

GVTAA spring conference April 21, 2024

Agenda and Abstracts

7am: Registration starts at 7am and ends at 7:45am

7:45am: Welcome and quick updates from GVTAA president and the board

Presenter: Anna Santos, BS, LVT

Time: 8am-8:50am

Title: "Uncommon IV Catheter Sites"

Abstract: This is an overview of nontraditional locations for catheter placement and use.

Presenter: Patti LeVan, LVT

Time: 9am-9:50am

Title: "Embracing Hands Free Radiology"

Abstract: To educate participants on how to take better diagnostic images with fewer exposures while delivering fear free patient care.

Presenter: Greg Martha, LVT

Time: 10am-10:50am

Title: "If There Is A Nerve, Yo, I'll Block It!"

Abstract: The field of veterinary anesthesia and analgesia grows because we continue to search for new and better ways to provide our patients with a balanced anesthetic experience. To practice multimodal anesthesia and analgesia we use multiple agents to increase our ability to inhibit the patient's pain sensitization while attempting to avoid adverse side effects. In this lecture we will discuss the use of local and regional anesthesia and how we can incorporate these techniques into our established protocols.

Presenter: Christy Servies LVT, VTS (IM-Neurology), CCRP, CCFT

Time: 11am-11:50am

Title: Veterinary Rehabilitation: Rehab Modalities, Pain Management, & Referrals

Abstract: Veterinary rehabilitation can benefit dogs and cats suffering from a wide variety of physical ailments. Rehabilitations centers can provide post operative rehabilitation, management of acute and chronic orthopedic and neurologic conditions, and management of acute and chronic pain. This course will educate veterinary primary care staff about available rehabilitation modalities, non-pharmaceutical pain management options, and when to refer a patient.

Program Agenda:

Review of rehabilitation modalities

Pain management options beyond pharmaceuticals

What patients may benefit from rehabilitation, fitness and pain management

Modalities

When to refer a patient

Learning Objectives:

1. Gain a basic understanding of the various rehabilitation modalities available
2. Understand pain management options beyond pharmaceuticals
3. Identify conditions which can benefit from both short- and long-term rehabilitation
4. Understand when a referral may be most beneficial for conditions that require long term management

*****LUNCH +/- Board Meeting? 12-12:50PM*****

Presenter: Steven Frederick, LVT, VTS (Surgery)

Time: 1PM-1:50PM

Title: "Bandage Complications & Patient Care Complications Requiring Surgical Intervention"

Abstract: Veterinary technicians and assistants are valuable members of the veterinary care team, and they perform many clinical therapies on a daily basis. However, even with proper training and expertise, complications can happen in the blink of an eye. This informative session will highlight potential pain points in everyday practice with a focus on preventative measures and how to troubleshoot and treat complications to achieve the best possible outcome.

Presenter: Steven Frederick, LVT, VTS (Surgery)

Time: 2PM-2:50PM

Title: "Developmental Orthopedic Diseases"

Abstract: Developmental orthopedic disease (DOD) is a class of musculoskeletal disease affecting animals during early stages of growth and development. Studies have shown that the etiologies of DODs vary, but most combine elements of rapid growth, nutrition, and genetics. Presenting complaint, diagnostic testing, and treatment options vary based on the disease process; however, in most cases, early action presents the best chance at a positive clinical outcome. The aim of this informative session is to highlight common developmental DODs seen in small animal practice and discuss diagnostic and therapeutic approaches to achieving an optimal outcome for the patient.

Presenter: Jessica M. Sewell MVCC BAS LVT CVT RVT LVMT CPhT

Time: 3pm-3:50pm

Title: LEAP CE (approval code: GBVM-2857): "Current Issues in The Profession and Overall Wellbeing for Veterinary Professionals"

Abstract: Identify top issues/areas of concern in the veterinary profession today and discuss how to maintain well-being, feeling empowered, and job satisfaction via methods like practicing well-being, career progression, networking, culture of safety, etc.