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SAVT CONFERENCE COORDINATOR WELCOME



On behalf of the SAVT Conference and Board of Directors, I would like to welcome you all to the 32nd Annual SAVT Conference, AGM and Tradeshow!

This year's theme of "Bigger Bolder Braver" is certainly reflected in our registration numbers this year; over 250 registrations! That means over 250 of you have taken the time out of your busy lives to reconnect with colleagues and focus on your career. By attending conferences, keeping current, and learning new skills, you are taking control of your own career path. This year, we have invited some extraordinary speakers for you, including fellow technologists who have become certified in the fields of Emergency and Critical Care, Anesthesia and Equine Nursing. We hope you enjoy learning from these bold and inspiring leaders in our field.

A huge thank you goes out to all of our generous sponsors! With their support, we are able to continue to offer you a quality conference each year. With close to 40 booths, our trade show is one of the biggest yet. Be sure to try and stop by every booth to thank them and ask them questions. These knowledgeable representatives love to engage with you and tell you all about their newest products and theories on animal health care. You never know when something you learn at the trade show will be just the thing you need to bring back to your clinic. A special thanks goes out to Erin from Medi Cal- Royal Canin who has once again supported us with Diamond Sponsorship.

Thanks to Pet Plan, we are fortunate to have Shannon Brownrigg here to kick off the weekend with our keynote address. As RVTTT Executive Director, she has had the privilege of meeting techs from all across our country and has witnessed the bigger picture first hand. Vet tech pride is alive and well across the nation...she's an RVT, What about you??

We have an exciting variety of large and small animal speakers lined up for you on Saturday. If your interests lie with our furry friends, we have small animal critical care, behaviour, horse and calf sessions. Not-so-furry topics include: exotics, critical thinking, human-animal violence and even some occupational health and safety.

Our hands-on labs continue to be one of the highlights of the SAVT conference. The WCVI and VMC have once again, graciously supported technologists by donating the equipment, animals and facility for these wet labs. The success of these labs would simply not be possible without the use of this venue. Thanks to their generosity, we continue to be one of the only provinces in Canada to offer this many quality labs that are created specifically for technologists.

We hope you are supportive of a big Sunday change this year. We decided to follow the "bravery" aspect of our theme by trying something new. We will be forgoing the usual series of eight short abstracts in exchange for four in-depth workshops. These workshops are all being presented by excellent speakers in their fields, and will surely make a fantastic addition to your resume.

On a personal note, I would like to say thanks again to the SAVT Board of Directors for involving me in their meetings and making me feel so welcome. They have not only given me their valuable time during meetings, but also guidance, feedback, praise and support all throughout the year. These friendly ladies (and gentleman) will all be sporting our brand new conference polo T-shirts this weekend! If you have any questions, be sure to pull one of us aside and we will be happy to help you out.

We hope you all have a great time this weekend. Enjoy!
Kenzie Makowsky, RVT
2016 SAVT Conference Coordinator

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2008 – Deneille (Tocher) Noble
2009 – Lorraine Serhienko
2010 - Tamara McLoughlin
2011 - Tamara McLoughlin
2012 - Melanie Browning
2013 - Cindy Toy
2014 - Nicole Wood
2015 - Nicole Wood
2016 - Lois Ridgway

SAVT PRESIDENT WELCOME



I would like to personally "Welcome" each of you to the Saskatchewan Association of Veterinary Technologists 32nd Annual Conference, Tradeshow and AGM. The SAVT has an amazing event planned for you and we are thrilled that you have chosen to share your time with us. I would also like to give a special "Welcome" to the Lakeland students and the Sk Polytechnic students who have joined us. They are the future of this profession and we are blessed to share with them the passion and longevity they can look forward to, as well as they are a great reminder of the enthusiasm that we all began with.

Technology and communication are making the world smaller and more connected than ever before. There are many exciting things happening in the world of veterinary medicine some of which you will hear about from our speakers and experience first hand in our wet lab events. At the same time, Veterinary Technologists face unique challenges in our efforts to be adaptable and responsive to complex animal health issues, business demands, changing diagnostic technologies and new societal situations.

This conference is indeed **Bigger, Bolder and Braver** than any before it; it has been designed to give all participants a platform to exchange ideas, discover the latest industry products and pharmaceuticals, reacquaint and network with colleagues, establish new friends and overall, broaden your veterinary technology related knowledge base.

Lois Ridgway, RVT
2016 SAVT President

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Thank you!!

Sincere appreciation is extended to all our valued sponsors, trade show participants, speakers, and wet lab facilitators supporting our profession. With your continued support of our conference, we can remain committed to the continuing education of Veterinary Technologists.

A sincere thank you is extended to all the volunteers who came together to help with all the tasks involved for this weekend.



PAST AWARD WINNERS • Saskatchewan Association of Veterinary Technologists, Inc.

	AWARD OF MERIT	SAVT APPRECIATION	CONFERENCE APPRECIATION	VETERINARIAN OF THE YEAR
1990	Cindy Toy	N/A		
1991	Karen L'Henaff	Linda Benson		
1992	Susan Thiessen	N/A		
1993	Sandy Hass	N/A		
1994	Sandy Parsons	N/A		
1995	Shannon Drake	Rocky Gibney		
1996	Jackie Peters	Sandy Parsons		
1997	Dee Hopley	Nadine Schueller		
1998	Lana Delaney	Dr. Joanne Post		
1999	Nadine Schueller	Glen Cartwright-Schering Plough		
****	SVMA VET TECH	Dr. Curt Hagele - SVMA		
2000	Mona Bozsik	Pam Bowman		
2001	Arlee Deschene	Karen Bone		
2002	Darlene MacPherson	Michele Moroz		
2003	Susan (Kowal) Cadrin	Carolyn Zmud		
2004	Lisa Soles	Joanne Parnetta		
2005	Kim Berger	Sharon Hauser	New in 2005	
2006	Melody Berg	Sandy Hass	VTH – WCVN Dr. Stan Rubin	
2007	Gloria Hammond	Jodi Walchuk	Hills – Dr. Clayton MacKay	
2008	Melissa Marin	AJ Mamer – Webmaster	Joanne Parnetta	
2009	Bernice Ruf	Marilyn St. Marie/Vivian Orr	Kris Reid – AV	New in 2009
2010	Melody Ng	Tamara McLoughlin	Dr. Jaques Messier	Dr. Zenon Forster
2011	Arlee Deschene	Bob Tait	Marilyn St. Marie	Norsask Veterinary Group
2012	Abigail Culleton	Ruth Black	Georgina Knudsen/Michael Santer	Dr. Michael Powell
2013	Wendy Fernets	Dr. Joanne Post	Dr. Carol Poland (Hill's)	Dr. Shawn Haas
2014	Maureen Hurley	Leah Gordon	Sandy Hass	Dr. Colin Palmer
2015	Breanna Issel	Erin Hendrickson	Kenzie Makowsky	Dr. Susan Taylor
			Cindy Toy	Dr. Katina Stewart



Saturday Speakers

Shannon Brownrigg, RVT Executive Director RVTTTC



"I AM AN RVT"....What About You?

8:15-9:00am
Saskatchewan B

Contributing to the veterinary technician profession has been a life time commitment for RVT Shannon Brownrigg. As RVTTTC's Executive Director, Shannon is daily championing with and for her fellow RVT colleagues. Join Shannon as she shares the advancements in both the profession and the drive in the hearts of RVTs across Canada today. The time to be a Registered Veterinary Technologist is now, Bigger, Bolder, Braver! The options are endless and it is time that as a profession we join together to share our successes and to unite our voice, "I AM AN RVT!"

A passionate member of the veterinary team, Shannon Brownrigg, a registered veterinary technician, has been working with pets and their owners for the past 25 years. A graduate of St. Lawrence College's Animal Care Technology program (1991), Shannon's work experience has included general veterinary practice of small animal, bovine and equine medicine, emergency & critical care medicine, and referral specialties in ophthalmology and dentistry.

