NOVEMBER 5 – 6, 2016

CVMA-SBCV CHAPTER FALL CONFERENCE & TRADE SHOW Pinnacle Hotel Harbourfront, Vancouver BC
Welcome to the CVMA-SBCV Chapter Fall Conference and Trade Show 2016. This year features a two-day conference on Saturday November 5 and Sunday November 6, 2016 at the Pinnacle Harbourfront Hotel, 1133 West Hastings Street, Vancouver. All events are on the second level, in the ballroom. To book a hotel room, use this link: https://aws.passkey.com/event/14505913/owner/2075/home.

All sessions are open to veterinarians, RVTs, AHTs, and clinic or hospital staff. CVMA-SBCV Chapter members (and their non-veterinary staff) enjoy a significant discount as a benefit of membership.

New this year is a special RVT session at an incredibly low price (also open to veterinarians and hospital and clinic staff). For more information please visit www.canadianveterinarians.net/SBCV/events.

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The afternoon sessions are with Dr. Kenneth Martin speaking about Animal Behaviour, sponsored by Vetoquinol. Topics are Separation Anxiety—Home Alone and Psychopharmacology—Which Drug and Why.

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM  Separation Anxiety—Home Alone
This session will discuss primarily canine separation anxiety, although the condition will also be discussed for felines. We will evaluate the prevalence, clinical signs, causes, diagnosis, and differential diagnoses for separation anxiety. The focus will be on behavioural history taking and behavioural, pharmacological, and treatment modalities, including behaviour modification exercises.

2:30 PM – 3:00 PM  Trade Show and Afternoon Refreshments

3:00 PM – 4:30 PM  Psychopharmacology—Which Drug and Why
This session will review basic neuropharmacological principles regarding the use of psychoactive drugs. Attendees will be able to identify the general classes of psychoactive drugs and understand indications and contraindications. General guidelines for changing medication and withdrawal will be discussed.

CONCURRENT RVT SPECIAL SESSION
Concurrently on Saturday afternoon is our RVT sessions with LVT Debbie Martin from Texas, also sponsored by Vetoquinol. LVT Debbie Martin is speaking on Fear Free—Creating a Veterinary Spa and Fear Free—Prevention is Easier than Treatment.

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM  Fear Free—Creating a Veterinary Spa
How do cats and dogs perceive the veterinary hospital? What are they learning during their experiences at the hospital? If your patient could talk, what would he/she be saying right now? This presentation will help to answer these questions. Identifying how cats’ and dogs’ sensory perceptions vary from our own and how pleasant and unpleasant associations can be made, allows us to infer what it may be like to walk in their paws. Being able to recognize signs of fear, anxiety, and stress in your patients, will open your eyes to hearing what your patient’s are trying to communicate. It does not require a complete renovation of your hospital to make your facility a relaxing oasis for your clients and patients. This lecture will cover a variety of cost-effective strategies to help cultivate a relaxing and inviting environment from the front door to the back door.

2:30 PM – 3:00 PM  Trade Show and Afternoon Refreshments

3:00 PM – 4:30 PM  Fear Free—Prevention is Easier than Treatment
As they say, “an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.” This certainly is true with canine and feline behavioral concerns relating to fear, anxiety and stress. With behavior issues being the number one reason for pet relinquishment, it is imperative that veterinary hospitals provide preventive behavioral services for their clients and patients. An overview of several preventive services that can be offered within the hospital will be explored.

4:30 PM – 5:30 PM  Trade Show
Ending the day is a Trade Show Reception where you can mingle with all 31 trade show exhibitors while enjoying some appetizers. There will be a no-host bar.

5:30 PM – 7:00 PM  Annual General Meeting of the CVMA-SBCV Chapter
Immediately following the Trade Show Reception is the CVMA-SBCV Chapter AGM where you can meet the current and newly elected Board members and learn about our activities for the year.
MORNING SESSIONS
The morning sessions are with Dr. Peter Gordon speaking about Neurology. Topics are What To Do When Your Dog Smells Burnt Toast and Keeping A-Head in the ER.

