business? Join Dr. Tiffany Durzi, Chief of Service of the OVC Fitness and Rehabilitation Service, to discuss the benefits of having a certified canine rehabilitation practitioner or therapist in your clinic. This will be an informal setting to ask any questions you have about rehabilitation courses and modalities.

Preventative Healthcare Plans in Practice
Shannon Gowland, DVM, DABVP (Canine and Feline Practice)
Have you considered offering preventative healthcare plans in your practice? Attend this informal session where Dr. Gowland will discuss how our practice developed and implemented our preventative healthcare plans, exploring the benefits to our patients, clients and practice.

Large Technological Step in Veterinary Radiation Oncology: Where Does it Lead Us?
Valerie Poirier, DMV, DACVM (Oncology), DACVR (Radiation Oncology)
We will look at the advance in technology over the last decade in Veterinary radiation oncology and what it means for our patients. How did it change the practice and how our patient can benefit from it.

Evidence Based Veterinary Medicine (EBVM): What is it? How Can it Help? How do we do it?
Lee Wisener, DVM, MSc, PhD Candidate
EBVM is making inroads into veterinary practice. Using the best available evidence for decision making can improve patient care but how do we do it? We will discuss EBVM and how to evaluate scientific evidence (articles) for validity (errors).

The “Lunch With...” sessions have been sponsored by OVC Health Sciences Centre
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Since 2002, the Farley Foundation has supported low-income pet owners by subsidizing the cost of necessary veterinary care for their pets.

VISIT US AT THE OVMA MEMBER RESOURCE CENTRE
Thursday, January 30

**DENTISTRY**

ROOM: Harbour A/B
Barden Greenfield, DVM, FAVD, DAVDC

9:15 – 10:15 a.m.
**Feline Tooth Resorptions: When to Extract and When to Crown Amputate**
Feline tooth resorption (TR) provide the DVM a conundrum with regard to treatment therapy. This lecture will review the types of TR and treatment modes.

10:45 – 11:45 a.m.
**A Step-by-Step Approach to Surgical Extraction of a Maxillary 4th Premolar and Maxillary 1st Molar Tooth**
Successful surgical extraction of the maxillary 4th premolar and 1st molar tooth can be difficult. This lecture will review this procedure in a video step-by-step format. Tips and pearls will be reviewed to help in your oral surgery.

1:15 – 2:15 p.m.
**The Local, Regional and Systemic Complications of Periodontal Disease**
Periodontal disease may not sound terrible, but it can affect tissue regionally as well as major organs. This session will review the consequences of severe periodontal disease and why it is so important to be proactive vs reactive.

2:30 – 3:30 p.m.
**Those Darn Oronasal Fistulas: How to Avoid Them, and How to Treat Them**
Oronasal fistulas (ONF) are presented to you either with a tooth present or without. Poor surgical technique also contributes to iatrogenic fistulas. This lecture will review the proper steps ONF repair and how to prevent failure.

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
**Bonding Sealants...When and When Not to Use Them**
Bonded sealants are useful in sealing dentin tubules when dentin is exposed. This session will review when bonded sealants should be considered and how to use them. A review of tooth fracture classification will help the DVM decide when to choose a sealant.

**ONCOLOGY**

ROOM: Frontenac Ballroom
Sarah Boston, DVM, DVSc, DACVS
Paul Woods, DVM, MS, DACVIM (Internal Medicine, Oncology)

9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.
**Making the Cancer Diagnosis**
A team-based interactive session focusing on how to approach a cancer patient in your practice including a discussion on cytology, biopsy techniques, staging and how to assimilate this information to develop a therapeutic plan and determine prognosis for your patient.

10:45 – 11:45 a.m.
**Managing the Cancer Patient**
A team-based interactive session discussing how to manage cancer patients undergoing surgery, chemotherapy, radiation therapy, immunotherapy and investigational trials for the treatment of cancers in your practice. The session will be largely case-based.

1:15 – 2:15 p.m.
**Practical Approach to the Management of Mast Cell Tumours in Dogs and Cats**
A team-based interactive session focusing on the diagnostic work up, staging, and treatment of mast cell tumours. Surgical margins and the latest on chemotherapy for mast cell tumours will be discussed.

2:30 – 3:30 p.m.
**Practical Approach to the Management of Osteosarcoma in Dogs and Cats**
A team-based interactive session focusing on the diagnostic work up, staging and treatment of osteosarcoma. Surgery, chemotherapy, radiation therapy, and the latest on immunotherapy for osteosarcoma will be discussed.

