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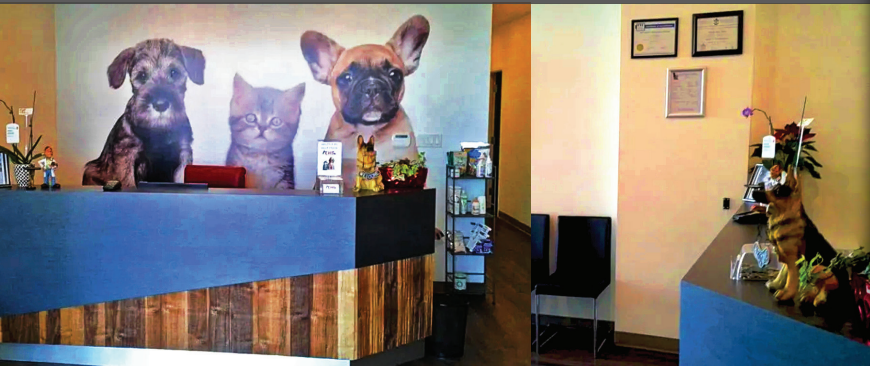


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TIME	TITLE	DESCRIPTION	SPEAKER
8:30am-9:30am	When all they can eat is themselves	<p>Cachexia is a multifactorial syndrome characterized by progressive weight loss that is oftentimes accompanied by anorexia. Unlike weight loss seen with starvation or anorexia, cachexia is distinguished by a loss of adipose tissue with accompanying loss of lean body mass, primarily muscle. This discussion will take a look at cachexia and the role nutrition plays in managing cachexia.</p> 	 <p>Kara Burns , MS, MEd, LVT, VTS (Nutrition), VTS-H (Internal Med, Founder & Past President, Academy of Veterinary Nutrition Technicians President, Pet Nutrition Alliance</p>
9:00am-10:00am	Measurement and management of arterial blood pressure in anesthetized cats and dogs	<p>The measurement of blood pressure in animals is a standardized procedure in order to provide standard comparisons between individuals in different places. The standardization process is explained and description of how measurement equipment measures blood pressure in small animals. The accuracy of the equipment is presented and how to assess the quality of the data. Emphasis is on indirect measurement of blood pressure commonly used in general practice, with a brief mention of direct measurement techniques for referral practice. Background is provided on how blood pressure is normally controlled by the body and how anesthesia and drugs can affect this control. Treatment options using fluid therapy, inotropes and vasopressors and their combinations are discussed. Infusion calculations and some case examples are presented. Emphasis is on managing hypotension during general anesthesia, although a brief discussion of hypertensive situations will be presented.</p>	 <p>Tanya Duke , MSc DVA DACVAA DECVAA(ret), Professor Emeritus, Department of Small Animal Clinical Sciences- Ret'd</p>
10:00am-11:00am	“Just 7 days of treatment can cause several months of damage”. Finding a new approach in the management of GI upset without the use of antimicrobials	<p>Antibiotics are often prescribed for pets with GI conditions. This could be due to pressure from pet parents, convenience, or habit, but they should be avoided in the absence of evidence to support their use. While antibiotics can certainly be beneficial or even lifesaving for some pets with GI disease, for others these drugs are unnecessary and may even be harmful. Recent data have revealed both lack of evidence to support antimicrobial efficacy and the negative impact of short and long-term use of antimicrobials on the microbiome, which plays an important role in health and immunity. In addition, overuse of antimicrobials may lead to the rapid development of resistant strains in the GI tract; and cross-resistance to other antimicrobial agents can also occur. Recent findings indicate that other alternatives, such as medical grade clays, synbiotics, mixed fibre supplementation and provision of dietary modification, are positively associated with resolution of GI signs and can replace antimicrobial use in these patients. Furthermore, multiple tools for the education of both clients and veterinarians regarding the reduction of antimicrobial use in GI disease in companion animals are widely available. These include specific guidance for veterinarians through consensus statements, smart phone applications, for example, the SAVI/ CVMA Firstline tool, and tools to provide to clients.</p> 	 <p>Lisa Carioto , DVM, DVSc, Diplomate ACVIM</p>  <p>Susan Kilborn , DVM, DVSc, DACVIM (SAIM) , Veterinary Internal Medicine Service</p>

