

MVTA 2026 ADVANCED TRAINING CONFERENCE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2026

SUNDAY 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.

CASE-BASED ANESTHESIA (3 CE) | 9:00AM-12:15PM | \$120 with Dr. Kris Torske, DVM

Attendees will participate in an interactive, discussion-driven session working through clinical anesthesia cases designed to strengthen decision-making and deepen clinical understanding. Using real-world scenarios, participants will explore anesthetic planning, monitoring, and troubleshooting while discussing practical approaches to common and challenging cases in a collaborative learning environment.

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.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON SESSIONS

BEGINNER ULTRASOUND (6.5 CE*) | 1:00pm-4:45pm | \$425 with Marla Mackay, RVT

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ANESTHESIA WET LAB (3 CE) | 1:00PM-4:15PM | \$210 with Dr. Kris Torske, DVM

Develop confidence in local anesthesia techniques through a hands-on wet lab focused on practical skill building, using canine and feline cadavers to help demonstrate nerve blocks. Participants will practice commonly used regional and local approaches with guidance, emphasizing technique, safety, and effectiveness. This interactive session offers the opportunity to refine skills and apply knowledge in a supportive learning environment.



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