

Wilma Abbott, CVT

Wilma Abbott, CVT, is a 1990 graduate of Camden County College Veterinary Technician program. She is the immediate past President of the New Jersey Veterinary Technicians and Assistants Association. Currently she is the Hospital Administrator for Raccoon Valley Animal Hospital in Mullica Hill NJ, where she has been employed since 1990. In 2008 she became an Adjunct Technician Educator for Penn Foster College, Scranton PA, where she presents webinars and assists students with their practicum submissions.

Carrie Jo Anderson, CVT

Ms. Anderson joined Florida Veterinary Specialists in Tampa, FL as an Emergency Services technician in April 2000, and transitioned to the Surgery Department in October 2004. My special interests in veterinary medicine include hematology, critical care, and anesthesia for critical emergent, endocrine, and neurologic patients. Fall 2008 brought the opportunity to adjunct with the Hillsborough Community College Veterinary Technology Program. In spring 2009 I joined the program full time as the CVT Instructor, and I currently teach and serve as advisor for the Veterinary Technology Club.

Kelly Baltzell, MA

Kelly Baltzell, MA is President and CEO of the Beyond Indigo family of companies, which she founded in 1997. Her roster of highly engaging veterinary, equine, and funeral industry websites reaches millions of people a year, and her technological prowess and passion have made her an unparalleled leader in Internet marketing.

A true relationship builder who works tirelessly to promote her clients and broadcast their stories to the world, Kelly speaks frequently about marketing trends and website design at national conventions. Prior to creating Beyond Indigo, she served as Site Manager for Online Psych, the mental health community of America Online, and designed customized mental health programming for the AOL Health Channel. Online Psych had up to four million page views per day and attained placement on AOL's Welcome Screen. After Online Psych merged with iVillage.com, Kelly became Director of Interactive Health and was later promoted to Executive Director of Health. She helped generate more than 18 million page views a month for iVillage.com.

Under Kelly's leadership, BeyondIndigo.com has become one of the country's most popular grief support websites with more than a million annual visitors. It has been listed in Forbes Best of the Web for the past eight consecutive years. Kelly writes Healing Help brochures for Messenger, has had articles published in The Director, Caregiving Today, and Thanos, and wrote a column called Ask Kelly for YBNews from 2000 to 2008. She graduated with an International Affairs & Economics degree from George Washington University and a Master's degree in Counseling & Psychology from St. Mary's.

Brett Beckman, DVM, FAVD, DAVDC, DAAPM

Dr. Brett Beckman is a 1987 graduate of Mississippi State University. He is a Fellow in the Academy of Veterinary Dentistry and a diplomate in the American Veterinary Dental College. Dr. Beckman is the immediate past president of the American Veterinary Dental Society and current Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the Foundation for Veterinary Dentistry. He has published numerous peer-reviewed articles in the field of veterinary dentistry, oral surgery and pain management. In 2007 Dr. Beckman became a diplomate in the American Academy of Pain Management and was honored as Alumnus of the Year by the Mississippi State University College of Veterinary Medicine.

Dr. Beckman accepts dentistry and oral surgery cases at Affiliated Veterinary Specialists in Orlando, Florida, the Animal Emergency Center of Sandy Springs near Atlanta Georgia and in Punta Gorda, Florida.

He owns and operates the Veterinary Dental Education Center in Punta Gorda dedicated to advancing the educational needs of veterinarians and veterinary technicians around the world in the field of dentistry and oral surgery.

Paul Bloom, DVM, DABVP (Canine & Feline), DACVD

Paul Bloom established the hospital in 1984, eight years after graduating with high honors from the College of Veterinary Medicine, Michigan State University. Also in 1984, Dr. Bloom became a Diplomate of the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners, Feline and Canine Specialty, and was recertified in 1994 and 2002. Less than 10 Michigan veterinarians have met the ABVP's exacting requirements.

Dr. Bloom began training in advanced veterinary dermatology in 1987, when he was one of 2 veterinarians from the metro Detroit area selected to participate in a dermatology clerkship at MSU's veterinary college. He has participated in national and international conferences on the subject. The Allergy and Dermatology Clinic for Animals opened within the BAH premises in 1988.

In 2001, Dr. Bloom became Michigan's FIRST board-certified veterinary dermatologist in full-time private practice; one of only 143 diplomates of veterinary dermatology in the entire United States. To attain this distinction, he completed a 4-year dermatology residency at MSU's Veterinary Teaching Hospital, published a research project, and submitted three case reports for approval by the certifying organization, the American College of Veterinary Dermatology Board. Finally, he passed a rigorous 2-day examination, one of only five applicants in the nation to pass in 2001.

Amy Breton, CVT, VTS (ECC)

Amy is a certified veterinary technician who is boarded in emergency and critical care. She is currently employed at the Veterinary Emergency and Specialty Center of New England in Waltham, Massachusetts as the head emergency/ICU technician.

Amy is well published and have been a national lecturer for several years. Amy particularly enjoys anatomy and physiology, pathophysiology and disaster medicine. She is actively involved in numerous veterinary organizations where she serves on a variety of committees and boards.

Kara M. Burns, Veterinary Technician Specialist; MS, MEd, LVT

Education & Licensing:

- Licensed Veterinary Technician
- M.Ed - Counseling Psychology - University of Maine
- M.S. - Physiology - Ithaca College, Ithaca, NY

Veterinary Medicine-

- Private Practice - Small Animal & Avian - in Maine
- Poison Specialist - Maine Poison Control Center
- Hill's Pet Nutrition, Inc.

Current Position - Veterinary Technician Specialist, Professional Affairs, Hill's Pet Nutrition, Inc.

