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**Earn up to 17 CE Credits at 2017 CACVT  
Spring Conference!**  
(Each hour of lecture = 1hr CE Credit)

Friday, April 21, 2017

5:00P - 8:00P

## **Radiology: Understanding & Technique** Amy Newfield, CVT, VTS (ECC)

Technicians are taught how to take radiographs, not what they are looking at. This lecture will review how to view a radiograph and know what you are looking at. Common disease processes that you may see in the abdomen will be shown. Technicians will be able to identify emergent issues so that patients can receive faster treatment. Cases will be utilized.

Saturday, April 22, 2017

8:00A - 10:00A

## **Taking the WORK Out of Interpreting Lab Work** Brandy Helewa, CVT, RVT, VTS (ECC)

This discussion will be on how to use lab results relative to corresponding organ systems to confirm or rule out items on a differential diagnosis list. Focus will be primarily on chemistry and CBC results, blood gas profiles, and urinalysis results. Ancillary tests, such as ACTH stimulations, thyroid tests, etc, may be covered. Case examples may be used to illustrate specific points.

8:00A - 10:00A

## **Things that make you go “Hmmm?!”... Mind warping cases: a neurologist’s perspective** Rainier Ko, DVM, MS, Dipl. ACVS, Dipl. ACVIM (Neurology)

Join Dr. Rainier Ko as he reminisces on unusual, unique, and mind-blowing cases seen as a veterinary neurologist. This interactive, case-based session tests your knowledge while you learn of incredible patients that may walk through the doors of any veterinary practice, from general practice to specialty hospitals.

Warning: this talk is only for those who wish to push their knowledge base, including relevant concepts of disease, physiology, and anatomy... but most importantly... possess a Sherlock Holme’s investigative mindset!

8:00A - 10:00A

## **How To Survive as a CVT in This Profession** Amy Newfield, CVT, VTS (ECC)

Turn over 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! This lecture will discuss compassion fatigue, helping yourself before others and advancing or changing direction in the field. Different options of what veterinary technicians can do will be discussed.

10:30A - 12:30P

## **Using Kirby’s Rule of Twenty for Critical Nursing** Brandy Helewa, CVT, RVT, VTS (ECC)

We will explore the use of Kirby’s Rule of Twenty to develop a plan to ensure all parameters are being met in our critical patients, utilizing a rule-by-rule discussion on different ways to monitor those parameters with and without equipment. Discussion of how each parameter is necessary for the next one to be correctly monitored will be addressed.

10:30A - 12:30P

## **Beyond Pain Meds: Why Choose Veterinary Physical Rehabilitation and Acupuncture** Danielle Waite, DVM, CCRP, CVMA

Join Dr. Dani Waite for a fun case based approach to veterinary rehabilitation. We will discuss the common conditions treated with rehabilitation, modalities used, therapeutic exercise, and acupuncture. Learn how to incorporate these treatments in to your everyday practice to avoid frustration with chronic painful conditions, help animals restore function following neurologic injury, and improve healing post-surgery.

10:30A - 12:30P

## **The Value of Certification for the Professional and the Practice** Brad Patton, CEO, Veterinary System Services

This session is designed to empower Certified Veterinary Technicians to become advocates for themselves and their profession. We will give you tools to empower yourself and advance your career, your pay, and your knowledge. We will also discuss advancing the occupation within your practice, your community, and the broader veterinary industry. Value is more than cost. Learn to stop reacting and to start moving forward with purpose within your professional life. Whether you are looking for advancement or just for the next steps, this session will give you the information and tactics to accomplish those goals.

12:45P - 1:45P

## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON

### **CACVT State of the Union**

Juliebeth Pelletier, CACVT Executive Director

CACVT has harnessed and cultivated many opportunities for expansion in recent years. Join us as we explore the state of the association, various ways in which CACVT is expanding, and how your state association is showing up within the industry and the public sector to support you! If you've ever wondered about the ways in which a healthy association can effect a profession and benefit you, you won't want to miss this!

to set up better systems of control within the business. Most importantly, this session will help inventory staff make their jobs more manageable so they can spend less, stress less, and not run out as much.

