MVTA 2026 ADVANCED TRAINING CONFERENCE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2026

SATURDAY MORNING SESSIONS

BEGINNER ULTRASOUND (6.5 CE*) | 8:30am-12:15pm | $425
with Marla Mackay, RVT
3 Hour Virtual Lecture Completed Prior to Lab

This blended learning session combines required pre-course virtual lectures with in-person training to introduce foundational abdominal ultrasound skills. Participants will gain experience in transducer handling, image acquisition, and basic organ assessment, while learning the capabilities and limitations of ultrasound in clinical practice.

WOUND MANAGEMENT (3CE) | 9:00AM-12:15PM | $150
with Dr. Jennifer Loewen DVM, DACVECC

Wounds come in all shapes and sizes - sometimes in more convenient places and other times in less convenient. The management of these wounds can vary depending on the cause, size, shape, location and time frame of when the wound occured. During this session we will use case based examples to discuss wound management strategies, discuss different topical medications that can be used to encourage wounds healing at different stages of management. There will also be time for you to practice tie over bandages techniques.

STICK, SMEAR, STAIN, SOLVE (3.5 CE) | 8:30AM-12:00PM | $210
with Dr. Angelica Galezowski, BSc, DVM, MVetSc, DACVP (ClinPath)

Strengthen your confidence and practical skills in veterinary cytology through this interactive lecture and hands-on wet lab. Designed with the veterinary technician in mind, this course covers best practices for collecting, preparing, and evaluating cytology samples from commonly aspirated masses in primarily dogs and cats to optimize in-house diagnostic quality.

Participants will learn a practical, systematic approach to cytologic evaluation before applying their skills to a variety of common mass lesions. Through case-based discussion, attendees will identify key diagnostic features, recognize common pitfalls, and develop strategies for accurate slide interpretation.

Attendees are also welcome to bring **one** cytology smear from a challenging case. Time permitting, selected cases will be reviewed with the speaker and discussed as a group.

Whether you are new to cytology or looking to refine your skills, this course will provide practical techniques and hands-on experience that can be immediately applied in clinical practice.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSIONS

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TRANSFUSION THERAPY 101 (3CE) | 1:00PM-4:15PM | $150
with Dr. Jennifer Loewen DVM, DACVECC

Transfusion therapy is life saving but can be overwhelming and intimidating. In this session we will review the different types of blood products that are available for purchase and comparing it to in house transfusion products, administration techniques and acute reaction monitoring and go over case based examples. By the end of this session you should be able to describe commonly available blood products and their applications, list supplies needed to collect your own blood units, describe administration techniques and monitoring; and recognize acute transfusion reactions.

FROM HOSPITAL TO HOME: MANAGING FELINE URINARY CASES (2.5 CE) | 1:30PM-4:00PM | $100
with Dr. Vanessa Tonn, DVM

Urinary cases are common - especially in cats. These cases can range from the annoying to the emergent, but all require appropriate intervention to help these cats live healthier, more comfortable lives. Nutrition, environmental management and medical care can all work together to help support these cats - both in the clinic and beyond. From uroliths to FIC, join us as we discuss strategies to help support cats and their owners. Let's keep our cats from going outside the box!

Learning Objectives:

- Learn how to predict the most likely composition of uroliths using clinical data, history, and signalment
- Navigate the urinary portfolio to make an individualized recommendation
- Make patient-specific recommendations that take into consideration how to feed, as well as what to feed
- Understand the importance of environmental needs, and how to successfully implement these in the clinic and home setting