Amy Butzier, MEd, CVT

Amy is a graduate of the Mount Ida College Veterinary Technology program in Newton Centre, MA. She completed her Bachelors of Science Degree in Veterinary Technology in 1995 and received her Master's in Education in 2004 from American Intercontinental University. Amy has received both the Hill's Scholarship and the Veterinary Technology Excellence Award.

After graduation Amy worked as a Senior Surgical Technician for four years, before returning to Mount Ida in 1999 as a member of the faculty in the Veterinary Technology Program. Amy teaches Clinical Methods I, Introduction to Veterinary Technology, Animal Care and Management, Veterinary Management, Equine Sports Medicine and Large Animal Medicine and Management. In addition to teaching, Amy is the Student Chapter of NAVTA Advisor. In 2003, Amy was awarded the Teaching Excellence award by the Alpha Chi Honor Society and the Distinguished Alumni of the year.

Amy has been involved in the Massachusetts Veterinary Technician Association and played in active role in pursuing legislation that will regulate the licensing of veterinary technicians in MA. She is also the founder of the Rhode Island Veterinary Technician Association.

Her other professional affiliations include Past President of the National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America, Allied Association Liaison for the American Association of Equine Veterinary Technicians and is on the organizing committee for the new Academy of Equine Veterinary Nursing Technicians.

In her spare time, Amy is an avid horsewoman and involved in the RI 4H program. She lives in quiet countryside of Greene, Rhode Island with her husband Jeff and two beautiful children. She has three Horses, two rescued greyhounds and a Red Tailed Boa Constrictor.

Anthony P. Carr, DVM, DACVIM, Professor

Dr. Carr received his veterinary education at the Ludwig Maximilians University in Munich Germany. After 3 years in practice he returned to the US to complete an internship at the University of Missouri-Columbia and a medicine residency at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Since then he has worked as an emergency clinician, telemedicine consultant with Dr. Larry Tilley and traveling endoscopist before joining the Department of Small Animal Clinical Sciences in Saskatoon in 2000. His main areas of interest are blood pressure, hemostasis, ECGs, and immune mediated disease. He is widely published in the US and Europe and is co-editor of three books.

Deirdre Chiamonte, DVM, ACVIM, CCRT

Deirdre Chiamonte is currently a staff internist and the director of The Tina Santi Flaherty Rehabilitation and Fitness service at The Animal Medical Center. She received her DVM from Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine, Massachusetts in 1997 and completed an internship in small animal medicine and surgery at The Animal Medical Center from 1997-1998. She became a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine in 2004 after completing a small animal internal medicine residency at The Animal Medical Center. Dr. Chiamonte is certified in canine rehabilitation and is seeking certification in acupuncture. Current interests are in the fields of canine rehabilitation, obesity and geriatrics.

Calvin Clements, DVM

Dr. Calvin Clements graduated from Auburn University in 1985 and is the founding practitioner of Palmyra Animal Clinic. His graduate studies were in the field of neuroendocrinology. His special interests are in orthopedics, dermatology, neurology and endocrinology. He was awarded the prestigious American Animal Hospital Small Animal Medicine and Surgery Proficiency award and is also certified in canine rehabilitation therapy.

D. Tim Crowe, DVM, DACVS, DACVECC, NREMT-I, EMS-I

Dr. Crowe is the author of over 500 publications on emergency and critical care topics; is an inventor and developer of many procedures used in the field of emergency and critical care medicine and surgery (veterinary and human!). Dr. Crowe is acclaimed worldwide as a leader in emergency and trauma surgery. He is the current President of Integrated Health Technologies Corporation (IHTC).

IHTC is currently developing several lifesaving devices that will integrate with both animals and humans and are the result of advances in veterinary medicine!

Dr. Dennis "Tim" Crowe is a former partner and Chief of Surgery at the Veterinary Institute of Trauma, Emergency and Critical Care and was the Director of Research at the Animal Emergency Center and Referral Services in Milwaukee, WI (1991-1997). He had been a staff surgeon

and director of an emergency and critical care residency program at Carson-Tahoe Veterinary Hospital; surgeon and director of a surgical residency program at Carson-Tahoe Veterinary Hospital; and surgeon and chief of emergency/critical care services (part-time) at Georgia Veterinary Specialties.

Dr. Crowe received his DVM from Iowa State University in 1972, and board certification by the American College of Veterinary Surgeons in 1980. He held office as VECCS President from 1985 – 1987 and was one of the founding members of ACVECC Care which was officially recognized as a specialty college in 1989. He was cited for his innovation in trauma management and total commitment to the specialty. VECCS presented the Ira M Zaslow Distinguished Service Award, its highest award resulting from his contributions as one of the leaders in the development of the VECCS and ACVECC.

Harold Davis, Jr., RVT, VTS (ECC)

Mr. Davis is a graduate of the California State University Sacramento, receiving a BA degree in biology. Currently, he is Manager of the Emergency and Critical Care Service at the Veterinary Medical teaching Hospital at UC, Davis. He has extensive experience in the field of emergency and critical care medicine, both in private and university practice. As co-founder of the Academy of Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care Technicians, Mr. Davis was instrumental in obtaining from North American Veterinary Technicians Association provisional recognition for technicians as specialist. This is the first organization to receive this acceptance.