4:30P - 7:30P

## **CACVT Hot Topic Session**

### **Cultivating Well-Being: Care for the Heart of the Caregiver**

Laurie Fonken, Ph.D., LPC

Veterinary professionals are highly committed and dedicated individuals who work hard to care for their patients, clients, colleagues, and communities. For those who devote their lives to the service of others, the physical, emotional and spiritual demands can lead to exhaustion. Day to day work pressures can at times feel overwhelming and isolating, and have a detrimental effect on personal and professional well-being. The natural response may be to work harder, to do more, until there is nothing left to give. The good news is that as caring individuals you have the capacity to focus that care on yourself. With development of healthy practices you can continue to effectively provide complete and compassionate care.

2:00P - 4:00P

### **Decontamination and Antidotes for Toxicities**

Brandy Helewa, CVT, RVT, VTS (ECC)

The different decontamination methods for toxicity patients including emesis, gastric lavage and the use of cathartics, as well as the benefits and contraindications to each method will be discussed. Available antidotes for specific toxins, including naloxone, antivenom and intravenous lipid emulsion therapy will be covered.

2:00P - 4:00P

### **Analgesia: Multimodal? MultiAWESOME!**

#### **What Would the Anesthesia Nerd Do?**

Kim Spelts, CVT, VTS (Anesthesia/Analgesia)

**Part 1:** Providing robust, multimodal analgesia reduces anesthetic requirement, improves recoveries, and keeps our patients comfortable. This class reviews the nociceptive pathway and describes techniques for providing multiAWESOME perioperative analgesia.

**Part 2:** This interactive class will review anesthesia cases of varying degrees of complexity, sparking a discussion on different methods of anesthetic planning and case management. Attendees are encouraged to bring their experiences to the table when the different cases are discussed.

2:00P - 4:00P

### **Veterinary Inventory 202**

Brad Patton, CEO, Veterinary System Services

This presentation will build upon the basic principles already established for inventory in a veterinary practice. Having knowledge of what inventory means for your practice will help, but is not necessary. This session moves beyond the basics of inventory, and starts to delve into proper inventory management for veterinary practices specifically. We will discuss professional shopping, allocation of effort, and managerial tactics towards supply operations. This session gives inventory managers tools

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8:00A - 10:00A

### **Cat House: Treating Frenemies and Their Fallout**

E'Lise Christensen Bell, DVM, DACVB

Inter-cat aggression and eliminating outside of the box are common co-morbidities in multi-cat households. Without treatment, these disorders can diminish the human-animal bond and cause significant morbidity and mortality. Come to this lecture for tips on how to de-escalate these situations, heal relationships between troubled cats, and get them to hit the litter box rather than the couch. We'll cover medical differentials, environmental enrichment, specific counter-conditioning protocols, training cats, and appropriate supplements and psychoactive medications options.

10:30A - 12:30P

### **Use It or Lose It: Prevent and Improve Signs of Cognitive Dysfunction**

E'Lise Christensen Bell, DVM, DACVB

While brain function can be supported and improved even when cognitive symptoms are significant, many people implement therapies too late for maximum efficacy. Come to this case-based lecture to learn how to intervene early and often so the aging process doesn't get the best of your patients. We will cover behavioral therapy, cognitive supplementation, medical rule outs, pain management, and appropriate dietary interventions.

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**2017 CACVT Spring Conference AT-A-GLANCE**

**SCHEDULE AT-A-GLANCE**

TIME	COURSE	SPEAKER	LOCATION
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4:30P - 8:00P	<i>Registration</i>		Lemon Foyer; Lobby Level
5:00P - 8:00P	Radiology: Understanding & Technique	Amy Newfield, CVT, VTS (ECC)	Citrus; Lobby Level

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12:45P - 1:45P	<i>Annual Membership Luncheon: CACVT State of the Union (*ticketed event)</i>		Citrus; Lobby Level
1:00P - 1:30P	<i>Exhibitor BREAK</i>		Atrium; Lower Level
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