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
**Practical Approach to the Management of Soft Tissue Sarcoma in Dogs and Cats**
A team-based interactive session focusing on the diagnostic work up, staging and treatment options for soft tissue sarcoma (STS) in dogs and injection-site sarcoma (ISS) in cats. Surgical oncology principles will be discussed.
Thursday, January 30

PHARMACOLOGY

ROOM: Harbour C
Lauren Trepanier, DVM, PhD, DACVIM, DACVCP

9:15 – 10:15 a.m.
Top 10 Potential Drug Interactions
This talk will make practical recommendations for the safe use of drugs with a high potential for drug interactions in dogs and cats, including sucralfate, omeprazole, furosemide, phenobarbital, ketoconazole and others.

10:45 – 11:45 a.m.
Drug Dose Adjustments for Disease
When should you reduce the dosage of a given drug in patients with liver or kidney disease? This presentation will provide tips for making these clinical decisions.

1:15 – 2:15 p.m.
Rational Therapy of Vomiting
This presentation will review available veterinary anti-emetics, as well as other GI drugs, and discuss optimal indications for each one to allow targeted treatment of each individual patient without unnecessary polypharmacy.

2:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Practical Approach to Inflammatory Bowel Disease
This presentation will review the use of clinical history, ultrasound finding, and GI panel results to help distinguish food-responsive enteropathy and IBD from intestinal lymphoma in dogs and cats.

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Choosing the Best NSAID for Your Patient
This presentation will cover which classes of NSAIDS are indicated in certain diseases, and are most likely to cause side effects in patients with gastrointestinal, renal or clotting disorders.

Friday, January 31

PRACTICE PEARLS

ROOM: Frontenac Ballroom

9:15 – 9:45 a.m.
Growing Resiliency – The Connection Between Growth Mindset and Resilience
Colleen Best, DVM, PhD, CCFP
One’s mindset, or how one views one’s capacity for growth and change, has a significant impact on how we view ourselves and others. This talk will describe how to use the concept of growth mindset to build resilience. It will also address how growth mindset can be used to increase team cohesiveness, as well as empathy and self-compassion.

9:45 – 10:15 a.m.
“You Only Care About the Money”: How to Navigate Financial Discussions with Clients
Sarah Bernardi, RSW, MSW
Cost-of-care is a topic known to create contention between veterinary professionals and their clients. The purpose of this presentation is to equip veterinary staff with the tools they need to communicate effectively around finances, and handle client backlash.

10:45 – 11:45 a.m.
The 2019 AAHA Canine Life Stage Guidelines
Jinelle Webb, DVM, MSc, DVSc, DACVIM
The 2019 AAHA Canine Life Stage Guidelines are an update and extension of the AAHA Canine Life Stage Guidelines published in 2012, with the goal of improving healthy longevity in the canine pet. This session will highlight portions of the Guidelines, and provide guidance in how to effectively implement these recommendations into your practice.

1:15 – 2:15 p.m.
“Choose Your Weapons” Knowing What Burs to Use Can Make or Break a Procedure
Barden Greenfield, DVM, FAVD, DAVDC
There are a variety of burs available to use for a variety of dental procedures. There are round burs, cross cut burs, diamonds and more. Each has a specific purpose and using the wrong one can be catastrophic for the patient. This lecture will review each bur and when/how to use it.
**CARDIOLOGY**

**ROOM:** Harbour A/B

**Ashley Jones, BHSc, DVM, DACVIM (Cardiology)**

**9:15 – 10:15 a.m.**

**“With the Grain” – Dilated Cardiomyopathy in Dogs**

Dilated cardiomyopathy (DCM) is one of the most common heart diseases in dogs. This talk will discuss breed-specific forms of DCM and provide an update on nutritionally-mediated DCM. Clinically relevant diagnostic tools and treatment goals will also be addressed.

**10:45 – 11:45 a.m.**

**Approach to the Coughing Dog**

There are many causes of cough in canine patients. While congestive heart failure is a common, and potentially life-threatening cause, other possibilities should be considered. A review of differential diagnoses and tips for differentiating these challenging cases will be discussed.

**1:15 – 2:15 p.m.**

**Feline Cardiomyopathies – HCM, RCM, DCM…Oh My!**

Feline cardiomyopathies are the most common cause of heart disease in cats. This talk will focus on the three most common forms (HCM, RCM, DCM). Diagnosis of these conditions is often challenging. Clinically relevant diagnostics and treatment options will be discussed.

**2:30 – 3:30 p.m.**

**Cardiac Biomarkers: A Review**

Cardiac biomarkers are substances that are released into the blood when the heart is under stress, including pressure overload, volume overload and hypoxia. Current literature of the most common biomarkers will be reviewed with an emphasis on clinical application.

**4:00 – 5:00 p.m.**

**Arrhythmias: Diagnosis and Management**

Electrocardiography (ECG) is used to assess cardiac rhythm, however arrhythmias can be challenging to definitively diagnose without advanced equipment. This talk will review analysis of ECGs, common arrhythmias and provide a practical treatment approach of arrhythmias in general practice.
Friday, January 31

GASTROENTEROLOGY

ROOM: Harbour C
Kenneth Simpson, BVM&S, PhD, DACVIM, DECVM-CA

9:15 – 10:15 a.m.
Chronic Diarrhea in Cats
A thorough and systematic approach is required to determine the cause of chronic diarrhea. An integrated approach based on patient history, physical findings, clinicopathological and intestinal function testing and diagnostic imaging will be presented.