Among his many honors, Mr. Davis received the Merck AgVet Award for Creativity in Teaching and the California Veterinary Medical Association Outstanding Animal Health Technician Award. He was the inaugural speaker for the Jack L. Mara Memorial lecture at the 2004 North American Veterinary Conference (NAVC). He was recognized as the 2009 Speaker of the Year for Veterinary Technicians at the NAVC. In 1985 he was appointed by California Governor George Deukmejian to serve on the Registered Veterinary Technician Examining Committee, a sub committee of the Veterinary Medical Board. Mr. Davis served a record fifteen years on that committee. He is president of the Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care Society (VECCS). Mr. Davis is the first non-veterinarian elected to this position of this 4000 plus member organization. Other memberships include the Academy of Veterinary Technician Anesthetist, American Animal Hospital Association, the National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America, and The American Association of Critical Care Nurses (A human organization). He serves on the CE program committees for The North American Veterinary Conference, and VECCS. In addition, he is on the editorial board for the Veterinary Technician Journal.

Mr. Davis lectures throughout the U.S. and abroad, most recently in Harrogate England. In addition, Mr. Davis has published several book chapters and peer reviewed journal articles. He is currently co-editing a new book entitled Advanced Nursing and Monitoring Techniques for Small Animal Emergency and Critical Care.

John Farrelly, DVM, DACVIM (Oncology), DACVR (Radiation Oncology)

Dr. John Farrelly is a graduate of Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine. Following veterinary school he went on to pursue an internship and medical oncology residency at the Animal Medical Center in New York. Then he returned to Cornell for a Radiation Oncology Residency and to serve as in Instructor in Molecular Biology.

Since 2004 he has been the Director of Radiation Oncology at the Animal Medical Center where he has overseen the installation of a linear accelerator and intensity modulated radiation program. He is also currently pursuing a Masters in Biostatistics at New York Medical College's School of Health Sciences and Practice.

Robert L. Gillette, DVM, MSE, DACVSMR

Director of the Animal Health & Performance Program College of Veterinary Medicine Auburn University
DVM 1988, Kansas State University
MSE 1988, University of Kansas, Biomechanics Charter Member, American College of Veterinary Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation, 2010.

Major Research Interests

- General interests are in the area of performance, orthopedics, biomechanics, and muscle physiology of the Canine and Equine Athlete.
- Specific interests are in the areas of exercise physiology, muscle conditioning, injury prevention, lameness, rehabilitation, and performance.

Clinical Interests

- Working with the canine athlete and working dogs. Training regimens, conditioning programs, injury prevention and breeding programs, for the performance dogs. Canine sports medicine problems, including medical related performance problems, injury repair, rehabilitation, and reconditioning. Equine soundness and injury prevention.

18 scientific publications
4 book chapters

Director of the AU Veterinary Sports Medicine Program (2000-present) President, American College of Veterinary Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation Past-President of the American Canine Sports Medicine Association.

John C. Godbold, Jr., BS, DVM

Dr. Godbold graduated with honors from Auburn University School of Veterinary Medicine in 1978. In 1980, he established Stonehaven Park Veterinary Hospital in Jackson, Tennessee where he practices full time as a solo small animal practitioner.

Since 1999, Dr. Godbold has pursued a special interest in surgical lasers and the use of other laser modalities in small animal practice. He has acquired extensive experience with surgical and therapeutic lasers, has developed new surgical and therapeutic techniques, and, assists equipment manufacturers with the development and testing of new laser and laser associated technologies.

Dr. Godbold has published numerous papers, articles and chapters about the use of lasers in small animal practice. His publications have appeared in the Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association, Laserpoints, The Feline Patient, and the Newsletter of the Veterinary Surgical Laser Society. He is a member of the Medical Advisory Board of the American Institute of Medical Laser Applications.

Dr. Godbold published the Atlas of CO2 Laser Surgery Procedures in 2002 with a new edition following each year since. The CO2 Laser Surgery Atlas has been translated into foreign language and has international distribution. In 2009 Dr. Godbold published the Atlas of Class IV Laser Therapy – Small Animal.

In high demand as a continuing education speaker, Dr. Godbold has led over 230 laser workshops, wet-labs, and continuing education meetings throughout North America and Europe.

Louis N. Gotthelf, DVM

Dr. Louis N. Gotthelf is a 1978 graduate of Tuskegee University, College of Veterinary Medicine and he owns Animal Hospital of Montgomery in Montgomery, Alabama. He has served as past President of the Central Alabama Veterinary Medical Association and is currently President of the Animal Emergency Clinic of Montgomery, P.C. Practicing in the Southeast U.S. has provided an opportunity for Dr. Gotthelf to develop a special interest in skin and ear diseases. Over the past 25 years, he has intensively studied ear diseases of dogs and cats.

Dr. Gotthelf is a member of the American Academy of Veterinary Dermatology and has published a number of journal articles relating to ear diseases in dogs and cats. Dr. Gotthelf is the editor of the second edition of his book called Small Animal Ear Diseases; An Illustrated Guide which is published by W.B. Saunders (Elsevier). This is the first book dedicated exclusively to a discussion of ear diseases of dogs and cats. It is lavishly illustrated with photos of the inside of the ear from actual clinical cases.

In 1996, working with engineers from MedRx, Inc., Dr. Gotthelf helped design the MedRx Video Vetscope, a video based otoscope. He now travels extensively with MedRx talking to veterinarians all over the world about diagnosing and treating ear diseases and he provides a hands-on wet lab experience using the Video Vetscope.

Dr. Gotthelf helped to create some veterinary dermatology products and he has also developed several intra-otic laser surgery techniques used to treat ear disease.

Sheila Grosdidier, Consultant, Partner, BS, RVT, MCP, PHR

Sheila Grosdidier has been involved in the field of Veterinary Medicine for over 20 years. She earned her B.S. degree in Human Behavior Science at New York Institute of Technology and her A.A. in Veterinary Technology at Maple Woods College. She has since completed post-graduate work in psychology and adult learning.