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10:00 am-11:00am	Cystotomies: be efficient AND avoid complications	The cystotomy is a commonly performed surgery in small animal practices but it is also a procedure where mistakes are often, unknowingly made, leading to complications. In this seminar I use videos to help illustrate all aspects of the cystotomy, with the focus being on: Approaches and urethral flushes in the male dog. How to ensure that all the stones are removed thereby preventing recurrences. Closure options and suture material choices. Please join me for this seminar, come learn some tips and tricks that can help your efficacy and efficiency with this surgery.	 <p>Anne Sylvestre Anne Sylvestre BSc, DVM, DVSc, CCRP, Diplomate ACVS/ECVS, Educator; Small Animal Surgeon, Focus and Flourish</p>
10:00 am-11:00am	The effect of inflation and rising interest rates on veterinary clinic values	The economic changes of the last six months have many owners wondering how their value is affected. Too often owners spend more time worrying than planning the action that should be taken. Join the discussion and consider market factors and ways to preserve value.	 <p>Jackie Joachim, COO, ROI Corp</p> 
10:30am-11:30am	The Cutting Edge of Medicine: an update on what's new in gastroenterology	This lecture will focus on a variety of medicine topics that have been dealt with in recent conferences that are clinically relevant. . Since this lecture is meant to be current, topics covered will be variable depending on recent conferences.	 <p>Anthony Carr , Dr. med. vet. DACVIM, Professor, Western College of Veterinary Medicine</p>
11:00am-11:30am	Cryotherapy: Clinical use of Cryotherapy in Veterinary Practice - from skin tags to ophthalmology	This 30-minute-webinar is for veterinary surgeons and veterinary nursing staff, as well as people with an interest in use of Cryotherapy techniques within veterinary practice. Cryotherapy has improved in technology and clinical knowledge over the last 15 years. Emilie Danvoye will look at the safety and effectiveness of modern cryotherapy on companion animals - small, equine and exotic. The lecture will highlight the large clinical range of applications within the veterinary practice, with benefits to young and old domestic and exotic animals not requiring anaesthesia for removal of lick granulomas, warts, soft tissue growths, distichiasis, epulis and much more. At the end, there will be the opportunity for people to ask specific questions that may relate to their own experiences or further information required.	 <p>Emilie Danvoye , International Account Manager, H&O Equipments nv/sa</p> 
11:30am-12:30am	Non-Surgical Management of Degenerative Joint Issues	Osteoarthritis is a form of arthritis caused by inflammation, breakdown and eventual loss of cartilage in the joints with a synonymous term DJD. There are broad causes of arthritis including normal forces imposed on an abnormal joint, abnormal forces imposed on a normal joint, and pathologic changes in the cartilage are reversible up to a point. This session will also evaluate the broad causes for lameness and discuss two management options surgical vs non-surgical and the diagnostics needed for evaluation. Finally, the session will discuss the management tools for non-surgical management.	 <p>Michael Jaffe , Associate Professor of Small Animal Surgery, Vetrex</p> 





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TIME	TITLE	DESCRIPTION	SPEAKER
12:00 pm -12:30pm	Beating Pet Obesity: Expect the Unexpected	It's no secret that obesity looms large in our pet population. We at Hill's understand that this is a complicated and down right difficult problem to handle. But there are solutions! In this Spark Talk, we will discuss weight loss strategies, the breakthrough technology in Prescription Diet Metabolic, as well as other tools available to help set pets and pet parents up for weight loss success. 	 Dr. Sarah Lim, DVM, Professional Consulting Veterinarian, Central Canada
12:00 pm -1:00pm	Dental extraction techniques – what instruments to use and how to use them	The appropriate selection and correct use of dental instrumentation is important to the efficiency and successful outcome of any dental procedure. Veterinary professionals are expected to competently perform periodontal and exodontic procedures often with little or no experience with dental instrumentation. This presentation identifies and reviews commonly used periodontal and extraction instruments. Dental bur identification, selection and use is also covered.	 Sue McTaggart , DVM FAVD, Veterinary Dentist, Dean Park Pet Hospital
12:00 pm -1:00pm	Finding your “Not work/ life” balance in veterinary medicine	If you are like me the mere mention of ‘Work/Life Balance’ provokes a strong emotional reaction...and brings up the image of some unachievable ‘summit’ that I have been unable to conquer. The kind of ‘Balance’ we are talking about in this session is different. This kind of Balance is deeply personal, relies on knowing our strengths, and knowing where and how we can best invest time, energy, and resources with intention. Regardless of our current situation or state - before we can move, change or grow - it can help to find our Balance. Let’s Start there - wherever that is, and see what happens!	 Leann Benedetti , Dr., Veterinarian, Founder The Veterinary Coach, The Veterinary Coach
12:00 pm -12:20pm	Who is VetCare Canada?	Meet VetCare, a proudly Canadian acquirer and operator of veterinary practices. Our commitment to care is at the heart of what we do, from guiding our talented medical and operations teams, supporting practice owners through seamless transitions, and providing the highest quality of care to patients through our community-focused practices. We will discuss our philosophy, approach and what makes our practices unique. 	 Gaetano Guzzo , Director, Business Development, VetCare Canada  Jennifer Schlote, Business Development Manager, VetCare

