

9th Annual Winter Conference & 38th Annual WAAM/AEMC Wildlife and Exotic Animal Symposium

FEBRUARY 25-26, 2023 | IN-PERSON AND LIVE WEBINAR | UP TO 17 HOURS CEU

| SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25 8:00am – 5:30 pm | SMALL ANIMAL CLINICAL TRIALS TRACK VALLEY, 1030 | WILDLIFE TRACK VALLEY, 1041 | EXOTICS TRACK VALLEY, 1043 |
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| 7:30 – 8:00 am | ONSITE: REGISTRATION CHECK-IN AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST WEBINAR: VIRTUAL PLATFORM LIVE | | |
| 8:00 – 8:10 am | WELCOME + ANNOUNCEMENTS | WELCOME + ANNOUNCEMENTS | WELCOME + ANNOUNCEMENTS |
| 8:10 – 9:20 am | Everything you wanted to know about clinical trials but don't have time to Google - a Q&A presentation Michelle Giuffrida, VMD, DACVS 1.5 CEU PENDING | Current research in immobilization of African ungulates: Rhinoceros Leith Meyer, BSc Hon, BVSc, PhD 1.5 CEU PENDING | Reportable exotic animal diseases in CA Andrea Mikolon, DVM, MPVM, PhD 1.5 CEU PENDING |
| 9:30 – 10:20 am | Feline oral squamous cell carcinoma: Past, present, and future Katherine Skorupski, DVM, DACVIM(Oncology) 1.0 CEU PENDING | Seabird Medicine and Surgery Rebecca Duerr, DVM, MPVM, PhD 1.0 CEU PENDING | Therapeutic contraindications – Can I give that medication to my exotic patient? Sue Chen, DVM, DABVP (Avian) 1.0 CEU PENDING |
| 10:30 – 10:45 am | BREAK – ALL TRACKS | | |
| 10:45 – 11:35am | Strategies to prevent the short-term recurrence of feline urethral obstruction Jamie M. Burkitt, DVM, DACVECC 1.0 CEU PENDING | Rescue and rehabilitation in marine wildlife: Pinnipeds Martin Haulena, DVM, MSc, DACZM, CertAqV 1.0 CEU PENDING | Gout in reptiles Douglas Mader, MS, DVM, DABVP (Canine/Feline/Reptile/Amphibian) 1.0 CEU PENDING |
| 11:45 am – 12:35 pm | New approaches to FIP treatment Krystle Reagan, DVM, PhD, DACVIM (SAIM) and Emma Cosaro, DVM 1.0 CEU PENDING | Rescue and rehabilitation in marine wildlife: Cetaceans Martin Haulena, DVM, MSc, DACZM, CertAqV 1.0 CEU PENDING | Radiographic imaging of the rabbit abdomen Kelsey Brust, DVM, DACVR 1.0 CEU PENDING |

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| 12:35 – 1:15 pm | LUNCH BREAK – ALL TRACKS Book Signing at the WAAM/AEMC Table | | |
| 1:15 – 2:30 pm | PLENARY SESSION VALLEY, 1030 Disaster preparedness for veterinary practices Douglas Mader, MS, DVM, DABVP (Canine/Feline/Reptile/Amphibian) 1.5 CEU PENDING | | |
| 2:40 – 3:30pm | Hepatic Neoplasia: Updates on Treatments and Available Clinical Trials William Culp, VMD, DACVS 1.0 CEU PENDING | Capture and chemical immobilization of North American ungulates Mark Drew, MS, DVM 1.0 CEU PENDING | Exotic companion animal cytology and cases Melanie Ammersbach, DVM, DACVP 1.0 CEU PENDING |
| 3:40 – 4:30pm | Inflammatory brain disease Chai-Fei Li, DVM, DACVIM (Neurology) 1.0 CEU PENDING | White nose syndrome in bats Kevin Keel, DVM, PhD, DACVP 1.0 CEU PENDING | Coelomic distension in birds – Causes, diagnostics, and therapy Sue Chen, DVM, DABVP (Avian) 1.0 CEU PENDING |
| 4:40 – 5:30pm | N/A | Oil spill medicine--Lessons learned Dave Jessup, DVM, MPVM, Dipl. ACZM 1.0 CEU PENDING | Metabolic bone diseases in reptiles Douglas Mader, MS, DVM, DABVP (Canine/Feline/Reptile/Amphibian) 1.0 CEU PENDING |