7:30 AM Registration Opens
From 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, all sessions include refreshments and lunch, as well as admission to the trade show and trade show reception.

8:00 AM – 9:30 AM What To Do When Your Dog Smells Burnt Toast
This session will act as a practical guide to the management of seizure activity in our companion animals. Participants will be able to determine how to recognize the problem, look for what cause may be at fault, and will know which drugs they should choose in treating the problem. Participants will also learn how to avoid common mistakes and will become especially aware that phenobarbital just doesn’t work.

9:30 AM – 10:00 AM Trade Show and Morning Refreshments

10:00 AM – 11:30 AM Keeping A-Head in the ER
Participants will learn about current emergency management strategies for patients with head trauma. Subjects will include pathophysiology, clinical presentation, and current management recommendations. Participants will also learn some practical and relevant tips on how to avoid mismanagement pitfalls.

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM Lunch and Trade Show
On Sunday from noon – 12:30 there will be a short meeting of the newly formed Animal Welfare Committee for those interested in learning more or joining.

AFTERNOON SESSIONS
The afternoon sessions are with Dr. Tammy Owens on Pet Nutrition, sponsored by Hill’s Pet Nutrition Canada. Topics are How to Integrate Nutritional Assessment into an Exam; How To Interpret Labels and Product Guides with Case-based Examples; and Separating Myth from Science with Hot Topics in Pet Nutrition.

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM Interpreting Labels and Product Guides with Case Based Examples
How do you gain assurance that a particular diet will meet your patient’s needs? How do you choose between two therapeutic diets labeled for the same purpose? Practicing veterinarians often know the key nutritional factors for an individual patient or disease condition already, but may be unable to translate this into how an individual diet may or may not meet these goals. Participants will be able to utilize information provided by pet food manufacturers in a clinically relevant way.

2:30 PM – 3:00 PM Trade Show and Afternoon Refreshments and Draw for Trade Show Door Prizes

3:00 PM – 4:30 PM Nutrition: the 5th Vital Assessment
Nutrition is relevant to overall pet care and patient health but is often an ignored factor of management due to time constraints, lack of awareness, or lack of confidence dealing with this issue. The goal is to identify patients at risk for nutritionally related problems, allowing the opportunity for counseling on proper nutrition or intervention. Participants will learn how to incorporate nutritional assessment into the exam.

Marketing, Myth, Magic? Separating Fact from Fiction...
As veterinarians, it is impossible to be familiar with every single available diet. It is important to remember two things: our recommendations should, first, do no harm; and as the practice of medicine is rooted in science, we should be looking to differentiate information based on scientifically validated evidence versus a lack thereof. Learn how to best counsel clients and be alert to potentially harmful feeding practices or the need for alternate recommendations.
**Peter Gordon, DVM, Diplomate, ACVIM, Neurology**

Dr. Peter Gordon received his DVM in 2000 from the OVC at the University of Guelph. Following graduation, Dr. Gordon completed a one-year rotating small animal internship in medicine and surgery with the VCA Berwyn and VCA Franklin Park Animal Hospitals in Chicago, IL.

In 2001, Dr. Gordon accepted a position with the Small Animal Surgery department at the University of Missouri-Columbia to complete a three year Neurology/Neurosurgery residency program. During his time in Missouri, Dr. Gordon’s research interests examined new methods for tumor identification during intracranial surgery as well as the development of a new method for skull reconstruction in veterinary patients. Upon the conclusion of his residency, Dr. Gordon was awarded the Redhage Memorial Resident of the Year.

In 2004, he achieved his board certification in the subspecialty of Neurology and became a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine. That same year, Dr. Gordon also started Pima County’s first and only Veterinary Neurology/Neurosurgery service at a multi-specialty center in Tucson Arizona where he served as the head of the Neurology department for 10 years.

Now, with his 2014 return to Canada, Dr. Gordon joined the Boundary Bay Veterinary Specialty Hospital to continue providing complete neurological examinations and consultations to diagnose and manage numerous neurological disorders including seizure activity, epilepsy, weakness, spinal pain, balance disorders, head trauma, and cancer of the nervous system. Dr. Gordon also has advanced training in intracranial and spinal neurosurgical techniques for the correction of intervertebral disc disease (slipped disc), cervical vertebral instability (Wobbler’s syndrome), spinal cord trauma/fracture, Chiari malformation, muscle/nerve biopsy, and brain tumor resection.