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TIME	TITLE	DESCRIPTION	SPEAKER
12:45 pm -1:15pm	Maximizing Your Practice's Value: Strategies for Valuation Acceleration and Wealth Preservation		 <p>Elizabeth Belavance, Certified Exit Planning Advisor, Simmons & Associates Canada Inc.</p>  <p>Karl Nour, Senior Investment Advisor, nour Private Wealth</p> 
1:00 pm- 2:00pm	You are what you eat: Helping clients with diet choices	<p>Proper nutritional management is one of the most important factors in managing health and disease in pets. As clients become more aware of the importance of nutrition in their own health, they will expect this same higher standard of nutritional care for their pets. The veterinary healthcare team should be the preferred, expert source of the best nutritional information for pets. Veterinary teams that understand and promote clinical nutrition and demonstrate in-clinic behaviors consistent with this conviction will benefit their patients, their clients, and their practices. Proper nutritional management is one of the most important factors in maximizing health, performance, and longevity in addition to managing disease conditions.</p> 	 <p>Kara Burns , MS, MEd, LVT, VTS (Nutrition), VTS-H (Internal Med, Founder & Past President, Academy of Veterinary Nutrition Technicians President, Pet Nutrition Alliance</p>
1:30 pm- 2:30pm	Interpreting dental radiographs	<p>This presentation gives pointers on how a radiograph can be interpreted to facilitate diagnosis and extraction. It starts with avoidance of pitfalls where radiographs can be misleading and continues through a series of cases to demonstrate in a pictorial manner the value of radiographs showing what is normal, what is abnormal and what should be done when pathology is recognized.\</p>	 <p>Sue McTaggart , DVM FAVD, Veterinary Dentist, Dean Park Pet Hospital</p>


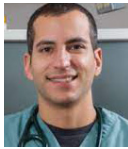

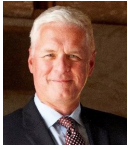
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TIME	TITLE	DESCRIPTION	SPEAKER
1:45 pm -2:15pm	To refer or not to refer	Referring any type of case to a specialist can be difficult for a number of reasons often beyond the veterinarian’s control. The truth is that there are some cases that really don’t make sense to refer while there are others that make no sense not to be referred. The purpose of this Spark talk is NOT to encourage DVMs to refer cases but rather to help veterinarians work through how to manage the client/specialist/practice owner relationships when it comes to these complex cases.  Focus & Flourish	 Anne Sylvestre BSc, DVM, DVSc, CCRP, Diplomate ACVS/ECVS
3:00 pm- 4:00pm	Shared care in rehabilitation	"Interprofessional Collaboration has existed in human healthcare for a number of years. While there are still a number of challenges that are faced in this area, there have been a lot of positive advancements as well. While veterinarians are familiar with intrAprofessional collaboration and referral, intErprofessional collaboration is far less common. There are several reasons for this including the role of the veterinarian typically being the sole and primary individual in the management of anything to do with animals and health care. As options such as rehabilitation, chiropractic, and massage are more readily available as part of the treatment plan for patients, our traditional roles and laws of liability are being challenged. These conversations have been taking place not only in Ontario, but at an international level. Questions have been raised such as: How do we refer to a non-veterinarian? Who is liable when something goes wrong? Should a referral be mandatory? How do I know who is certified in rehab/chiro? In Ontario, a committee of 2 veterinarians, 2 chiropractors, 2 physiotherapists, and 2 registered veterinary technicians was put together with assistance from the College of Veterinarians of Ontario, to develop a plan. After almost 2 years, we have developed some infographics designed to educate the public and veterinarians on how to safely refer patients for these treatments, and are working on rosters of qualified individuals in Ontario that will be shareable once complete. To our knowledge this is the first regulating body to make these changes. The CVO has also put together risk assessments of different forms of energy and who can use them (different classes of lasers, shockwave, TENS, etc) and is currently working towards making progressive changes in the Veterinarians Act.	 Danielle Anderson , DVM, CCRP, cVMA, Veterinarian/owner, SOAR Veterinary Services
3:00 pm- 4:00pm	Treating Malocclusion	Common types of malocclusion are presented through a series of cases in dogs and cats. Recognition of malocclusion, if and when to treat it and how it can be treated including brachycephalic issues is covered in this 50 minute pictorial presentation.	 Sue McTaggart , DVM FAVD, Veterinary Dentist, Dean Park Pet Hospital

