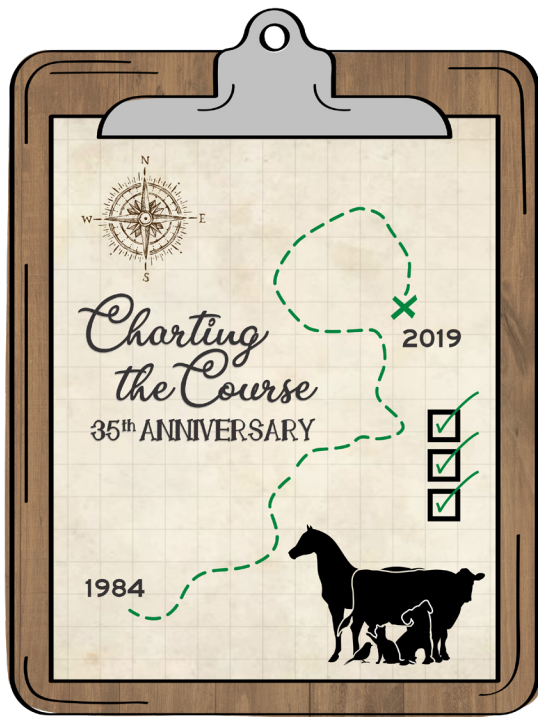




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CONFERENCE WELCOME



I would like to extend a personal “Welcome” to each of you attending the Saskatchewan Association of Veterinary Technologists 35th Annual Conference, Tradeshow, and AGM. This event is always packed with valuable continuing education not only for RVTs but for the whole veterinary team.

I would like all of you to think of what got you to this point in your life. Whether it was an inspirational speaker, teacher, a role model, a book, a family member, a friend etc. You have to always remember that you are the one that chooses your own path, you are the one “Charting the Course” in your life. To chart one’s course is to choose an independent path, or way of doing something. I think we can all relate when we have specific ways of doing things, for example how you tape in an IV catheter. Being open-minded and open to change can make you an asset to any profession.

On Friday evening and Saturday, please visit each of the tradeshow booths and veterinary industry representatives whose sponsorship enables the SAVT to provide a quality annual conference for you. Also on Friday, back by popular demand, is the Animal Welfare afternoon, Job Fair and Marketplace. There are many levels of sponsorship and representation whose contributions are an essential part of the conference program. They have brought new equipment, pharmaceuticals, innovative products, speakers, swag and so much more! Please ensure you extend a huge “Thank You!”.

Also on Friday evening, and back by popular demand, is the Job Fair and Marketplace. This event has the potential to connect conference registrants ready for “Facing the Future” with a new veterinary industry employer. Additionally, numerous small business vendors have brought products that we think will be of interest to you.

The Saturday program has five distinct tracks for you to follow, feel free to move from one track to another if something new has peaked your interest. The Sunday wet lab program at the WCVM will challenge your skills with large animal, small animal, team workshops, and an escape room!

Please plan to attend the SAVT AGM on Saturday afternoon. You will earn an extra CE credit and gain current information on the SAVT operations. Please ensure your voice is heard to help in the planning and director for the SAVT for the 2020 year and beyond! Cast your vote for members seeking positions on the SAVT Board of Directors and/or consider volunteering yourself.

Finally, celebrate the SAVT member accomplishments, network and have fun at the Saturday evening Banquet, Awards, and Entertainment night. This year’s milestone 35th celebration will be one you do not want to miss!

“Ignite your passion, chart your course and own your life” - Dave Yarnes

Sincerely,
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Thank you!!

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

We are incredibly grateful for all the volunteers who came together to help with the tasks involved for this weekend.

SAVT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



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2007	Gloria Hammond	Jodi Walchuk	Joanne Parnetta	
2008	Melissa Marin	AJ Mamer – Webmaster	Kris Reid – AV	New in 2009
2009	Bernice Ruf	Marilyn St. Marie/Vivian Orr	Dr. Jaques Messier	Dr. Zenon Forster
2010	Melody Ng	Tamara McLoughlin	Marilyn St. Marie	Norsask Veterinary Group
2011	Arlee Deschene	Bob Tait	Georgina Knudsen/Michael Santer	Dr. Michael Powell
2012	Abigail Culleton	Ruth Black	Dr. Carol Poland (Hill's)	Dr. Shawn Haas
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2018	Brenda Smith	Family Pet Cremation Services	Jackie Elsasser	Dr. Tanya Duke



Friday Speakers

Don Ferguson CD, RVT



Recognizing and Responding to Non-Accidental Injuries

2:30-3:25pm
Canadian Room

The presentation will focus on the basics for understanding and reporting animal abuse and neglect under the Animal Protection Act, 2018. It will help familiarize practitioners with terminology used in animal cruelty investigations as well as provide the who, what, where, when, and why of animal abuse using current research and investigations.

Don Ferguson is the Executive Director of Animal Protection Services of Saskatchewan. It is the Animal Protection Agency responsible for enforcing the Animal Protection Act in Saskatchewan except for in Regina, Saskatoon, and Prince Albert. Prior to taking this position, he had investigated over 4000 files of animal cruelty and neglect with the Alberta SPCA and Calgary Humane Society as a Peace Officer under the Animal Protection Act of Alberta. He has also instructed at the Justice and Solicitor General Staff College, providing instruction for the Alberta Peace Officer Investigator Program. Don is a Registered Veterinary Technologist and completed his diploma in 2005 from Lakeland College in Vermilion, AB. Prior to his law enforcement career, he served 20 years in the Canadian Armed Forces with the Canadian Airborne Regiment and the 1st Battalion of Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry.

Dr. Tim Nickel, DVM

Canadian Beef and Dairy Codes of Practice and What They Mean for You

3:30-4:25pm
Canadian Room



A brief discussion of the NFAAC Codes of Practice for



Beef and Dairy. As well, an overview of available intervention strategies available in Canada today.

Dr. Nickel graduated from WCVI and worked in mixed practice for 16 years. He has worked as technical services veterinarian with specific interest in bovine parasitology and welfare.

Michelle Spark, Shelter Manager, Battlefords Humane Society

An Update on the Saskatchewan Animal Rescue Certification Program

4:35-5:30pm
Canadian Room



Michelle Spark has played an active role on the development of the new Saskatchewan Animal Rescue Certification Program, having served on the Working Group since its inception in 2016. She has a solid

understanding of the Saskatchewan animal welfare sector, having served for the past decade as the Manager of the Battlefords Humane Society. A member of the Association of Professional Dog Trainers,

she is an experienced obedience and behaviour modification trainer. Her educational background includes diplomas in both Animal Science and Business Management, and training in wildlife rehabilitation. Michelle Spark lives in North Battleford with her husband and three dogs.

Sandra Anderson, Program Director, Saskatchewan SPCA

An Update on the Saskatchewan Animal Rescue Certification Program

4:30-5:30pm
Canadian Room



As the Program Director at the Saskatchewan SPCA, Sandra Anderson is pleased to be part of a team of dedicated people working to build a more humane and caring society.

She is especially pleased to be involved in the Working Group developing the new Saskatchewan Animal Rescue Certification (SARC) program. It has been exciting to watch the program develop over the past few years and to learn from the talented people serving on the Working Group. She looks forward to the launch of the SARC program, confident that it will have a real and long-lasting impact on the welfare of homeless animals in the province.

Presently there is no licensing or training required in order to establish or operate an animal rescue. Concerns continue to be raised by the animal welfare sector, the public, and animal enforcement agencies relating to the welfare of animals in some rescues. Caring for homeless animals is difficult work and rescues without sufficient training or resources may become overwhelmed with the tremendous responsibility. The proposed voluntary Saskatchewan Animal Rescue Certification Program seeks to raise the standard of care in animal rescues by providing education, training, and mentorship opportunities for animal rescues and shelters.

Dr. Allison Danyluk Ross, DVM

Amendments to the Health of Animals Regulations Part XII: Transport of Animals

5:35-6:30pm
Canadian Room



This presentation will contain a quick summary of the existing regulations, a review of the regulations that were added or updated, the rationale behind those changes, and how this is most applicable to staff in veterinary clinics.

Dr. Danyluk Ross graduated from WCVI in 1999 and practiced in a mixed animal practice in Assiniboia, SK for 4 years. After BSE was diagnosed in May 2003, she had a career change and joined the CFIA in December 2003. She started in beef slaughter in Moose Jaw and became very active in humane transportation cases due to the volume of cull cows slaughtered at this plant. In July 2006 she became district veterinarian in Moose Jaw, and then district veterinarian in Regina in 2009. Dr. Danyluk Ross remains very active in training staff on humane transportation regulations and promoting them within industry.

Saturday Speakers



Ms. Shannon Gervais, RVT, Director of Recruiting Operations & Technologist Development - VCA Canada

Welcome and Conference Kick Off: RVT Stands for: Real Valuable Path

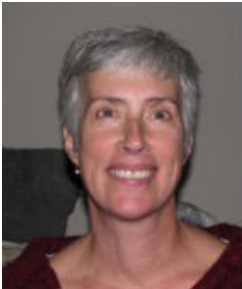
8:00-8:30am

Saskatchewan Ballroom B

Join Shannon as she shares the good, the bad, and the pugly ;) of her personal journey as an

RVT over the past 20 years. It's not always a cake walk.. but she still wouldn't have chosen any other career.