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| 2:00 – 2:50 pm | QA/QC for in-hospital laboratories – Getting the most out of your analyzers Austin Viall, DVM, MS, DACVP (CP) 1.0 CEU PENDING | Marine mammal pathology Maggie Martinez, DVM, MS, PhD, DACVP 1.0 CEU PENDING | Avian hospitalization: Quality care for our friends in the air Andrea Lynch, RVT 1.0 CEU PENDING |
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LEARNING OBJECTIVES

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| <p>Everything you wanted to know about clinical trials but don't have time to Google - a Q&A presentation Michelle Giuffrida, VMD, DACVS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understand how clinical research compares to clinical practice Understand ethical and regulatory oversight of clinical research Develop a working understanding of trials to help guide clients and clinicians considering participation in clinical research | <p>Current research in immobilization of African ungulates: Rhinoceros Leith Meyer, BSc Hon, BVSc, PhD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understand the pathophysiology that causes severe adverse effects in immobilized rhinoceros Understand the treatments used to improve the safety of immobilization Gain insights into ways to mitigate morbidity and mortality | <p>Reportable exotic animal diseases in CA Andrea Mikolon, DVM, MPVM, PhD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The role of the private veterinarian in exotic disease response The role of government veterinarians and resources they provide for exotic animal disease responses Some basic response strategies applied to different exotic animal diseases |
| <p>Feline oral squamous cell carcinoma: Past, present, and future Katherine Skorupski, DVM, DACVIM(Oncology)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> List differential diagnoses for proliferative and ulcerative lesions in the feline oral cavity and formulate a diagnostic plan Communicate prognostic information about feline oral squamous cell carcinoma and summarize the efficacy and limitations of treatment options including options Understand comparative aspects of feline oral SCC and human head and neck cancer and how similarities might be exploited to improve treatment options | <p>Seabird Medicine and Surgery Rebecca Duerr, DVM, MPVM, PhD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Important differences between seabirds and other avian species Indications for use of skin autografts for typical injuries Several surgical techniques including tracheal resection/anastomosis, skin autografting | <p>Therapeutic contraindications – Can I give that medication to my exotic patient? Sue Chen, DVM, DABVP (Avian)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify medications approved for use in exotic patients Discussion of species most commonly affected and pathophysiology for each of the following category of medications Antibiotics |
| <p>Strategies to prevent the short-term recurrence of feline urethral obstruction Jamie M. Burkitt, DVM, DACVECC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To understand the most common causes of UO in cats, and the likelihood of recurrence To be able to prioritize treatment strategies that help decrease recurrent UO in cat | <p>Rescue and rehabilitation in marine wildlife: Pinnipeds Martin Haulena, DVM, MSc, DACZM, CertAqV</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Common medical issues in stranded pinnipeds Introduction to pinniped anesthesia Diagnostic methods in stranded pinnipeds | <p>Gout in reptiles Douglas Mader, MS, DVM, DABVP (Canine/Feline/Reptile/Amphibian)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physiochemistry of Uric Acid production in mammals and reptiles Options for the diagnosis of gout Treatment options |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To justify choice in medications | | |
| <p>New approaches to FIP treatment Krystle Reagan, DVM, PhD, DACVIM (SAIM) and Emma Cosaro, DVM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understand the current literature regarding antiviral GS-441524 therapy for FIP Know the differences between oral versus injectable antiviral therapy for GS-441524 Be familiar with preliminary clinical data for novel antiviral treatments | <p>Rescue and rehabilitation in marine wildlife: Cetaceans Martin Haulena, DVM, MSc, DACZM, CertAqV</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understanding the challenges involved in cetacean medicine Understanding the complexities of working with threatened species Gaining an understanding of "where do we go next" | <p>Radiographic imaging of the rabbit abdomen Kelsey Brust, DVM, DACVR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify the normal radiographic anatomy of rabbits Interpret abdominal radiographs of rabbits Review common and important disease processes. |
| <p>Hepatic Neoplasia: Updates on Treatments and Available Clinical Trials William Culp, VMD, DACVS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understand how Interventional Radiology is being utilized in veterinary patients Understand major treatment options for hepatic neoplasia Learn about some unique clinical trial opportunities for dogs with hepatic neoplasia | <p>Capture and chemical immobilization of North American ungulates Mark Drew, MS, DVM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review capture choices for North American ungulates Review immobilization choices for North American ungulates Define parameters for safe capture and immobilization procedures in these species | <p>Exotic companion animal cytology and cases Melanie Ammersbach, DVM, DACVP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learn when to use cytology Learn how to submit good samples Learn the basic approach to mass cytology Look at examples of infectious agents unique to exotic pets |
| <p>Inflammatory brain disease Chai-Fei Li, DVM, DACVIM (Neurology)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review typical signalment and presentation of inflammatory CNS disease Review current treatment options and prognosis for inflammatory CNS disease Introduce the concept of the "gut-brain axis" and update current research discoveries in human medicine | <p>White nose syndrome in bats Kevin Keel, DVM, PhD, DACVP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be able to discuss the criteria for diagnosing WNS and the methods for its detection Describe the unique pathogenesis of WNS and explain why only hibernating bats are susceptible Describe the treatment of prevention of WNS and the limitations of the various approaches | <p>Coelomic distension in birds – Causes, diagnostics, and therapy Sue Chen, DVM, DABVP (Avian)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of avian anatomy Outline various causes of coelomic distention Eggs, reproductive disease Coelomic fluid (ascites, egg yolk peritonitis) Organomegaly (hepatic, splenic) |
| | <p>Oil spill medicine--Lessons learned Dave Jessup, DVM, MPVM, Dipl. ACZM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Why sea otters are so vulnerable to oil spills What are the fundamental physiologic parameters to monitor when dealing with oiled sea otters What are the basic methods used to wash oiled sea otters | <p>Metabolic bone diseases in reptiles Douglas Mader, MS, DVM, DABVP (Canine/Feline/Reptile/Amphibian)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Different types of MBDs will be discussed Diagnosis and differentiation of the different MBDs Treatment options |