Contributing to the veterinary technician profession has been a life time commitment to Shannon. In 2003, Shannon created and launched Vet Tech Plus, a service dedicated to create and maintain positive and productive working relationships in veterinary teams all across Canada. In 2007, Shannon joined the faculty team at Algonquin College where she taught and developed curriculum in both the Veterinary Technician and Veterinary Assistant programs.

Shannon has deep roots in the agricultural community, growing up on a beef farm, Shannon was very active raising and showing Hereford cattle with an extensive career as both a 4-H and Junior Farmers member.

Shannon is a passionate volunteer to the RVT profession as a member of the Canadian Veterinary Reserve Advisory Board, the St. Clair College VT Advisory Committee, OAVT Large Animal Focus group and she continues to volunteer for local OAVT activities.

As RVTTTC's Executive Director, Shannon is thrilled to provide support to veterinary technicians and veterinary team members across Canada.

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Ashley Del McCoshen – ESH Specialist



Basic Human First Aid and Occupational Health & Safety in the Workplace

9:15-10:15am
Manitoba Room

This hour lecture will encompass a high level overview of select standard first aid, CPR & AED use in the workplace, with an emphasis on first aid for mental health conditions.

Ashley McCoshen is an ESH Specialist with Monsanto Canada Inc., coordinating the Environmental Safety and Health programs for the Western Canadian Commercial Teams. She has a passion for occupational health and safety and strives to provide training to all colleagues and their families to ensure safety on and off the job. Ashley attended the University of Saskatchewan, where she obtained a Bsc in Biology. External training has led her down a path, completing her Instructor Development Program with St. John's Ambulance. When not at work, Ashley spends copious amounts of time with family and fur-baby Levi!

Megan Brashear, BS, CVT, VTS (ECC)



"Shock Talk"

9:15-10:15am
Saskatchewan C

Shock is a common occurrence in dogs and cats. This lecture will cover the physiology of shock in dogs and cats, the clinical signs and how to recognize shock in various circumstances, and treatment of shock and how it can differ between dogs and cats. Fluid therapy strategies will be covered so technicians can anticipate patient needs and veterinarian orders. A significant portion of time will be spent on technician monitoring of patients in shock and recognition of improvement and decline. The talk ends with a case study to combine all aspects mentioned in the lecture.

"When Fluids Aren't Enough" Next Steps in Treating Hypotension
11:00-12:00pm
Saskatchewan C

Hypotension is a common occurrence in cats and dogs and can be seen for a number of reasons. This talk begins with a review of blood pressure and what body systems influence blood pressure in dogs and cats. Best practices for consistent measurement using both the doppler method and oscillometric is covered. Then common reasons for hypotension in small animals are discussed and a brief mention of fluid therapy including crystalloids and colloids. Dopamine, dobutamine, vasopressin, and norepinephrine are all covered in detail including method of action, monitoring needs, and dosages for dogs and cats. A detailed explanation of CRI math follows. The talk ends with multiple case studies utilizing various blood pressure medications and monitoring.

"It's Getting Hot in Here" Heatstroke in Dogs
2:15-3:15pm
Saskatchewan C

Heatstroke is a complex disease process that can involve every organ system in the body. This lecture follows a dog suffering from heatstroke through his stay and treatment in the ICU. Problems covered include: hypovolemic shock, neurologic abnormalities, SIRS, sepsis, coagulopathy, GI tract sloughing, renal impairment, hepatic impairment, nutritional challenges, cardiac dysfunction, and pain management. This lecture puts particular emphasis on the nursing care and technician critical thinking required to treat these critical cases.



Comments & Feedback

How are we are doing?
Please help us make next year's conference better. Tell us what works and what doesn't. We are available for feedback at the registration table / SAVT booth all weekend....or if you want to remain anonymous, there will be an electronic survey emailed out post conference.



Saturday Speakers



Megan Brashear, BS, CVT, VTS (ECC)

Critical Thinking Skills
4:00-5:00pm
Saskatchewan C

Critical Thinking allows veterinary technicians to anticipate the needs of both the veterinarian and the patient and respond to both accordingly. While they may know what to do, critical thinking allows technicians to also understand why they are doing it. This lecture details how veterinary technicians can make themselves invaluable to a practice by expanding and practicing their critical thinking skills. By utilizing case studies and “what would you do” questions, technicians are encouraged to use all of their skills to bring their knowledge to the next level.

Megan Brashear, BS, CVT, VTS (ECC) graduated from Brigham Young University in 2000 with a BS in Animal Science with an emphasis in Veterinary Technology. She worked during tech school as a veterinary assistant in general practice and made the jump to emergency and critical care in 2000. Megan earned her CVT in Oregon in 2000, and in 2004 became a VTS (ECC). She worked at DoveLewis Emergency Animal Hospital in Portland, Oregon from 2000 to 2016 as an ER/ICU technician, 8 years as the technician manager, and she served as the Education Manager. Megan is currently the Specialty Technician Trainer at VCA Northwest Veterinary Specialists in Clackamas, Oregon where she enjoys helping technicians and medical staff to provide top-notch specialty care.

Megan enjoys serving on her state technician association as well as the Legal Committee chair of the National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America.

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Patricia Dowling, DVM, MSc, DACVIM & DACVCP



Antimicrobial Therapy in Large Animals in the Face of Antimicrobial Resistance
9:15-10:15am
Canadian Room

Case based discussion of current issues and options in the antimicrobial treatment of common large animal infectious diseases.

Professor of veterinary clinical pharmacology at the Western College of Veterinary Medicine, founder and co-director of the Canadian gFARAD, a national food safety service providing withdrawal guidance for extra label drug use in food animals.

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Dr. Norman R. Lowes DVM, MVSc Veterinary Clinical Pathologist and Jennifer Kowalski, AHT



“We Can Do Cytology!” (Part 1 & 2)
9:15 - 10:15am & 11:00-12:00pm
Courtyard Room

This presentation of cytology is an overview from a technician’s perspective from a busy small animal practice on the west coast. This tech loves doing cytology and has a deep desire to do cytology on a daily basis.

The purpose of this presentation is to provide veterinary technologists with the knowledge required to perform cell identification, glass slide examination techniques and the steps required to choose appropriate images for evaluation of the tissues sampled.

With the use of actual case material along with the use of appropriate descriptive terminology different pathological states of tissues sampled will help technologists learn the basics of descriptive cytology.

Alternative staining techniques will be discussed using NMB and Sano techniques.

Emphasis will be placed on learning characteristics of inflammation, identification of some etiological agents and the broad classification of different tumour cell types.

Where possible correlation of gross, cytological and histological findings will be discussed to explain how cytology aids in the diagnosis of different pathological states.

The use of photography using phone cameras, dedicated digital eyepiece cameras and mounted tri-ocular cameras will be discussed to provide captured images and video clips to be sent to clinical and anatomical pathologist for consultation. Video examination of glass slides in real time will be demonstrated to show the value of rapid specimen evaluation.

Dr. Norm Lowes is a graduate of WCVU with two veterinary degrees; one in medicine and surgery, and the second in veterinary clinical pathology. He first practiced in Winnipeg doing small animals and in a mixed animal practice before returning to graduate school to complete an MVSc degree in clinical pathology. He has spent his career in veterinary medicine doing both small animal practice work as well as diagnostic pathology in several diagnostic laboratories in Western Canada and England. Norman was the director of the first private veterinary diagnostic laboratory established in Vancouver and was one of the founding owners of the Central Laboratories for Veterinarians which was later purchased by IDEXX Laboratories. The establishment of an internet service has been a long time goal which over the past two years has seen a slow but steady growth in cases. Norm lives in Brandon Manitoba with his wife Lynda along with their dog, Sadie and two cats, Jasmine and Thomas. Norman spends time road biking on regular basis as well enjoys photography with his Canon camera.