10:45 – 11:45 a.m.
Chronic Enteropathies in Cats: Diagnosis and Management
What is feline IBD and how is it distinguished from GI lymphoma? Why should I care about cobalamin deficiency? Low grade or high grade lymphoma – what does that mean for the patient and how do I treat them? Everything you always wanted to know about B12 in cats.

1:15 – 2:14 p.m.
Update on the Diagnosis and Management of Acute Pancreatitis
Pancreatitis is an important cause of morbidity and mortality. Why does pancreatitis occur? What is the optimal way to diagnose it? How useful is pancreatic lipase? How useful is Ultrasound? Treatment is generally symptomatic and supportive, and increasingly involves interventional nutritional support. A comprehensive update on how to diagnose and treat this challenging disease will be presented.

2:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Rethinking Canine HE: Acute Hemorrhagic Diarrhea Syndrome
Sudden onset diarrhea and vomiting accompanied by gastrointestinal hemorrhage (commonly called HHGGE) is a common clinical scenario. Recent studies have linked toxigenic Clostridium perfringens to this syndrome and have critically addressed the impact of treatment on outcome. Are antibiotics needed in every case? Is there a role for probiotics? Why has the syndrome bee renamed?

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Chronic Vomiting: What’s the Cause
A thorough and systemic approach is required to determine the cause of persistent vomiting. An integrated approach based on patient history, physical findings, clinicopathological testing and diagnostic imaging will be presented.

The Gastroenterology lectures are sponsored by Nestle Purina Pet Care

Saturday, February 1

EXOTICS

ROOM: Pier 2/3
Doug Mader, MS, DVM, DABVP(C/F), DABVP(R/A), DECZM(Herpetology), FRSM

9:15 – 10:15 a.m.
Adding Exotics to a Small Animal Practice
The human animal bond is strong – not just with dogs and cats, but any and all types of pets. In today’s world it is becoming harder and harder to find living space that allows pets, much less larger animals like dogs and cats. As a result, more and more people are opting for exotic pet ownership. Just like dogs and cats, exotic pets need quality veterinary care. This presentation will help any small animal facility prepare to handle the occasional unusual pet.

10:45 – 11:45 a.m.
Basic Bunny Medicine
Rabbits are becoming more popular as pets. Although similar in size to the domestic cat, their physiology and care is vastly different. This presentation will review basic rabbit medicine, from anatomy and physiology to the most common medical conditions, their diagnosis and treatment. Handling, housing and diagnostic will be covered.

1:15 – 2:15 p.m.
Basic Reptile Anatomy and Physiology
There are over 12,000 species of reptiles – of which, about 30-40 are commonly kept as pets. This presentation will cover the unique physiology of this group as it applies to diagnosis and treatments, as well as the anatomy as it applies to the physical exam, interpreting radiographs and performing surgery.

2:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Treatment Techniques in Reptiles
Although many of the same medications used in dogs and cats can be used in reptile patients, how you administer these treatments can be substantially different. This presentation will review the best way to manage and treat the reptile patient both in hospital and as an outpatient.

3:45 – 4:45 p.m.
What Every Practitioner Needs to Know About Invertebrates
From Tarantulas to Hermit Crabs, invertebrates are becoming more popular as pets. Since many of these animals can live over two decades, it is inevitable that at some point they will need veterinary care. This presentation will review the most common pet invertebrates, their housing, husbandry, medical problems and how to care for them.
**SURGERY**

**ROOM: Harbour C**

Ameet Singh, DVM, DVSc, DACVS
Tom Gibson, BSc, Bed, DVM, DVSc, DACVS, DACVSMR

9:15 – 10:15 a.m.

Advanced Gastrointestinal Surgery

Surgical intervention for advanced gastrointestinal disorders is frequently required in small animal practice. This lecture will review principles of gastrointestinal surgery and common surgical disorders, including linear foreign body and intussusception. In addition, tips and tricks for performing intestinal resection and anastomosis and prophylactic gastropexy will be discussed.

10:45 – 11:45 a.m.

Getting Back to the Basics: Secure Knot Tying, Beautiful Closed Skin Incisions and Seroma Prevention

Do you want to brush up on your knot tying techniques? This lecture will review the popular Millers and stranglig knots for secure vascular pedicle ligations. Additional knots such as the reverse half hitch and Aberdeen will be demonstrated, and common indications provided. Techniques for performing perfect skin incision closure and tension relieving methods for wound closure will be reviewed.

1:15 – 2:15 p.m.

Update on Treatment of Cruciate Ligament Rupture — Medical? Surgical?

