





VET TECH TRACK

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VETERINARY TECHNICIAN AGENDA (FRIDAY 6/19)

START TIME	END TIME	SESSION TOPIC	SESSION 1	SESSION 2	SESSION 3	SESSION 4
7:00 AM	7:30 AM	Yoga Sponsored by 	COFFEE TALK: Five Nutrition Principles That Actually Change Outcomes (Weeth), Sponsored by 			
8:00 AM	8:15 AM	WELCOME/INTRODUCTION				
8:15 AM	9:15 AM	BREAKFAST SPONSORED LECTURE*: Real Cases, Real Decisions: Managing Feline Diabetes Mellitus (L. Lee), Sponsored by 				
9:15 AM	9:30 AM	VISIT EXHIBITORS				
9:30 AM	10:30 AM	LIVING THE SWEET LIFE	Sugar, Spice, and Everything Precise: Chronic Diabetes Management That Works (Wilson-Hess)	Sweet Talk: Communicating Diabetes Care That Sticks (Wilson-Hess)	Sweet Dreams: Anesthesia for the Diabetic (Shelby)	
10:30 AM	11:00 AM	AM BREAK				
11:00 AM	12:00 PM	CSI: CLINICAL SAMPLE INVESTIGATION	Earful of Evidence: Cracking the Case of Chronic Otitis (Wilson-Hess)	The Golden Clue: Crystals in Urinalysis (Wilson-Hess)	The Fluid Files: Making Sense of Ascites (Wilson-Hess)	
12:00 PM	12:45 PM	BREAK TO GET LUNCH AND GO BACK TO LECTURE HALL/VISIT EXHIBIT HALL				
12:45 PM	1:45 PM	LUNCH SPONSORED LECTURE*: Acute Hemorrhagic Diarrhea Syndrome in Dogs: Non-antibiotic Therapeutic Strategies for Optimal Resolution (Tolbert), Sponsored by 				
2:00 PM	3:15 PM	CANCER CRITICAL CARE	Oncology for the Technicians: What Can I do? (Clifford)	Oncology Emergencies: How To Handle and What To Do (Clifford)	Hypercalcemia of Malignancy: A Case Series (Lyons)	Performing Lymph Node Aspirates for the Veterinary Technician (Lyons)
3:15 PM	3:45 PM	PM BREAK				
3:45 PM	5:00 PM	LAB LOGIC	Beyond the Printout: What The CBC Isn't Telling You (Brown)	Well, Well, Well(ness): Finding the Value in Routine Labwork (Brown)	Getting it Right Before You Hit "Run" (Wilson-Hess)	Real-World Lab Tips They Don't Teach You in School (Wilson-Hess)
5:00 PM	5:15 PM	CONCLUSION/KEYNOTE (J. Lee/Pachtinger)				
5:15 PM	6:15 PM	YAPPY HOUR WELCOME RECEPTION				

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VETERINARY TECHNICIAN AGENDA (SATURDAY 6/20)

START TIME	END TIME	SESSION TOPIC	SESSION 1	SESSION 2	SESSION 3	SESSION 4
7:00 AM	7:30 AM	YOGA Sponsored by 	COFFEE TALK: From Associate to Owner: The Shift That Changes Everything (Bruns) Sponsored by 			
8:00 AM	8:50 AM	BREAKFAST SPONSORED LECTURE*: Understanding Leptospirosis: A Case-Based Approach (Sykes) Sponsored by 				
9:00 AM	9:15 AM	VISIT EXHIBITORS				
9:15 AM	10:15 AM	FROM PROTOCOL TO PATIENT	No Pain is ALL Gain (S. Johnson)	The Jigsaw Puzzle: Optimizing Anesthesia Protocols (S. Johnson)	Flying High: Safety with CRM (S. Johnson)	
10:15 AM	10:45 AM	AM BREAK				
10:45 AM	11:45 AM	THE BROKEN BITE: MANAGING FELINE JAW FRACTURES	Jaw Dropping Cases: An Introduction to Feline Jaw Fractures (S. Johnson)	Purrfectly Managed: Anesthesia and Pain Protocols for Feline Jaw Trauma (S. Johnson)	Meowth Closed: Feeding Tube Care in the Feline Jaw Fracture Patient (Kinney)	
11:45 AM	1:00 PM	BREAK TO GET LUNCH AND GO BACK TO LECTURE HALL/VISIT EXHIBIT HALL				
1:00 PM	1:50 PM	LUNCH SPONSORED LECTURE*: Beyond Pain Meds: How Nutrition Supports Cats With Osteoarthritis (Jaffe) Sponsored by 				
2:00 PM	3:15 PM	SEIZURES UNLOCKED	Intracranial Seizure Causes (Major)	Extracranial Seizure Causes (Major)	Idiopathic Seizure Causes (Major)	The ABC's of AED's (Major)
3:15 PM	3:45 PM	PM BREAK				
3:45 PM	5:00 PM	TBI: WHEN THE HEAD TAKES A HIT	Triage and Initial Response to Head Trauma (Major)	Brainstorming Anesthetic Strategies for TBI (Shelby)	Critical Connections: Nursing Interventions for Traumatic Brain Injury (Gendron)	Life After TBI (Major)

VETERINARY TECHNICIAN AGENDA (SUNDAY 6/21)

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7:00 AM	7:30 AM	YOGA Sponsored by 	COFFEE TALK: The Ownership Conversation: Financial Power for Women in Veterinary Medicine (Miller) Sponsored by 			
8:00 AM	8:50 AM	BREAKFAST SPONSORED LECTURE*: Skin and Tonic: Nutritional Considerations for the Dermatology Patient (Bullen) Sponsored by 				
9:00 AM	10:30 AM	SMALL, SPICY, & SPECIAL	How Will I Know? Sexing & Handling of Small Exotic Mammals Part 1 (A. Johnson)	How Will I Know? Sexing & Handling of Small Exotic Mammals Part 2 (A. Johnson)	Sedation & Anesthesia of Not So Common Species (Shelby)	Anesthesia and Analgesia for Brachycephalics: Minimizing Risk (Shelby)
10:30 AM	11:00 AM	AM BREAK				
11:00 AM	12:00 PM	THE ART OF ANESTHESIA	Decoding the Swiggle, ECG Interpretation of Common Arrhythmias (Shelby)	Reading the Waves of Capnography (Shelby)	Rebreathing vs Non-rebreathing: Making the Best Selection (Shelby)	

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