



# VCA Animal Referral & Emergency Center of Arizona • CE 2023

## 2023 Continuing Education Schedule

### Surgery

Christopher Monarski, DVM, DACVS-SA  
Elizabeth Stewart, DVM, MS, DACVS-SA  
Amy Sheil, DVM (Surgical Resident)  
Bianca Alva, DVM -Practice Limited to Surgery  
Tiffany Johnson, DVM -Practice Limited to Surgery

### Internal Medicine

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

### 24-Hour Emergency & Critical Care Medicine

Jessica Heuss, DVM, DACVECC  
Alexis McLaine, DVM, DACVECC  
Brian A. Sessink, DVM  
Andrew Lenius, DVM  
Kristi Burns, DVM  
Ben Ulrich, DVM  
Whitney Walker, DVM

### Neurology

Tessa Meland, DVM, DACVIM (Neurology)

### Oncology

Mark Jeon, DVM, DACVIM (Oncology)

### Diagnostic Imaging

### Medical Director

Christopher Monarski, DVM, DACVS-SA

### Hospital Director

Katherine Vasquez, CVT

### Referral Director

Stephani Rhodes



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**All lectures will be in Person 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.**

**6:30pm – Dinner | 7:00pm – Lecture**

**Venue – Will be announced on each CE flyer**

#### January 26th – 1.5hrs, CPR – IN PERSON ONLY

Presented By: Jessica Heuss, DVM, DACVECC

#### March 16th - 2 hours, Liver Disease in Dogs and Cats

Presented By: Kirstin Keany, DVM, DACVIM (SAIM) & Allie Wingert, DVM, DACVIM (SAIM)  
Description: There are many causes of abnormal liver enzymes, including primary and secondary liver diseases. This talk will focus on primary liver disease, including how to interpret liver enzyme elevations in both dogs and cats, diagnostic work-up, monitoring and empiric treatments for liver disease. We will also go into more detail on treatments for some of the more common liver diseases including hepatitis/cholangio-hepatitis, copper storage disease, hepatic lipidosis, and others as time allows.

#### April 12th - 2 hours, Canine Osteosarcoma

Presented By: Mark Jeon, DVM, DACVIM (Oncology)  
Description: Overview and discussion related to work up and management of canine bone tumors. We will discuss considerations regarding treatment decision-making and palliative care options.

#### Apocrine Gland Anal Sac Adenocarcinoma in Dogs & Cats

Presented By: Tiffany Johnson, DVM – Practice Limited to Surgery  
Description: Overview on the disease process/clinical presentation in dogs and cats, diagnosis, and treatment options including potential surgical complications and postoperative care.

#### May 10th - 2 Hours, Endocrine Emergencies

Presented By: Jessica Heuss, DVM, DACVECC  
Description: Review the emergency management of diabetic ketoacidosis, hyperosmolar non-ketotic syndrome, hypoglycemia and hypoadrenocorticism (Addison's disease). Will include common presentation, diagnostics and emergency management recommendations as well as brief information on "when to refer" each of these cases. Long-term management is beyond the scope of this presentation.

#### Common Urinary Emergencies

Presented By: Alexis McLaine, DVM, DACVECC  
Description: A review of common urinary emergencies in dogs and cats with discussion of pathophysiology, treatment recommendations and prognostic indicators.

#### May 18th – 1.5hrs, CPR – IN PERSON ONLY

Presented By: Jessica Heuss, DVM, DACVECC

#### July 12th - 2hrs, Principles of Gastrointestinal Surgery in Dogs & Cats

Presented By: Elizabeth Stewart, DVM, DACVS (SA)  
Description: A review of the basics of gastrointestinal surgery in dogs and cats including surgical indications, anatomy, surgical techniques, equipment used in basic and advanced gastrointestinal procedures in dogs and cats and aftercare for patients following gastrointestinal surgery.

#### July 12th - 2hrs, (cont'd)

#### Gastrointestinal Radiographs and Barium Administration

Presented By: Mat Stewart, DVM, DACVR  
Description: A case based review and interpretation of abdominal radiographs focused on the gastrointestinal tract. Additional information on the appropriate use and image interpretation of upper barium GI administration.

#### August 9th - 2hrs, Let's regulate and coordinate with the 'little brain'

Presented By: Tessa Meland, DVM, DACVIM (Neurology)  
Description: This lecture will review the anatomy of the cerebellum to help you better understand the functions of this important part of the brain. We will then discuss the functions in more detail and then follow up with understanding of what dysfunction looks like with cerebellar disease. We will finish the lecture with discussion on some diseases that will affect this part of the brain to help you think of an appropriate differential list for your patients when they show up tremoring! It will be a good review of my (Dr. Meland's) favorite part of the brain.

#### Parathyroid Tumors

Presented By: Bianca Alva, DVM – Practice Limited to Surgery  
Description: Review of history, diagnosis, anatomy and treatment in dogs and cats. We will discuss testing that can be performed to further differentiate hypercalcemia prior to surgical management.

#### August 23rd – 1.5hrs, CPR – IN PERSON ONLY

Presented By: Jessica Heuss, DVM, DACVECC

#### September 13th - 2hrs, Urinary Tract Infections

#### Recent Updates & Recommendations for Urinary Tract Infections in Dogs

Presented By: Melissa Moyer, DVM, DACVIM (SAIM)  
Description: I will review some of the basics of urinary tract infections as well as how to categorize different types of urinary tract infections based on updated recommendations from the International Society for Companion Animal Infectious Diseases. We will also discuss the most current treatment recommendations for each type of infection and when it is appropriate not to treat pets with bacteriuria.

#### Lower Urinary Surgery In Dogs And Cats

Presented By: Amy Sheil, DVM – Surgical Resident  
Description: Review of anatomy, pathophysiology, clinical signs, diagnostic work-up, and definitive treatment for common conditions affecting the lower urinary tract of dogs and cats

#### November 15th – 1.5hrs, CPR – IN PERSON ONLY

Presented By: Jessica Heuss, DVM, DACVECC

**QUESTIONS?** Contact Stephani Rhodes - [Stephani.Rhodes@vca.com](mailto:Stephani.Rhodes@vca.com)