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| <p>Disaster preparedness for veterinary practices Douglas Mader, MS, DVM, DABVP (Canine/Feline/Reptile/Amphibian)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to prepare for disasters • How to handle a disaster • What to expect after a disaster |

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| <p>Front line treatment of hemorrhagic shock Karl Jandrey, DVM, MAS, DACVECC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To identify poor perfusion on physical examination • To understand strategies for fluid resuscitation • To apply this knowledge to successful patient management | <p>Current research in immobilization of African ungulates Leith Meyer, BSc Hon, BVSc, PhD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand the primary causes of capture-induced hyperthermia • Understand the relevance of this hyperthermia and what mitigating factors can be applied • Understand what treatments can be used and their limitations | <p>Advances in avian pain management David Guzman, LV, MS, DECZM (Avian, Small Mammal), DACZM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn the recent advances in pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics of analgesic drugs in birds • Understand that new studies are encouraging the use of opioid drugs like hydromorphone or buprenorphine (including high-concentrated and sustained-release formulations) in some avian species, and also revealing a more complex picture in regards to efficacy, duration of action and adverse effects of opioid drugs. • Know that there is a growing number of nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) options for birds, with newer drugs like mavacoxib offering longer action or grapiprant offering COX sparing alternatives, meloxicam remains the most studied NSAID with a large number of studies and scarce reports of adverse effects • Consider other drugs like gabapentin, amantadine and cannabinoids provide additional treatment options to consider in the management of chronic pain |