Cranial cruciate ligament rupture is the most frequent cause of lameness in dogs with $1.32 billion spent by owners in the U.S. in 2003. Instability of the canine stifle leads to progressive osteoarthritis and possible damage to the medial meniscus. This largely degenerative process affects both stifles within a year of the initial injury in up to 40% of dogs. The decision to treat conservatively with medical management or surgically, remains an area of controversy. Is there evidence that surgery is superior to conservative management? If so, which surgical method is superior?

2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Rehabilitation Modalities for Treatment of Osteoarthritis

Rehabilitation is a relatively new pursuit in veterinary medicine with the first interest gaining momentum in the late 1980’s through to the present. Many of us have experienced firsthand the benefits of physiotherapy following injury and/or surgery and thus it would seem logical that our veterinary patients would experience the same benefits. That being said, there is a paucity of quality publications in the literature that provide strong evidence that rehabilitation is beneficial. This session will review the current evidence for rehabilitation modalities in the veterinary literature.

3:45 – 4:45 p.m.

Controversies in Gonadectomy in Dogs and Cats

This lecture will discuss the controversies surrounding the timing for performing gonadectomy in dogs and cats. Recently discussed procedures such as ovariectomy and ovary-sparing hysterectomy will be reviewed.

**TOXICOLOGY**

**ROOM: Harbour A/B**

Justine Lee, DVM, DACVECC, DABT

9:15 – 10:15 a.m.

Top 5 Mistakes to Avoid in the Poisoned Patient

In this lecture, the top 5 mistakes to avoid in the poisoned patient will be reviewed. Dr. Lee will review important aspects of managing the poisoned patient, including obtaining an appropriate toxicology history, confirming the active ingredient, the indications and contraindications for decontamination, what appropriate emetic agents should be used, when activated charcoal is appropriate, and more!

10:45 – 11:45 a.m.

Top 10 Human Food Toxins Poisonous to Dogs and Cats

In this lecture, we will review the top kitchen items dangerous to dogs and cats including grapes, raisins, xylitol, chocolate, unbaked bread dough and more. The mechanism of action, clinical signs and overall treatment will be reviewed.

1:15 – 2:15 p.m.

Top 10 Human Medications Poisonous to Dogs and Cats

At the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center (APCC), an estimated 50% of pet poisonings comprise human over-the-counter (OTC) and prescription medications. In this lecture, we will review the top 10 human medications that small animal patients ingest. Toxicants that will be reviewed include cardiac medications, antidepressants, amphetamines, NSAIDs, acetaminophen and more. The mechanism of action, clinical signs and overall treatment will be reviewed.

2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Garden Dangers Poisonous to Dogs and Cats

In this lecture, Dr. Lee, will review the common poisonous plants ingested by cats. From the deadly Lilium or Hemerocallis lily to the more benign Dieffenbachia, what do you need to know if you don’t have a green thumb? The mechanism of action, clinical signs and overall treatment will be reviewed of these plants.

3:45 – 4:45 p.m.

Rodenticide Toxicity: What’s New?

In this lecture, Dr. Lee will review the common rodenticides that pose a threat to our canine and feline patients. Different active ingredients such as cholecalciferol, bromethalin and anticoagulant rodenticides will be reviewed. The mechanism of action, clinical signs and overall treatment will be reviewed of these rodenticides.

Join the Conversation

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Pets are part of the family and consequently veterinarians are part of the family’s healthcare 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 30

ROOM: Pier 2/3
Scott Weese, DVM, DVSc, DACVIM
9:15 – 10:15 a.m.
Hot Topics in Infectious Diseases
This presentation will cover a series of emerging infectious disease issues, such as Brucella Canis, antimicrobial resistant bacteria and respiratory viruses. Specific topics will depend on challenges faced by Ontario veterinarians at the time of the conference.

Jinelle Webb, DVM, MSc, DVSc, DACVIM
10:45 – 11:45 a.m.
Leptospirosis in Companion Animals
The incidence and pathophysiology of canine leptospirosis will be reviewed, assessing trends in Ontario. We will discuss current diagnostic options including the bedside Witness test, and treatment options. There will be a brief discussion on leptospirosis in the feline population.

Andrew Peregrine, BVMS, PhD, DVM, DEVPC, DACVM
1:15 – 2:15 p.m.
Echinococcus Multilocularis: An Emerging Threat to Dogs and People in Ontario
Prior to 2012, Echinococcus multilocularis had not been diagnosed in Ontario. However, subsequently six cases of alveolar echinococcosis have been diagnosed in Ontario dogs. This talk will provide a summary of the cases and discuss strategies to reduce the risk of infection in dogs and people.

Linda Jacobson, BVSc, MMedVet (Med), PhD
2:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Feral Cats and the Zombie Apocalypse? Infectious Diseases in Community (Stray and Feral) Cats
Infectious diseases in community cats have several implications: Welfare concerns for the cats themselves, indicators of emerging disease threats and pathogen transmission to people, pets and wildlife. The talk will review important infectious diseases in community cats, rational risk assessment and strategies for management.