**Marie Kerl, DVM, MPH, Diplomate, ACVIM (SAIM), ACVECC**

Dr. Marie Kerl graduated from the Auburn University School of Veterinary Medicine in 1987. Following 2 years of general practice in Columbus, GA, she completed a rotating internship in small animal medicine and surgery at the Animal Medical Center in New York, NY. She remained at AMC for her residency in internal medicine, and obtained board certification by the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (Small Animal Internal Medicine) in 1995. She remained on staff at the AMC, where she completed a residency in Emergency and Critical Care Medicine, until 1999. She completed degree requirements for Master of Public Health in 2010 at the University of Missouri.

Dr. Kerl joined the faculty of the Department of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery, University of Missouri in 1999. Her duties as Teaching Professor include clinical rotations on the internal medicine and critical care services, instruction of professional degree students, interns, and residents, and didactic teaching at the professional and graduate levels. She is currently the president of the Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care Society, and chair of the examination committee of the American College of Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care. Dr. Kerl has received the Norden Distinguished Teaching Award, as well as two Golden Aesculapius awards during her tenure at the University of Missouri. Dr. Kerl is a member of veterinary disaster response teams at a national and state level, and has responded for veterinary disaster management following Hurricane Sandy, Hurricane Katrina, and the Joplin tornadoes. Particular professional interests include renal and urinary disease, infectious disease, fluid and electrolyte disorders, hospital biosecurity, and veterinary disaster response.

**Debbie Martin, LVT**

LVT Debbie Martin is a Veterinary Technician Specialist in Behavior. She has been a fulltime registered/licensed veterinary technician since 1996 and has over 14 years of experience in general practice. Currently, Debbie is the animal behavior technician for Veterinary Behavior Consultations, located near Austin, TX, with practice limited to the prevention and treatment of animal behavior disorders. She assists a board-certified veterinary behaviorist, Dr. Kenneth Martin, during in-home behavior consultations. Debbie is a co-owner of TEAM Education in Animal Behavior.

Debbie is the co-author of *Puppy Start Right: Foundation Training for the Companion Dog* and also the Karen Pryor Academy course, *Puppy Start Right for Instructors*. She is the co-editor and a contributing author of the textbook, *Canine and Feline Behavior for Veterinary Technicians and Nurses*. Debbie has been diligently involved with the Fear Free movement. She represents Veterinary Technicians on the executive board and was on the planning task force for and assisted with the development of the Fear Free learning modules offered through Vetfolio.
SPEAKERS’ BIOGRAPHIES

Kenneth M. Martin, DVM, DACVB

Dr. Kenneth Martin is a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Behaviorists and a licensed practicing veterinarian in the great state of Texas. He completed a clinical behavioral medicine residency at Purdue University’s Animal Behavior Clinic under the mentorship of Dr. Andrew Luescher PhD, DVM, DACVB in 2004 and graduated from Louisiana State University School of Veterinary Medicine in 1999. He was invited to join Phi Zeta, the honor society of veterinary medicine, while at Purdue University.

Dr. Martin’s professional interests include behavioral development, training/cognition/learning, psychopharmacology, conflict-related (owner-directed) aggression, and alternative medicine. He is a frequent lecturer on animal behavior disorders and teaches a small animal behavior course for veterinary students at Louisiana State University. He is a member of the American Veterinary Medical Association and the American Veterinary Society of Animal Behavior.


Tammy J. Owens, DVM, DACVN

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 and 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 in Small Animal Clinical Nutrition in 2014 and became board-certified in small animal clinical nutrition in 2015 while also working on a Masters degree in Nutritional Biology at UC Davis. Currently, Dr. Owens works for Western College of Veterinary Medicine as an assistant professor and has started a clinical nutrition service for the Veterinary Medical Centre. Her current research interest focuses on the natural diet of cats, 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 friends.

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