

2020 Winter Continuing Education Conference



Saturday and Sunday, February 8-9, 2020

Pet Friendly! Burlington Hilton Hotel

60 Battery Street

Burlington, VT 05401

OVERVIEW and SCHEDULE

***Come early and
earn 2 extra CE
credits FREE!***

Saturday: Complying with DEA regulations

Sunday: USDA Accreditation Training Module 3: Overview of Foreign Animal, Program, and Reportable Diseases

Small Animal: 6 CE hours each day

Saturday – Updates in Small Animal Ophthalmology – Nick Cassotis, DVM, DAVCO

Sunday – Practical Behavior for the Companion Animal Practitioner – Valarie Tynes, DVM, DACVB, DACAW

Large Animal: 6 CE hours each day

Saturday – Tackling Common Equine Ophthalmology Questions – Alison Clode, DVM, DACVO

Sunday – Management of Cow Comfort and Feeding in a Challenging Economic Environment – Richard Grant, Ph.D.

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7:15 – 9:00 a.m. Registration open, continental breakfast available

7:45 – 8:45 a.m. Early morning FREE CE

9:00 – 4:30 p.m. CE programs with breaks at 10:30 and 3:00. Lunch 12:00 – 1:30

9:00 – 4:30 p.m. VVMA Foundation Silent Auction to benefit 2020 Scholarships!

Bidding closes at 1:30 on Sunday

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2020

7:15– 9:00 a.m. – Registration open, continental breakfast available

7:45 – 8:45 a.m. – Complying with DEA Regulations

FREE! Earn 1 practice management CE credit hour

Presented by DEA Diversion Investigators Christopher Paquette and George Lutz, Jr., participants will learn about recordkeeping and security, the ins and outs of the Veterinary Drug Mobility Act, and DEA registration. The DEA will be exhibiting at our Meeting, so come with your questions! You will also be able to update your DEA registration onsite.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2020 – THE EYES HAVE IT!

SMALL ANIMAL TRACK 9:00 – 4:30 6 CE Credits

Updates in Small Animal Ophthalmology

Nick Cassotis, DVM, DACVO

- Avoiding mis(sed)-diagnoses ... examination review
- Digital ocular photography: how and why
- Corneal disease, plain and not simple
- Blindness, this is insufficient as a diagnosis
- A day of ophthalmology cases ... case reviews

Dr. Nick Cassotis graduated Michigan State University with his DVM. He completed a small animal medicine and surgery internship at North Carolina State University. Dr. Cassotis then returned to MSU to complete a residency in Comparative Ophthalmology. He has been a practicing Veterinary Ophthalmologist in the Portsmouth NH area since 2002. He currently splits his time between referral hospitals in NH and MA. Other than enjoying his clients and his patients, Dr. Cassotis' primary professional interests are corneal transplant work and vision restoration via cataract surgery.



LARGE ANIMAL TRACK 9:00 – 4:30 6 CE Credits

Tackling Common Equine Ophthalmology Questions

Alison Clode, DVM, DACVO

New England Equine Medical and Surgical Center

Sponsored by Boehringer-Ingelheim

- Equine Prepurchase Exams – The Ocular Perspective
- The Equine Cornea – A Clear Perspective
- Equine Uveitis – What's New?
- Equine Glaucoma – Managing a High-Pressure Situation

Dr. Alison Clode is a native of Spokane, Washington, and completed her undergraduate studies at the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, Washington. She obtained her veterinary degree from Washington State University in 2003, following which she completed a one-year small animal medical and surgical internship at Colorado State University. Her residency training in comparative veterinary ophthalmology was completed at North Carolina State University in 2007; she achieved Diplomate status in the American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists (ACVO) that same year. Dr. Clode served on the NCSU faculty from 2007 to 2014, and played a vital role in developing and running the first university ophthalmology service specifically dedicated to Equine Ophthalmology within the US. She has authored multiple research publications and book chapters, and has lectured extensively in the US and abroad, on both equine and small animal ophthalmology topics.



Please join us following the program!

Saturday 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. Relax with your colleagues following the program at a reception in the Mounted Cat bar located in the Hilton lobby following the program! Appetizers provided and a cash bar is available.



Sunday, February 9, 2020

7:15 – 9:00 a.m. – Registration open, continental breakfast available

7:45 – 8:45 a.m. – USDA Accreditation Training Module 3: Overview of Foreign Animal, Program, and Reportable Diseases

FREE! Earn 1 CE credit hour

Presented by Joel Russo, DVM, F.A.D.D., Veterinary Medical Officer-SPRS District 1, USDA APHIS Veterinary Services. After completing this module, accredited veterinarians should be able to:

- Define a Foreign Animal Disease (FAD), USDA Animal Health Program disease, and reportable disease
- Describe the safeguards that help prevent FADs from entering the United States
- Outline the steps in a FAD investigation
- List the USDA programs for controlling or eradicating diseases in various species of livestock and poultry
- Recognize the additional training opportunities available to AVs
- Report FADs and other reportable diseases and locate additional resources and learning opportunities

