

# Please join us for Winterfest 2024

Sunday, February 4, 2024

The doctors, technicians, and leadership team of VCA NWVS are pleased to present another informative educational event for veterinary professionals.

**Where:** Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel  
8235 Northeast Airport Way  
Portland, OR 97220  
503-281-2500  
Parking at the hotel is complimentary.  
Bring your ticket to registration for validation.

**Cost:** Complimentary/Free of charge.

**Registration:** Registration opens  
December 15, 2023  
4 CE credits available

The doctor and technician program has been submitted (but is not yet approved for four hours of continuing education credit in jurisdictions which recognize RACE approval).

## Program

**Registration/Breakfast:** 7:15-7:40 a.m.

**Welcome:** 7:45-8:00 a.m.

**Speakers:** 8:00 a.m. to 12:20 p.m.

**Break:** 10-10:30 a.m.

**Closing Comments:** 12:20-12:30 p.m.

## Doctors Program

**7:45-8:00 a.m.**

Welcome

**8:00-10:00 a.m.**

The Oncology Team presents:

"Updates on the Surgical Management of Canine Mast Cell Tumors" Sarah Salyer, MS, DVM, DACVS-SA, ACVS  
Fellow, Surgical Oncology

"Canine Mast Cell Tumors: A Clinical Approach and Updates on Medical Management" Matt Dowling, DVM, MS, DACVIM (Oncology)

"Radiation Therapy for Non-Cancerous Diseases"  
Catie McDonald, DVM, DACVIM (O), DACVR (RO)

**10-10:30 a.m.**

Break

**10:30-11:20am**

The Neurology Team presents:

"Tis the Seizin' – Seizure Management 101"  
Brittani D'Amico, DVM, DACVIM (Neurology)

"Neurology's 'X files' : The truth—and cool cases—are out there" Courtney Korff, DVM, DACVIM (Neurology)

**11:30-12:20 p.m.**

"We didn't start the fire! An overview of uveitis and select case presentations" Nicole Langer, DVM, Ophthalmology  
Specialty Intern

**12:20-12:30 p.m.**

Closing Comments

## Technicians Program

**7:45-8:00 a.m.**

Welcome

**8:00-8:50 a.m.**

"The Poisoner's Handbook: Telltale Signs of Toxicity for the Veterinary Technician" Heidi Houchen, DVM

**9:00-9:50 a.m.**

"'Neurology Tilt-A-Whirl' Demystifying Vestibular Disease in the Dog and Cat" Karen Kline, DVM, DACVIM (Neurology)

**10-10:30 a.m.**

Break

**10:30-11:20 a.m.**

"The ABC's of ECG'S" Emi Menzen, DVM

**11:30-12:20 p.m.**

"Patient Safety and Critical Thinking" Heather Hensley, CVT, ER/ICU  
Technician Trainer

**12:20-12:30pm**

Closing Comments

## Hospital Managers

**7:45-8:00 a.m.**

Welcome

**8:10-9:00 a.m.**

"Integrity Unleashed: Leading with a Clear Conscience" Verna Lloyd,  
Sr. P&O (HR) Partner, VCA Western Division

**9:10-10:00 a.m.**

"Let's rewrite the narrative! Aftercare is NOT an afterthought"  
Christina Melendez, CVT, Territory Manager—Oregon—West Coast  
Pet Memorial

**10-10:30 a.m**

Break

**10:30-11:20am**

"Leading with Purr-fect Presence: The Art of Attentive Leadership"  
Verna Lloyd, Sr. P&O (HR) Partner, VCA Western Division

**11:30-12:20pm**

"Empowering Teams, Inspiring Change: A Journey to Our Hospital"  
Brent Meyer, MBA, VCA NWVS Hospital Director

**12:20-12:30pm**

Closing Comments

Winterfest 2024, 4.5 continuing education credits (in person delivery),  
VHMA approved course ID 23-84



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### Winterfest Continuing Education Event

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