Born and raised in Victoria BC, Jennifer felt that she has always been destined to have a career in the veterinary industry. She received her training and diploma in Animal Health Technology from Fairview Alberta in 1992, and has worked in small animal vet medicine ever since. Her career began in Calgary, but eventually she moved back to Victoria to raise a family of her own. She has since been employed at a large veterinary hospital in Victoria and is currently the head technician of a wonderful 11 vet-9 tech practice. Jennifer has always loved lab work and several years ago she decided she wanted to become more knowledgeable about cytology as this was lacking from her education in college. She has learned (and continues to learn) a great deal-especially with the help and support of Dr. Norman Lowes who has been a friend and mentor to her. It is her hope that as cytology seems to become increasingly important in veterinary practice, that eventually technicians will receive the education and training that is necessary to feel comfortable and confident with their role in cytological examination and evaluation.

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Saturday Speakers

Michelle Husulak, DVM, MVSc

Equine Asthma, Recurrent Airway Obstruction, and Heaves: How Terminology Affects our Communication

11:00-12:00pm
Canadian Room

Heaves is a chronic condition of airway inflammation that occurs commonly in horses exposed to airborne dust and moulds. It leads to exacerbations of respiratory distress due to bronchiole constriction and infiltration of inflammatory cells into the airways. Treatment usually consists of reduction of environmental allergens, steroids, and bronchodilators.

The terminology referring to heaves within the scientific literature has changed numerous times over the last several decades. During the 1980's and 90's heaves was referred to as Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), and then changed to Recurrent Airway Obstruction (RAO) in the early 2000's. Recently the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine released a consensus statement changing the terminology to Equine Asthma. The term Equine Asthma includes heaves, Summer Pasture Associated Recurrent Airway Obstruction (SPRAO), and all forms of Inflammatory Airway Disease (IAD), with mild, moderate, and severe as descriptors to refer to the clinical presentation. These changes have been brought about due to our increase in understanding of the pathophysiology of the disease and to allow continuity across the scientific literature. It also allows for ease of discussion about heaves with clients, as asthma is a familiar term to most people.

Dr. Husulak graduated from the Western College of Veterinary Medicine (WCVm) in 2012. She continued her education at the WCVm with an internship in Large Animal Internal Medicine and a residency in Equine Field Service. Her residency was combined with a Master of Veterinary Science, during which her research focused on equine asthma (heaves/recurrent airway obstruction). She is working toward board certification with the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners in Equine Practice. Dr. Husulak is currently employed as a clinical associate in Equine Field Service at the WCVm.

Vanessa Tonn, DVM, BSc and Cairo Parker, DVM, BSc

Introduction to Exotics in Practice

11:00-12:00pm
Manitoba Room

An introductory lecture to common exotic species seen in practice. Topics include basic handling, blood collection and anesthesia. Designed for techs with limited to no experience with exotic animal medicine.

Dr. Vanessa Tonn graduated from the Western College of Veterinary Medicine in 2012 with a large interest in wildlife and exotic animal medicine. Following graduation she moved to Ontario to work at a diverse practice consisting of small and exotic animals, wildlife and zoo animals. Four years later she moved back to Saskatoon and is currently working in private practice.

Dr. Cairo Parker grew up in British Columbia and moved to Saskatoon for vet school in 2006. In 2010 she graduated from the Western College of Veterinary Medicine and then spent the next year completing an internship in Zoo, Exotics and Wildlife Medicine, also at the WCVm. Since then she has been working in small animal practice.



Dr. Roy Lewis Technical Services Veterinarian Merck Animal Health




A Technologist's Involvement in Bison Production: Behaviour and Handling

2:15-3:15pm
Coutyard Room

This topic will cover best management practices for all common processing techniques veterinary technicians will be involved in across Western Canada. The talk will touch on stress reduced cattle handling and animal welfare audits. What diseases do we need to commonly (and uncommonly) vaccinate for in Western Canada. Vaccination protocol, complete with some illustrative examples where appropriate, will be shown. From proper needle sizes to use to handling of vaccines and maintaining the chain of refrigeration to proper implanting techniques. Some of the presentation will involve the newer technologies of vaccines and what that holds for the cattle industry.

Dr. Roy Lewis Graduated from the Western College of Veterinary Medicine in 1981 and was a partner at the Westlock Veterinary Clinic. He has been a large animal practitioner for 35 years mainly in beef cattle (both commercial cattle and purebred herds). His interests are preventative medicine fertility for both bulls and cows, as well as animal welfare. He has written numerous producer articles in magazines such as "The Cattlemen" and the "Western Producer." In Jan 2012, Roy joined Merck Animal Health as a technical services veterinarian. His wife Carol is also a veterinarian (equine WCVm 1986). He has two Kids Cali (A graduate of Vet Medicine Class of 2015) and son Colton pursuing a medical degree. Roy spends some time teaching and examining the veterinary students at the University of Calgary at Alberta's Veterinary School. Roy is also part of a family owned mixed farming operation near Spruce Grove, Alberta called "Lewis Farms". They grow grain, raise purebred cattle (900 cows) and grow 500 acres of potatoes.

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Dr. Renee Will CPDT-KA, CBCC-KA

Puppy Head Start (Part 1 & 2)

2:15-3:15pm & 4:00-5:00pm
Canadian Room

Puppy Head Start details our experience teaching puppy classes that reflect critical puppy developmental stages and the need for appropriate play and socialization to novel experiences. Following the presentation you will be able to advise puppy owners on behaviour, the need for early classes, what to look for in classes and trainers and risks associated with exposure to inappropriate dogs or settings.

Dr. Will is the owner and lead trainer of Two Brown Dogs Canine Consultants in Brandon MB. Two Brown Dogs' trainers focus on the development of family pet dogs. Classes are tailored to individual dog and owner needs and include owner education in canine body language, identification and management of stress and effective management of multiple dog households. Dr. Will is a canine behaviour consultant and teaches reactive and fearful dog classes for dogs assessed in consults.

Dr. Will is a retired professor of the Faculty of Nursing at Brandon University. Her dog interests include Rally Obedience for which she is a judge, education of families about dogs and children as a licensed presenter for Family Paws Parent Education and community education on canine body language and stress through Two Brown Dogs and the Winnipeg Humane Society.

Saturday Speakers

Tracy Knutson, Provincial Coordinator, STOPS to Violence and Frances Wach, Executive Director, Saskatchewan SPCA

Interpersonal Violence and Abuse and Animal Safekeeping

2:15-3:15pm

Manitoba Room

There is a growing recognition of the relationship between animal abuse and domestic violence. Simply put, when animals are being abused, people may be at risk; when people are being abused, animals may be at risk. The Saskatchewan SPCA and STOPS to Violence have recently completed a research project that explores how concern for the safety of animals acts as a barrier to individuals leaving situations of domestic violence. Survey results will help guide the development of improved resources for both the human and the animal victims of abuse.



Tracy is currently works with STOPS to Violence as Provincial Coordinator. She was raised in rural Saskatchewan and has had the privilege of working in many roles, primarily in the area of community and social development. Through these opportunities, she has learned from the best teachers – the amazing diversity of people in our communities who share the gifts of experience, wisdom and hope. With over 20 years of

experience in community and social development, Tracy brings a wealth of skills, experience and knowledge to her work. She is a skilled facilitator and problem solver, strategic thinker and is able to build relationships with diverse individuals and groups to identify common visions, goals and action. She has served in leadership roles at local, provincial and national levels that have included a broad range of leadership, management, administrative and service delivery capacities.

Tracy holds a deep appreciation of citizen based, community driven process and the assets and potentials in our community. She uses this perspective to build capacity and empower individuals and groups through supportive development and outcomes based work.



