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**2018 CACVT Spring Conference
AT-A-GLANCE**

SCHEDULE AT-A-GLANCE

TIME	COURSE	SPEAKER
Friday, April 20, 2018		
4:30P - 8:00P	<i>Registration</i>	
5:00P - 8:00P	Early Periodontal Disease: Identification, Staging, Non-surgical Treatment // Advanced Periodontal Disease: Surgical Treatment	Edward Eisner, DVM
Saturday, April 21, 2018		
7:00A - 6:30P	<i>Registration with Morning Coffee & Tea</i>	
8:00A - 3:00P	CVT Interview Challenge: Put your Professional Skills to the Test! (By appointment - sign-up required)	Veterinary System Services
8:00A - 10:00A	Initial Assessment of the Emergency Patient // Life Saving Emergency Room Techniques	Harold Davis, RVT, VTS (ECC) (ANESTH/ ANALGESIA)
8:00A - 10:00A	Opioids: the Good, the Bad, and the Ugly // No Pain, Lots of Gain: Local Anesthesia Techniques	Kim Spelts, CVT, VTS (ANESTH/ ANALGESIA)
8:00A - 10:00A	Your Next Move: Strategy Building	Brad Patton, CEO, VETERINARY SYSTEM SERVICES
10:00A - 10:30A	<i>Exhibitor BREAK</i>	
10:30A - 12:30P	Management of the Shock Patient // Fluid Therapy: An Overview	Harold Davis, RVT, VTS (ECC) (ANESTH/ ANALGESIA)
10:30A - 12:30P	Anesthesia in Patients with Concurrent Disease	Kim Spelts, CVT, VTS (ANESTH/ ANALGESIA)
10:30A - 12:30P	Your Next, Next Move: How to Beat the Competition to Your Dream Job	Brad Patton, CEO, VETERINARY SYSTEM SERVICES
12:45P - 1:45P	Annual Luncheon: with special guest presenter Diane Balkin, JD (Seating is limited - RSVP required)	
1:00P - 1:30P	<i>Exhibitor BREAK</i>	
2:00P - 4:00P	Management of the Traumatic Brain Injury Patient // CPR an Update	Harold Davis, RVT, VTS (ECC) (ANESTH/ ANALGESIA)
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Friday, April 20, 2018

5:00P - 8:00P

Early Periodontal Disease: Identification, Staging, Non-surgical Treatment

Advanced Periodontal Disease: Surgical Treatment

Edward Eisner, DVM

Part 1: Learn periodontal disease assessment and management of a long-term dental program.

Part 2: Surgical Treatment: Saving teeth that have advanced loss of tooth-supporting bone is not for every patient, every client, or every clinician, but it has its place and time.

Saturday, April 21, 2018

8:00A - 3:00P

CVT Interview Challenge: Put your Professional Skills to the Test!

(By appointment - sign-up required)

Veterinary System Services

It's a job seeker's market, and CVTs are in demand! But are you ready to take advantage of the opportunity? This

is your chance to knock the dust off your interviewing skills. The best way to get the job and pay you want is to be polished and ready! Let VSS help you hone your interview skills. Seasoned recruitment managers will be performing 20 minute mock interviews. In addition to polishing your skills, you will receive a helpful critique to build your confidence. Those with the best reviews will be entered into a drawing for a \$100 gift card. The winning interviewee will be drawn at the Hot Topic lecture on Saturday! ** Must be present to win.*

Sign up for your appointment slot online to participate in this extraordinary up-leveling opportunity!

8:00A - 10:00A

Initial Assessment of the Emergency Patient

Life Saving Emergency Room Techniques

Harold Davis, RVT, VTS (ECC) (Anesth/ Analgesia)

Part 1: Review the general principles of assessment of the emergency patient.

Part 2: Often the veterinary technician may have to perform or assist in emergency life savings techniques. Several of these techniques will be discussed, including the indications, equipment needed, how the procedure is performed, and the potential complications associated with the procedures.

8:00A - 10:00A

Opioids: the Good, the Bad, and the Ugly

No Pain, Lots of Gain: Local Anesthesia Techniques

Kim Spelts, CVT, VTS (Anesth/ Analgesia)

Part 1: Love them or hate them, opioids are the cornerstone of perioperative pain management. This lecture will discuss the mechanisms of action of opioids as well as review the pros and cons of common and not-so-common opioids used in veterinary medicine.

Part 2: Local anesthetics play a valuable role in managing pain in our veterinary patients. Lidocaine and bupivacaine are both inexpensive, and most local anesthesia techniques are easy to learn and quick to perform. The addition of local anesthetics into many surgical procedures can help reduce the requirement for intraoperative anesthetics as well as postoperative analgesics. This lecture will discuss and show videos demonstrating a number of local anesthesia techniques

8:00A - 10:00A

Your Next Move: Strategy Building

Brad Patton, CEO, Veterinary System Services

How do you interview a potential employer? There are many more options than taking just any job. Not all employers are created equal. Learn the skills you need to evaluate a possible employer. To have a career that



you will actually love takes more than just showing up. Jumping from job to job does not help you in the long run. You need to be purposeful and strategic with these decisions, as they will affect your entire life.

10:30A - 12:30P

Management of the Shock Patient Fluid Therapy: An Overview

Harold Davis, RVT, VTS (ECC) (Anesth/ Analgesia)

Part 1: Shock is a dynamic and complex syndrome; the focus of therapy and monitoring is oxygen delivery. Having a basic understanding of the pathophysiologic and compensatory mechanism of this complex syndrome will aid the veterinary technician in meeting therapeutic and monitoring goals.