Sheila has been named the Speaker of the Year by the North American Veterinary Conference three times and twice by the International/Australia Veterinary Nurses Association. Ms. Grosdidier has spoken at over 200 conferences globally and has extensive experience in television, radio, and print interviews. Sheila has authored numerous textbook chapters on professional development, practice management and nutrition along with a wide variety of journal and magazine articles. She also has over 2,000 contact hours with veterinarians and veterinary technician students at colleges and universities all over the US and Canada.

Sheila spent 10 years with Hill's Pet Nutrition, Inc., first as a Customer Affairs Supervisor and later as a Senior Veterinary Educator. Focus was placed upon developing and implementing training programs that add value to veterinary health care team members and facilitate the process from taking ideas into application in veterinary practice.

A Microsoft certified professional for networks (MCP), Sheila has spent three years as Director of Information Technologies and is a Certified Systems Administrator in both Unix and Windows operating environments. Her strong knowledge of technology has helped companies realize extensive use of available technologies with modest financial investment. She also holds the certification of Professional of Human Resources (PHR).

As a partner at VMC, Inc., Ms. Grosdidier conducts extensive on-site consultations with veterinary practices, has developed a seminar series directed toward taking practices to their next level, and performs extensive speaking engagements. Her strong skills in staff training/utilization will help clients realize enhanced profitability through team leveraging and client service excellence while her computer/network expertise will assist them in becoming technologically proficient.

Gregory R. Hanson, RVT, VTS (Anesthesia)

Greg Hanson is a veterinary technician with more than 30 years experience in veterinary medicine. Mr. Hanson began his work experience in general veterinary practices and emergency clinics located in the San Francisco Bay Area. He became credentialed in the state of California as a registered veterinary technician in 1979. In 1980 Mr. Hanson joined the staff of the Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital at the University of California, Davis (VMTH-UCDavis). His knowledge and expertise has developed from his experiences associated with private practice, private sector research and development, as well as his association with several departments throughout a veterinary medical teaching hospital. The last twenty years have been spent working with the Small Animal Anesthesia service to provide anesthesia support to the small animal patients of the VMTH-UCDavis.

Mr. Hanson is a Veterinary Technician Specialist in anesthesia. He was chairman of the organizing committee of the Academy of Veterinary Technician Anesthetists from 1998 to 2003 Mr. Hanson has provided continuing education programs at national veterinary meetings sponsored by organizations including the American Veterinary Medical Association, American Animal Hospital Association, International

Veterinary Emergency Critical Care Society, Western Veterinary Conference, Veterinary Learning Systems and the American College of Veterinary Anesthesiologists.

Rebecka S. Hess, DVM, DACVIM

Dr. Rebecka Hess received her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree in 1992 from Hebrew University of Jerusalem in Israel. She completed an internship in small animal medicine in 1994 and a residency in small animal internal medicine in 1996, both at the University of Pennsylvania, School of Veterinary Medicine, where she is currently faculty. Dr. Hess has received several research and teaching awards. Her research and publication focus on diabetes mellitus in dogs and cats, a topic which she is invited to speak on nationally and internationally. She is a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine, and the president of the Society for Comparative Endocrinology.

Heidi Hoefler, DVM, DABVP (Avian)

Dr. Heidi Hoefler received her DVM from Ross University in 1987. Her post-graduate training was at the Animal Medical Center in NY, where she completed a small animal internship and a residency in avian and exotic pet medicine and surgery. Following her post-grad training, Dr. Hoefler maintained a staff position in the Exotics Department at AMC for 10 years and is now in private practice. She became a diplomate of the ABVP (avian practice) in 1993. Dr. Hoefler is the owner of Island Exotic Veterinary Care in Long Island, one of the few all-exotic pet practices in New England. Her veterinary career has been exclusively birds and exotic pets for over 22 years. Dr. Hoefler is an avid speaker and writer on exotic pet topics.

Michael Hoelzler, DVM, DACVS

Michael is a 1999 graduate of the Western College of Veterinary Medicine. He completed a small animal rotating internship at the Ontario Veterinary College in 2000, and a surgical internship at Affiliated Veterinary Specialists in Jacksonville, Florida in 2001. He completed a surgical residency at the University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine in 2004. Michael joined Garden State Veterinary Specialists in the spring of 2004, and became a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Surgeons in 2005. Dr. Hoelzler has authored several manuscripts and book chapters on related surgical topics.

Todd Huspeni, BA, MA, PhD

Dr. Huspeni is a Professor of Biology and Parasitology at the University of WI at Stevens Point. Dr. Huspeni received his BA degree from the University of Minnesota and completed both of his graduate degrees at the University of California, Santa Barbara. Dr. Huspeni's research interests include examining effects of introduced parasite species on native waterfowl, as well as parasites of wildlife in North America. Dr. Huspeni engagingly and enthusiastically teaches parasitology to students with a wide variety of backgrounds and interests, including pre-veterinary professionals.

Michael Hutchinson, DVM, PC

Dr. Hutchinson's veterinary experience encompasses over 12,000 emergency cases, 6,000 surgeries and 15,000 visits in his 19 years as a licensed veterinarian. This unique background has compelled Dr. Hutchinson to be on the cutting edge of current veterinary medicine, surgery and therapy. Dr. Hutchinson lives and practices outside Pittsburg, PA where he owns Animal General of Cranberry. Dr. Mike, as he is referred to by his staff and clients, also hosts a weekly radio show about veterinary medicine.