Saskatchewan SPCA Executive Director Frances Wach has worked throughout her career to improve the well-being of both animals and people. She worked for more than a decade as a social worker in the province before becoming involved in the area of animal welfare, serving as a volunteer board member of the Yorkton SPCA. In 1993, she was hired as the

Coordinator of Investigative Services for the Saskatchewan SPCA. In 1997, Frances Wach was named their first Executive Director. She currently serves on the board of Immigrant Access Fund Canada and the STOPS to Violence Task Committee. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Social Work and a Diploma in Administration.

Derek Foster, Canada’s Youngest Retiree



“The Idiot Millionaire – YOU can become Wealthy Using this “Idiot-Proof Strategy!”

5:00-5:30pm
Canadian Room



Derek Foster, Canada’s Youngest Retiree is a 6 time National best-selling author who left the work rat race at age 34 – after spending his 20’s backpacking across Europe, Australia and New Zealand and living a number of years in Asia. He later became known as the “Idiot Millionaire” using a simple investment strategy any 6 year old can follow. When not writing or public speaking, Derek spends time with his wife and SEVEN children. Derek will challenge you to think about how you too can invest and maybe you can leave your workplace rat race early! Don’t Miss this – it could change your life.

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Dr. Joseph M. Stookey



Methods to Reducing Weaning Stress in Beef Calves

4:00-5:00pm

Manitoba Room

Traditionally weaning represents the single greatest stressor we impose on beef calves. Abrupt separation of the cow and calf results in immuno-compromised calves. More calves are

treated for disease and health reasons post weaning (at arrival at the feedlot) than any other time in their lives. Weaning causes visible signs of distress that last for 3-5 days and it causes a noticeable setback in performance. Newer methods of weaning, such as Fence-line weaning and Two-stage weaning have been shown to be less stressful and represent better welfare strategies than abrupt separation. The presentation focuses on the benefits of newer methods of weaning on improved behavioural and performance responses.

Dr. Stookey’s research program focuses on painful procedures, the maternal and social behaviour of cattle, swine and sheep as well as the factors that influence handling and temperament in beef cattle. As an applied animal behaviourist, he has aimed his research at improving the productivity and welfare in domestic food animals through the application and investigation of the behavioral processes. In addition to his research, Dr. Stookey lectures to the first year veterinary students on basic animal behaviour principles and gives presentations to producer organizations.



Dr. Elisabeth Snead, BSc. DVM, MSc, Diplomate ACVIM (Small Animal)

Professor, Small Animal Medicine, Acting Associate Dean of Research

Director of the Feline Hyperthyroid Program, University of Saskatchewan

Feline Diabetes Mellitus – An Update on Treatment

4:00-5:00pm

Courtyard Room

As is the case in people, Feline Diabetes is increasing in prevalence. Cats serve as a great model for type II diabetes in people; as a result new treatments for this chronic disease in people have potential applicable use in cats. This talk will focus on traditional as well as new treatments for feline diabetes mellitus.

Dr. Snead received her undergraduate training at the University of Calgary (BSc in Zoology) followed by her DVM degree at the WCVM at the University of Saskatchewan (1999). After this she went on to complete a one year rotating small animal medicine and surgery internship at Mesa Veterinary Hospital in Mesa Arizona followed by a Residency in Internal Medicine and MSc research project on canine diabetes at the University of Prince Edward Island. After completing her residency, she returned to the WCVM where she currently a Full Professor in the Department of Small Animal Clinical Sciences and the interim Associate Dean of Research. Dr. Snead is active in teaching undergraduates and graduate students in the area of small animal internal medicine, particularly in the areas of nephrology and endocrinology and does research in the area of feline diabetes mellitus. Dr. Snead is married to an artist and shares her household with her beloved dog Gryphon and four cats. No not a crazy cat lady but a sucker for lost causes. In her spare time she enjoys hiking.

SAVT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

12:45-2:05PM SAVT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
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BANQUET, ENTERTAINMENT & AWARD CEREMONY

5:30 -6:30PM SATURDAY COCKTAILS
6:30 PM BANQUET & AWARD CEREMONY

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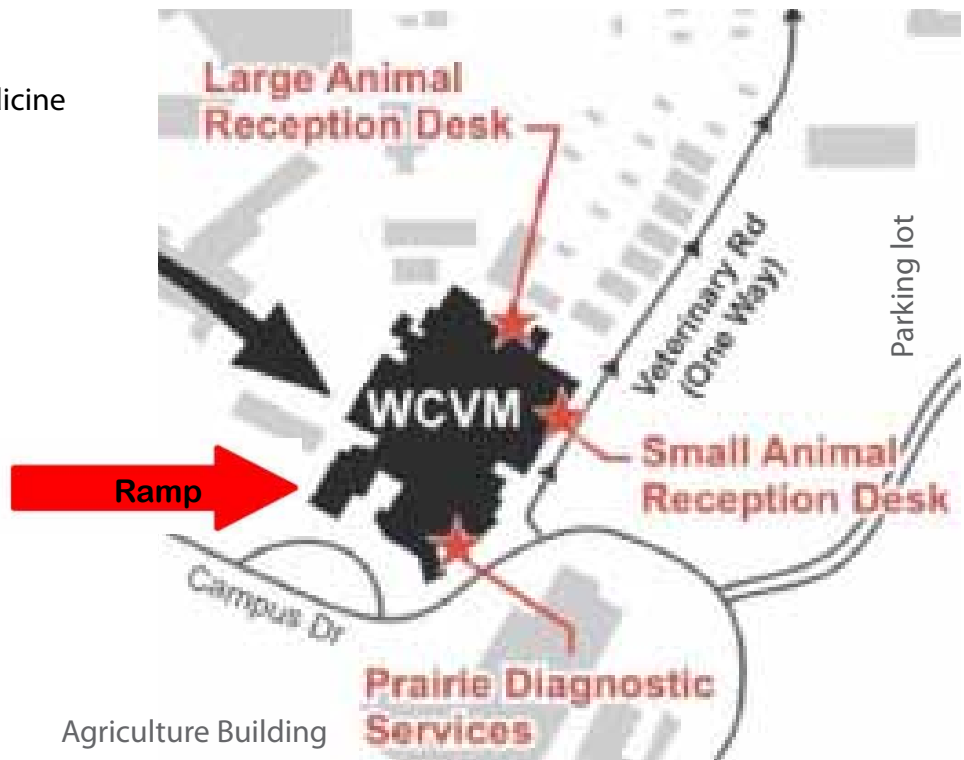
Face the Music is a team challenge event that tests your music knowledge in a name that tune fashion, but with crazy antics and ... well somewhat questionable rules. Really, there are two ways to take your team to the winner's circle. Know your music when you hear it. Or be the most creative and be willing to go just a little further than your opposing teams, for bonus points!