Kenneth Simpson, BVM&S, PhD, DACVIM, DECVIM-CA
4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Optimizing Pathogen Detection and Therapy in Granulomatous Colitis
Granulomatous colitis (GC) is emerging as a common form of chronic colitis in dogs. Boxers, French Bulldogs and Mastiff breeds are especially susceptible to PAS positive GC with inflammation linked to the presence of invasive E.coli. Optimizing diagnosis and treatment requires FISH analysis for invasive bacteria, antimicrobial susceptibility testing and careful evaluation for other pathogens such as Prototheca, Entamoeba, Histoplasma and Salmonella.

The Focus on Infection Program is sponsored by Zoetis

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**FRIDAY, JANUARY 31**

**SPORTS MEDICINE**

**ROOM: PIER 7/8**  
Heidi L. Reesink, VMD, PhD, DACVS-LA

**9:15 – 10:30 a.m.**  
**Joint Disease and the Value of Objective Gait Analysis**  
Joint disease is the leading cause of equine wastage. This presentation will discuss common causes, diagnostics, and treatments for equine joint disease. Case studies will be used to highlight the value of objective gait analysis for monitoring response to treatment.

**11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**  
**Frontiers in Management of Equine Joint Disease**  
Corticosteroids, non-steroidal anti-inflammatories and hyaluronic acid have been mainstays of equine joint therapy for decades. In this session, emerging therapies for joint disease will be discussed, including commercially available therapeutics and drugs still in development.

**1:30 – 2:30 p.m.**  
**Enigmatic Equine Tendon and Ligament Injuries**  
Regional anesthetic techniques can localize lameness to a specific region; however, lesion diagnosis is not always straightforward. Strategies for diagnosis of challenging soft tissue lameness will be discussed, including cases where advanced imaging or surgery were required to achieve a diagnosis.

**2:45 – 3:45 p.m.**  
**The Hitchhiker’s Guide to Equine Regenerative Medicine**  
The ‘alphabet soup’ of regenerative medicine therapies available to equine veterinarians, ranging from ACS to PRP to MSCs, will be discussed from an evidence-based perspective. Case studies will be used to highlight indications for regenerative medicine approaches.

**4:15 – 5:00 p.m.**  
**Advanced Imaging of Fatal Musculoskeletal Injuries in Racehorses**  
Fatal musculoskeletal injuries (FMI), are of utmost concern to equine veterinarian, racehorse owners/trainers, and the general public. Advanced imaging approaches, including standing CT, MRI and PET imaging, show promise for detecting fetlock pathology prior to catastrophic injury.

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**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1**

**NUTRITION AND MORE...**

**ROOM: Pier 7/8**  
Robert D. Jacobs, BS, MS, PhD

**9:15 – 10:15 a.m.**  
**Gastric Health in Horses: Feeding and Management Tools**  
Compromised gastric health in horses is associated with decreased performance, decreased feed intake, increased risk of colic, poor body condition, and suboptimal systemic health. This lecture will cover nutrition and management strategies to support optimal gastric health.

**10:45 – 11:45 a.m.**  
**Feeding (Fueling) the Performance Horse**  
Proper feeding management is critical to the success of the performance horse. This lecture will focus on the nutritional requirements of the equine athlete and the science behind feeding and more importantly fueling the performance horse.

**1:15 – 2:15 p.m.**  
**Feeding for Certain Medical Conditions**  
In conjunction with medicine and surgery, nutrition can play an important role in managing certain medical conditions. Developing feeding programs for these horses can be difficult. This lecture will cover nutritional recommendations for some common equine medical conditions.

**2:30 – 3:30 p.m.**  
**Current Status of Infectious Disease in Ontario**  
Several diseases of infectious origin are a common occurrence in horse in Ontario. Some diseases are seasonal, and their occurrence is largely dictated by the nature of the vector or intermediate host’s life cycle and others are endemic in the horse population. This presentation will focus on the epidemiology of common infectious diseases in Ontario and their diagnostic approach, management and prevention.

**3:45 – 4:45 p.m.**  
**New Drug Regulations and Equine Medicine**  
Canada’s new drug regulations are affecting the equine industry. The changes include new rules and regulations affecting antimicrobial access and stewardship, own use importation, and the competitive horse world. This session will include an update on the changes, how to stay updated, and how to be involved in future changes. This talk will also explore opportunities for equine practitioners to align with their customer’s changing needs while continuing to lead the way for animal welfare and medicine.
To truly effect positive change in a veterinary clinic, all members of staff—veterinarians, hospital managers, technicians, reception staff, etc. must buy into that change. OVMA encourages every member of the hospital team to attend the sessions offered as part of the management program.

