



MVTA 2026 ADVANCED TRAINING SPEAKERS



DR. JENNIFER LOEWEN

Dr. Jen Loewen, DVM, DACVECC is an assistant professor of small animal emergency medicine and critical care at the Western College of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Loewen grew up in Winnipeg, before earning her veterinary degree at the WCVm in 2014. Following graduation, she completed a small animal rotating internship at Iowa State University and a residency in small animal emergency and critical care at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Dr. Loewen obtained her board certification from the American College of Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care in 2018.

Dr. Loewen will be presenting two half-day wet labs: Transfusion Therapy 101, covering blood products, administration, and reaction monitoring, and Wound Management, focusing on care strategies, topical medications, and tie-over bandage practice.



DR. ANGELICA GALEZOWSKI

Dr. Angelica Galezowski, BSc, DVM, MVetSc, DACVP (ClinPath) earned her BSc from the University of Winnipeg and her DVM from the Western College of Veterinary Medicine (WCVm), followed by a three-year clinical pathology residency at WCVm. She became an ACVP Diplomate in 2010 and joined Winnipeg's Veterinary Diagnostics Services pathology team, later serving as diagnostic lead for the clinical pathology laboratory. In 2017, Dr. Galezowski joined the University of Calgary Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, where she teaches across all four years of the program and serves as Associate Dean, Student Experience.

Dr. Galezowski will be delivering a Stick, Smear, Stain, Solve lab where attendees will practice cytology sample collection, slide preparation, & systematic evaluation of common masses, through case-based discussion & a guided wet lab.



DR. KRIS TORSKE

Dr. Kris Torske graduated from the WCVm and completed a one-year internship at the Atlantic Veterinary College in PEI. After two years in mixed animal practice in AB and MB, she pursued a three-year residency in veterinary anesthesiology at the University of Guelph, earning a Doctor of Veterinary Science degree with research focused on epidural analgesia in dogs. She has since practiced in MB, balancing general small animal practice with referral anesthesia cases, consulting, and teaching. Outside of work, Dr. Torske enjoys cross-country skiing, hiking, gardening, horseback riding, and spending time with her family.

Dr. Torske will be presenting two half-day sessions: a case-based anesthesia workshop to strengthen clinical decision-making, and a hands-on wet lab focused on local anesthesia techniques.



DR. VANESSA TONN

Dr. Vanessa Tonn graduated from the Western College of Veterinary Medicine in 2012. She gained experience working across Canada in private practice, treating a variety of species ranging from tree frogs to elephants and everything in between (including dogs and cats). She joined Royal Canin in 2019, where she is thrilled to be able to impart her passion for nutrition, and help answer the age-old question of "what should I feed my pet?".

Dr. Tonn will be presenting a session on managing feline urinary cases, from uroliths to FIC, with a focus on nutrition, environmental management, and medical care. Attendees will learn how to predict urolith composition, make patient-specific dietary recommendations, and implement environmental strategies to support cats both in-clinic and at home.



MARLA MACKAY, RVT

Born and raised in Nova Scotia, Marla is a 1993 graduate of the former Nova Scotia Agricultural College AHT program (now Dalhousie University Faculty of Agriculture). She had the great fortune of working at the Ontario Veterinary College from 1993-2002 and it was there during her time in the radiology department that she received training to perform small animal abdominal ultrasounds. Today she has come full circle and is an instructor in the veterinary technology program at Dalhousie.

Marla is back to teach Beginner Ultrasound. This year, her lecture will be delivered virtually so attendees can dive right into hands-on scanning during the in-person session. Participants will gain experience in transducer handling, image acquisition, and basic organ assessment, while learning the capabilities and limitations of ultrasound in clinical practice.