

CE Lecture Abstracts for GVTAA Virtual Fall Conference October 27, 2024

9:00 – 9:50 am - Gaining Dental Compliance – What Works!

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As veterinary health professionals, it is our job not only to promote dentistry but to educate our clients about the importance of good oral health. How can we do this? Talk with them about the importance of good oral care by expressing the fact that the mouth is a mirror to the body. Start this education process with your clients at the first puppy or kitten visit and continue at every visit throughout the pet's lifetime. Explain that the mouth is a mirror to the body. Methods to promote the importance of oral health will be discussed.

10:00 – 10:50 am - The Complete Plan for the Periodontal Patient – COHAT

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Performing a Complete Oral Health Assessment and Treatment (COHAT) entails much more than removing plaque and calculus from the teeth. A thorough dental prophylaxis consists of educating the client, an oral examination, charting disease process, pathology and anomalies, radiographs, both supra and subgingival plaque and calculus removal, hand scaling, polishing, irrigation and home care instructions.

11:00 – 11:50 am - Dental Radiology Made Easy- Tips and Tricks

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Dental radiographs are an essential part of the oral exam. The crown is just the tip of the iceberg. Approximately 42% of dental pathology is found subgingivally. Radiographs will help diagnose pathology that is not visible from the surface, confirm suspect pathology as well as help demonstrate the pathology to the client. Dental radiographs can improve the standard of care in your practice and increase your clinic's revenue.

12:00pm – 1:00 pm - LUNCH

1:00 – 1:50 pm - Carna's Smile

Vicky Ograin, MBA, RVT, VTS (Nutrition)

2:00 – 2:50 pm - Block That Pain! Pain Management and Anesthesia for the Dental Patient

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Pain management is more than the latest popular terminology. It is an important part of veterinary dentistry. Many of the procedures performed on animals are painful and it is our duty as technicians to ensure that our patients are as comfortable as possible. The delivery of local nerve blocks prior to performing many dental procedures or oral surgery is a great way to create preemptive analgesia. This can often be incorporated into a multimodal plan for pain control.

3:00 – 3:50 pm - Dispelling Dental Myths

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Approximately 80% of adult dogs and 70% of adult cats have some form of oral disease. Dental problems are among the top three pet owners concerns in dogs and cats. As veterinary dental professionals it is our duty to dispel the myths and misconceptions of the myriad of home care products. In veterinary medicine there are many myths, it is our responsibility to dispel these myths through education.