SMALL ANIMAL TRACK 9:00 – 4:30 6 CE Credits

Practical Behavior Tips for the Companion Animal Practitioner

Valarie Tynes, DVM, DACVB, DACAW

Sponsored by Ceva Animal Health

- You Don't Have to Be Psychic! – Understanding the Body Language of Dogs and Cats
- Tips and Tools for the Pet Friendly Practice
- Preventive Behavior Care for the General Practitioner
- Understanding and Managing Fears, Phobias and Anxiety in Dogs
- Managing Canine Aggression
- Pharmacological and Non-Pharmacological Interventions for Pet Behavior Problems

Dr. Valarie Tynes is a native Texan and received her DVM from Texas A&M University. She worked in private practice for 14 years before returning to academia to pursue a residency in clinical animal behavior at the University of California at Davis in 2000. She has been a diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Behaviorists since 2003 and is currently Immediate Past President of the College. She is also Board Certified in Animal Welfare. Her special interests are the behavior and welfare of pet pigs, exotic pets and zoo animals. She has been actively involved in the Fear Free initiative since its inception and serves on the Fear Free Speakers Bureau. She is a frequent speaker at veterinary meetings around the country and author of numerous articles and textbook chapters. She joined Ceva in October of 2014 as a veterinary services specialist but continues to provide consulting services to zoos.



Sunday, February 9, 2020

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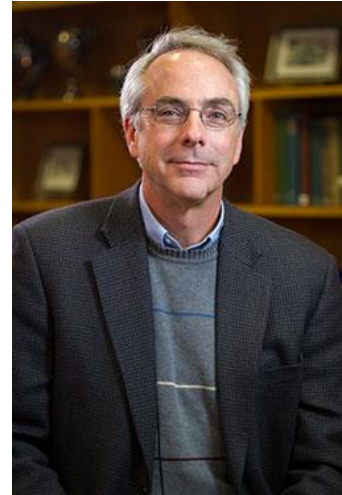
Management of Cow Comfort and Feeding in a Challenging Economic Environment

Richard Grant, Ph.D.

Sponsored by Merck

- Cow Comfort Economics – low cost changes
- Rumination - experience and research on use of rumination to better manage cows
- Feeding and managing for higher milk fat + protein.
- Recent forage research

Rick grew up on a dairy farm near Potsdam, NY. He has a Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Science from Cornell University and a Ph.D. in Ruminant Nutrition from Purdue University. Rick spent 13 years at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln as a professor of ruminant nutrition and extension dairy specialist. His areas of interest include forage and non-forage sources of fiber, carbohydrate nutrition, and dairy cattle behavior. He has been president at Miner Institute since 2003. As president, his primary role is to provide leadership to Institute staff as they work toward the common goal of optimizing the crop-animal-environment interface through research and educational programs. In 2010, Rick was awarded the Pioneer Hi-Bred Forage Award recognizing outstanding research and/or educational contributions in the area of forage production, processing, storage, or utilization. He was also awarded the 2015 Nutrition Professionals Inc. Applied Dairy Nutrition Award, recognizing outstanding achievement in research, teaching or extension in applied dairy nutrition. He holds adjunct faculty positions at the University of Vermont, Cornell University and Plattsburgh State University.



Registration Fees

10% discount for attending both days!

Includes breakfast, lunch, breaks and parking

	By 1/24	1/25-2/6
VVMA Member		
One Day	\$210	\$245
Both Days (10% discount)	\$378	\$441
VVMA Life/Retired/Recent Graduate Member*		
One Day	\$160	\$195
Both Days (10% discount)	\$288	\$351
Non-Member Veterinarian		
One Day	\$295	\$330
Both Days (10% discount)	\$531	\$594
Non-Veterinarian		
One Day	\$160	\$195
Both Days (10% discount)	\$288	\$351

**REGISTER ONLINE AT
WWW.VTVETS.ORG
AND SAVE \$10!!**
Online registration ends
February 6.

Registrations after February 6 – add \$50

If you'd like to join the VVMA and receive the reduced Member registration rate, call us at 802-878-6888.

Speaker notes will be emailed one week prior to the event. Printed notes may be available for advance purchase on the VVMA website for \$10 per program. However, due to the file size, we may not be able to print off the speaker notes in which case payment will be refunded.

* Graduated veterinary school after April 2018. Recent Graduate Members should call the VVMA to register.

Accommodations

The VVMA has a block of rooms at the [Burlington Hilton Hotel](#) at a **special rate of \$129 plus tax**. The Hilton is **PET FRIENDLY**, overlooks Lake Champlain and is within easy walking distance of downtown Burlington shops and restaurants. **This reduced rate is available on a limited number of rooms and the deadline for reservations expires on January 8, 2020.** Reservations can be made by calling their Central Reservations line at 1-800-445-8667 and mention the VVMA to get the special rate. You can also make your reservations online. Visit: https://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/B/BTTVTHF-VTVETW-20200207/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

Exhibit Hall – Thank You Exhibitors!

Hours: Saturday – 8:00 am – 4:30 pm, Sunday – 8:00 am – 1:30 pm

Thank You Sponsors!



Refund Policy

By January 24, a full refund minus a \$25 per person processing fee. After January 24, a 50% refund. No refunds will be given after February 3. No credits will be given for future registrations.

CE Certificates

Certificates confirming your participation in the CE program are provided in your registration packet on site.

Questions? Call VVMA Executive Director Kathy Finnie at 802-878-6888 or email kathy@vtvets.org.

We look forward to seeing you at our Winter Meeting!