Shannon Gervais, RVT has been a Registered Veterinary Technologist with the OAVT for the past 19 years. Shannon has gained a wide variety of experience throughout her career spanning everything from clinical experience in companion animal medicine to pharmaceutical sales in bovine medicine. Shannon's genuine passion for people and animals has directed her path along managerial roles and into her current national role as VCA Canada, Director of Recruiting Operations and Technologist Training & Development. Shannon lives in Okotoks, Alberta with her husband Duane and their two children Kamryn and Ryland. Their family is completed with 10 horses, purebred Black Angus cattle, their 2 dogs; Duke & Louie and Munchie the kitty.



Jennie Tait, AHT, RVT, VTS (Dermatology)

Reviewing the Basics of Skin Structure and Function

8:40-9:35am

Saskatchewan B Ballroom

A full day of dermatology! And what better place to start than the basics? This introduction to skin structure and function will allow attendees to gain a better understanding

of how the skin works and therefore a better understanding of the dermatologic conditions they see in practice. We will review the different layers and their components, as well as how they play a role in our patients' health. You will learn how things work in the body's largest organ, and where things can go terribly wrong. Even if you're not a derm enthusiast, this short course will make you more comfortable working with your dermatology cases.

Derm History and Exam - Where Technicians Can Make all the Difference

9:45-10:40am

Saskatchewan B Ballroom

There are two main types of people in veterinary medicine. Those who love dermatology, and those that run from it! One of the main reasons for this, (and what is most frustrating about dermatology), is that a lot of dermatologic diseases look very similar. Can you tell the difference between a skin infection and an autoimmune disease? Is what you are looking at secondary or primary? This lecture will give you better insight into what to look for in your patient's history and physical exam to be able to come up with differentials. Combine that with some appropriate diagnostics and you are off to the races. Come learn some of the tricks of the trade, and up your derm game.

Allergies - A bit of Immunology and Why We Use the Drugs We Do

11:10am-12:05pm

Saskatchewan B Ballroom

Allergies are on the rise and seem to be running rampant. Pruritus is often the main presenting complaint, which can have several different causes. How are you to know what's what? This session will review how allergic reactions happen in our patients, as well as how to diagnose and treat them. We will go through environmental allergies as well as food allergies, giving you practical tips on how to figure out which one you are dealing with, and how to manage things from there. Allergies are a lifelong condition, and one of the most frustrating conditions to deal with. Most of our protocols for derm patients are multi-modal and are tailored for each individual patient, which can be confusing and overwhelming. Because of this, it's one of the biggest reasons that clients leave a practice. Client communication and education are paramount when dealing with your dermatology patients. This lecture is meant to give technicians a better understanding of the derm cases they will see, and how they are managed, so they can better assist clients with their understanding. When owners have a clear understanding, we get excellent compliance and better case outcomes. When you are able to explain to your client the reasoning behind their pet's treatment protocols, you are able to get them "on board" and increase not only owner compliance, but owner loyalty to your practice.

Diagnostic Techniques - Simple In-House, Must Dos!

2:15-3:10pm

Saskatchewan B Ballroom

This presentation is intended to be a "Dermatology Bootcamp" that prepares you for success in the workup of patients with skin disease. Diagnostic techniques for dermatology include patient history, examination and many simple in-house diagnostics. The skin is a uniquely simple organ to access, and many samples can be collected easily during a patient's examination. Cytologic examination is a simple and inexpensive but high-yield test that should be performed in almost all cases. Learn how to collect and interpret cytology results. Learn how to optimize your skin scrapings for the parasite you suspect. Review when and how to collect bacterial culture, which are becoming increasingly important with the rising prevalence of resistant staphylococci. Brush up your techniques for collecting skin biopsies, fungal cultures, and trichograms, and learn the basics of allergy testing in atopic patients. Mastering all of these skills is easy and will give you confidence when working up your patients.

Jennie Tait is an experienced veterinary technician who graduated in 1986 as an Animal Health Technician. She worked in general practice 3 years then moved to working at the Ontario Veterinary College in 1989. Jennie became a Registered Veterinary Technician at the first seating of what is now the VTNE and holds RVT certificate #4. Over 24 years at OVC saw her working in Large Animal Surgery, teaching in Surgical Exercises, Small Animal Surgery, Ophthalmology, and finally settling in 19 years ago, as the dermatology service technician, assisting with the instruction of final year students. Jennie has the privilege of being the first Vet Tech in the history of the OVC, to be an honorary class president, for the graduating class of 1999. When the vet college decided to close the dermatology service in 2013, Jennie was able to retire. This only lasted a few months though, and she was soon working with Dr. Yu once again. This time, just down the street from OVC, at the Guelph Veterinary Specialty Hospital. She

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is an accomplished speaker and author in her field. Jennie shares her life with her husband, their 2 grown children, and their 2 fur babies (Willow, a 3-year-old Shiloh Shepherd and Shenzi, a 4-year-old Shepherd/Collie cross). In her spare time, she enjoys hiking, yoga, painting, and adventures of family life!

Dr. Ian Sandler, DVM

A Practitioner's Guide to Veterinary Cannabis in Canada

8:40-9:35am

Saskatchewan C Ballroom

Cannabis is a hot topic in the veterinary medical industry, though one with many misperceptions and outdated information. Dr. Ian Sandler will take RVTs through the science, including correct definitions for cannabis; use of accurate terminology; what is currently known about its pharmacokinetics; and differences in labelling of products. He will also review and expand on how cannabis toxicity is treated. RVTs play a pivotal role in steering clients away from unreliable sources of 'information' - many clients may be unaware that cannabis is not currently approved for use in veterinary medicine. Knowledge of the current legal landscape in Canada, as well as gaps in governance, will be essential to engage them in productive conversation. Dr. Ian Sandler will provide the tools to guide clients towards working with the veterinary team to treat pain and anxiety, rather than self-diagnosing and using pet store products.



Dr. Ian Sandler is the Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Grey Wolf Animal Health a private animal health company in Toronto, ON since March 2015. After graduating from the Ontario Veterinary College, Dr. Sandler practiced small animal medicine in the United States. He returned to Canada one year later and long with 3 colleagues founded the Ontario Veterinary Group in 1999, which grew to be one of the largest privately-owned veterinary hospital groups in Canada. Dr. Sandler is a well-respected animal health expert and is frequently quoted and interviewed. Her served on the Animal Health Technologist/Veterinary Technician (AHT/VT) Accreditation Committee of the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA) from 2009 to 2016 and currently sits on the CVMA's National Issues Committee.

Laura Schroeder, RVT, VTS (Anesthesia & Analgesia)

Recovery: Anesthesia is Not Over Yet

9:45-10:40am

Saskatchewan C Ballroom

This session will include discussions about anesthetic complications and morbidity/mortality risks in the recovery period.

Laura Schroeder graduated from the Veterinary Technologist Program at SIAST in 2010. She worked in the Anesthesia department for 6 years at the Veterinary Medical Centre (VMC) where she completed her Veterinary Specialty in Anesthesia and Analgesia 2017. She is currently working in small animal medicine at the VMC. Laura's fields of interest include analgesia, feline behaviour, and low stress handling.



Dr. Tammy J Owens, DVM, MS, DACVN

Feeding Cats and Dogs Young and Old (Life-stage Nutrition)

8:40-9:35am

Canadian Room

Life-stage nutrition: what does it all mean?

In this presentation we will review the key



nutritional differences and needs that vary between life stages (neonatal to adult) and even between variations within the same life stage (small breed puppy vs large breed puppy) and how that informs our nutritional recommendations. We may even address some of the common misconceptions or "mistakes" that can often occur with recommendations for growing animals how to avoid changes that could negatively impact long-term health. As time allows, we will also touch on concerns with feeding senior pets and how to approach this as our pets and patients move through different life stages. Within that context, we will review some dietary information, including the meaning of nutritional adequacy statements and how that information can help guide us in our nutritional recommendations, as well as recognizing its inherent limitations.

Special Nutritional Considerations in the Cat Compared to the Dog

9:45-10:40am

Canadian Room

Why can't we feed a cat like a dog? But we could get away with feeding some dogs like cats? Aren't they both Carnivores? Why are some foods okay to feed to cats and dogs (e.g. Royal Canin Recovery, Hill'sa/d) but most are species specific? In this presentation we will explore the unique adaptive physiology of the feline (obligate carnivore) as compared to the canine (pseudo-omnivore or facultative carnivore) and how this informs our feeding choices, the clinical consequences of nutritional mismatches, and differences in clinical care options. Come find out more reasons that cats are unique, one of a kind, crazy cute creatures. Many cat pictures promised from a certified cat lover.



Marketing, Myth, or Magic? Separating Nutritional Fact and Fiction on Hot Topics

11:10-12:05pm

Canadian Room

Pet food is a multi-billion dollar industry full of varying and sometimes conflicting marketing campaigns. The dissemination of misleading and sometimes false information in contradiction to evidence based nutritional information, as well as the sharing of anecdotal information or personal opinion as fact replacement, and feeding our pets has become confusing at best or even dangerous at its worst. In particular there are some feeding philosophies or approaches that have gained particular popularity or notoriety. These topics can often be difficult to navigate due to lack of knowledge or lack of confidence in what is known, inability to answer client questions or concerns, or concern in offending or alienating clients. In this presentation, we will cover some of these "hot-topic" issues such as grain-free, "by-products", and alternative feeding methods, presenting factual information and addressing common myths. When able we will also allude to possible client communication strategies, as well as important contextual information such as concerns with environmental sustainability, animal welfare, or emerging disease concerns (e.g. dilated cardiomyopathy) as time allows.