Charlotte A. Lacroix, DVM, JD

Dr. Charlotte Lacroix owns and manages Veterinary Business Advisors, Inc., a consulting firm which advises veterinarians and attorneys nationwide on veterinary business and legal issues. Dr. Lacroix received her Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine in 1988 from the University of California at Davis. After completing a large animal internship at the University of Guelph (Ontario, Canada), she worked for several years at an equine medical and surgical referral practice serving northern New Jersey's large equine community. In pursuit of her goal to make greater contributions to the veterinary profession, Dr. Lacroix attended law school and received her Juris Doctor from the University of Pennsylvania Law School. She is licensed to practice law in Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

Dr. Lacroix is a skilled negotiator and business strategist. She assists her clients in determining the relevant and important business aspects of a diverse array of transactions. Her legal and consulting activities include: legal document preparation and negotiation; advising on all aspects of veterinary partnerships, including associate buy-ins, specialty and general practice governance and management, and partner retirement and withdrawals; negotiating and facilitating the purchase and sale of practices of all types, as well as, entity selection and start-ups; consulting on issues unique to specialty practices; assisting with all employment related issues; and advising on malpractice cases, animal law and other legal and business problems. Dr. Lacroix lectures extensively on all these topics nationwide and overseas, and is a frequent speaker at AVMA, NAVC, WVC, VSIPP and other veterinary association and industry meetings and seminars. She is also an enthusiastic adjunct professor at the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine.

Dr. Lacroix is a regular contributor to JAVMA, Veterinary Economics, DVM Magazine, Partners in Practice and AAHA publications. She has written numerous other articles, contributed to several books, and appeared on radio and television. Dr. Lacroix also volunteers her time and expertise to veterinary and other organizations, including AVMA, AAHA, AAEP, NJVMA, PVMA and NAVC.

Cathy Langston, Staff Veterinarian, DVM, DACVIM (SA-IM)

Dr. Langston graduated from Louisiana State University School of Veterinary Medicine in 1991 and completed an Internship and Medical Residency at Animal Medical Center, New York. After completing a fellowship in Renal Medicine and Hemodialysis at the University of California at Davis, I returned to AMC in 1996 and started the hemodialysis unit. I became board certified in small animal internal medicine in 1997 and I have been the head of the Renal Medicine Service and Hemodialysis Unit at Animal Medical Center since 1999. My clinic caseload is predominantly nephrology and urology cases. My current clinical interests include treatment of chronic kidney disease, renal replacement therapy, complications of hemodialysis, and treatment of anemia of chronic kidney disease.

Michael R. Lappin, DVM, PhD, DACVIM (Internal Medicine)

After graduating from Oklahoma State University in 1981, Dr. Lappin completed a rotating internship in small animal medicine and surgery at the University of Georgia. After 2 years in a small animal practice in Los Angeles, he returned to the University of Georgia where he

completed a small animal internal medicine residency and a PhD in Parasitology. Dr. Lappin was board-certified by the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine in 1987. He is currently Professor of Small Animal Internal Medicine at the College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences at Colorado State University. Dr. Lappin studies feline infectious and immune-mediated diseases and has written over 200 primary research manuscripts and book chapters. His principal areas of interest are prevention of infectious diseases, the upper respiratory disease complex, infectious causes of fever, infectious causes of diarrhea, and zoonoses of cats. Dr. Lappin on the editorial board of Feline Medicine and Surgery and Compendium for Continuing Education for the Practicing Veterinarian and is the editor of the textbook, Feline Internal Medicine Secrets. Dr. Lappin has received the Beecham Research Award and the Norden Distinguished Teaching Award. Dr. Lappin is the Kenneth W. Smith Professor in Small Animal Clinical Veterinary Medicine at Colorado State University and is currently the Assistant Department Head for Research. He was the chairperson of the AAFP Panel on Feline Zoonoses and the AAFP Bartonella Panel Report. Dr. Lappin is the director of the "Center for Companion Animal Studies." He was selected to receive the European Society of Feline Medicine International Award 2008 for Outstanding Contribution to Feline Medicine and the Winn Feline Research Award in 2009.

Emily D. Levine, DVM, MRCVS, DACVB

Dr. Levine was awarded her doctorate from Mississippi State University College of Veterinary Medicine in 2000. She then completed a one year internship at a specialty medical and surgical referral hospital in Arizona. Dr. Levine remained there for one year in general practice before beginning her residency in animal behavior at Cornell University Hospital for Animals. After completing her residency, she accepted a position in the Animal Behaviour, Cognition, and Welfare Group at the University of Lincoln, England where she, ran the behavior clinic, engaged in clinical behavior research, and taught students.

Dr. Levine has authored several scientific papers, co-edited international proceedings on behavior research, and has recently authored a chapter in the Veterinary clinics of North America on feline fear and anxiety and a chapter on noise aversion in dogs in the new edition of BSAVA Canine and Feline Behavioural Medicine. She has participated in various research projects on a variety of topics some of which include: welfare perspectives of veterinary students, noise fears in dogs, inter cat aggression. She has appeared on local television programs and been interviewed for a variety of articles. She has spoken internationally on topics of animal behavior and welfare and participated in an award winning documentary on farm animal welfare.

Dr. Levine joined the staff at Animal Emergency & Referral Associates in June 2006. She is the only board certified veterinary behaviorist in New Jersey.

Nancy Loes, DVM

Dr. Nancy Loes is a veterinarian with many years of experience in private practice. Responsibilities currently include the development and delivery of continuing education presentations for veterinary professionals, informational seminars for pet and horse owners, lectures at veterinary and veterinary technician schools (and mentorship of students), as well as technical support for Nutramax Laboratories, Inc.

