

# SEMVMA TECHNICIAN

## CE Early Registration Form

Program

- NUTRITION** • 10/17/18 \$35.00
- URINALYSIS** • 11/14/18 \$35.00
- ANESTHETIC MONITORS & FELINE ANESTHESIA** • 12/5/18 \$35.00
- BEHAVIOR** • 02/27/19 \$35.00
- ANESTHESIA & ANALGESIA OVERVIEW** • 03/27/19 \$35.00

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**CONTINUING EDUCATION BENEFITS FOR  
TECHNICIANS OF SEMVMA MEMBERS  
See details inside!**

Veterinary  
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- ▶ **NUTRITION**  
October 17, 2018
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OVERVIEW**  
March 27, 2019

## SEMINARS WILL BE HELD AT THE MANAGEMENT EDUCATION CENTER

Management Education Center  
811 West Square Lake Road  
Troy, MI  
(248) 879-2456  
<http://www.mectroy.com>

Sign-in & dinner for the conference begins at 5:45 p.m.; lecture starts at 6:30 p.m. The seminars will conclude at 8:30 p.m. Early-bird registration for the conference will cost \$35.00/conference. You must RSVP to ensure a meal & proceedings. *If you are staff of a SEMVMA member, see below.*

The SEMVMA is offering free attendance to the technician continuing education series. Our policy is that for each SEMVMA member in your practice, one technician or staff member can attend each of the seminars at no expense. The cost for additional staff members or for the staff of non-SEMVMA members is our regular charge of \$35.00.

In order to receive the benefit of no charge for attendance, the staff member must RSVP 48 hours or more in advance. If a staff member qualifies for the free attendance to the seminar and RSVPs but does not show, the member practice will be billed for the \$35.00. The reason for this is the expense the association incurs for the dinner and printing in anticipation of the number of attendees. There will be no exceptions.

Please contact the SEMVMA office at 248-651-6332 for information regarding cancellation of a seminar due to weather. A message will be placed on the answering machine IF a seminar has been cancelled.

## NUTRITION

Dr. Craig Datz

October 17, 2018

Dr. Datz is a 1987 graduate of the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine. He spent 14 years in private companion animal practice and 11 years on the faculty at the University of Missouri College of Veterinary Medicine working in the areas of Community Practice and Clinical Nutrition. In 2012 he joined Royal Canin USA where he is the Director of Scientific Affairs. Dr. Datz is board-certified in clinical nutrition and is dual board-certified in canine/feline and feline practice by the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners.

**Some of the topics that will be discussed include:** Speaking to clients about raw, holistic, grain free, limited ingredient, vegetarian diet. What's new in veterinary nutrition? The General diets versus raw diets. Do you recommend raw diets in certain situations? What supplements to give if feeding raw diets? Suggested books on nutrition. Pregnancy/lactation diets: do/ don'ts and Nutritional supplements for the different life stages.

## URINALYSIS

Alicia Smith, LVT

November 14, 2018

Alicia Smith graduated from Wayne County Community College's Veterinary Technician Program in 2005. She graduated at the top of her class and has worked at Oakland Veterinary Referral Services for 13 years in the Emergency/Critical Care department. Alicia is working towards her VTS in Clinical Pathology with a special interest in cytology and math used in the veterinary clinical setting. She enjoys her role as instructor to interns and students in the OVRS in hospital lab, teaching all aspects of clinical pathology used in hospital at a large referral and emergency/critical care hospital.

**Some of the topics that will be discussed include:** In Hospital Urinalysis: We will go over the four main parts of this critical diagnostic test: macroscopic, chemistry, microscopic and dry cytology. We will also cover sample preparation, examples of common contamination findings, parasites seen in the urine, and advances in new technology concerning urinalysis. We will then finish the evening with interesting urinalysis case studies.

## ANESTHETIC MONITORS & FELINE ANESTHESIA

Heidi Reuss-Lamky, LVT, VTS

December 5, 2018

Ms. Heidi Reuss-Lamky graduated from Michigan State University's Veterinary Technology Program in 1984. She has extensive experience in general practice, and since 1993 has devoted her technical expertise to the surgical department of specialty hospitals. Since 2006, she has been affiliated with Oakland Veterinary Referral Services in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan.

