



2026 CONTINUING EDUCATION SCHEDULE

24-Hour Emergency & Critical Care Medicine

Jessica Heuss, DVM, DACVECC
Alexis McLaine, DVM, MPH, DACVECC
Brian A. Sessink, DVM
Andrew Lenius, DVM
Kristi Burns, DVM
Ben Ulrich, DVM
Sean Alexander, DVM
Francesca Sillings, DVM
Sasha Ferrari, DVM
Meagan Soehn, DVM

Surgery

Bianca Alva, DVM -Practice Limited to Surgery
Liliana Mutascio, DVM, DACVS (SA)

Internal Medicine

Melissa Moyer, DVM, DACVIM (SAIM)
Kirstin Keany, DVM, DACVIM (SAIM)

Diagnostic Imaging

Oncology

Alyssa Strumpf, DVM, DACVIM (Oncology)

Medical Director

Jessica Heuss, DVM, DACVECC

Hospital Director

Katherine Vasquez, CVT

Referral Director

Stephani Rhodes

All lectures will be in Person at ARECA as well as Virtual with the exception of CPR lectures, they will only be presented in Person – you will receive separate flyers for each CE with registration links.

6:30 pm – Dinner | 7:00 pm – Lecture

January 21st – Nicole Teng, DVM – Internal Medicine Resident IMHA

"IMHA is one of the most challenging immune-mediated diseases seen in small animal practice. This session covers the latest insights into pathophysiology, diagnosis and treatment of IMHA, including how to recognize key clinical signs, interpret diagnostic findings and select effective immunosuppressive and supportive therapies. Practical tips for managing complications, preventing relapses and improving patient outcomes will also be discussed."

February 18th – Jessica Heus, DVM, DACVECC CPR

February 25th – Liliana Mutascio, DVM, DACVS – SA Wound Management

This presentation will cover open wound management with a review of wound healing, a discussion of different types of wound dressings and when each kind is indicated, and a review of how to determine when a wound can be closed vs. when it should be managed as an open wound with bandaging.

March 25th – Alyssa Strumpf, DVM, DACVIM (Oncology) Lung Tumors

This lecture is designed to provide a solid understanding of primary lung tumors in dogs and cats, focusing on diagnosis, treatment and prognosis. If time permits, we will also discuss other disseminated tumors that can occur as primary disease in the lung fields and a general list of tumors that often metastasize to the lungs as part of end-stage disease.

April 22nd – Bianca Alva, DVM, Practice Limited to Surgery Decision making with Common Fractures

This lecture is designed to equip veterinarians to equip practicing clinicians with the knowledge and skills needed to effectively diagnose and manage common fractures in companion animals.

This lecture explores principles of orthopedic evaluation, fracture classification and evidence-based treatment planning.

May 20th – Jessica Heuss, DVM, DACVECC Heatstroke and Rattlesnake Envenomation

This course aims to provide a comprehensive review of heat stroke and rattlesnake envenomation, both common emergencies in Arizona. Topics covered include general pathophysiology of each disease process, recommended and gold standard diagnostics, treatments, therapies not to pursue ("out with the old") and complications. While prognosis is multifactorial for these disease processes, general trends will be discussed.

July 22nd – Alexis McLaine, DVM, DACVECC Respiratory ER - Respiratory Emergencies

This lecture is designed to provide an overview of common respiratory emergencies, including pulmonary parenchymal and pleural space diseases in dogs and cats. This lecture will provide a review of initial stabilization, diagnostic recommendations and treatments. We will discuss options for oxygen supplementation in both a general practice and referral setting, as well as when and how best to refer these fragile patients.

August 26th – Kirstin Keany, DVM, DACVIM (SAIM) Pancreatitis

We will briefly cover the pathophysiology of pancreatitis, then go through detail of treatment and management for cats and dogs with pancreatitis, both in and out patient treatment. We will spend extra time discussing the pathophysiology, usage and indications of Panoquell.

October 28th – Melissa Moyer, DVM, DACVIM (SAIM) Approach to Nasal Disease in Dogs and Cats

Nasal disease, presenting with nasal discharge, epistaxis or congestion is a common condition for both dogs and cats. We will discuss the approach to working up nasal disease including the benefits of CT scan and rhinoscopy and how these can help with diagnosis and treatment. We will also review some of the most common conditions causing these signs and their treatments.

November 11th – Bianca Alva, DVM – Practice Limited to Surgery Bone Voyage: A Journey Through Orthopedic Assessment as well as Ortho 101

We will be focusing on common orthopedic abnormalities, how to spot them on radiographs and improving our orthopedic exam



QUESTIONS? Contact Stephani Rhodes - Stephani.Rhodes@vca.com