





## 2011 LAB & WORKSHOP OUTLINE AND DESCRIPTIONS

ADDITIONAL FEES APPLY. Conference registration is required.  
Veterinarians may attend Technician/Management labs/workshops; Technicians, Practice Managers, and Office Staff may attend Veterinary labs/workshops.



### Tuesday, October 11

Time	Title	Speaker	Description
9:00am-11:50am	<b>Effective Management of the Diabetic Cat &amp; Discussion of Some Challenging Feline Cases (\$125.00)</b>	Margie Scherk, DVM, DABVP (Feline)	Why are some cats so hard to manage? Which insulin and diet should we choose? What data is there to support these decisions? We'll look at achieving regulation, ongoing treatment and helping our clients master caring for their diabetic cat.
9:00am-11:50am	<b>PowerX Cruciate Repair Lateral Suture (\$300.00)</b> 	Mary Sarah Bergh, MS, DACVS	Technique with PowerX Crimping System , this laboratory will be a complete exercise in the extracapsular repair of rupture of the cranial cruciate ligament in dogs. The lab will cover the lateral approach to the stifle, removal of the cruciate remnants, inspection of the medial meniscus, meniscal release and removal of the caudal horn of the medial meniscus, identification of the proper placement of the suture, application of a lateral suture using a precise crimping system (new PowerX Crimper) and critique of your repair.
9:00am-11:50am	<b>Feeding Tubes and Maintenance (\$190.00)</b> 	Ann Wortinger, BIS, LVT, VTS (ECC, SAIM)	Addressed will be the types of feeding tubes available and indications for each. Cases will be used to demonstrate calculation of feeding amounts and food administration techniques including CRI infusion and bolus feeding. Also covered will be feeding tube maintenance and potential complications.
1:30pm-4:20pm	<b>Patella Luxation Correction (\$300.00)</b> 	Mary Sarah Bergh, MS, DACVS	The techniques of repair of medial patella luxation will be taught including: identification of the underlying structural corrections that need to be made, the technique of wedge recession and block recession of the troclear groove and tibial tuberosity transposition to correct pull of the quadriceps muscles will be demonstrated in detail and practiced by the participants on cadavers.
1:30pm-4:20pm	<b>Tips, Tools, and the Technicians Role in Nutritional Cases (\$190.00)</b> 	Kara M. Burns, MS, MEd, LVT	Proper nutrition is a critical component for maintaining the health of pets. Every patient, healthy or ill, that enters the veterinary hospital should have an evaluation of their nutritional status and healthcare team members should make a nutritional recommendation based on this evaluation. The purpose of this workshop is to review the role of the veterinary technician in nutrition and to provide practical guidelines, tools, and tips to be used.

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### Wednesday, October 12

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9:00am-4:20pm  FULL-DAY LAB	<p><del>XGEN TTA Tibial Tuberosity Advancement (\$300.00)</del></p>  <p><b>CANCELLED</b></p>	Mary Sarah Bergh, MS, DACVS	Are you ready to move to the next level in cranial cruciate repair or are you hoping to refine your TTA technique? The TTA involves an osteotomy in the non-weight bearing portion of the tibia, just behind the tibial tuberosity. The tibial tuberosity is advanced to achieve a perpendicular relationship between the tibial plateau slope and patellar tendon. This relationship results in a stable joint. The advanced tibial tuberosity is secured using titanium or stainless steel implants. A bone graft is packed in the open area of the osteotomy. Healing takes about 8 weeks. The lab is performed with bone models and implants which you are able to take home when completed.
9:00am-11:50am	<b>Dental Charting and Oral Pathology Workshop (\$190.00)</b>	Mary L. Berg, BS, RLATG, RVT, VTS (Dentistry)	Are you charting every dental patient? If not, come and learn how to identify dental indices and abnormalities and how to properly document them on a dental chart.
1:30pm-4:20pm	<p><b>Monitoring with Confidence (\$190.00)</b></p> 	Kristen Cooley, BA, CVT, VTS (Anesthesia)	This workshop will review many of the monitors used in veterinary anesthesia. Learn how they work, what they tell us, and how to troubleshoot common problems.

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### Thursday, October 13

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9:00am-11:50am	<p><del>Introduction to PAX (\$300.00)</del></p>  <p><b>CANCELLED</b></p>	Mary Sarah Bergh, MS, DACVS	This lecture/laboratory will be a complete review of the principles, applications and advantages of locking plate implants in general and with specific focus on the PAX Advanced locking system. Additional time will be spent on discussing minimally invasive fracture repair techniques. The lab will allow participants to get hands-on experience with the system while applying implants to plastic bone models.
9:00am-11:50am	<p><b>Performance Management Program Workshop (It is Not Just a Form but a Program With a Process) (\$190.00)</b></p>	Lisa B. Bell, M. Ed. Charlotte A. LaCroix, DVM, JD	A Performance Management Program (PMP) should align the organizational needs and compensation/incentive opportunities with the Practice's strategic business plan. A PMP is a joint, year-round effort in which the supervisor/manager and employee engage in a continuous feedback dialogue to strengthen performance, achieve goals in support of the Practice's mission and accomplish employee's development plans. Attendees will learn what it takes to define and develop a Performance Management Program, and how to successfully implement.
1:30pm-4:20pm	<p><del>Minimally Invasive Surgical Techniques for the General Practitioner</del></p> <p><b>CANCELLED</b></p>	Jeffrey J. Runge, DVM, DACVS	<p>Registered participants will learn current minimally invasive techniques for many common abdominal procedures, as well as be able to use new advanced electrocautery and vessel sealing devices. This course will focus on decreasing the overall incision size for abdominal procedures, while also exposing practitioners to emerging medical devices that will greatly increase their efficiency in surgery. At the conclusion of this session, participants will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Understand and demonstrate the basic principles of minimal access abdominal entry</li> <li>▪ Describe the basic technology of energy sources in the OR</li> <li>▪ Understand the basic principles of Electrocautery &amp; Bipolar vessel sealing devices</li> <li>▪ Demonstrate the correct use and indications of energy sources in veterinary medicine</li> <li>▪ Demonstrate the correct use of minimally invasive abdominal entry devices</li> <li>▪ Experience a brief introduction to Laparoscopy and Thoracoscopy</li> </ul>
1:30pm-4:20pm	<p><b>Vascular Access</b></p> 	Kristen Cooley, BA, CVT, VTS (Anesthesia)	The ability to gain vascular access is an essential part of being a veterinary technician. Participants will have the opportunity to review common and not so common venous access sites and learn how to place a catheter while standing on your head.