VETERINARY TEACHING HOSPITAL

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 6TH

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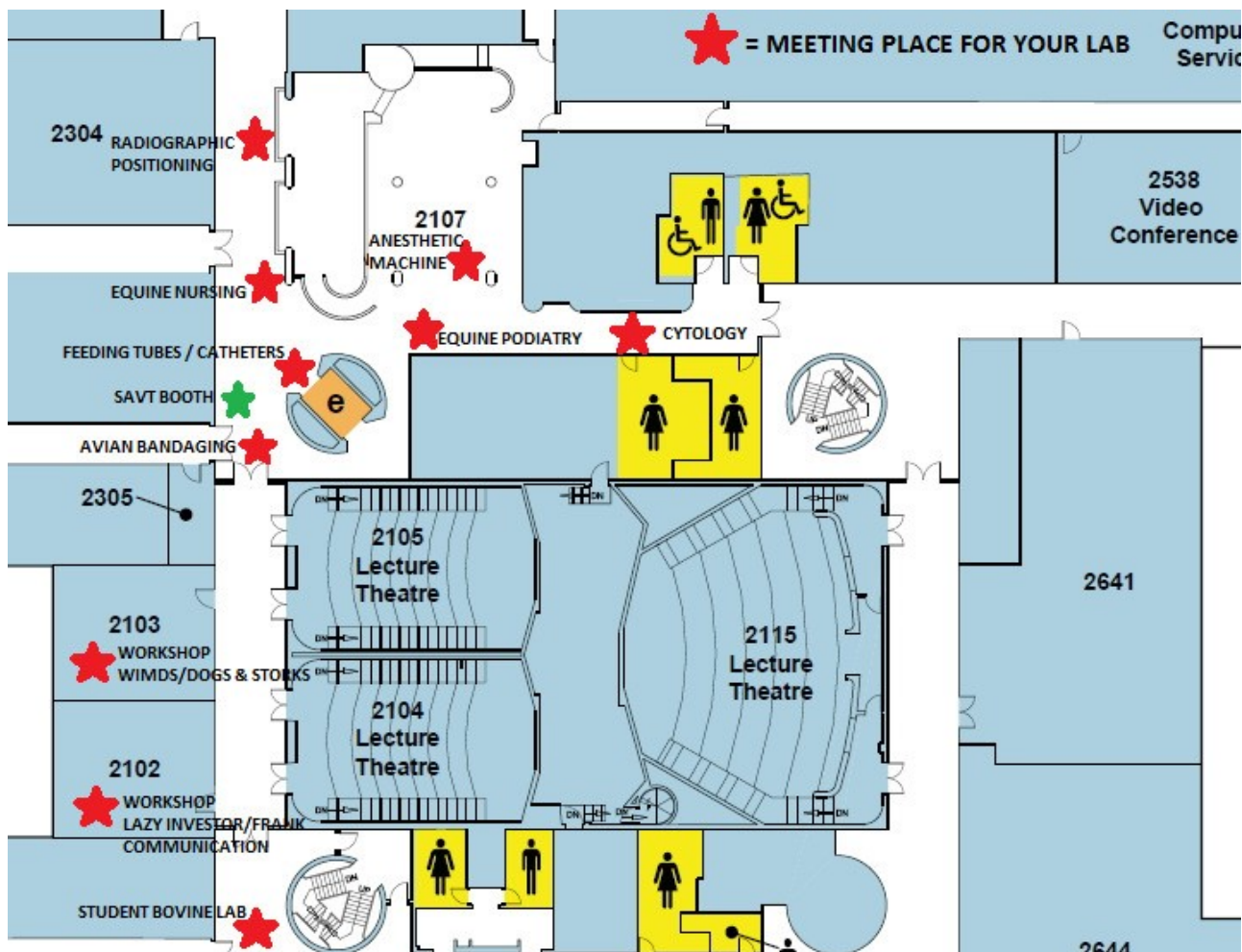
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MEETING PLACES



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Small Animal Clinic Entrance (East)

Entrance is up the ramp - follow signs
Ramp is South

CONFERENCE AT A GLANCE

SATURDAY SPEAKERS

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 4th Saskatoon Inn & Conference Centre

6:30-10:00 PM Registration • Tradeshow • Wine & Cheese Reception (Sponsored by Veterinary Medical Centre)
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SATURDAY NOVEMBER 5th Saskatoon Inn & Conference Centre

7:30-8:15 AM Registration • Breakfast (No Tradeshow)

8:15-9:00 AM	<p>KEYNOTE SPEAKER: "I AM AN RVT-What about You?" Shannon Brownrigg, RVT, RVTTTC Executive Director (Sponsored by Pet Plan)</p> <p>Saskatchewan B</p>
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9:00 - 9:15 AM Transition to Sessions *New this year

9:15-10:15 AM	<p>Saskatchewan C ↓</p> <p>"Shock Talk" Megan Brashear ,BS, CVT, VTS (ECC)</p>	<p>Canadian Room ↓</p> <p>Antimicrobial Therapy in Large Animals in the Face of Antimicrobial Resistance Patricia Dowling, DVM, MSc, DACVIM & DACVCP (Sponsored by McCarthy & Sons)</p>	<p>Courtyard Room ↓</p> <p>"We Can Do Cytology!" (Part 1 of 2) Norman R. Lowes DVM, MVSc & Jennifer Kowalski, AHT (Sponsored by Cytovetstat)</p>	<p>Manitoba Room ↓</p> <p>Basic Human First Aid & Occupational Health & Safety in the Workplace Ashley Del McCoshen – ESH Specialist</p>
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10:15 - 11:00 AM Tradeshow • Networking • Refreshment Break (Saskatchewan A)

11:00-12:00	<p>"When Fluids Aren't Enough" Next Steps in Treating Hypotension Megan Brashear ,BS, CVT, VTS (ECC)</p>	<p>Equine Asthma, Recurrent Airway Obstruction, and Heaves: How Terminology Affects our Communication. Michelle Husulak, DVM, MVSc</p>	<p>"We Can Do Cytology" (Part 2 of 2) Norman R. Lowes DVM, MVSc & Jennifer Kowalski, AHT (Sponsored by Cytovetstat)</p>	<p>Introduction to Exotics in Practice Vanessa Tonn, DVM, BSc and Cairo Parker, DVM, BSc</p>
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12:00 PM -12:45 PM Tradeshow • Lunch (Sponsored by WDDC) 

12:45 PM - 2:05 PM SAVT Annual General Meeting 

2:05 - 2:15 PM Transition to Sessions *New this year

2:15-3:15 PM	<p>"It's Getting Hot in Here" Heat Stroke in Dogs Megan Brashear ,BS, CVT, VTS (ECC)</p>	<p>Puppy Head Start (Part 1 of 2) Dr. Renee Will CPDT-KA, CBCC-KA</p>	<p>A Technologist's Involvement in Bison Production: Behaviour and Handling Roy Lewis, Technical Services Veterinarian, Merck (Sponsored by Merck)</p>	<p>Interpersonal Violence and Abuse and Animal Safekeeping Tracy Knutson, Provincial Co-ordinator, STOPS to Violence and Frances Wach, Executive Director, Saskatchewan SPCA</p>
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3:15 - 4:00 PM Tradeshow • Refreshment Break • Doorprizes Draws (Saskatchewan A)

4:00- 5:00 PM	<p>Critical Thinking Skills Megan Brashear ,BS, CVT, VTS (ECC) (Sponsored by Zoetis)</p>	<p>Puppy Head Start (Part 2 of 2) Dr. Renee Will CPDT-KA, CBCC-KA</p>	<p>Feline Diabetes Mellitus – An Update on Treatment Dr. Elisabeth Snead BSc., DVM, MSc, Diplomate ACVIM (Small Animal) (Sponsored by Hills)</p>	<p>Methods to Reducing Weaning Stress in Beef Calves Dr. Joseph M. Stookey</p>
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5:00-5:30 PM	<p>***BONUS SESSION (Additional 1 CE) The Idiot Millionaire – YOU can become Wealthy Using this "Idiot-Proof" Strategy! DEREK FOSTER (SPONSORED BY SK PENSION PLAN) Canadian Room</p>
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5:30 - 6:30 PM

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6:30 PM

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SUNDAY NOVEMBER 6th Western College of Veterinary Medicine (WCVL)