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Dr. Tammy Owens graduated from the Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine in 2009, completed a one-year rotating internship in small animal medicine & surgery at Mississippi State University in 2010, and then worked as an ER staff doctor at a specialty hospital in Tucson, Arizona from 2010-2012. She completed a residency at UC Davis. Currently, Dr. Owens works for Western College of Veterinary Medicine as an assistant professor and runs a clinical nutrition service for the Veterinary Medical Centre. Her current research interest focuses on the natural diet of cats and enteroendocrine control in dogs and cat, and she is clinically very interested in the treatment of obesity. She is also passionate about education and the role of nutrition in patient care. Outside of work, Dr. Owens spends time with her small herd of cats and enjoys a variety of activities with her husband, family, and friends.



Dr. Allison Danyluk Ross, DVM

CWD Voluntary Herd Certification Program National Standards

8:40-9:35am

Manitoba Room

The first objective of this session will be a brief overview of CWD and its history in Canada. There will then be an overview of the new voluntary herd certification program and the roles and responsibilities of the accredited veterinarian. Technicians will be able to perform or assist in some of these roles. A review of the biosecurity assessment needed for producers to enrol in this program will be covered as this is an area where technicians could greatly assist the accredited vet. Lastly, there will be discussion and review of how producers enrol in the program, and how the veterinarian becomes accredited for this activity.

See page 4 for Dr. Allison Danyluk Ross' biography.



Dr. Jason B. Coe, DVM, PhD

Activating the Entire Veterinary Team to Achieve Optimal Veterinary Outcomes Part 1

8:40-9:35am

Courtyard Room

To truly maximize the outcomes of veterinary care, the focus of a veterinary practice must extend beyond the one-on-one interaction between veterinary staff and a client to include the role and influence of communication among all levels of the veterinary healthcare team. Within the human healthcare field, it has been shown that frequent, timely, accurate communication, as well as shared goals, and mutual respect among the healthcare team can lead to a number of positive patient outcomes including reduced post-operative pain, improved post-operative functioning and decreased length of hospital stay. This interactive session will discuss a number of challenges that can affect the function of a veterinary team as well as explore ways to maximize a team's effectiveness in order to achieve optimal veterinary outcomes. By the end of this presentation participants should be: more aware of the role the entire veterinary team has in the outcomes of veterinary care, positioned to pay more attention to the function of each role within a veterinary team, and able to activate the entire veterinary team to maximize the outcomes of veterinary care.



Activating the Entire Veterinary Team to Achieve Optimal Veterinary Outcomes Part 2

9:45-10:40am

Courtyard Room



Clearing the Hurdle: Communicating the Cost of Veterinary Care

11:10-12:05pm

Courtyard Room

Research has shown that discussing the cost of veterinary care can be a source of unease for veterinarians. Only 29% of veterinarian-client exam-room interactions were found to include a discussion of cost. Furthermore, when cost is discussed, it appears veterinarians and their clients may perceive 'value' differently, with veterinarians in many situations not framing their discussions of costs in a manner that attends to a pet owner's perception of value. Through an interactive discussion a number of barriers to discussing the costs of veterinary care will be raised and discussed. In addition, the session will introduce a number of specific communication skills that can be used to help facilitate cost discussions and relay value to clients. By the end of this presentation participants should be: more aware of the importance of communicating cost to veterinary clients during every interaction, positioned to pay more attention to the impact of their own communication practices, and encouraged to reflect on how value is currently communicated to clients in their practices.



What to Say When Things Go Wrong: Communication in Challenging Situations

2:15-3:10pm

Courtyard Room

Unfortunately, the day-to-day practice of veterinary medicine will never be a perfect art nor a perfect science. Although procedures and protocols are put in place to prevent things from going wrong, the reality is that to err is human and we, along with other members of our team, will make mistakes from time to time. Yet, how we communicate when things go wrong, whether a medical error, a client-service blunder or other, can have a significant impact on the outcome of the situation. Research in healthcare and other industries have identified several communication elements that are important to address when things go wrong. Through an interactive discussion, this session will explore the culture surrounding when things go wrong in veterinary medicine and will introduce a number of communication elements that can be used to facilitate these challenging situations. By the end of this presentation participants should be: attentive to the culture that can exist when things go wrong, aware of the role of an apology in addressing when things go wrong, and able to consider a number of communication elements that can facilitate a discussion when things go wrong.



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Nutritional Conversations: The Anatomy of an Effective Nutrition Recommendation

3:40-4:35pm
Courtyard Room

Research has found that veterinarians' attempts to initiate proposals for long-term dietary change are often met with client resistance. This resistance is often based on diet-related or proposal-relevant information shared by clients after the veterinarian's proposal has been made. These findings highlight the importance of gathering a complete medical history including information specific to the client's perspective (e.g. their beliefs, their expectations, etc). Understanding the client's perspective provides the groundwork for educating clients and making a nutrition recommendation that has value for the client. Supported by research, this interactive session will explore a number of communication skills that can be used to understand your client's perspective in order to make your nutrition recommendations stick. By the end of this presentation participants should be more aware of the direct role communication has in the outcomes of veterinary care, positioned to pay more attention to the impact of their own communication practices, and able to communicate a nutrition recommendation in a way that leads to greater client investment/commitment.

Dr. Jason Coe is an Associate Professor at the Ontario Veterinary College. After graduating from the College in 2001, he returned from mixed-animal practice to complete a PhD in the area of veterinary communications in 2008. In the same year, Jason joined the Ontario Veterinary College as a faculty member in the Department of Population Medicine where he has established an active research program examining human-animal relationships as well as the role of interpersonal communications on the outcomes of veterinary care. In his current role at the College, he coordinates the clinical-communication curriculum across all 4 years of the veterinary program and is involved in teaching students about the relationships that exist between people and animals. In the past decade, Jason has established an international reputation for his leadership in veterinary communications, primary-care veterinary education and understanding the human-animal relationship. Jason has published over 60 peer-related journal articles, contributed to several book chapters and is regularly invited to speak nationally and internationally at scientific and continuing-education conferences. As a result of his many achievements, Jason has been recognized by the Ontario Veterinary College Alumni Association as one of their Distinguished Young Alumnus. Outside of his professional activities, Jason relishes personal time with his wife, son, and two daughters.

Dr. Alycia Chrenek, DVM

Equine Rabies in Western Canada

9:45-10:40am
Manitoba Room

A focused look into the risk for equine rabies in Western Canada. Rabies poses a significant risk to our equine community in several ways including disease exposure, human health and veterinary liability. This session will also highlight AAEP core disease vaccination recommendations.



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Equine One Health

11:10-12:05pm
Manitoba Room

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Equine One Health - A view of our industry and the contribution the equine community makes to healthy animals, healthy people and a healthy environment. Each portion of this cycle plays a role in our ability to promote a healthy equine industry.

Dr. Alycia Chrenek graduated with distinction from the Western College of Veterinary Medicine (WCVN), University of Saskatchewan, and following graduation completed an equine medicine and surgery internship at the University of Melbourne Australia. When she returned, she worked as a Clinical Associate Veterinarian at Moore Equine Veterinary Centre in Alberta. Dr. Chrenek joined the Zoetis Veterinary Services team in 2015 to help support the equine business in Canada. Most recently she has assumed the role of Senior Veterinary Services Manager for Cattle/Equine/Genetics in December of 2018. Dr. Chrenek was raised on a small cow-calf operation in Central Alberta. Riding horses has always been a part of her life and Alycia and her husband raise warmbloods. She leads an active lifestyle on her farm with her husband and daughter that includes riding, biking, and kayaking.



Lynnsey Hamilton, RVT, VTS (Behaviour)

Animal Behaviour Health

11:10am-12:05pm
Saskatchewan C Ballroom

Animal Behaviour Health - We all know that our patients' physical wellbeing is important, but how many of us are paying attention to our patients' behavioural wellbeing as well?

This session will cover why it is important, and how Fear Anxiety and Stress can have a negative impact on our patients' overall health.

Addressing Fear, Anxiety and Stress in our Patients (Part 1)

2:15-3:10pm
Saskatchewan C Ballroom

We can all recognize the overt symptoms of fear in our animals, but often we miss the subtle signs prior to the explosion. This session will talk about recognizing the subtle signs of Fear Anxiety and Stress in our patients, and look at an algorithm to determine the next steps of a procedure, keeping the animals whole wellbeing in mind.

Addressing Fear, Anxiety and Stress in our Patients (Part 2)

3:40-4:35pm
Saskatchewan C Ballroom

Continuing on after recognizing the signs, we will learn what to do about them! This session will overview basic learning theory, appropriate handling, and counter conditioning and desensitization for procedures.

Saturday Speakers

In 2006, Lynnsey walked across the stage at the graduation ceremony for Lakeland College's Veterinary Technology Program ready to step out into the world as a real live veterinary technician. It did not take Lynnsey long to realize there was a serious lack of consideration for the pets behavioural wellbeing and she began studying animal behaviour. In 2014 she obtained her Low Stress Handling Silver Certification, 2017 her level one Fear Free Professional Certification, 2018 her Level Two Fear Free Professional Certification and her VTS-Behaviour designation. Lynnsey is the first technician in Canada to have her specialty in animal behaviour and hopes that by teaching others about behaviour, more will be inspired to pursue this specialty as well. When she is not working, Lynnsey can usually be found with her nose in a book, her hands on a guitar or playing board games with anyone who will join her. Lynnsey lives in Saskatoon, with her husband, their two rescue pups, and senior kitty.