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 30**

**FINANCE**

ROOM: Pier 4/5
Darren Osborne, MA

9:15 a.m. – 12:00 a.m.

**Veterinary Disrupters**

The way we deliver veterinary medicine has not changed in decades. On the horizon lays a long list of disrupters including growing student debt, zoonotic threats, corporatization, telemedicine, shelter medicine, uberization and human resource shortages. Find out what disruptors you must worry about and how to protect your practice.

1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

**Veterinary Innovators**

Meet the new generation of pioneers who are changing the face of veterinary medicine. Real life stories will be presented to showcase veterinarians who are succeeding using innovative staff, finance and communication models.

2:45 – 3:45 p.m.

**Best Practices Not Used in Veterinary Medicine**

Most veterinary experts limit their sample to veterinary medicine. What are some of the best practices in other professions that could be adopted by veterinarians to improve both income and lifestyle.

4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

**Just the Numbers**

If you are not a numbers person then do not come to this lecture. This session will provide all the numbers you need to run a successful veterinary practice. Find out why the number 20 is more important than 100? What should max out at $4,000?

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 31**

**COMMUNICATIONS**

ROOM: Pier 4/5
Mary Ann Vande Linde, DVM

9:15 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

**Exam Room Communication Success**

Exam room preparation takes knowledge of veterinary medicine: diagnostic skills, problem solving skills, and physical exam skills. To succeed in veterinary practice confident communication is key for trust and compliance to grow. Come and grow skills to break communication barriers and engage today’s clients with teamwork.

2:45 – 5:00 p.m.

**Money Talks the Easy Way: Defining And Assigning Value**

Why is money so hard to talk about? How do we communicate our service value to clients with the cost attached? Learn how to enjoy the money explanations and gain greater client and team trust with positive money discussions and care plan reviews.

Friday’s Practice Management lectures are sponsored by Petplan.

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2020 OVMA Conference – Registration Program 25
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1

CONFLICT RESOLUTION

ROOM: Pier 4/5
Shawn McVey, MA, MSW

9:15 – 10:15 a.m.
The Case For Conflict
Conflict is to be met and managed not avoided or snuffed out. We will examine the underlying dynamics of conflict and how unmanaged conflict affects the veterinary practice and team members.

10:45 – 11:45 a.m.
Self-Confrontation and Minding Your Manners
To confront others, we must first learn to confront ourselves with compassion and insight. We will review how to stay in the moment and manage both the troublesome feelings and the thoughts that accompany conflict and give you the tools necessary to change your own behavior to achieve better results with conflict.

1:15 – 2:15 p.m.
Conflict Dynamics and Characteristics
Here we will review what triggers and prolongs conflict and understand that we all possess the potential to be triggered, over react and personalize the conflict. Learn to see the warning signs and how to de escalate to a more productive way of communicating.

2:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Constructive and Destructive Conflict — Part I
There are definitive constructive ways to manage conflict and this session will explore what those strategies are and how to recognize the opportunities for growth when they are presented. You will see your strengths and weaknesses and learn strategies for staying “positive.”

3:45 – 4:45 p.m.
Constructive and Destructive Conflict — Part II
Here we will examine destructive responses to conflict and the affect that they have on the practice and personnel. We will review communication techniques that allow for clarity rather than confusion and show you how to categorize your conversation to a proactive outcome.

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- Julia Gilkerson, CWB National Leasing customer
Practice Management & Associate Consultations

OVMA’s Business Development Team will be on hand to provide free practice management and career advice to OVMA members. Are you a practice owner who needs assistance setting fees, deciding on the best hospital hours, scheduling staff or improving customer service? Do you want to learn more about OVMA’s Accounting, Bookkeeping or Practice Dashboard Services? Or are you an associate or practice owner looking for some career coaching? OVMA’s team of experts is here to help. For a thorough review of your practice’s performance, for a 15 minute Management Needs Assessment or for a career consult, contact the OVMA office prior to the conference to schedule a consultation during the conference.

T: 1.800.670.1702 ext. 216

Farley Foundation

The Farley Foundation assists low-income pet owners by subsidizing the non-elective veterinary care of their sick/injured pets. Since opening its doors in 2002, the registered charity has disbursed over $4.1 million to assist more than 10,000 people and pets in need. Find out how to apply for funding on behalf of your clients, and discover fun, team-building ways to help support the foundation.

OVMA Insurance Program

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T: 1.888.681.2862

OVMA MEMBER RESOURCE CENTRE

Interested in learning more about OVMA’s many member services and benefits or the latest developments in the veterinary profession? Drop by the OVMA Member Resource Centre, located just inside the Exhibit Hall doors. The Centre will be open throughout all exhibit hall hours. Be sure to drop by to find out more about:
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The OVMA Conference features the largest annual veterinary trade show in Canada with more than 140 exhibit spaces. Delegates will have an opportunity to learn about, discuss and purchase the latest products and services.