8:30 - 9:15 AM Lab Registration / Light Breakfast & Coffee

9:30 - 11:30 AM LAB/WORKSHOP - SESSION 1

***Meet at spots marked on page 9, to be walked to your lab (9:15am)**

<p>"Put Tubes in those Holes!" Feeding Tube and Urinary Catheter Placement Megan Brashear BS, CVT, VTS (ECC) <i>(Sponsored by Hills)</i></p>	<p>Leak Testing & Trouble Shooting Your Anesthetic Machine Jodi Walchuk, RVT <i>(Sponsored by Benson Medical)</i></p>	<p>Small Animal Radiographic Positioning Using Non-human Restraint Nadine Morris, RVT & Leanne Malec, RVT</p>	<p>WORKSHOP "What is My Dog Saying?" Fear and Leash Reactivity Dr. Renee Will CPDT-KA, CBCC-KA</p>
<p>Equine Nursing Skills Rebecca Johnston RVT VTS-EVN & Dr. Felicity Wills</p>	<p>Front Line Cytology Cases. Norman R. Lowes DVM, MVSc & Jennifer Kowalski, AHT <i>(Sponsored by Cytovetstat)</i></p>	<p>Mice and Rats 101 Peggy Nelles, RVT, RMLAT *Note time change 9:15 - 11:15am</p>	<p>WORKSHOP The Lazy Investor – Start with \$50 and NO Investment Knowledge Derek Foster <i>(Sponsored by SK Pension)</i></p>
<p>Basic Clinical Techniques and Bandaging of Avian Wildlife Jan Shadick, Licensed Wildlife Rehabilitator & Miranda Sadar, DVM</p>	<p>Equine Podiatry For Veterinary Technologists Kate Robinson Bsc, DVM, MVSc, DABVP (Equine Practice)</p>	<p>Reserved- Lakeland Students Bovine Applied Local Anesthesia Carolyn Cartwright, RVT, VTS (Anesthesia/Analgesia) <i>(Sponsored by Merck)</i> *Note time change 9:15 - 11:15am</p>	

11:30 - 12:15 PM Light Lunch / 2nd Session Registration *(Sponsored by MidWest)*



12:30 - 2:30 PM LAB/WORKSHOP - SESSION 2

<p>Advanced Catheterization- Multi Lumen Central Lines and Arterial Catheters. Megan Brashear BS, CVT, VTS (ECC)</p>	<p>Leak Testing & Trouble Shooting Your Anesthetic Machine. Jodi Walchuk, RVT <i>(Sponsored by Benson Medical)</i></p>	<p>Small Animal Radiographic Positioning Using Non-human Restraint Nadine Morris, RVT & Leanne Malec, RVT</p>	<p>WORKSHOP Dogs and Storks Dr. Renee Will CPDT-KA, CBCC-KA</p>
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Sunday Labs

Megan Brashear, BS, CVT, VTS (ECC)



Put Tubes in Those Holes! Feeding Tubes and Urinary Catheters

9:30 - 11:30am
Room 1365 Physiology lab (Open side)

This lab will cover indications for and placement of nasogastric and nasoesophageal feeding tubes in dogs and cats. Strategies for determining correct placement prior to radiographs will be discussed, and participants will learn and practice the fingertrap suture pattern for securing tubes. Urinary catheter placement in dogs and cats will also be covered with cadavers utilized for practicing.

Advanced Catheterization – Multi-Lumen Central Lines and Arterial Catheters

12:30 - 2:30pm
Room 1365 Physiology lab (Open side)

This lab will cover indications for and placement of multi-lumen catheters in both the jugular vein and in lateral saphenous veins in dogs. Each participant will have the opportunity to practice placement in cadavers. Suturing will be practiced for securing and wrapping these catheters. Use and care of multi-lumen lines is included. Techniques for arterial blood draws and catheter placement will be covered in discussion

Please find bio for Megan Brashear, BS, CVT, VTS (ECC) on page 5

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Dr. Norman R. Lowes DVM, MVSc Veterinary Clinical Pathologist and Jennifer Kowalski, AHT



Front Line Cytology

9:30 - 11:30am & 12:30 - 2:30pm
Room 2641 (Microbiology Lab)

Each person registered for the laboratory session will be given a 25 glass slide box containing six previously stained slides representing 6 cases where tissues were collected for a histological diagnosis.

These cytology slides will be microscopically examined and then discussed with the instructors to evaluate slide quality, staining quality and acceptability for evaluation. Identification of cells will be made and discussion of possible differential diagnoses made. Histological diagnosis and cytological diagnosis will be compared.

Where possible, photos of gross lesion(s) will also be discussed and evaluated.

If time allows, additional cases with the same diagnoses will be compared to show case variation that may be expected when dealing other similar cases.

Hopefully another webinar can be planned in approximately 2-3 months to do more cases collected and saved from clinics who do in clinic cytology.

We look forward to meeting you and having fun doing what we like to do day after day; learning more and more about cytology.

Please find bio for Dr. Norman R Lowes and Jennifer Kowalski, AHT on page 5

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Jan Shadick, Licensed Wildlife Rehabilitator & Miranda Sadar, DVM

Basic Clinical Techniques and Bandaging of Avian Wildlife
9:30 - 11:30am & 12:30 - 2:30pm
Anatomy Lab

This lab will focus on basic triage techniques for avian wildlife, (specifically birds of prey and songbirds). It will involve the handling of dead wild birds for the purpose of learning appropriate handling, basic components of physical examination and weighing, clinical techniques including injections, gavage feeding, and bandaging techniques.

Jan Shadick has been a Wildlife Rehabilitator for almost 20 years. She was licensed in the State of Connecticut prior to moving to SK. She is currently the Executive Director for Living Sky Wildlife Rehabilitation in Saskatoon. She specializes in songbirds and small mammals. Training includes courses with IWRC and what every animal has taught her.

Dr. Sadar is a 2009 graduate from Colorado State University. She completed an Exotics, Wildlife and Zoological Internship at the WCVM in 2010. She completed a two year fellowship at The Wildlife Center of Virginia, and has recently completed a Zoological Companion Animal residency at the University of California, Davis. She started at the WCVM as an Assistant Professor in the Zoological, Exotics, and Wildlife Medicine and Surgery Service in August 2015.

**Jodi Walchuk RVT
Clinical Products Specialist-Benson Medical**



Leak Testing and Trouble Shooting Your Anesthetic Machine

9:30 - 11:30am & 12:30 - 2:30pm
Room 1591 (Med. side)

In this lab, participants will get a quick review of the make-up of the anesthetic machine. We will be working in groups of 2-3. Each group will go through various stations where a machine has been "sabotaged" in some way. Participants will try to find the problem, quantify it and give options to fix it. The last half hour will be the whole group; we will go over each machine together, discuss what the problem was and how to go about correcting it.

Jodi graduated from SIAST in 1985. She then spent a few years in private practice and University Research before getting hired on in the Anesthesia department in 1992 at the WCVM. She worked there part time in the same position until January 2014. She then accepted a sales position with Benson Medical and is currently the Saskatchewan/Manitoba representative. Benson Medical does both sales and service of anesthetic machines along with a long line of other veterinary supplies. Jodi has been very active in numerous positions with the SAVT and in many of her kids' activities. She is married, lives on acreage with many pets including; 2 horses, 2 dogs, 2 cats and a pot-bellied pig. She has 3 teenage boys (Kent 21, Ryan 17 and Mark 15) who also keep her very busy. When not running around, Jodi enjoys horseback riding and summers at the lake.

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Sunday Labs

Carolyn Cartwright RVT, VTS (Anesthesia/Analgesia)



Bovine Applied Local Anesthesia: Student Lab
 9:30 - 11:30am & 12:30 - 2:30pm
 BTU (ChuteSide)

Assisted by Kim Dillistone RVT & Laura Schroeder, RVT

Special Assistant: Dr. Roy Lewis (Merck)

The participants will have an overview of available drugs and their appropriate application, learn techniques and hone their skills on local anesthesia to aid in analgesia and anesthesia in a bovine patient. This is a combination live and cadaver lab, maintaining safety for the patient and participant and appropriate attire is required.