Dr. Cheryl Waldner

Troubleshooting Nutrition for Poor Reproductive Performance in Cow-Calf Herds

2:15-3:10pm

Canadian Room

While trace minerals are often the focus of attention in herds with higher than expected open rates, all investigations should include an evaluation of body condition score. Body condition scoring at pregnancy testing can provide

useful insight on the role of energy balance in the face of high open rates. Micronutrient deficiencies are also a common differential in diagnosing a variety of herd problems including poor reproductive performance. While a number of trace minerals vitamins may be considered, those which are typically the focus of interest when investigating problems in western Canada include copper, molybdenum, selenium, zinc, vitamin A, and vitamin E. This presentation will highlight key steps in investigating nutritional causes of poor reproductive performance in beef herds.

Control of Reproductive Infections in Cow-Calf Herds - Test and Cull or Vaccinate

3:40-4:35pm

Canadian Room

Reproductive performance is a key driver of profitability in cow-calf operations. The industry is changing and herd sizes are getting bigger. Associated with growing herd sizes is the increased opportunity for exposure to infectious disease. In this discussion, we will examine best practices for identifying and controlling reproductive infections in cow-calf herds.

Dr. Cheryl Waldner is a professor in Large Animal Clinical Sciences at the Western College of Veterinary Medicine. She is part of the outbreak investigation unit and is actively involved in research examining factors affecting the productivity of cow-calf herds in Western Canada. She is particularly interested in antimicrobial use and resistance as well as the prevention and control of infectious diseases such as BVDV, vibrio, trichomoniasis, and neospora. She has also examined the effects of nutrition on reproductive performance in cow-calf herds. Dr. Waldner has more than 200 peer-reviewed publications. Cheryl and her husband own and operate a small commercial cow-calf herd west of Saskatoon.



Heather Getz, Account Manager, Merck Animal Health

Physical Hazards in Veterinary Medicine: Strategies to Lower Risk and Prevent Injury

2:15-3:10pm

Manitoba Room

Since 2014, 107 Veterinary Technologists, and Animal Health Technicians have been injured on the job in Saskatchewan. During this presentation, we will look at the most

common injuries occurring in our veterinary clinics. Participants will be given tools to take back to their clinics to identify, triage, and help mitigate the hazards that may exist in their workplaces. We will practice the tools together in a brief workshop during the session.



Heather joined Merck Animal Health as an Account Manager in 2018 after a 9-year career with the Saskatchewan Workers' Compensation Board. Originally hired by the WCB in 2008 to launch and build Mission: Zero Injury Prevention Campaign, she has a passion for keeping people (and animals) safe. Prior to working with the WCB, Heather was a freelance writer and Marketing, Communications and Public Relations specialist, working with a variety of companies in the non-profit and private sector. When she's not working, she spends time with her 3 now-adult children. She also enjoys song writing and sings in a local band.

Melissa Underhill, RVT, VTS (IM-Oncology, ECC)

Chemotherapy: KNOW safety, NO accidents

3:40-4:35pm

Manitoba Room

This presentation will provide a general overview of how chemotherapy works and its use in veterinary medicine. The primary discussion will encompass the current recommended safety standards for veterinary personnel and chemotherapy administration considerations

Caring for animals was an aspiration all through Melissa Underhill's childhood. Attending and graduating from Olds College Veterinary Technologist Program in 2004 affirmed this was her chosen career path. After progressive positions in both private and specialty/referral practice settings in Calgary, Melissa began working for the University of Saskatchewan's Veterinary Medical Centre in 2010. Her continued dedication to providing the best of nursing care led her to attain the Veterinary Technician Specialist Certification in Emergency/Critical Care (2011) and Internal Medicine-Oncology (2018). She finds inspiration daily whether it is on-the-job or while broadening her perspective of the world through books and travel.

Saturday Speakers

Dr. Marc Cattet, DVM, PhD

Bonus: Who are the Regulators, and Do We Need Them?

4:40-5:35pm

Canadian Room

Dr. Marc Cattet is the Registrar for the Saskatchewan Veterinary Medical Association (SVMA). Prior to taking this role in March 2019, he worked for several decades as a wildlife veterinarian and researcher with a focus on the safe and humane capture of wild animals and on determining how the health of wild animals is impacted by human activities. This work occurred while changing hats several times from university researcher, to private consultant, to the Yukon's acting Chief Veterinary Officer.

Lorraine Serhienko, RVT

Bonus: Who are the Regulators, and Do We Need Them?

4:40-5:35pm

Canadian Room



Lorraine is the SVMA's Regulatory and Education Coordinator. She has worked as an RVT in clinical practice and at educational institutions. Lorraine and her family

operate a mixed farming operation and she also volunteers doing remote veterinary services. Lorraine's role at the SVMA has transformed into a regulatory role over the past 3 years, where she works with Practice Standards, Veterinary Technologist registration, regulatory education and answering the questions of SVMA members.

A lack of understanding of how and why the veterinary profession is regulated within Saskatchewan appears to be prevalent among registrants and the public based on the phone calls and emails that we receive at the SVMA office. So, our intent with this presentation, and with the question and answer session that follows, is to explain what it means to be a "self-regulated" profession. We will also compare and contrast the self-regulation approach with other ways by which the veterinary profession could be regulated, and indeed are regulated in other parts of the world.



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Heather Shannon, RVTTC President is in attendance - stop by to say hello at the RVTTC booth!

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INTRODUCTION: INCOMING PRESIDENT FOR 2019-2020



What kind of crazy person with 4 kids eight years and under, 2 cats, a part-time job and a full time school course load would take on President?! Me! Anyone who knows me was not surprised by this move. During my “baby - breastfeeding - and repeat” phase one of my best friends would whisper to me “sit on your hands” at every AGM. Why? Because sometimes my passion for this profession overrides my common sense. But really, to do what I do, there are no other requirements besides passion.

I grew up in Regina deathly afraid of cats and horses and worked aimlessly for 3 years after high school before an incident with a vet tech and my pet raccoon (no, that’s not a typo) made me see where my calling was. After college beat my fear of cats and horses out of me, although I still have a VERY healthy respect for an animal that can crush me like a bug, I worked in mixed practice, I travelled and after taking some time off from the vet tech profession to work at a seed company I ended up at Big Sky Farms in Humboldt, working with pigs. Somehow, over the next few years I realized that the livestock industry, especially advocating for food safety and animal welfare, was my niche.

After I met my husband, who worked in Saskatoon, we moved out to Warman and I started working with the poultry industry. I currently audit chicken farms (meat not eggs) on their food safety and animal welfare programs and I train swine producers on their similar programs. Although I desperately miss that awesome feeling of hitting a vein on a big, fat sow, I love what I do.

One day, my husband who is a Biology professor at the University of Saskatchewan, informed me that 17 years after I graduated from Kelsey, our courses from the Veterinary Technology program FINALLY transfer to other programs. Being able to advance and specialize in my very small field was too exciting of an opportunity to pass up so I am taking my 2 year Agribusiness diploma to further my career opportunities when I go back to work full time in a few years. I looked into getting my Animal Science degree but I was told by someone with a Masters in Animal Science that with my status as an RVT and my experience I would be hired over him any day.

How exciting is that?! To go from getting a diploma in a field where too many times we’re lead to feel like this is just a job, something to do until something better comes along, to realizing that no, this can be the first building block in your profession if you want it to be, and all that is stopping you is deciding to find your specialty, that one area that you’re passionate about and use it to reinforce your profession, to reinforce YOU.

Which brings me back to taking on the President position. When you’re not in a clinic sometimes it feels like you’re out of the loop in the RVT world and I found that getting back on the board helped me to combine my passion for my work with me passion for being an RVT. And the new governance model the SAVT board has adopted has allowed me to be able to fit it in with the crazy chaos that is my life! I highly encourage you to try it out, especially if you feel like you’re losing that spark that made you choose to be an RVT in the first place.

So that’s me in a nutshell. Feel free to come say hi this weekend. I’m the one at the SAVT booth with the weird sense of humour laughing at inappropriate times!

Tamara McLoughlin, RVT

CONFERENCE AT A GLANCE **FRIDAY SESSIONS**

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1		SASKATOON INN & CONFERENCE CENTRE		
2:30 - 6:30 PM		Animal Welfare Afternoon (Canadian Room)		
2:30 - 3:25 PM	3:30 - 4:25 PM	4:25 - 4:35 PM	4:35 - 5:30 PM	5:35 - 6 :30 PM
Recognizing and Responding to Non-Accidental injuries Don Ferguson CD, RVT	Canadian Beef and Dairy Codes of Practice and What They Mean for You Dr. Tim Nickel, DVM <i>Sponsored by Boehringer Ingelheim</i>	10-minute Refreshment Break	An Update on the Saskatchewan Animal Rescue Certification Program Michelle Spark, Shelter Manager, Battleford Humane Society and Sandra Anderson, Program Director, Saskatchewan SPCA	Amendments to the Health of Animals Regulations Part XII: Transport of Animals Dr. Allison Danyluk Ross, DVM
6:30 - 10:00 PM		Registration Tradeshow • Welcome Reception • Job Fair & Marketplace (Ballrooms A and B) <i>Sponsored by Veterinary Medical Centre</i>		