Andrew Mackin, Professor & Dr. Hugh G. Ward Chair of Small Animal Veterinary Medicine; BSc, BVMS, MVS, DVSc, FACVSc, DSAM, DACVIM

Andrew Mackin is currently Professor, Service Chief and Dr. Hugh G. Ward Chair of Small Animal Internal Medicine at the Mississippi State University College of Veterinary Medicine. Andrew is a 1983 graduate of Murdoch University in Western Australia, and following graduation completed an internship, residency and Masters program in small animal medicine at the University of Melbourne, followed by an internal medicine residency and Doctor of Veterinary Science program at the Ontario Veterinary College. Andrew became both a Fellow of the Australian College of Veterinary Scientists and a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine in 1994. He was a Lecturer in Small Animal Medicine at the University of Edinburgh for four years before joining the faculty at Mississippi State in 1998. Andrew has a clinical and research focus on hematology, hemostasis and transfusion medicine. He has served as Chair of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine Residency Training Committee, is co-editor of the BSAVA Manual of Small Animal Hematology and Transfusion Medicine, and is past President of the Association of Veterinary Hematology and Transfusion Medicine. In 2006, he received the Carl Norden-Pfizer Distinguished Teacher Award.

Catriona MacPhail, DVM, PhD, DACVS

After receiving her DVM from Texas A&M University, Dr. Catriona MacPhail completed her general internship, surgery residency, and soft tissue / surgical oncology fellowship, all at Colorado State University. Dr. MacPhail completed her Ph.D. in cardiovascular surgery in spring of 2007. She has been on faculty at CSU as a small animal soft tissue surgeon since 2004.

Dr. MacPhail's primary clinical and research interests include upper and lower respiratory surgery, gastrointestinal surgery, wound reconstruction, and minimally-invasive surgery. When not on the hospital floor, Dr. MacPhail manages the hands-on surgical laboratories for the third year veterinary students. Dr. MacPhail serves on the editorial board of Journal of the American Animal Hospital Association and Topics in Companion Animal Medicine.

Corey Orava, DVM

Dr. Orava combined his passion for the quickly evolving world of stem cell therapy with his experience in private practice to bring regenerative medicine to veterinarians and their animal patients. Dr. Orava is a frequent lecturer in regenerative medicine at regional and national veterinary conferences and clinics. He serves as a resource to both the human and animal medical community in this amazing field.

Joel Pond, Zoo Veterinary Technician, BS, CVT

Mr. Pond was certified as a veterinary technician in 1979, one of the very first in the state of Illinois. In 1980 he, along with 2 other colleagues formed the Association of Zoo Veterinary Technicians (AZVT) of which he is the current executive director. He has worked in private practice, emergency practice, and as a hematology technician and weekend supervisor for IDEXX Labs, Inc. He works full time at Lincoln Park Zoo, now in his 34th year there. And he is a consultant for IDEXX Labs, Inc. giving in-service talks on clinical pathology to the clinic staff. He is also a board member of several local veterinary schools and the Veterinary Laboratory Association.

Mr. Pond has a professional interest in clinical pathology but specializes in exotic and domestic animal hematology, cytology, parasitology, and urinalysis. He has lectured at many national and international veterinary conferences on clinical pathology topics. Recently he went to Gombe Stream national park in Tanzania to train their laboratory personnel in parasitology methods and the recognition of internal parasites of wild chimpanzees. He also participates in workshops in the US to train veterinarians from East Africa to standardize clinical parasitology techniques for great apes.

He is an avid nature photographer, enjoys cycling, and is a history buff. He particularly enjoys participating in Revolutionary and Civil War re-enactments and the time period in between.

Heather Prendergast, BS, AS, RVT, CVPM

Heather Prendergast has spent over 17 years in small animal practice, and attended New Mexico State University to obtain a bachelors degree in Animal Science. After completing her BS, Heather attending St. Petersburg College to receive her associates degree in Veterinary Technology, and went on to complete the requirements needed to become a certified practice manager. She has taught several years for both veterinary technology and assistance programs and has authored the book "Front Office Management for the Veterinary Healthcare Team". Heather has lectured for several local, state and national organizations on topics ranging from grief management for healthcare professionals to inventory, communications and team management for the veterinary healthcare teams. She has authored several articles and participated in published roundtable discussions with the goal of increasing client compliance and communication within the veterinary practice.

Rebecca Rose, AAS, CVT

Education

Graduate, Colorado Mountain College, 1987

Current Professional Activities

President, Red Valley Rose Consulting, LLC

Co-Author, Career Choices for Veterinary Technicians: Opportunities for Animal Lovers and Relief Veterinary Technician's Manual

Authoring, Veterinary Technician Specialties: Becoming and Supporting a VTS

National Presentations offering classes to veterinary technicians, managers, receptionists and veterinarians on a multitude of management topics and personal, professional development at AVMA (2008 & 2009), CVC (2009), MAVT/MnVMA (2007, 2009, 2010), RIVTA (2009), CoVMA (2002), OhVMA (2001)

VSPN CE Instructor

Professional Mission Statement

Serve the veterinary community by leveraging the veterinary health care team through professional development

Elizabeth Rozanski, DVM, DACVIM (SA-IM), DACVECC

Dr. Rozanski graduated from the University of Illinois in 1992. I completed an internship at the University of Minnesota in 1993, and a residency at University of Pennsylvania in 1996. I have been at Tufts University since 1996, where I direct the ICU, and focus on respiratory medicine. I completed boards for ACVECC in 1996, and ACVIM in 1997.