Carolyn is a graduate of SIAST Kelsey Campus, Class of 1985 and is employed as the manager of the BJ Hughes Centre of Clinical Learning at the Western College of Veterinary Medicine. She is an active member of SAVT and has held various positions on the executive as President, Vice-President, Conference Chair, SAVT 25th Anniversary Planners, RVTTC (previously CAAHTT) director; SIAST, Lakeland & WCVM college advisory committees. She is married to Glen, has 3 kids; Matt (25), Danny (21) & Laura (18). They live on a farm by Blackstrap Lake, with numerous critters; horses, dogs, cats, coy & various fish, & Curtis, the pot belly pig. She enjoys time with friends & family, horseback riding, travelling, fishing, gardening, reading, music, painting & crafts. Keeping busy being a teenager taxi, sports Mom, working & farm chores. She is an active community member and recently achieved the Anesthesia Vet Tech Specialty.

Kim Dillistone, RVT

Kim graduated from SIAST in 2012. She worked at a mixed animal practice in Estevan for 2 years before coming to the WCVM. After 1 1/2 years in ICU, she moved to the lab tech position. As the lab tech, Kim sets up for the labs for the vet students and assists in teaching some labs. Kim also has horses and competes at horse shows.

Laura Schroeder, RVT

Graduated SIAST Kelsey Campus 2010 for Veterinary Technology Program and I am currently working towards certification in Anesthesia. I have worked at various private practices before getting a position at the VMC in anesthesia in 2013. I am a crazy cat mom, but only have 2 cats, Guinness and Chewie.

Dr. Roy Lewis Technical Services Veterinarian
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Please find bio for Dr. Roy Lewis on page 6

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Peggy Nelles RVT, RMLAT

MICE AND RATS 101: Student & RVT Lab
 9:30 - 11:30am & 12:30 - 2:30pm
 Health Science Building

Assisted by Michele Moroz RVT, RMLAT & Carmen Whitehead, RVT, RLAT

Mice and Rats 101 – basic handling – including the proper approach to these prey animals, how to remove them from a cage and hold them until restraint is required. Restraint methods using hands – no hard mechanical devices. Sexing of mice and rats using visual/ anatomical methods. Injections: IP for mice and SQ for rats. Demonstration of Oral gavage and various methods for blood collection.

Peggy graduated from Kelsey in the Mid 80's. Her entire Vet Tech career has been at the University of Saskatchewan in various departments: Animal Care Unit –WCVM (1986-1988), Animal Resources Centre (1988–until its closure in April 2012), Animal Order Desk (2011–2014), and Laboratory Animal Service Unit (2014–present.) She has worked with a larger variety of research animals ranging from small to large and even fish. Currently, she works mostly with rodents (mice and rats), rabbits, fish and frogs.

Other interests include: Motorcycle Training – Chief Motorcycle Instructor with Maximum Training and working with her Newfoundland dog – Cally – who turned 8 years in June.

Michele Moroz RVT, RMLAT

Michele Moroz has been working as a Veterinary Technologist since 1983, with experience in a veterinary teaching hospital, clinical practice, and the last 22 years in biomedical research. She has certification from the Canadian Association of Laboratory Animal Science as a Registered Master Laboratory Animal Technician. Michele has been a board/council member of the Saskatchewan Association of Veterinary Technologists, the Registered Veterinary Technician and Technologist Association of Canada (formerly CAAHTT), and the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association. Additional professional activities includes volunteering with the local Veterinary Technology Program Advisory Committee, Canadian Association for Laboratory Animal Science registry committee, Canadian Council on Animal Care assessment panels, American Association of Veterinary State Boards task force member, institutional Animal Research Ethics Board and Occupational Health and Safety Committee.

Carmen Whitehead, RVT, RLAT

Carmen grew up on a mixed farm an hour east of Saskatoon. She completed the Veterinary Technician course in 1997 at SIAST Kelsey Campus. Before her schooling, and after, she worked at Big Sky Farms (now Olysky) and obtained her Swine Technician Certification. She also worked a term position at the Saskatoon Forestry Farm as a Zookeeper which was a fantastic experience. In 2000, she started on campus in the department of Biochemistry working as their Lab Animal Technician. As the job was a term position, she was able to stay within the Biochemistry Department and work in a Plant Physiology lab and Student teaching lab. During this time, she also took evening and weekend classes towards her Home Care/ Special Care Aide Diploma. When a permanent job opened within Laboratory Animals Services Unit, she moved back with the lab critters. She has furthered her education by obtaining her CALAS (RLAT) and Wildlife Rehabilitation Certifications, plus became a member of the Saskatoon Nature Society and Wildlife Rehabilitation Society of Saskatchewan. She continues to go back to the family farm to help out when she can and enjoys time star gazing as a member of the RASC (Royal Astronomical Society of Canada).

Sunday Labs

Kate Robinson Bsc, DVM, MVSc, DABVP (Equine Practice)

Equine Podiatry for Veterinary Technologists

9:30 - 11:30am & 12:30 - 2:30pm
Equine Performance Center

This lab will include discussion of common foot problems, demos and practice with hoof testers, shoe removal, application of foot bandages, radiography of the foot, discussion of veterinary-farrier relationships, practice/demos of handling for lameness exams and podiatry work.

Kate graduated from St. George's University School of Vet Med (in the West Indies) in 2009. She interned and held residency in equine field service at the WCVM before being hired on to faculty in August 2013. She is a specialist in equine practice with interests in lameness, imaging and podiatry.

Nadine Morris, RVT & Leanne Malec, RVT

Small Animal Radiographic Positioning Using Non-human Restraint



9:30 - 11:30am & 12:30 - 2:30pm
Radiology Lab

Review of basic small animal radiographic positioning techniques using sedation and positioning aids to reduce radiation exposure to Veterinary Technologists.

Nadine graduated from Kelsey in 1992. She has been working for over 20 years in Diagnostic Imaging at the VMC and has seen many changes in imaging modalities and acquiring radiographs

Leanne was a 1997 Kelsey Grad. She has been employed at WCVM/VMC since 2001. Her current position is in Diagnostic Imaging from 2006 to present.

Rebecca Johnston RVT VTS-EVN & Dr. Felicity Wills BVBio./BVSc (Hons)



Equine Nursing Skills

9:30 - 11:30am & 12:30 - 2:30pm
BTU (Palp side)

Within the 2 hours, the participants will be shown some useful skills for our equine patients including: basic foal ICU set up, IV catheter placement, fluid set up calculations, oxygen insufflation and some other odds and ends for adults and foals.

Rebecca graduated from St. Lawrence College Veterinary Technology in 1999 and Olds College Equine Science: Breeding Management in 2001. She obtained her equine nursing specialty in 2013. She has worked in UK, Australia and New Zealand as an equine nurse as well as at OVC for 5 years and WCVM for 3 years in the large animal clinics.

Felicity received her veterinary degree from Charles Sturt University, Australia in 2011. She then went on to work at a large animal referral clinic in Victoria before moving to Canada in 2014. Felicity completed her internship in large animal internal medicine at the WCVM in 2015 and is now completing her masters.



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Sunday Workshops

Dr. Renee Will CPDT-KA, CBCC-KA

“What is My Dog Saying?” Fear and Leash Reactivity Workshop (no live animals used)

9:30 - 11:30am
Room 2103

WIMDS introduces participants to canine communication associated with fear and leash reactivity. Understanding how dogs communicate fear is essential to the development of effective training strategies. Participants in this workshop will be able to assess and interpret body language cues and advise clients on appropriate management and when professional assessment and intervention is necessary.

Dogs and Storks Workshop (no live animals used)

12:30 - 2:30pm
Room 2103

Dogs and Storks builds on the understanding of canine body language and discusses the implications for dog owners of baby coming into the home. Strategies to help dog owners prepare for baby, to ease the transition for their dog and to be aware if the dog is having difficulty adjusting are discussed. The risk of surrender of dogs when baby comes home is great and this workshop and the Family Paws Parent Education program is designed to decrease risk, for baby and dog.