CONFERENCE AT A GLANCE SATURDAY SESSIONS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2		SASKATOON INN & CONFERENCE CENTRE			
7:15 - 8:00 AM		Registration & Breakfast (NO Tradeshow)			
8:00 - 8:30 AM		Welcome and Conference Kick Off (Ballroom B) RVT Stands for: REAL. VALUABLE PATH by Ms. Shannon Gervais, RVT.			
8:30 - 8:40 AM		10 MINUTE TRANSITION TO SESSIONS			
8:40 - 9:35 am	Saskatchewan B	Saskatchewan C	Canadian Room	Manitoba Room	Courtyard Room
	Reviewing the Basics of Skin Structure and Function Jennie Tait, AHT, RVT, VTS (Dermatology)	A Practitioner's Guide to Veterinary Cannabis in Canada Dr. Ian Sandler <i>Sponsored by Greywolf</i>	Feeding Cats and Dogs, Young and Old (Life stage Nutrition) Dr. Tammy J. Owens DVM, MS, DACVN <i>Sponsored by Royal Canin Canada</i>	CWD Voluntary Herd Certification Program National Standards Dr. Allison Danyluk Ross, DVM	Activating the Entire Veterinary Team to Achieve Optimal Veterinary Outcomes (Part 1) Jason B. Coe DVM, PhD <i>Sponsored by Hill's</i>
9:35 - 9:45 AM		10 MINUTE TRANSITION TO SESSIONS (<u>NO</u> Trade show)			
9:45 - 10:40 am	Derm History and Exam - Where Technicians Can Make all the Difference Jennie Tait, AHT, RVT, VTS (Dermatology)	Recovery: Anesthesia is Not Over Yet Laura Schroeder, RVT, VTS (Anesthesia and Analgesia)	Special Nutritional Considerations in the Cat Compared to the Dog Dr. Tammy J. Owens DVM, MS, DACVN <i>Sponsored by Purina</i>	Equine Rabies in Western Canada Dr. Alycia Chrenek <i>Sponsored by Zoetis</i>	Activating the Entire Veterinary Team to Achieve Optimal Veterinary Outcomes (Part 2) Jason B. Coe DVM, PhD <i>Sponsored by Hill's</i>
10:40 - 11:10 AM		TRADE SHOW • NETWORKING • REFRESHMENT BREAK (Ballrooms A and B) <i>Sponsored by City of Saskatoon</i>			
11:10 - 12:05 pm	Allergies – A bit of Immunology and Why we Use the Drugs we do Jennie Tait, AHT, RVT, VTS (Dermatology)	Animal Behavioral Health Lynnsey Hamilton, RVT-VTS (Behaviour)	Marketing, Myth or Magic? Separating Nutritional Fact and Fiction on Hot Topics Dr. Tammy J. Owens DVM, MS, DACVN	Equine One Health Dr. Alycia Chrenek <i>Sponsored by Zoetis</i>	Clearing the Hurdle: Communicating the Cost of Veterinary Care Jason B. Coe DVM, PhD <i>Sponsored by IDEXX</i>
12:05 - 12:45 PM		TRADE SHOW • NETWORKING • LUNCH BREAK (Ballrooms A and B) <i>Lunch Sponsored by VCA Canada</i>			
12:45 - 2:05 PM		SAVT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (SASKATCHEWAN BALLROOM C) <i>Sponsored by Champion Alstoe</i> *Additional 1 CE			
2:05 - 2:15 PM		10 MINUTE TRANSITION TO SESSIONS			
2:15 - 3:10 pm	Diagnostic Techniques - Simple In-house, Must Dos! Jennie Tait, AHT, RVT, VTS (Dermatology)	Addressing Fear, Anxiety and Stress in our Patients (Part 1) Lynnsey Hamilton, RVT-VTS (Behaviour)	Troubleshooting Nutrition for Poor Reproductive Performance in Cow-Calf Herds Dr. Cheryl Waldner	Physical Hazards in Veterinary Medicine: Strategies to Lower Risk and Prevent Injury Heather Getz <i>Sponsored by Merck</i>	What to Say When Things go Wrong: Communication in Challenging Situations Jason B. Coe DVM, PhD
3:10 - 3:40 PM		TRADESHOW (Exhibitor Door Prize Draws) • NETWORKING • REFRESHMENT BREAK (Ballrooms A and B)			
3:40 - 4:35 pm	No session Banquet Set Up	Addressing Fear, Anxiety and Stress in our Patients (Part 2) Lynnsey Hamilton, RVT-VTS (Behaviour)	Control of Reproductive Infections in Cow-Calf Herds- Test and Cull or Vaccination? Dr. Cheryl Waldner	Chemotherapy: KNOW Safety, NO Accidents Melissa Underhill RVT, VTS (IM-Oncology, ECC)	Nutrition Conversations: The Anatomy of an Effective Nutrition Recommendation Jason B. Coe DVM, PhD
4:40 - 5:35 PM		BONUS SESSION: Who are the regulators, and do we need them? (CANADIAN ROOM) *Additional 1 CE Dr. Marc Cattet and Lorraine Serhienko, RVT			
5:45 - 6:30 PM		COCKTAILS			
6:30 PM		BANQUET, AWARDS & ENTERTAINMENT (Dueling Pianos) <i>Sponsored by Royal Canin Canada</i>			

CONFERENCE AT A GLANCE **SUNDAY SESSIONS**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3		WESTERN COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE (WCVI)	
8:30 - 9:15 AM		Lab Registration, Breakfast & Coffee (Buffeteria) <i>*Sponsored by WDDC</i>	
ALL-DAY WORKSHOPS (9:30 AM - 2:30 PM)			
<div>Stress is an Occupational Hazard in Veterinary Medicine: Self-care Strategies & Intervention Strategies to help a Co-Worker in Distress Dr. Kathy Keil, BA, MA, DVM <i>*Sponsored by Merck Animal Health</i></div>			
<div>NUTRITION ESCAPE ROOM! Erin Hendrickson, RVT</div>			
COMPANION ANIMAL MORNING LABS (9:30 AM - 11:30 AM)			
<div>Dental Instrument Sharpening Ms. Tara Evans <i>*Sponsored by Serona Animal Health</i></div>	<div>Diagnostic Techniques for Dermatology - Get the Biggest Bang for Your Buck! Jennie Tait, AHT, RVT, VTS (Dermatology)</div>	<div>Recognizing CPA and Managing CPR During Anesthesia Laura Schroeder, RVT, VTS (Anesthesia and Analgesia)</div>	
LARGE/FOOD ANIMAL MORNING LABS (9:30 AM - 11:30 AM)			
<div>Food Animal Reproductive Ultrasound: From Basics to Practice Dinesh Dadarwal, Assistant Professor (Bovine Theriogenology), BVSc&AH, MVSc, PhD, DACT</div>	<div>Large Animal Parasitology Dr. Roy Lewis <i>*Sponsored by Merck Animal Health</i></div>	<div>Sedation and General Anesthesia of Equids in a Field Setting Kate Robinson, DVM, MVSc, DABVP (Equine Practice)</div>	
<div>Equine First Aid Fundamentals Mandy Abraham, Carolyn Kemps & Miranda Wandler- Wiens</div>			
11:30AM – 12:15 PM		LUNCH (Buffeteria) <i>*Sponsored by VETStrategy</i>	
COMPANION ANIMAL AFTERNOON LABS (12:30 AM - 2:30 PM)			
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Sunday Labs, Workshops, & Lecture Series



Dr. Kathy Kiel, BA, MA, DVM

Stress is an Occupational Hazard in Veterinary Medicine: Self-care Strategies & Intervention Strategies to Help a Co-Worker in Distress

All Day

Western College of Veterinary Medicine

Veterinary clinic and general work stressors have been shown to lead to mental and physical ill health and can also be a

factor in workplace accidents. With these emotional and physical demands along with the long hours, it is easy to neglect one's own well-being and life balance. Many of us know colleagues who are unwell or no longer with us and are concerned and look for help and answers. In this four-hour session you will: learn about the top four evidence-based strategies that have been specifically researched in a Canadian study to statistically reduce the risk of injury including burnout in veterinarians and technologists; be systemically guided in a practice of the strategies using a variety of mindfulness, behavioural, and cognitive techniques; plan out how to utilize the strategies beyond the session with the intent to enhance clinical decision making, work productivity, and personal well-being; learn and practice the simple steps on what to do to help a colleague or co-worker who is in distress; leave the session with practical guidelines on how to start conversations about mental health in your environment; and leave the session with a local list of mental health resources.



Kathy Keil has a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from the Ontario Veterinary College, and a MA and BA in Experimental Psychology from University of Western Ontario. Kathy has worked for Merck for 3 years in veterinary pharmacovigilance and technical services. Kathy has experience in equine, bovine, and companion animal practice. She has 15 years of business experience in the veterinary pharmaceutical industry in technical services and training. She is an advocate for mental health in the veterinary profession. As a veterinary practitioner she had the lived experience of stress and burnout. She is a certified Mental Health First Aider, Compassion Fatigue Educator, yoga instructor and has training in safeTALK suicide intervention, Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training, Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction and Mindful Self-Compassion. She is a member of the Alberta Veterinary Medical Association representing Southern Alberta. She is married to a wonderful non-veterinary minded husband, Tom an accountant, who loves their three cats, border collie and tolerates her lovely dressage horse Flora.

Erin Hendrickson, RVT

NUTRITION ESCAPE ROOM!

All Day

Western College of Veterinary Medicine

Erin Hendrickson will be teaching a two-hour seminar in the morning about the top things that every veterinary technologist should know and practice every day with every patient. From these learnings, the afternoon session will be an escape room! The only way to escape the exam room is if you've applied the morning seminar!