Nancy Shaffran, CVT, VTS (ECC)

Nancy is a professional veterinary educator with an extensive background in critical care. She is a charter member and a Past President of the Academy of Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care Technicians. Nancy spent 12 years at the University of Pennsylvania Veterinary Hospital as the Head Nurse and Supervisor of the Intensive Care Unit. She then spent 5 years as the director of Education and Staff Relations at Cardiopet's Veterinary Referral Center followed by 7 years on the Sedation and Pain Management team at Pfizer Animal Health. Nancy has given more than 1000 lectures to technicians and veterinarians around the world. She has authored more than 20 journal and book chapter publications. The main focus of Nancy's research, teaching, and publications has been the ethics and appropriate management of pain in companion animals. Nancy has received numerous awards including Speaker of the Year by the North American Veterinary Conference and the Jack Mara Memorial Lecture Award. She sits on the Boards of Directors of the International Veterinary Academy of Pain Management and of the Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care Society. Nancy is currently a lecturer and private consultant.

Margi Sirois, EdD, MS, RVT

Margi Sirois, EdD, MS, RVT received her AAS degree in veterinary technology from Camden County College. She also holds a BS and an MS in Biology and an Ed.D in instructional technology and distance education. She is certified as both a veterinary technician & laboratory animal technician and has over 20 years experience as a veterinary technician educator in both traditional and distance education programs. Dr. Sirois is a past-president of the Association of Veterinary Technician Educators and is the Program Director of the Veterinary Technician Distance Education Program at Penn Foster College. She has numerous publications, including several textbooks for veterinary technicians and is a member and of the editorial board for Veterinary Technician.

Kathy Spaulding, DVM, DACVR

Current Position

- TAMU, Dept. of LA Clinical Sciences, Clinical Professor, Radiology, 11/01/06- Present

Education

- Purdue Univ., W. Lafayette, IN – Undergraduate, 1969 - 1972
- Purdue Univ., W. Lafayette, IN – Veterinary Medicine, DVM, 1972 - 1976
- University of Tennessee – Residency Radiology, ACVR Boarded, 1980 - 1983

Daniel Stobie, Chief of Staff, DVM, MS, DACVS

Dr. Stobie is a New Jersey native who completed his undergraduate work at Cook College/Rutgers University. He is a 1990, cum laude graduate of the University of Missouri-College of Veterinary Medicine. Following veterinary school, Dr. Stobie completed an internship in small animal medicine and surgery at the Angell Memorial Animal Hospital in Boston. He then went on to do a three-year surgical residency at the University of Minnesota and earned a Master's Degree in veterinary surgery, radiology, and anesthesia in 1994. Dr. Stobie became a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Surgeons in 1995. Following his residency, he headed a surgical service at the Animal Medical Center in NYC for two years, before joining a specialty practice in NJ as a staff surgeon in 1996. In 2000, Dr. Stobie formed Veterinary Surgical and Diagnostic Specialists (a mobile surgical and ultrasound practice) that has evolved into what is today NorthStar VETS. He has also served as an adjunct Clinical Instructor in small animal surgery at the Veterinary Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania - School of Veterinary Medicine. In 2005, Dr. Stobie formed Vet-i-Care, a charitable foundation that provides financial aid to pet owner's who cannot afford specialty or emergency care for their beloved companions. He currently serves on the board of directors for Vet-i-Care. In 2007, Dr. Stobie completed the mini-MBA certificate program at the Rutgers School of Business. Committed to helping advance the veterinary industry, Dr. Stobie participates in many organizations and is a member of the Metropolitan NJVMA, the South Jersey VMA and the Jersey Shore VMA and has served on the Executive Board of the New Jersey Veterinary Medical Association. Dr. Stobie has authored numerous scientific articles in veterinary journals and textbooks, as well as lectured locally, nationally and internationally. He is a strong advocate for child welfare and the more than 60,000 children in New Jersey's foster care system. Dr. Stobie lives nearby on a farm with his partner, their three children, and enough animals to fill Noah's Ark. Outside the hospital, he enjoys spending time with his family and loves the beach. His hobbies include horse back riding, gardening, and beekeeping.

Manoel Tamassia, DVM, MS, PhD, Diplomate American College of Theriogenologists

Dr. Manoel Tamassia obtained his DVM from the Universidade Estadual de Londrina - Brazil in 1988. Six months later he started a Theriogenology internship that was followed by a residency at the University of Missouri – Columbia. After his residency Dr. Tamassia continued his studies to obtain his US veterinary license through the ECFVG program which he finished in 1994. He worked as a visiting Theriogenology professor at the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine from 1994 to 1997. Dr. Tamassia returned to Brazil where he practiced and taught at the University of Brasilia - College of Veterinary Medicine for two years. He left Brazil to work with in vitro embryo production at the College of Veterinary Medicine of Maisons Alfot in France. He obtained his PhD through the Institute Nationale Agronomique de Paris – France in 2003. Dr. Tamassia returned to the University of Illinois as an ambulatory and Theriogenology assistant professor in 2004. He moved to New Jersey in 2008 and has been working with small animal reproduction at NorthStar VETS since the fall of 2009.

Professional interests: animal reproduction specially advanced reproductive techniques used to generate new life.