Please find bio for Dr. Renee Will on page 6



Dr. Gordon Strick, DVM



Frank: Communication Workshop
12:30 - 2:30pm
Room 2102

Enjoy taking this personal journey into taking ownership of veterinary practice communication.

Dr. Gordon Strick obtained his veterinary degree from the University of Pretoria (Onderstepoort) South Africa. He owned a companion animal practice, Due South Animal

Hospital, in Calgary with his wife, Dr. Yolande Miles for many years. In 2008 he joined the Western Drug Distribution Centre (WDDC) Board of Directors and in 2010 joined Pfizer Animal Health. Dr. Strick is the Zoetis companion animal Technical Services Veterinarian responsible for supporting the Prairie Provinces. When he is not working for Zoetis he is at home with his wife and 2 daughters on their farm south of Calgary near High River, Alberta. He currently serves on the Council of the Alberta Veterinary Medical Association and is Chair of the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association Business Advisory Group.



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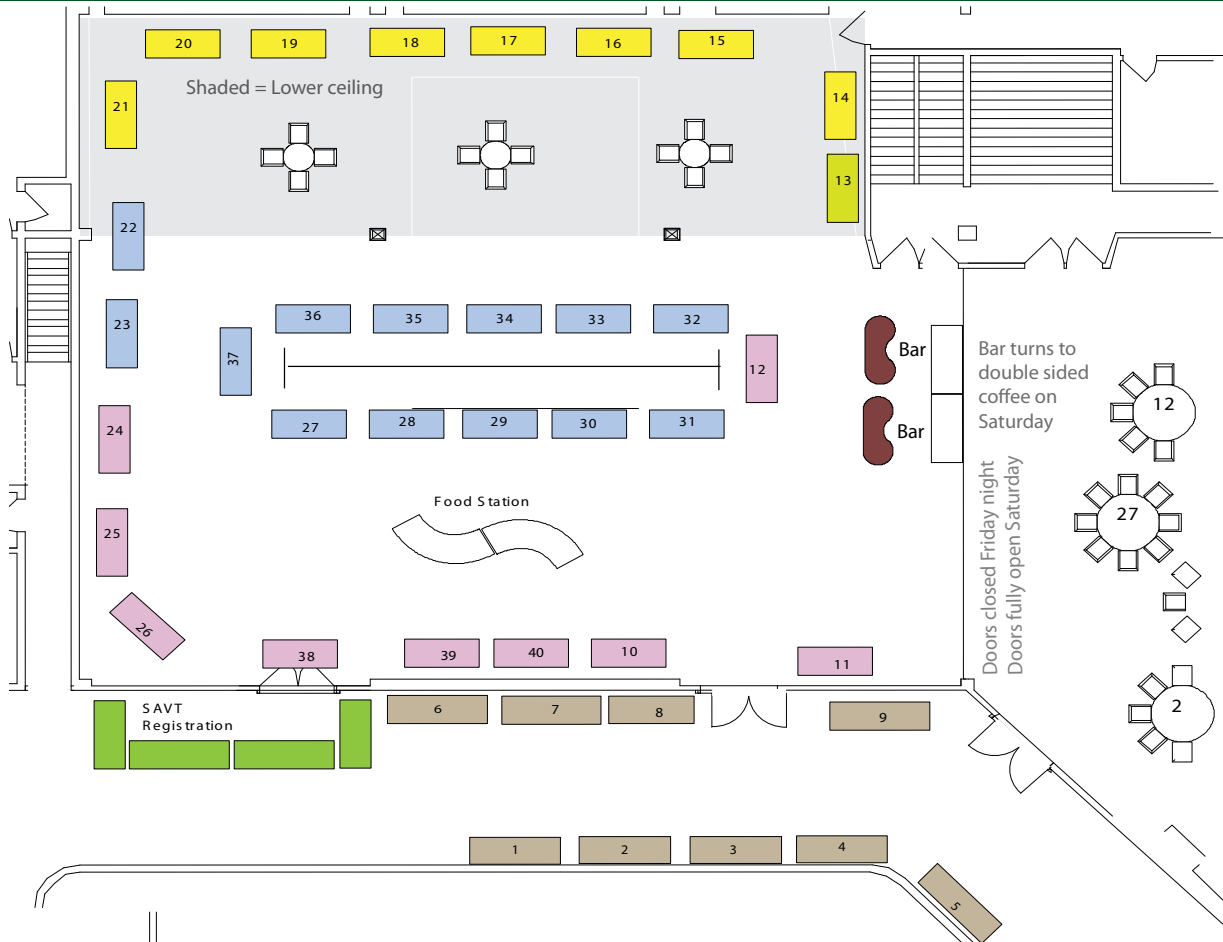


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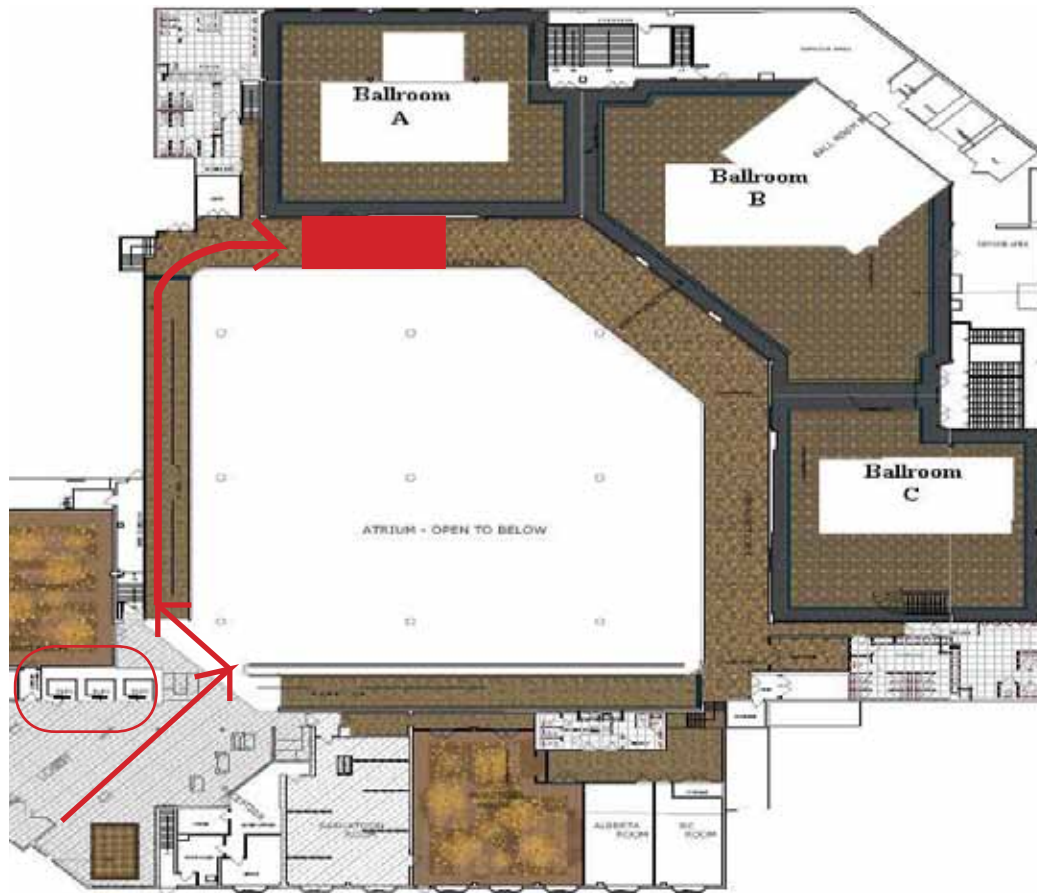
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