Erin grew up in a small northern town in Saskatchewan, moved to Saskatoon in 1996 and attended university. From there, she worked at the front desk of the Radisson Hotel for over 10 years. She graduated Sask Polytechnic as a Vet Tech in 2006 and left the hotel to join ICU at the WCVI for five years. She became a tech so that she specifically could work for the nutrition company that she currently has been with for over 8 years! Pet nutrition is her passion and she wants to share that passion with all vet techs!

Tara Evans, Product & Continuing Education Manager, Serona Animal Health

Dental Instrument Sharpening

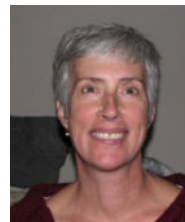
9:30-11:30am & 12:30-2:30pm

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This lab is meant to provide practical, hands-on experience in instrument sharpening and maintenance. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own instruments so that what they learn will be directly useful back in their own clinic, but instruments will be available if that's not possible.

Tara Evans has worked in numerous capacities in the veterinary industry over the past twenty seven years, focusing exclusively on dentistry in the past ten years. Presently, Tara works as the Product and Continuing Education Manager at Serona Animal Health where she is responsible for organizing seminars and teaching various aspects of dentistry to veterinary professionals.



Jennie Tait, AHT, RVT, VTS (Dermatology)

Diagnostic Techniques for Dermatology - Get the Biggest Bang for Your Buck

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

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Unresolved derm issues are the number one reason clients leave a practice. Come

learn straight forward techniques on how to get the best samples for accurate results. Once you have the right answers, your team can get your patients started on the correct therapy. This lab will give you the ability to have a bigger impact on your patients' care and give your clients the biggest bang for their buck. We will go through collecting, processing, and evaluating different samples for cytology, ectoparasites, dermatophytes, trichoscopy, and skin biopsies. All the skills you need to have success with your dermatology cases.

Jennie's biography is on page five of this program.

Laura Schroeder, RVT, VTS (Anesthesia & Analgesia)

Recognizing CPA and Managing CPR During Anesthesia

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

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There will be a lecture on small animal CPR methods with particular focus on how to recognize a CPA event under anesthesia and how to manage an anesthetic patient during CPR. During the hands-on portion of the lab, the focus will shift to the basics of CPR techniques and groups will have time to practice the CPR knowledge they have learned on demo models.

Laura's biography is on page six of this program.

Sunday Labs, Workshops, and Lecture Series



Dr. Dinesh Dadarwal, Assistant Professor (Bovine Theriogenology), BVSc&AH, MVSc, PhD, DACT

Food Animal Reproductive Ultrasound: From Basics to Practice

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

Western College of Veterinary Medicine

This 2-hour lab will focus on the ultrasound equipment itself and ultrasound imaging of the reproductive organs in food animals. Specifically, participants will learn how the ultrasound waves are generated, how they interact with different tissues, how images are created, how to set up the buttons or touchscreen interfaces available with different machines, what are the common ultrasound artifacts and how to take care of ultrasound machines. Further, participants will apply different ultrasound settings while scanning (cows, ewes, and rams) in order to understand what is needed to obtain a better and consistent quality of ultrasound images.

Dr. Dinesh Dadarwal is currently an Assistant Professor (Bovine Theriogenology) at the Western College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Saskatchewan. Dr. Dadarwal has been active in the field of animal Theriogenology for the last 17 years (12 years in university referral practice and 5 years in PhD). He has gained experience with a variety of species mainly bovine, bubaline (water buffalo), equine, small ruminants, small animals and continues to expand his experience with camelids. Dr. Dadarwal also enjoys teaching and he is especially keen to share his ever-expanding database of ultrasonograms of male and female reproductive physiological and pathological conditions. Dr. Dadarwal identifies himself as a clinician researcher and has published around 33 articles in peer-reviewed journals. His current area of research is to understand the factors that influence uterine mucosal immunity in cattle so as to design alternative therapies for preventing and treating uterine/endometrial inflammation. Dr. Dadarwal's immediate family includes two kids, a 12-year-old son and a 3-year-old daughter, and wife Pooja who is a biochemist by profession. Dr. Dadarwal in his spare time is a keen gardener, sportsman (squash and soccer), yoga enthusiast and nature lover (hiking and photography).

Dr. Roy Lewis, DVM

Large Animal Internal Parasites

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

Western College of Veterinary Medicine

Identification of large animal internal parasites through the Modified Wisconsin Sugar Flotation Technique. Dr. Lewis will also cover the issue of resistance and development of strategic deworming protocols for livestock.

Dr. Roy Lewis graduated from the Western College of Veterinary Medicine in 1981 and was a

partner at the Westlock Veterinary Center. 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 magazine such as The Cattlemen and the Western Producer. In January 2012, Roy joined Merck Animal Health as a technical services veterinarian. He has two kids: Cali (a graduate in Vet Medicine in 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" (cattle - 900 purebred, grain and 500 acres of potatoes).



Dr. Kate Robinson, BSc, DVM, MVSc, DABVP (Equine Practice)

Sedation and General Anesthesia of Equids in a Field Setting

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

Western College of Veterinary Medicine

In the first hour general anesthetic protocols will be discussed and explored using a live horse demo. Topics for discussion will include safe handling, dosages, and drug protocols, local analgesia, and monitoring in a field setting. The second hour will include discussion and exploration of standing sedative protocols, using several live horse demos for participants to see the effects of different drugs. Topics to be discussed will include when and why to use different sedative protocols, approaches for the dangerously needle-shy horse, and the use of reversal agents.

Dr. Robinson 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 WCVI before being hired on to faculty in August 2013. She is a specialist in equine practice with interests in lameness, imaging, and podiatry.

Mandy Abraham, Sr. Instructor, EquiHealth Canada

Equine First Aid Fundamentals

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

Western College of Veterinary Medicine

Mandy worked professionally in the horse industry, both nationally and internationally, with show jumpers, dressage, and polo ponies. Along with extensive riding experience, she gained a high level of stable management which carried over into her clinics. She now lives outside of Regina and focuses mostly on dressage and hunter/jumpers. She is a senior instructor with EquiHealth Canada, certified in all available clinics as well as Canine First Aid. Mandy is the Licensed Affiliate for Southern Saskatchewan.

Miranda Weins

Equine First Aid Fundamentals

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

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Miranda lives on a farm in rural Saskatchewan with her husband Mike. They have 2 children, a daughter Kelsey and a son Christopher. She grew up with horses and in the last 3 years has found a passion for Cowboy Mounted Shooting winning a Canadian Title in 2017! Miranda has a true passion for working with people and horses. She was a 4-H Light Horse leader for 11 years and still remains involved. Miranda is a Lifetime Certified Equine First Aid Instructor and is the Northern Alberta Affiliate for Equi-Health Canada.

EquiHealth Canada, North America's leader in equine health and farm safety training, has put together a 2 hour custom workshop for SAVT Conference attendees. We will be running a stationed workshop featuring scenarios from both Basic and Advanced Equine Emergency First Aid. This fast paced, fully hands-on workshop will include colic, choke, chest wounds, eye injuries, abscess care, nail in hoof and more.

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SATURDAY BANQUET, ENTERTAINMENT & AWARD CEREMONY

5:45 - 6:30PM SATURDAY COCKTAILS

6:30PM BANQUET & AWARD CEREMONY

ENTERTAINMENT - BURN 'N' MAHN - DUELING PIANOS

The Evolution of the Dueling Piano Show is a live, interactive, all request musical extravaganza show unique from all others. Every style of music (classic rock, rock n roll, country, alternative, 80s, top 40, reggae, hip hop, R&B, jazz, punk, blues, Canadian rock) from any decade. All the way from the 1920s, to current top 40 hits. Nine additional instruments in the show, saxophone, trumpet, flute, recorder, tin whistle, harmonica, accordion, guitar, and mandolin. Plus, additional high tech equipment such as loopers, drum machines and pads. Audience members participate by submitting written song requests, text messages requests, and even live voting poll to pick song requests.

BRIAN BURN has been playing professionally for more than 30 years, touring Canada and the USA from end to end many times. He has been nominated "Canadian Country Music Keyboard Player of the Year" four times, and has won CCMA's "Back-Up Band of the Year" twice. Brian also went to Afghanistan in 2004 to play for our troops. Over the years Brian has played with many different artists including Julian Austin, Aaron Lines, Chris Cummings, Gil Grand, Gord Bamford, and Charlie Major.

JAMIE MAHN made his debut performance at the age of 4 and spent his youth playing piano, sax, flute, trumpet, and bass in various bands. He has performed in the piano bars of 10 different cruise ships across the Caribbean and Central America. After three years at sea, Jamie continued travelling and playing in dueling piano bars across the world including clubs in Orlando, Phoenix, Louisville, Holland, and Singapore.