Mary Tefend Campbell, CVT, VTS (ECC)

B.S. degree in biology
CVT, VTS in Emergency and Critical Care
Member of ACVECCT

Previously employment

- 2 years as Laboratory Analyst for the Center of Disease Control in Atlanta, Georgia
- 5 years as Nursing supervisor for the University of Georgia's Small Animal Teaching Hospital's Intensive Care Unit; Athens, GA
- 6 years as Coordinator of Critical Care Services at Texas A&M University's Small Animal Teaching Hospital, College Station, TX
- 7 years as Clinical Instructor at Auburn University's College of Veterinary Medicine in Auburn, Alabama

Present employment

- 2004- Present, Peer Review Editor for Veterinary Learning System's Veterinary Technician Journal
- 2008-Present, Critical Care Supervisor and Nurse Manager for Carriage Hills Surgical Referral Hospital in Montgomery, Alabama

Dennis Ting, DVM, DACVS

Education

- University of California, Davis, DVM, 2003, Veterinary Medicine
- American College of Veterinary Surgeons, Diplomate ACVS, 2010, Small Animal Surgery

Employment

- 2009-present, Staff Surgeon, NorthStar VETS, Clarksburg, NJ

Cynthia M. Trim, BVSc, DVA, DACVA, DECVAA, MRCVS

Professor Emeritus in Anesthesiology
Josiah Meigs Distinguished Teaching Professor
University of Georgia, College of Veterinary Medicine

Currently providing clinical anesthesia in small animal patients in the Teaching Hospital and clinic and classroom instruction of senior and second year veterinary students. Research projects are clinically related.

Veterinary degree University of Liverpool, UK 1970. Anesthesiology training at the University of Cambridge, 2 years small animal practice, then anesthesiology faculty positions at the Universities of Guelph, Illinois, Missouri, and Georgia.

Diplomate American College of Veterinary Anesthesiologists 1977, President ACVA 1985, Alumnae Anniversary Award for Teaching Excellence, University of Missouri 1980, Veterinary Teaching Hospital Outstanding Service Award, University of Georgia 1992, Josiah Meigs Award for Excellence in Teaching, University of Georgia 2003.

Presentations at over 156 national / international meetings, 62 journal publications, 23 book chapters, and co-authorship of Veterinary Anaesthesia, WB Saunders, 2001.

Ronald E. Whitford, DVM

Dr. Ronald Whitford began working for veterinarians at the age of 12 and received his DVM from Auburn University in 1972. In total, he has been associated with the veterinary profession for more than 50 years. He has been in private practice for 38 years and is owner/chief of staff of 3 full-service veterinary hospitals. He has been a major speaker at most all of the major national and regional veterinary conferences as well as numerous state and local association meetings. He has published over 300 management articles in all the major veterinary publications and was editor of the DOCTOR TO DOCTOR monthly column in VETERINARY FORUM. In addition to continuing to practice on a daily basis, Dr. Whitford provides on-site practice management consultation evaluations for practices all over the United States.

David A. Wilkie, DVM, MS, DACVO

Dr. Wilkie was born in Toronto, Canada and obtained his D.V.M. degree in 1984 from the University of Guelph, Canada. He spent one year at the University of Pennsylvania as an intern and in 1985 came to The Ohio State University to begin a 3-year residency and Masters Degree in comparative ophthalmology. He received both his Masters degree (MS) and ophthalmology specialty boards (ACVO) in 1988. He was subsequently hired as an Assistant Professor in the department of Veterinary Clinical Sciences at The Ohio State University. He was promoted to Associate Professor of veterinary ophthalmology in 1994 and he is currently Professor of Ophthalmology. In addition, Dr Wilkie is a Professor in the College of Medicine at The Ohio State University.

Dr. Wilkie has trained 15 residents who are Board Certified in the American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists or the European College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists. In addition, Dr. Wilkie has provided advanced training in ophthalmology to over 16 veterinarian ophthalmologists from 8 countries.

Dr. Wilkie is author of 94 articles, 72 abstracts and 40 textbook chapters, and serves as a research consultant to numerous national and international research facilities. He has served as an editor of several textbooks and is currently a reviewer for 12 Veterinary and Human ophthalmology and research journals and serves on the Editorial Board of 4 Veterinary and Human ophthalmology and research journals. He is the past chairperson of the American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists, Examination Committee and Past-President for the American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists. Dr. Wilkie currently serves on the American College of Veterinary Ophthalmology Foundation board. In addition, Dr. Wilkie has served on the Editorial Review Board and as Associate-Editor for Veterinary Ophthalmology. Dr Wilkie is currently the Editor-in-Chief for the journal of Veterinary Ophthalmology. He is an international speaker having presented seminars in the USA, Canada, Japan, Germany, Italy, Spain, Norway, Denmark, Netherlands, Great Britain, Russia, Slovenia, Finland, Ireland, Taiwan, Portugal, Switzerland, and the Czech Republic. Dr. Wilkie is a respected teacher both at the University and internationally. He has twice been nominated for the Norden Distinguished Teacher Award at Ohio State University.

Dr. Wilkie's areas of interest include ocular surgery, inflammatory diseases of the eye, ocular pharmacology, cataract surgery, intraocular lens implantation, glaucoma, and comparative ophthalmology.

Michael Willard, Professor, DVM, MS, DACVIM

Dr. Willard is a 1975 graduate of Texas A&M University. He did his internal medicine residency at Michigan State University and then held faculty appointments at Michigan State University, Mississippi State University, and now at Texas A&M University. He is a professor of Small Animal Clinical Science and specializes in gastroenterology, hepatology, pancreatology and endoscopy. Dr. Willard has done research on sled dogs in Alaska and has worked with the WSAVA GI histopathology work group. He has given over 2,200 hours of post-graduate continuing education lectures and has over 80 refereed publications plus over 100 book chapters. His interests are walking, playing chess (badly, but has fun anyway), and working on his family farm.