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TIME	TITLE	DESCRIPTION	SPEAKER
9:00am-10:00am	Marketing in a changing world	It seems that every year we learn about the hot new social media platform that can be used to reach potential clients for a veterinary practice. We hear that Gen Z is on Tik Tok and leaves Facebook and Instagram to their parents and also that recent privacy measures taken by phone manufacturers have left advertisers with far less audience reach on social media than they used to enjoy. Everything is changing so fast that anyone trying to promote a veterinary practice can spend too much time and money without an appropriate return on their efforts.	 <p>Mike Pownall , DVM,MBA,Dr. Oculus Insights</p>
9:30am-10:30am	Elbow dysplasia and elbow replacement	Canine elbow dysplasia is a complex developmental disease that remains elusive in both our understanding of the underlying pathology and developing effective treatment options. Defects in cartilage development and ossification, radio-ulnar conflict and elbow incongruity have all been implicated in the various manifestations of this disease. It is highly probable that all of these etiologies play a role to varying degrees. There are known breed associations as well as associations with other diseases such as hip dysplasia and lumbo-sacral disease, which are frequently found as comorbidities. Various manifestations of elbow dysplasia such as elbow incongruity, fragmented coronoid process/coronoid disease (FCP), un-united anconeal process (UAP), and osteochondrosis dissecans (OCD) are usually initially manifested in young and juvenile patients, whereas resultant secondary degenerative joint disease and medial compartment syndrome typically manifest as debilitating issues in older patient. Medial compartment disease or syndrome (MCD) is an end-stage presentation characterized by complete full-thickness cartilage loss of the weight-bearing cranio-medial joint compartment. Patients with MCD are usually severely clinically affected and poorly responsive to treatment. A variety of treatment options are available for affected patients but are frequently, but not always, limited in effectiveness. Medical management of clinically affected patients may include drug therapy, nutraceuticals and therapeutic diets, biological treatments such as platelet rich plasma (PRP), and disease modifying agents such as monoclonal antibody therapy and radiosynoviorthesis (RSO). Surgical options are specific to the relevant process affecting the individual patient but will almost always include arthroscopic examination and possibly treatment. Additional concurrent treatments may also include unloading osteotomy, fragment removal/repair or arthroplasty/joint resurfacing technique. Two emerging options for end-stage disease include total medial elbow replacement and total elbow replacement.	 <p>PJ Rocheleau , CCRT, DVM, Director, Espanola Animal Hospital</p>
10:00am-11:00am	Utilizing Innovative Testing for Enhanced Diagnostics and Improved Standards of Care: KeyScreen GI Parasite PCR	This course reviews current challenges in veterinary medicine to decrease the prevalence of gastrointestinal parasites in small animal medicine. Current diagnostic methodologies utilized in veterinary parasitology, including benefits and limitations of each methodology for the diagnosis of common gastrointestinal parasites in small animals, will be covered. Participants will learn about scientific advances in GI PCR and current applications for comprehensive GI parasite screening, diagnosis of benzimidazole-resistant hookworms, and diagnosis of potentially zoonotic assemblages of Giardia duodenalis. The clinical relevance, infectivity, treatment, and retesting recommendations is provided for the most common nematode and protozoal gastrointestinal parasites diagnosed in small animal patients.	 <p>Lindsay Avila , DVM, Professional Service Veterinarian, Antech</p> <p style="text-align: right;">  ANTECH </p>




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11:00am-12:00pm	To PU or not to PU, is that the question? An update and controversies in feline urethral obstruction - Part 1	Are cats truly aliens from outer space? Can they ever be understood? Feline Lower Urinary Tract Disease (FLUTD) presents significant challenges to veterinary clinicians because there are multiple causes, including Feline Idiopathic Cystitis (the grand mystery of them all). Unfortunately, all causes of FLUTD can lead to urethral obstruction mostly in male cats and this is a life-threatening situation. What is the current standard of care when it comes to urethral obstructions? What in the world is FIC? How do we prevent this from occurring? When should we consider a perineal urethrostomy (PU)? Join Drs. Serge Chalhoub (internal medicine specialist) and Søren Boysen (critical care specialist) as they review the current medical literature in a case-based, banter-filled, interactive lecture. We will hope to together demystify FLUTD and cats...	 <p>Søren Boysen , Professor, Professor University of Calgary</p>  <p>Serge Chalhoub , DVM, Associate Professor Teaching, UCVM</p>
11:30am-12:30pm	New approaches to separation anxiety – what role does attachment play?	For many years people were taught that the way to treat their dogs who were afflicted with separation anxiety was to ‘make them less attached’, to ‘ignore them’ prior to departing and when returning, and to ‘teach’ the dogs to be more independent. The data collected over the past 25 years do not actually support such an approach. Instead, the data suggest that past experience matters, learning matters, and redressing the dog’s distress is essential. We’ll review the relevant arguments and data and focus on the diagnostic and treatment plans that the data suggest will work best.	 <p>Karen Overall MA, VMD, PhD, DACVB, AVC- UPEI, Professor of Behavioural Medicine, AVC UPEI</p>
11:30am-12:30pm	Purchasing strategies	Next to our employees the medications and supplies we purchase are the biggest expense for any veterinary practice yet, we tend to overlook the costs associated with having a well-stocked pharmacy. Without oversight a veterinary practice can lose money unnecessarily because of stocking too many items, expired medications, or through loss because of missed billing or theft, in some cases.	 <p>Mike Pownall, DVM,MBA,Dr. Oculus Insights</p>