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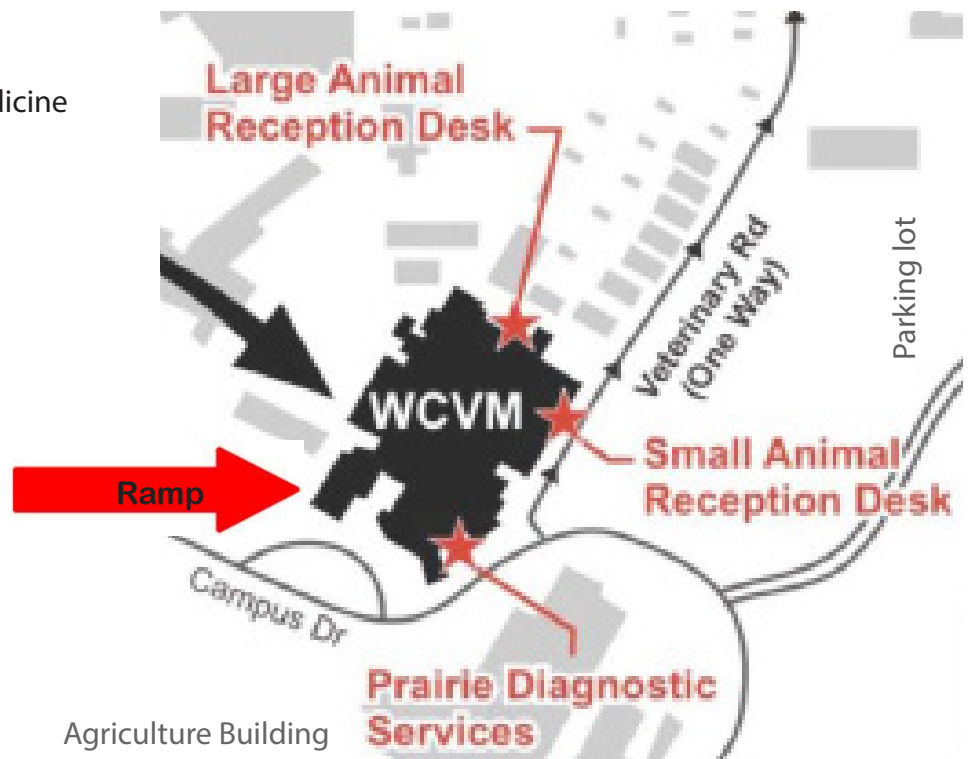
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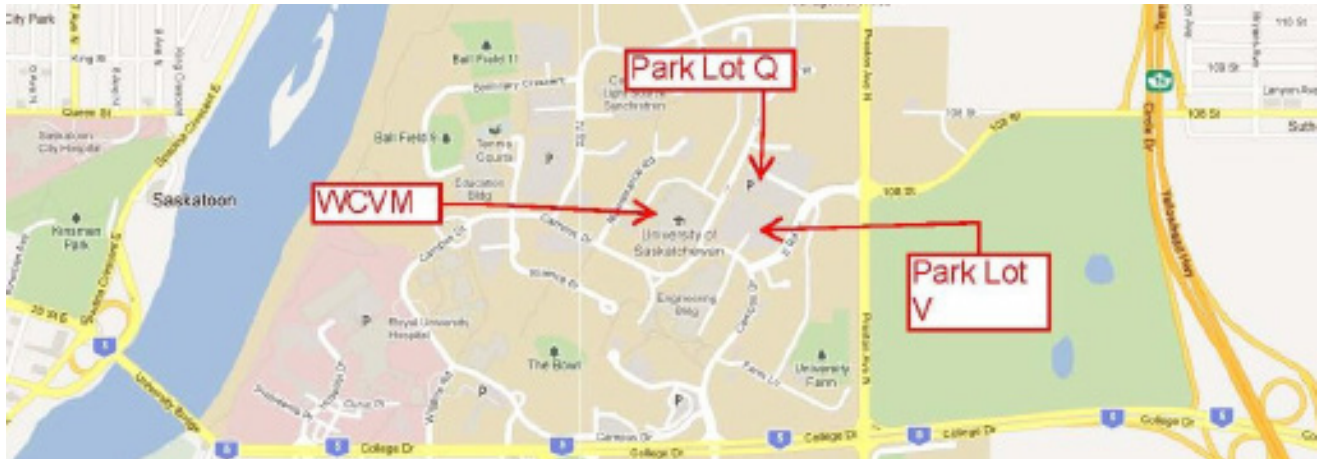
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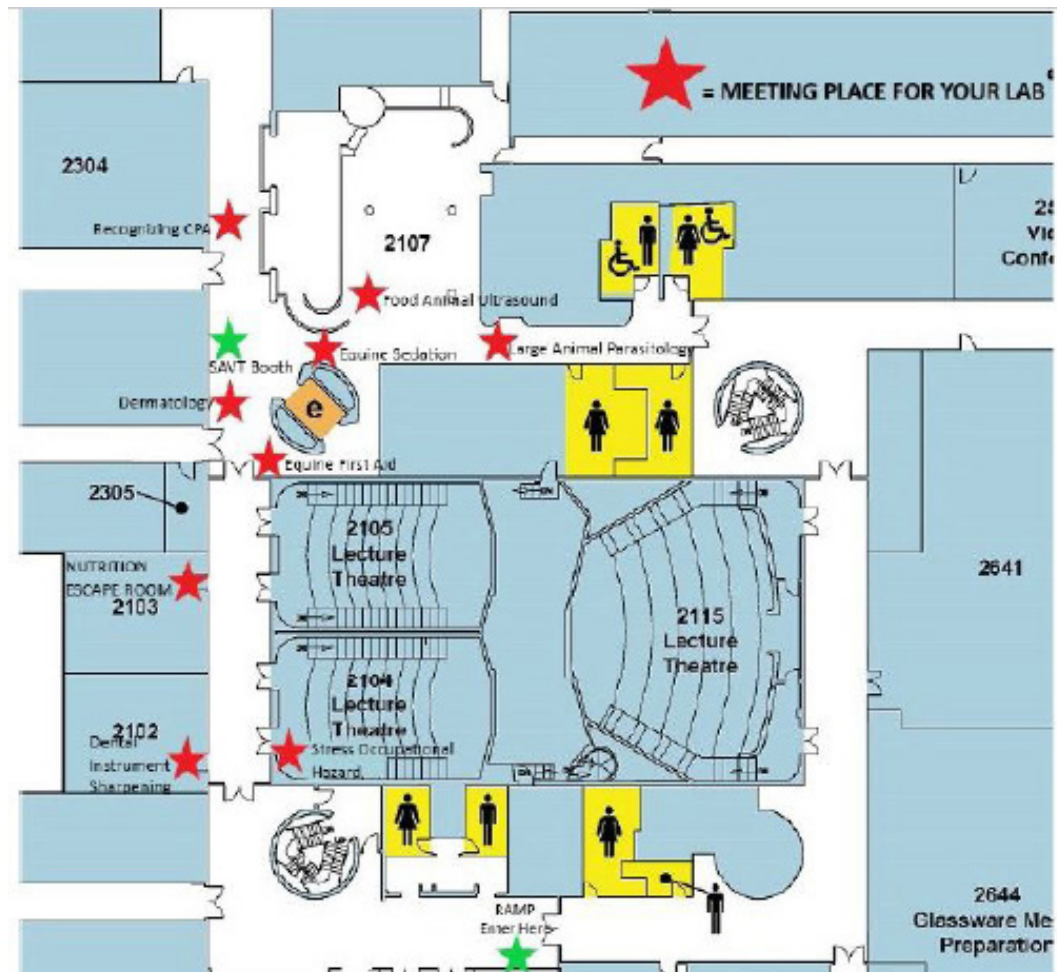
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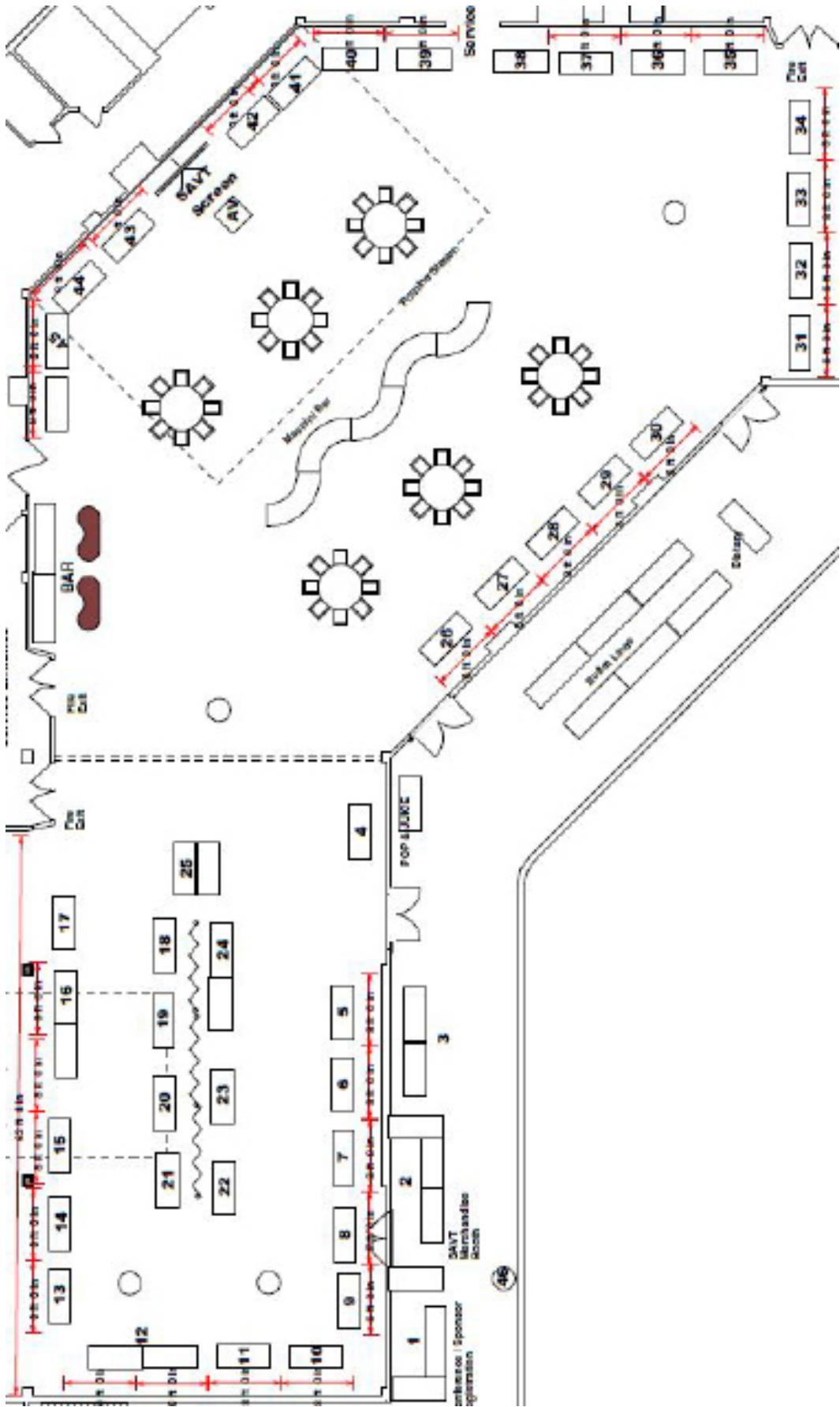
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Ramp is South