Part 2: Fluid therapy can be an integral component to the management of the critically ill patient. This discussion will address everything from catheter placement to the development of the fluid therapy plan.

10:30A - 12:30P

Anesthesia in Patients with Concurrent Disease

Kim Spelts, CVT, VTS (Anesth/ Analgesia)

Patients with underlying renal, hepatic, and/or cardiac disease present a number of challenges to the anesthetist. If not managed properly, an anesthetic event can be extremely detrimental to these often fragile patients, potentially worsening the effects of the primary disease. Taking appropriate precautions in these patients will help ensure better outcomes with fewer short- and long-term complications from anesthetic procedures. This lecture will review the basic anatomy and functions of the liver, kidney, and heart and then provide recommendations for anesthetic management of patients with underlying disease.

10:30A - 12:30P

Your Next, Next Move: How to Beat the Competition to Your Dream Job **Brad Patton, CEO, Veterinary System Services**

Veterinary practices all over Colorado have been saying that most applicants are not putting their best foot forward. There is a science to marketing yourself and

job acquisition. Do you really have what it takes to earn the opportunity you deserve? Learn how to elevate your presentation to make yourself stand out against the rest. You only get one chance at a first impression. It starts with your cover letter and resume. While those will get your foot in the door, the interview is the deciding factor, and you need to be prepared.

12:45P - 1:45P

ANNUAL LUNCHEON

with Special Guest Diane Balkin, JD

**Space is limited. Register early to reserve your seat!*

Recognizing the significance of the connection between crimes against animals and crimes against humans has been integral to the development of animal protection laws and the criminal justice system. Animals also play a significant role in providing emotional support therapy throughout criminal investigations. This lecture is where Netflix meets veterinary technology, and will be explored on a broad scale tapping into the interests of a larger audience.

2:00P - 4:00P

Management of the Traumatic Brain Injury Patient

CPR an Update

Harold Davis, RVT, VTS (ECC) (Anesth/ Analgesia)

Part 1: Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) is an acute neurological emergency. Recognition of subtle changes and the initiation of appropriate therapy will ultimately affect the outcome. The purpose of this discussion is to provide an overview of the nursing management of the TBI patient.

Part 2: Veterinary technicians are important members of the CPR team. A collaborative or team approach is mandatory for optimal care of the cardiopulmonary arrest patient. Veterinary guidelines have been established for the management of cardiopulmonary resuscitation. It is important that all CPR team members be aware of current recommendations. This discussion will review the principles of CPR along with the new recommendations.



2:00P - 4:00P

Thinking Outside the Box: Feline Anesthesia & Analgesia

Kim Spelts, CVT, VTS (Anesthes/Analgesia)

Misconceptions about where feline anesthesia and analgesia are concerned. This makes cats more likely to suffer anesthesia-related morbidity and mortality when compared to dogs. This lecture will dispel some of those myths and describe progressive alternatives in the perianesthetic care of cats.

2:00P - 4:00P

The Veterinary Professional's Role in Animal Cruelty Cases

Diane Balkin, JD

Violence towards animals is recognized as an accurate predictor of future violent conduct. There is also a "link" between animal abuse and family violence. The successful investigation and prosecution of crimes involving animals requires a collaborative effort. Veterinary professionals play a critical role in the successful recognition, reporting, investigation and prosecution of these crimes.

This presentation will discuss the historical perspective of the "link" and will assist the veterinary professional with how to recognize, document, and report abuse. It will also cover local laws, what to expect both in and out of court, and situations to avoid. Practical tips and resources will be provided.

4:30P - 6:30P

CACVT Hot Topic Session Surviving as a CVT in This Profession

Amy Newfield, CVT, VTS (ECC)

Turnover in the field of veterinary technology is high. Why do so many people pay for an education only to leave the field so quickly? This lecture reviews how to survive, thrive and enjoy the field! We will discuss compassion fatigue, helping yourself before others and advancing or changing direction in the field. Good team dynamics will be discussed. Different options of what veterinary technicians can do will also be discussed.

Sunday, April 22, 2018

8:00A - 10:00A

Motion Sickness in Dogs

The ICK in TICKs

Amy Newfield, CVT, VTS (ECC)

Part 1: There is nothing fun about having a client arrive at your clinic with a dog that just vomited all over itself. Many times motion sick dogs are stuck in homes and never taken anywhere fun because their owners don't want to deal with the mess. This lecture talks about motion sickness in dogs, why it occurs and both Eastern and Western medicine treatment options.

Part 2: Ticks, ick! This lecture will discuss the various diseases, signs and treatment of tick borne illnesses.

10:30A - 12:30P

A HBC Enters Your Clinic...Step by Step of What To Do

Reproductive Emergencies

Amy Newfield, CVT, VTS (ECC)

Part 1: Even if you do not work in emergency clinic, chances are you will have a hit-by-car pet come through your doors. The first 15 minutes of that pet's arrival is the most important. Attendees will learn exactly what to do and in what order when a hit by car pet comes through the doors. Triage, catheter selection, fluid therapy and more will be discussed.

Part 2: In this lecture, common reproductive emergencies and treatment in both the male and female dog and cat, including testicular neoplasia, uterine torsion, and dystocia will be discussed.