She became certified in anesthesia through the Academy of Veterinary Technicians in Anesthesia and Analgesia in 2003, and served on the credentials committee from 2005 to 2009. She was a charter member of the Academy of Veterinary Surgical Technicians and is currently serving in the president's role. She also sits on the editorial review board for *Today's Veterinary Nurse Journal*. She has lectured at national and international veterinary meetings and written numerous papers on anesthesia and surgical-related topics. She authored chapter 11 in Susan Bryant's *Anesthesia for Veterinary Technicians*, published in 2010, and most recently published an article entitled 'Keys to Successful High-Level Disinfection and Sterilization Processes, in the January/February 2017 issue of *Today's Veterinary Technician*.

**Some of the topics to be discussed include:** Anesthetic Monitors—Understanding Their Use & Limitations - Technicians interpret data from anesthetic monitors on a routine basis. This 1-hour presentation covers various monitoring modalities used in assessing the anesthetized patient, as well as common pitfalls and precautions that should be taken while interpreting the data provided by them. Monitoring modalities discussed include esophageal stethoscope, ECG, blood pressure, pulse oximetry, capnography and temperature. Purr-fect Feline Anesthesia - Anesthetizing felines can pose unique challenges for the veterinary technician. In addition to the fact that cats can be difficult to monitor under anesthesia, their small size, interesting metabolism, variable temperament, and propensity towards particular health problems can also prove problematic. During this 1-hour presentation learn how to successfully address these challenges while avoiding the many pitfalls associated with anesthetizing felines.

## BEHAVIOR

Melissa Spooner, LVT, VTS (Behavior), BS, KPA-CTP

February 27, 2019

Melissa Spooner has been involved with caring for and training animals since 1997. Her career history includes various animal-handling positions such as training assistant, veterinary assistant, and many more. After working in the animal-handling field for several years, Melissa obtained an associate degree in Veterinary Technology in 2002, allowing her to work as a licensed veterinary technician (LVT) at a general medicine veterinary practice, where her passion for animal behavior increased. In 2004, Melissa began working with a veterinary behaviorist where she assisted in treating dogs and cats for a variety of behavior problems. In 2006 Melissa graduated with a bachelor's degree in health services administration. In 2012 Melissa attended an intensive training program to learn to better communicate with animals and train behaviors with the use of a clicker and eventually became a Certified Training Partner with Karen Pryor Academy (KPA-CTP). Later that year Melissa became one of 12 veterinary technicians in the United States to be certified as a veterinary technician specialist (VTS) in animal behavior by the Academy of Veterinary Behavior Technicians. Most recently Melissa joined the team at Leader Dogs for the Blind. She is now the Coordinator of Prison Puppies where she oversees the training and care of puppies that are being raised in various correctional facilities.

**Some of the topics to be discussed include:** The proactive approach to gaining compliance: Incorporating training in veterinary practice. Teaching veterinary professionals training skills beyond obedience to encourage volunteer participation in veterinary care and better overall compliance. De-stressing the distressed patient. Incorporating Fear Free and Low Stress Handling techniques. Puppy Socialization.

## ANESTHESIA & ANALGESIA OVERVIEW

Dr. Tamara Grubb

March 27, 2019

Dr. Tamara Grubb is a board certified veterinary anesthesiologist with a strong clinical interest and research focus in pain management. She is an Associate Clinical Professor of Anesthesia & Analgesia in the College of Veterinary Medicine at Washington State University, a certified acupuncturist, a member of the International Academy of Veterinary Pain Management and a consultant in a private small animal veterinary practice. Dr. Grubb's favorite achievement is winning the Carl J. Norden Distinguished Teaching Award, which has been awarded to her from students at two universities.

**Some of the topics that will be discussed include:** How to tell if our patients are in pain. Different cocktails of drugs to help manage pain. New pain-relief drugs coming soon. Alternative drugs to compensate for the morphine shortage. Using acupuncture, herbs or Nutraceuticals with or without drugs to manage pain.