PROGRAM AT A GLANCE – April 15th

TIME	TITLE	DESCRIPTION	SPEAKER
12:15pm-1:15pm	To PU or not to PU, is that the question? An update and controversies in feline urethral obstruction - Part 2	Are cats truly aliens from outer space? Can they ever be understood? Feline Lower Urinary Tract Disease (FLUTD) presents significant challenges to veterinary clinicians because there are multiple causes, including Feline Idiopathic Cystitis (the grand mystery of them all). Unfortunately, all causes of FLUTD can lead to urethral obstruction mostly in male cats and this is a life-threatening situation. What is the current standard of care when it comes to urethral obstructions? What in the world is FIC? How do we prevent this from occurring? When should we consider a perineal urethrostomy (PU)? Join Drs. Serge Chalhoub (internal medicine specialist) and Søren Boysen (critical care specialist) as they review the current medical literature in a case-based, banter-filled, interactive lecture. We will hope to together demystify FLUTD and cats...	 <p>Søren Boysen , Professor, Professor University of Calgary</p>  <p>Serge Chalhoub , DVM, Associate Professor Teaching, UCVM</p>
1:00pm-2:00pm	Why neurology and behaviour is a continuum: OCD and movement disorders	Whenever dogs show odd, repetitive motor behaviors, these behaviours are almost always cast as 'syndromes' named for the behaviour ('fly-catching', 'tail-chasing'). Inevitably, many of these patterns are attributed to 'seizure' activity. Behavioural and neurological problems occur in the same brain. If both truly exist, the chance that they will affect each other is likely non-zero. If only one exists, it still shares so many of the same neurochemicals and neuroanatomical regions that are affected in both behavioural and neurological conditions. The keys to successful diagnosis and treatment are: understanding the ontogenic and demographic patterns in the relevant conditions, a good history, an excellent characterization of the pattern of the behaviours displayed, and trials of medication. This talk will use cases to discuss this approach and the pitfalls of assuming that you know something you may not when you label the condition.	 <p>Karen Overall MA, VMD, PhD, DACVB, AVC- UPEI, Professor of Behavioural Medicine, AVC UPEI</p>
1:30pm-2:30pm	Recruiting the foreign born vet	One of the biggest challenges facing the veterinary profession is the dwindling supply of veterinarians for our growing veterinary practices. Fortunately, foreign-born and trained veterinarians are a plentiful source of very well-trained veterinarians for North America.	 <p>Stephanie Keeble, Operations Manager, Oculus Insights</p>

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2:00pm-3:00pm	The Good, the Bad and the Ugly	This lecture consists of cases that are “cool”. They are challenging but do represent cases that are seen in practice.	 <p>Anthony Carr , Dr. med. vet. DACVIM, Professor, Western College of Veterinary Medicine</p>
2:30pm-3:30pm	Therapeutic Exercises for the dog and cat	Therapeutic exercise is a foundational component of rehabilitation therapy. Individualized therapeutic exercise programs can be designed for every patient not just post op orthopedic or neurological patients. Instructions will be given in common exercises that anyone can easily master and incorporate into their small animal practice immediately.	 <p>Janice Huntingford DVM, DACVSMR, CVA, CVPP, CCRT CAVCA, Medical Director, Essex Animal Hospital</p>
3:30pm-4:30pm	GI Formulary	This lecture will focus on drugs that are commonly used or overused to treat GI disease. Pros and cons of various medications including antibiotics, anti-emetics and gastric protectants will be discussed.	 <p>Anthony Carr , Dr. med. vet. DACVIM, Professor, Western College of Veterinary Medicine</p>

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