Parking lots (East)
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EXHIBITOR MAP



TRADESHOW BOOTHS - FRIDAY NIGHT AND SATURDAY

1	Conference Registration & Sponsor Registration Booth	21	Serona Animal Health
2	Saskatchewan Association of Veterinary Technologists	22	Saskatchewan Veterinary Medical Association
3	35th Anniversary Display	23	Veterinary Medical Centre, WCVN
4	SCAT Street Cat Rescue	24	Merck Animal Health
5	IDEXX	25	Royal Canin Canada
6	Ceva Animal Health	26	Benson Medical
7	Summit Veterinary Pharmacy	27	Western Drug Distribution Centre (WDDC)
8	Champion Alstoe Animal Health	28	Rayne Clinical Nutrition
9	McCarthy and Sons Services	29	Glass House Xperience
10	Vetoquinol Canada	30	Desjardins Financial Security Investments Inc & Golden Opportunities Fund
11	Purina Pro Plan Veterinary Diets	31	Creston Veterinary Hospital
12	Zoetis Canada	32	Equi Health Canada
13	Aventix	33	Registered Veterinary Technologists/Technicians of Canada (RVTTTC)
14	VCA Canada	34	Prairie Diagnostic Services (PDS)
15	Hill's Pet Nutrition	35	New Hope Dog Rescue
16	Boehringer Ingelheim	36	Affinity Credit Union
17	Family Pet Cremation Services	37	Saskatchewan Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
18	Pacific Veterinary Sales	38	VETStrategy
19	VHS/Greywolf Animal Health	39	Canadian Mental Health Association
20	Dispomed Ltd		

JOB FAIR & MARKETPLACE BOOTHS - FRIDAY NIGHT ONLY

40	Saskatchewan Polytechnic	44	I Sit Too!
41	Saskatoon Organizing Systems & Turner's Tupperware	45	Ultimate Cat Furniture
42	Animal Harmony Solutions	46	Sasktel (Mobile Phone Charging Tower)
43	Caring Creations YXE	47	Delisle Veterinary Service
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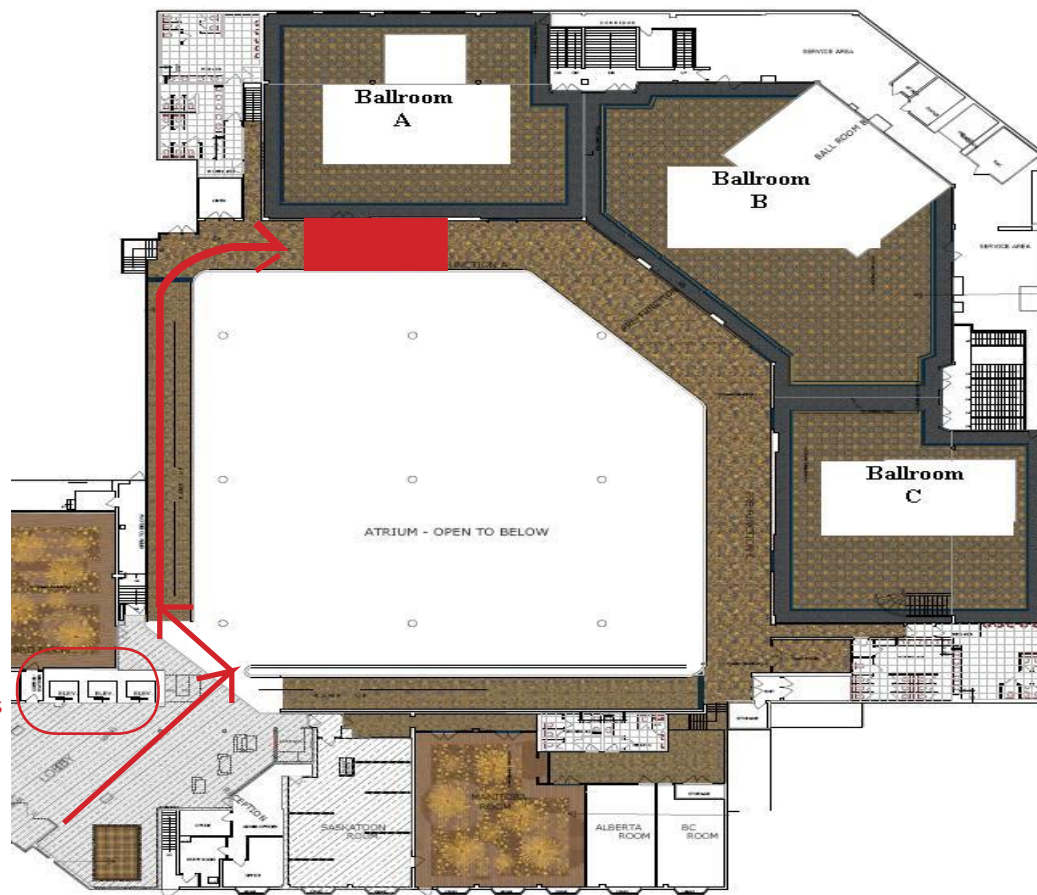
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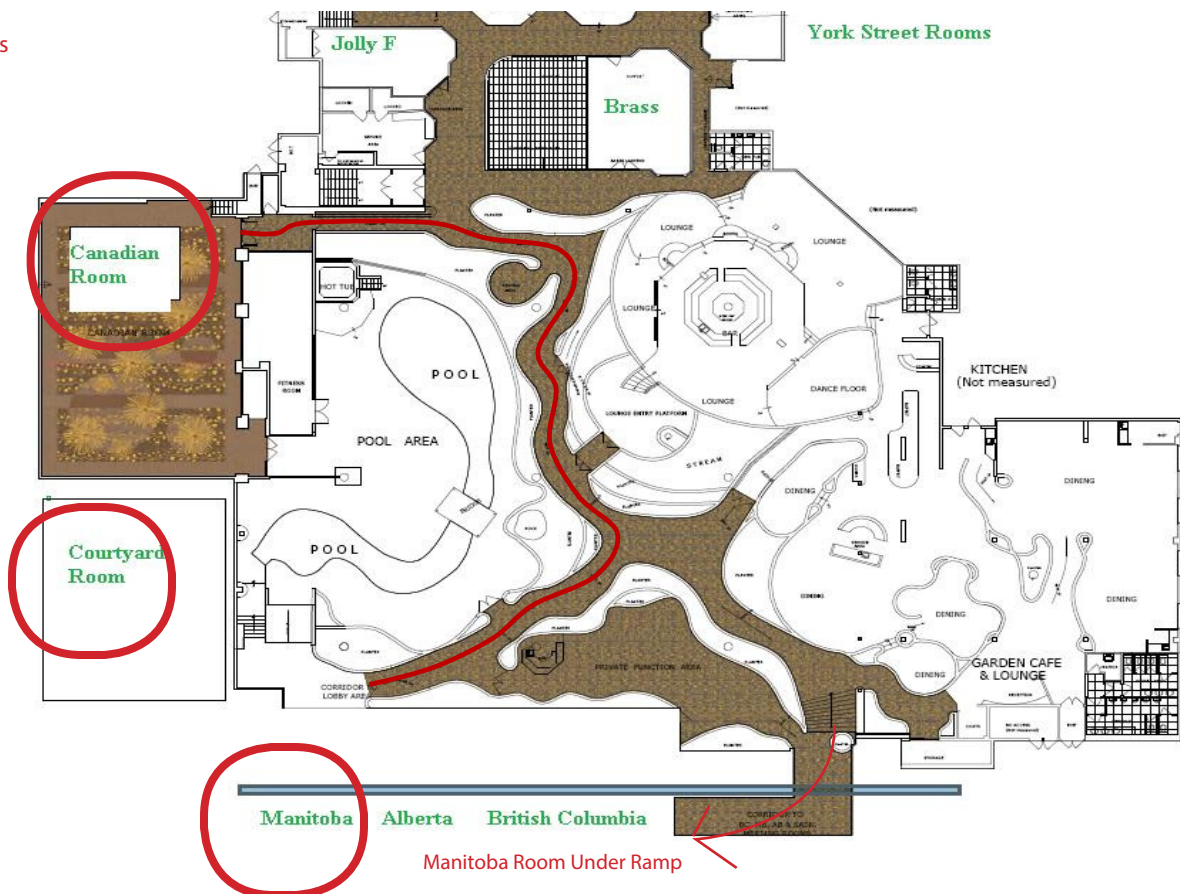
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