Coffee breaks, daily luncheon desserts and evening receptions hosted in the exhibit hall will provide a relaxed atmosphere to meet with colleagues and your exhibitors on a less formal basis.

Representatives from non-exhibiting companies will not be issued passes unless registered with an exhibiting company. This policy is in place to protect the interests of our exhibiting companies. Requests for passes made by a sponsoring company will not be unreasonably withheld.

Exhibit Hall Passes
Entry to the Exhibit Hall is included with your conference registration. Registered conference delegates and accompanying family members may enter the Exhibit Hall at no additional cost.

Veterinarians and veterinary practice personnel who are not registered for the conference can purchase an Exhibit Hall pass on site at a cost of:

- OVMA Members: $50 per person per day
  (rate applies to staff of Clinic Membership practices)
- OVMA Non-Member: $100 per person per day

Please be prepared to show identification verifying your employment at a veterinary hospital (or veterinary license in the case of veterinarians) to obtain a pass.

Lunchtime Exhibit Hall Draws
Each day, delegates 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 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 Socials.

Thursday, January 30
Marketplace
5:00 – 6:30 p.m.
Coffee/Cocktails
Sponsored by: Boehringer Ingelheim

Friday, January 31
Reception
5:00 – 6:30 p.m.
Coffee/Cocktails
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| 9:15  | Darren Osborne  
Veterinary Disrupters |
| 10:30 | COFFEE BREAK IN THE TRADESHOW  
Sponsored by: IDEXX |
| 11:00 | Darren Osborne  
Veterinary Disrupters – continued |
| 12:00 | LUNCH BREAK |
| 1:30  | Darren Osborne  
Veterinary Innovators |
| 2:30  | BIO BREAK |
| 2:45  | Darren Osborne  
Best Practices Not Used In Veterinary Medicine |
| 3:45  | COFFEE BREAK IN THE TRADESHOW  
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| 4:15  | Darren Osborne  
Just the Numbers |
| 6:30  | Corporate Partner Symposium  
Speaker: Christopher Fernandez-Prada, DVM, MSc, PhD  
Sponsored by: Elanco |
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**EXHIBIT HALL EVENTS**

Exhibit Hall Hours  
10:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Table Top Display Hours:  
Harbour Ballroom Foyer  
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Lunchtime Exhibit Hall Draw  
12:45 p.m.

Marketplace in the Exhibit Hall  
5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

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**PROGRAM EXTRAS**

The Zen Zone  
Room: Regatta  
- Morning Bliss Yoga  
  6:30 – 7:30 a.m.  
- Mindfulness Meditation  
  12:00 – 12:15 p.m.  
- Restorative Yoga  
  6:00 – 6:30 p.m.

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**MASTER CLASS SESSIONS**

Master Class capacities are limited, and pre-registration is required. Please refer to the registration form for pricing.

**Gastroenterology Master Class**

Managing Chronic Enteropathies in Dogs:  
From Food First to Antimicrobials and Immunosuppression  
Dr. Kenneth W. Simpson  
1:15 – 3:30 p.m.  
Room: Pier 7  
Sponsored by: Royal Canin
## Program at a Glance

### Friday, January 31

#### Master Class Sessions

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**Dentistry Master Class**
Radiographic Review of Uncommon Pathology in the Dog and Cat/Quadrant Extractions
Dr. Barden Greenfield
9:15 – 11:45 a.m.
Room: Pier 2

**Pharmacology Master Class**
Drug Interactions
Dr. Lauren Trepanier
9:15 – 11:45 a.m.
Room: Pier 3

**Surgery Master Class**
Setting Up a Laparoscopic Surgery in YOUR Practice
Dr. Ameet Singh
1:15 – 3:30 p.m.
Room: Pier 2
Sponsored by: Royal Canin

**Oncology Master Class**
Companion Animal Surgical and Medical Oncology Master Class
Dr. Sarah Boston & Dr. Paul Woods
1:15 – 5:00 p.m.
Room: Pier 3
Sponsored by: Chiron Compounding Pharmacy

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Feline House Soiling: Understanding the Litter Box Blues  |
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## EXHIBIT HALL EVENTS

### Exhibit Hall Hours
10:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

### Table Top Display Hours:
Harbour Ballroom Foyer
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

### Lunchtime Exhibit Hall Draw
12:45 p.m.

### Marketplace in the Exhibit Hall
5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

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## PROGRAM EXTRAS

### OVMA Annual General Meeting
7:30 a.m.
Room: Marine

### AAHA Luncheon
12:00 p.m.
Room: Dockside II

### OVC “Lunch With…” Sessions
* Lunch service provided in session room.
Pre-registration required.
12:00 – 1:15 p.m.
Room: Marine
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### OVC Health Sciences Centre

