

**2019 SoCal Vet Series:**  
*Diagnosics and Management of Canine and Feline GI Disorders*  
October 4-6, 2019 | Hotel Maya | Long Beach, CA  
Up to 12 hours of CE Credit  
Program Chair: Jodi Westropp DVM, PhD, DACVIM

<b>Friday, Oct. 4</b>	
4:00 – 5:00 PM	Registration and Strolling Dinner
5:00 – 6:30 PM	<b>Assessment and Diagnostic Approach for the GI Patient</b> – <i>Sina Marsilio, Dr. med vet, PhD, DACVIM, DECVIM; Jennifer Larsen, DVM, PhD, DACVN</i>
<b>Saturday, Oct. 5</b>	
7:00 – 8:00 AM	Breakfast
8:00 – 8:10 AM	Welcome and Announcements – <i>Jodi Westropp, DVM, PhD, DACVIM</i>
8:10 – 8:45 AM	<b>Canine Protein Losing Enteropathy Bootcamp</b> – <i>Al Jergens, DVM, PhD, DACVIM</i>
8:55 – 10:15 AM	<b>What’s New in Feline Enteropathies?</b> – <i>Sina Marsilio, Dr. med vet, PhD, DACVIM, DECVIM</i>
10:15 – 10:40 AM	Break
10:40 AM – 12:10 PM	<b>Case Based Potpourri: Learn to Manage a Variety of Complicated GI Disorders</b> – <i>Stanley Marks, BVSc, PhD, DACVIM, DACVN; Al Jergens, DVM, PhD, DACVIM</i>
12:10 PM	Lunch provided– rest of day is free to explore the beautiful Long Beach area
<b>Sunday, Oct. 6</b>	
7:45 – 8:20 AM	Registration and Breakfast
8:20 – 8:30 AM	Welcome and Announcements – <i>Peter Weinstein, DVM, MBA; Jodi Westropp, DVM, PhD, DACVIM</i>
8:30 – 9:45 AM	<b>My Top 10 Pearls on Canine Esophageal Disorders</b> – <i>Stanley Marks, BVSc, PhD, DACVIM, DACVN</i>
9:45 – 11:15 AM	<b>Updates on Canine Inflammatory Bowel Disease</b> – <i>Al Jergens, DVM, PhD, DACVIM</i>
11:15 – 11:30 AM	Break
11:30 AM – 12:20 PM	<b>Diagnostics and Approach to Hepatic Disorders</b> – <i>Jennifer Larsen, DVM, PhD, DACVN; Sina Marsilio, Dr. med vet, PhD, DACVIM, DECVIM</i>
12:20 – 1:10 PM	Lunch provided
1:10 – 2:10 PM	<b>Ask the Experts: Our Panel Weigh in on Controversial GI Topics (You will have an opportunity to send your specific questions prior the conference.)</b> – <i>Al Jergens, DVM, PhD, DACVIM; Stanley Marks, BVSc, PhD, DACVIM, DACVN; Sina Marsilio, Dr. med vet, PhD, DACVIM, DECVIM; Jennifer Larsen, DVM, PhD, DACVN</i>
2:20 – 3:10 PM	<b>Canine Infectious Enteropathies – When to Consider, How to Diagnose, When to Treat?</b> <i>Stanley Marks, BVSc, PhD, DACVIM, DACVN</i>
3:10 – 3:30 PM	Break
3:30 – 4:20 PM	<b>Mechanics of Enteral Tube Placement and Dietary Considerations</b> – <i>Al Jergens, DVM, PhD, DACVIM; Jennifer Larsen, DVM, PhD, DACVN</i>
4:20 PM	Adjourn

Last update: 9/10/19  
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## Learning Objectives

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### Day 1: Friday, October 4, 2019

**Assessment and Diagnostic Approach for the GI Patient** – *Sina Marsilio, Dr. med vet, PhD, DACVIM, DECVIM; Jennifer Larsen, DVM, PhD, DACVN*

This talk will address the important aspects of assessment of the canine or feline patient with GI disease. The diagnostic approach based on this assessment will be discussed. The practitioner will understand how to initiate basic and advanced diagnostic work-ups for a range of patients.

