2019 Veterinary Technician Continuing Education Conference

Morning Lectures

- “Mouth on Fire: Feline Gingivostomatitis”: (Description TBA)

- “The Importance of Ultrasound in Emergencies (AFAST, TFAST, Cysto, Taps)”: (Description TBA)

- “WTF?!? (Why the Fleas...): Understanding Flea Allergy and Breaking through the Barriers to Client Compliance When Using the “F” Word”: (Description TBA)

- “Techs Practical Guide to Outbreak Biosecurity”: (Description TBA)

- “The Familiar Taste of Poison-Toxological Emergencies”: A review of the common toxicological emergencies seen in the Emergency room, with emphasis on patient presentation, physiologic changes, and nursing care.

- “Being Their Voice: The Role of Patient Advocacy as a Veterinary Nurse”: (Description TBA)

- “Anesthesia in Exotics and Wildlife”: A discussion of how to provide a safe and efficient experience for both the patient and personnel involved in anesthetizing exotic pets, wildlife, and zoo animals. I will address the impact that species-specific anatomical differences may have on the anesthesia plan, as well as the importance of diligently monitoring the anesthetized patient, interpreting results, and recognizing when to intervene.

- “Animal Technical Rescue: Human Safety and Animal Welfare”: Emergencies involving animals occasionally require techniques beyond standard emergency response procedures to manage. Ensuring responder safety in these circumstances is critically important. This presentation will highlight key responder safety procedures during technical rescue emergencies as well as a brief overview of some of the techniques employed in these circumstances.

- “Quality of Life: What Does It Mean?”: (Description TBA)
• “Capnography”: The basics of capnography. Learn common waveforms and what they mean and why this monitoring is so important.

• “Ice, Ice, Baby: The Hypothermic Patient”: Temperature is one of the easiest vital parameters to measure and the one most often overlooked. This lecture will focus on the pathophysiology of thermoregulation and heat loss, along with a discussion on the consequences of hypothermia on the patient.

• “Genetics Testing”: Genetic testing horses – who, what, why, when and where? We’ll be covering the basics of genetic testing for horses, what is available commercially at the moment, and in which situations it would be mostly recommended.

• “Pancreatitis”: (Description TBA)

• “Monitoring Anesthesia With All the Things”: (Description TBA)

• “The F Word: Fight, Flight, or Freeze! Techniques to Tame Your Responses During Emergencies”: This lecture will be an exploration of our physiologic and psychologic reactions to emergency situations and how to train our responses to stress in veterinary medicine.

• “Farrier Lecture”: (Description TBA)