2018 Veterinary Technician Continuing Education Conference
Labs & Masterclasses

- “Mind Your Ps and Qs: ECGs for the Veterinary Technician”: A small group review of basic ECGs and strategies for interpreting ECGs.

- “Bandaging Review for Technicians”: TBD

- “Tube Placement in Critically Ill Patients”: We will begin by examining radiographic evidence of acceptable vs poor placement of feeding tubes. Next, a hands-on demonstration will allow you to learn to appropriately size your patient for nasogastric or nasoesophageal placement. This lab will leave you with a familiarity of different feeding tubes as well as how to adequately secure them.

- “Small Animal Ophthalmic Exam Skills”: Introduction to performing a detailed ocular examination and how to obtain a proper ocular history.

- “Small Animal Dentistry: Identifying and Charting Like a Pro”: The purpose of the lab is to teach technicians how to correctly identify common abnormalities relating to the oral cavity in small animals and how to successfully chart them using advanced techniques. We will discuss and practice advanced dental charting.

- “Safe Feline Restraint”: Safely handling feline patients can be a challenge. We will review and practice options for ensuring the comfort of all involved.

- “Interpreting Baseline Bloodwork in the Critical Patient”: We will interpret “basic” bloodwork from actual patients from the UF Small Animal Hospital ECC/ICU service, including PCV/TP and blood gas analyses. This interactive class will review bloodwork, run a list of differential diagnoses, and discuss possible treatments and nursing strategies.

- “Recovery Discovery: Discovering Recovery”: TBD
• “Blood Pressure Measurement Via Doppler”: The goal of this lab is to strengthen the technician’s skills in blood pressure management. Specific focus will be on indirect measurement using the Doppler.

• “Histology: Bringing Tissue Back to Life”: A hands-on tour through the process of turning a piece of tissue into a work of art. The focus of this lab will be a brief introduction to the steps involved in histology. Participants will have an opportunity to perform various parts of the slide creation process.

• “When Bladders Burst: A Case Discussion of Complicated Transitional Cell Carcinoma”: Transitional Cell Carcinoma is a very aggressive tumor, often found in the bladder. As the tumor grows, it can cause the bladder to rupture, leading to a serious medical emergency. In this masterclass, we will review a clinical case and have a discussion involving all options owners have to still provide a good quality of life for their pet.