- Understand the logical approach to GI patients
- Apply diagnostics and treatment to individual cases seen in practice

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### DAY 2: Saturday, October 5, 2019

**Canine Protein Losing Enteropathy Bootcamp** – *Al Jergens, DVM, PhD, DACVIM*

- Recognize how PLE is differentiated from other causes of hypoalbuminemia
- Determine the best diagnostic strategies for diagnosing PLE in dogs
- Understand what biomarkers are best for determining outcome in the PLE patient

**What's New in Feline Enteropathies?** – *Sina Marsilio, Dr. med vet, PhD, DACVIM, DECVIM*

- Understand applications and limitations of current and novel diagnostic assays
- Apply knowledge to the interpretation of laboratory results

**Case Based Potpourri: Learn to Manage a Variety of Complicated GI Disorders** – *Stanley Marks, BVSc, PhD, DACVIM, DACVN; Al Jergens, DVM, PhD, DACVIM*

Different clinical case vignettes will challenge the diagnostic and therapeutic strategies of the attendees - multi-panel presentation.

- Recognize the most common causes for refractory diarrhea in dogs and cats
- Understand the pros and cons of different diagnostic tests and procedures in patients with GI disease
- Recognize the value of dietary modification for the management of dogs and cats with GI disease
- Understand the indications for anti-emetic therapy, acid suppressant therapy, and immuno-modulatory therapy

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### DAY 3: Sunday, October 5, 2019

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#### **My Top 10 Pearls on Canine Esophageal Disorders** – *Stanley Marks, BVSc, PhD, DACVIM, DACVN*

- Recognize the most common causes of esophageal dysphagia in the dog
- Understand the rational diagnostic approach for dogs with esophageal disease
- Understand the current recommendations for management of esophagitis, megaesophagus, esophageal stricture, and hiatal hernia
- Understand how to minimize esophagitis and esophageal stricture formation

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#### **Updates on Canine Inflammatory Bowel Disease** – *Al Jergens, DVM, PhD, DACVIM*

- Understanding the basic GI work up in dogs and cats to differentiate IBD from other causes of chronic enteropathy
- Determining whether GI endoscopy or surgery is required for diagnosis of IBD
- What are the crucial treatment strategies for treating the IBD patient?

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#### **Diagnosics and Approach to Hepatic Disorders** – *Jennifer Larsen, DVM, PhD, DACVN; Sina Marsilio, Dr. med vet, PhD, DACVIM, DECVIM*

This talk will address the diagnostic approach to hepatic disorders in dogs and cats. Nutritional and medical management will also be discussed. Attendees can expect to gain an understanding of these topics for a range of small animal veterinary patients.

- Understand the logical approach to patients with suspected liver disease
- Apply appropriate diagnostics to individual cases seen in practice

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#### **Ask the Experts: Our Panel Weigh in on Controversial GI Topics** – *Al Jergens, DVM, PhD, DACVIM; Stanley Marks, BVSc, PhD, DACVIM, DACVN; Sina Marsilio, Dr. med vet, PhD, DACVIM, DECVIM; Jennifer Larsen, DVM, PhD, DACVN*

- Recognize when immunomodulatory therapy is warranted in patients with GI disease
- Understand when to implement antimicrobial therapy in patients with GI disease
- Understand when to implement acid-suppressant therapy

This session is a Q&A for audience members - questions may be submitted in advance or asked in real time.

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#### **Canine Infectious Enteropathies – When to Consider, How to Diagnose, When to Treat?**

*Stanley Marks, BVSc, PhD, DACVIM, DACVN*

- Understand the limitations and indications of routine fecal screening tests for common enteropathogens
- Recognize the clinical manifestations of enteropathogenic infections in dogs
- Understand when to implement antimicrobial therapy in dogs with infectious enteropathies
- Understand the consequences of injudicious administration of antimicrobials in dogs with infectious enteropathies

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### DAY 3: Sunday, October 5, 2019 (Continued)

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**Mechanics of Enteral Tube Placement and Dietary Considerations** – *Al Jergens, DVM, PhD, DACVIM; Jennifer Larsen, DVM, PhD, DACVN*

This talk will cover the technical aspects of feeding tube selection and placement. Practical clinical pearls will be offered. Considerations for selection and use of various diets will be discussed. The clinician will gain information on how to manage feline and canine patients requiring enteral feeding support. Learning Objectives:

- To determine which enteral diets are most appropriate for use in dogs and cats
  - To understand how MER is calculated for a patient and how these data are crucial for administering enteral nutrition
  - To understand the basic steps for performing esophagostomy and PEG tube placement
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