#### The Zen Zone
Room: Regatta
- Morning Bliss Yoga
  6:30 – 7:30 a.m.
- Mindfulness Meditation
  12:00 – 12:15 p.m.
- Restorative Yoga
  6:00 – 6:30 p.m.
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| 8:00 | Friday Breakfast Bites – Frontenac Ballroom
   Featuring: Dr. Maureen Anderson & Dr. Scott Weese
   Infectious Disease Roundup
   Sponsored by: IDEXX | |
| 9:00 | BIO BREAK | |
| 9:15 | Dr. Heidi Reesink
   Equine Joint Disease and the Value of Objective Gait Analysis
| Dr. Mary Anne Vande Linde
   Exam Room Communication Success – Part I |
| 10:30 | COFFEE BREAK IN THE TRADESHOW | Sponsored by: SUMMIT VETERINARY TRADING INC. |
| 11:00 | Dr. Heidi Reesink
   Frontiers in Management of Equine Joint Disease
| Dr. Mary Anne Vande Linde
   Exam Room Communication Success – Part II |
| 12:00 | LUNCH BREAK | Sponsored by: SUMMIT VETERINARY TRADING INC. |
| 1:30 | Dr. Heidi Reesink
   Enigmatic Equine Tendon and Ligament Injuries
| Dr. Mary Anne Vande Linde
   Exam Room Communication Success – Part III |
| 2:30 | BIO BREAK | |
| 2:45 | Dr. Heidi Reesink
   The Hitchhiker’s Guide to Equine Regenerative Medicine
| Dr. Mary Anne Vande Linde
   Money Talks the Easy Way: Defining and Assigning Value – Part I |
| 3:45 | COFFEE BREAK IN THE TRADESHOW | Sponsored by: SUMMIT VETERINARY TRADING INC. |
| 4:15 | Dr. Heidi Reesink
   Advanced Imaging of Fatal Musculoskeletal Injuries in Racehorses
| Dr. Mary Anne Vande Linde
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| 5:00 | | |
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Frontenac Ballroom  
Speaker: Shawn McVey, MA MSW  
Get Your EQ On: Harnessing Your Emotional Intelligence to Live a Happier Life  
Sponsored by: Petplan™ | | |
| 9:00 | BIO BREAK | | |
| 9:15 | Dr. Doug Mader  
Adding Exotics to a Small Animal Practice | Dr. Justine Lee  
Top 5 Mistakes to Avoid in the Poisoned Patient | Dr. Ameet Singh  
Advanced GI Surgery |
| 10:15 | COFFEE BREAK IN THE TRADESHOW  
Sponsored by: Summit Veterinary Supplies Inc. | | |
| 10:45 | Dr. Doug Mader  
Basic Bunny Medicine | Dr. Justine Lee  
Top 10 Human Food Toxins Poisonous to Dogs and Cats | Dr. Ameet Singh  
Back to the Basics: Secure Knots, Beautifully Closed Skin & Seroma Prevention |
| 11:45 | LUNCH BREAK | | |
| 1:15 | Dr. Doug Mader  
Basic Reptile Anatomy and Pysiology | Dr. Justine Lee  
Top 10 Human Medications Poisonous to Dogs and Cats | Dr. Tom Gibson  
Update on Treatment of Cruciate Ligament Rupture – Medical? Surgical? |
| 2:15 | BIO BREAK | | |
| 2:30 | Dr. Doug Mader  
Treatment Techniques in Reptiles | Dr. Justine Lee  
Garden Dangers Poisonous to Dogs and Cats | Dr. Tom Gibson  
Rehabilitation Modalities for Treatment of Osteoarthritis |
| 3:30 | COFFEE BREAK IN THE TRADESHOW  
Sponsored by: Summit Veterinary Supplies Inc. | | |
| 3:45 | Dr. Doug Mader  
What Every Practitioner Needs to Know About Invertebrates | Dr. Justine Lee  
Rodenticide Toxicity: What’s New? | Dr. Tom Gibson & Dr. Ameet Singh  
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### Program at a Glance

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### Program Extras

- **CVMC Breakfast**: 7:00 – 8:00 a.m.
- **The Zen Zone**
  - Room: Regatta
  - Mindfulness Meditation
  - 12:00 – 12:15 p.m.
  - Sponsored by: Boehringer Ingelheim

### Master Class Sessions

Master Class capacities are limited, and pre-registration is required. Please refer to the registration form for pricing.

- **Cardiology Master Class**
  - Stage D Congestive Heart Failure – What Now?
  - Dr. Ashley Jones
  - 9:15 – 11:45 a.m.
  - Room: Pier 9
  - Sponsored by: Chiron Compounding Pharmacy

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Thursday _______________________ Friday _______________________ Saturday _______________________

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The deadline for Pre-Registration for all registration types is **January 10, 2020.**
Registration includes lunch and admission to trade show (please circle your applicable fees)

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5. MEMBERSHIP DUES

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6. ADDITIONAL

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