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| <p>Transfusion medicine in the treatment of hemorrhagic shock Karl Jandrey, DVM, MAS, DACVECC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To review normal (and abnormal) hemostasis To understand component therapy and apply strategies for improvement based on available resources To treat anemia strategically with scarce blood resources | <p>A case series talk from the Sacramento Zoo Jenessa Gjeltema DVM, DACZM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understand common presentations for shell disease in chelonians Outline appropriate diagnostic steps for suspected shell disease cases Outline principles and methods for treating shell diseases in freshwater aquatic turtles. | <p>Triage of exotic emergencies Sue Chen, DVM, DABVP (Avian) Overview of concept of triage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion on why exotic pet species are seen on emergency Owners unaware of veterinary services available Prey species hide signs of illness |
| <p>Imaging manifestations of toxicities Kelsey Brust, DVM, DACVR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify imaging patterns for toxicities in canines and felines Discuss radiographic changes for inhaled, ingested, and injected toxicities Review other disease processes that can appear similar | <p>Practical medicine of aquarium systems Lana Krol, DVM, CertAqV</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Know the major husbandry parameters of aquarium systems and how they may affect a fish in that system Know the major differences in fish physiology, as compared to mammals Know the major physical examination and diagnostic methods for fish and invertebrate patients | <p>Hepatic lipidosis in bearded dragons Hugues Beaufrere, DVM, PhD, DACZM, DABVP (Avian), DECZM (Avian)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Define hepatic lipidosis in bearded dragons and its main lesion characteristics Choose diagnostic tests to detect and monitor hepatic lipidosis in bearded dragons Discuss treatment options for hepatic lipidosis in bearded dragons |
| <p>Cased-Based discussion on imaging manifestations of toxicities Kelsey Brust, DVM, DACVR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluate radiographs of dogs and cats, listing radiographic findings, differential diagnoses, and proposed diagnostic and treatment plans Review where toxicity may fit in differential diagnoses Review other disease processes that can appear similar. | <p>Capture and chemical immobilization of North American carnivores Mark Drew, MS, DVM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review capture choices for North American carnivores Review immobilization choices for North American carnivores Define parameters for safe capture and immobilization procedures in these species | <p>Myxomatosis in California Hilary Stern, DVM, DABVP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> History of myxomatosis and how it spread around the world Basic epidemiology and pathogenesis of the myxoma virus Brief description of what myxomatosis looks like in Europe and Australia In-depth description of what myxomatosis looks like in California |
| <p>QA/QC for in-hospital laboratories – Getting the most out of your analyzers Austin Viall, DVM, MS, DACVP (CP)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understand the key objectives and design of an in-hospital QA/QC system for bench-top hematology, chemistry, and urinalysis analyzers | <p>Marine mammal pathology Maggie Martinez, DVM, MS, PhD, DACVP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Form differential list for common causes of mortality in pinnipeds Form differential list for common causes of mortality in cetaceans Form differential list for common causes of mortality in sea otters | <p>Avian hospitalization: Quality care for our friends in the air Andrea Lynch, RVT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learn to set up a hospital ward/room for an ill psittacine bird and set up cages, with appropriate accessories such as perches, bowls, and enrichment |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Know the structure and content of laboratory equipment associated standard operating procedures (SOPs) • Be aware of the benefits of an external laboratory quality control program and how can improve in-hospital diagnostics | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Form differential list for common causes of neurologic disease in marine mammals | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn why proper nutrition is essential for a bird's well-being and learn how to provide an appropriate avian diet when in hospital • To gain understanding of how to perform treatments efficiently, with suggestions on organization and preparation |
| <p>Uncommon endocrinopathies – When it is the zebra! Austin Viall, DVM, MS, DACVP (CP)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Know the classical clinical findings, laboratory abnormalities, and specific diagnostic tests for canine insulinoma, glucagonoma, pheochromocytoma, and hyperestrogenemia • Understand the common clinical abnormalities and expected diagnostic findings for feline hypersomatotropism, hyperaldosteronism, and hyperadrenocorticism • Be aware of the differential disease processes, specifically more common endocrinopathies, which can mimic less common feline and canine endocrinopathies | <p>Chronic wasting disease Brandon Munk, MS, DVM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is CWD • Why managers are concerned about CWD, management challenges • What management options there are | <p>Avian orthopedics Mariana Sosa Higareda, DVM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss the goals and basic principles of avian orthopedics • Review the differences between avian bone types and their unique characteristics • Discuss common methods for avian fracture fixation • Analyze fracture considerations and treatment recommendations |
| | <p>The role of zoos in wildlife conservation Nadine Lamberski, DVM, DACZM, ECZM (ZHM)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand the role of IUCN • Understand the role of the Center for Biological diversity and it's relationship to the UN Sustainable Development Goals • Understand how the Conservation Standards are used for the practice of conservation | <p>Rodent ophthalmology Brian Leonard, DVM, PhD, DACVO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recall the basic anatomy of the rodent eye • Develop a diagnostic approach to anterior segment (conjunctival, corneal, anterior uveal), lens and posterior segment (retinal) diseases. • Formulate therapeutic approaches for major diseases of the anterior segment (conjunctival, corneal, anterior uveal), lens and posterior |
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| <p>New perspectives on the pathophysiology & diagnosis of immune mediated hemolytic anemia and immune mediated thrombocytopenia Austin Viall, DVM, MS, DACVP (CP)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Know the common clinical features and laboratory abnormalities associated with canine IMHA and ITP • Understand the analytic benefits and limitations of newer immunodiagnostic assays for IMHA and ITP • Be familiar with the consensus diagnostic algorithm for canine IMHA and advised diagnostic strategies for ITP that may help confirm diagnoses and differentiate from similarly presenting diseases | | |