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Veterinary Technician Annual Conference

MAY 3-4, 2025

SATURDAY, MAY 3

MORNING SESSIONS

Reveille (Small Animal)	12th Man (Small Animal)	Gig 'Em (Small Animal & Exotics)	Howdy (Equine)	Whoop (Food Animal)	Aggie (Professional Skills)
VENI 106 A	VENI 106 B	VENI 101 B	VIDI 103	VIDI 105	VENI 101 C
8 - 8:50 a.m. The Shock Factor: Why Fluid Loss Can Lead to Catastrophe <i>Ashley Wetz, LVT, VTS (ECC)</i>	8 - 8:50 a.m. Ear Today, Gone Tomorrow: Ear Disease in Small Animals <i>Amanda Friedeck, LVT, VTS (Dermatology)</i>	8 - 8:50 a.m. Lymphoma Basics <i>Liz Wood, LVT</i>	8 - 8:50 a.m. Equine Emergencies: I Can Fix Him (No, I Really Can), pt. 1 <i>Autumn Teach</i>	8 - 8:50 a.m. Anemia in Small Ruminants <i>Erica Kubichek, LVT</i>	8 - 8:50 a.m. Recognizing drug diversion: A series of stories and red flags <i>Amy Savarino, PharmD</i>
9 - 9:50 a.m. Anesthetic Considerations for Patients with Septic Peritonitis <i>Lanette Jordan, LVT, VTS (Anesthesia & Analgesia)</i>	9 - 9:50 a.m. Cutaneous Adverse Food Reactions in Small Animals <i>Amanda Friedeck, LVT, VTS (Dermatology)</i>	9 - 9:50 a.m. Handling and Submission on Oncologic Diagnostics <i>Liz Wood, LVT</i>	9 - 9:50 a.m. Equine Emergencies: I Can Fix Him (No, I Really Can), pt. 2 <i>Autumn Teach</i>	9 - 9:50 a.m. The Pizzle: Blocked Goats <i>Erica Kubichek, LVT</i>	9 - 9:50 a.m. Resilient Mind <i>Mike Hawkins, MA, LPC</i>
10:10 - 11 a.m. Sunshine and Danger: Exploring Vitamin D Toxicity <i>Ashley Wetz, LVT, VTS (ECC)</i>	10:10 - 11 a.m. So Fresh and So Clean... Clean: Not Just a Dental Cleaning <i>Vanessa Huizar, LVT, VTS (Dentistry)</i>	10:10 - 11 a.m. FreezeFrame! Tips and Techniques for Taking the Best Diagnostic Images Possible in Clinic <i>Alanna Sessum, LVT</i>	10:10 - 11 a.m. The Role of Fatty Acids in the Equine Diet <i>Jennifer Wier</i>	10:10 - 11 a.m. Moo-ving Forward: Diagnostic Imaging Adventures in Food Animals <i>Kimberley Sannajust, DVM</i>	10:10 - 11 a.m. Resilient Body <i>Mike Hawkins, MA, LPC</i>
11:10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Anesthetic Considerations for Patients with Gastric Dilated Volvulus <i>Lanette Jordan, LVT, VTS (Anesthesia & Analgesia)</i>	11:10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Do It for the Root! <i>Vanessa Huizar, LVT, VTS (Dentistry)</i>	11:10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Teeth and Claws and Wings, Oh My! How to Take Great Diagnostic Images on Those Feisty Exotics <i>Alanna Sessum, LVT</i>	11:10 a.m. - 12 p.m. The Hidden Role of Vitamin E in Peak Equine Performance <i>Jennifer Wier</i>	11:10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Prohibited & Restricted Drugs in Food Producing Animals <i>Erica Kubichek, LVT</i>	11:10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Working with Challenging Clients <i>Mike Hawkins, MA, LPC</i>

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1 p.m. - 1:50 p.m. Electrolytes 101: Essential Elements for Cellular Function <i>Ashley Wetz, LVT, VTS (ECC)</i>	1 p.m. - 1:50 p.m. What is Thaaat? The Normal vs. the Abnormal in Veterinary Dentistry <i>Vanessa Huizar, LVT, VTS (Dentistry)</i>	1 p.m. - 1:50 p.m. Enhancing Research with Skilled Veterinary Technicians <i>Sandra Cole, LVT</i>	1 p.m. - 1:50 p.m. Field Anesthesia and Analgesia <i>Jeannette Bayer</i>	1 p.m. - 1:50 p.m. Ruminant in Rest: A Guide to Ruminant Anesthesia <i>Alexis Fichtel, LVT</i>	1 p.m. - 1:50 p.m. "I Can Do It With a Broken Heart": Leading Through Change with Resilience and Empathy <i>Stefanie Hinojosa, LVT</i>
2 p.m. - 2:50 p.m. Anesthetic Considerations for Patients with Feline Urethral Obstruction <i>Lanette Jordan, LVT, VTS (Anesthesia & Analgesia)</i>	2 p.m. - 2:50 p.m. Understanding Pet Food Labels and Product Guides <i>Ashley Self LVT, VTS (Nutrition)</i>	2 p.m. - 2:50 p.m. When Hormones Go Haywire: Pt. 1 – Addison's Disease <i>Kat Sciba, LVT</i>	2 p.m. - 2:50 p.m. Equine Recovery the Aggie Way <i>Jeannette Bayer</i>	2 p.m. - 2:50 p.m. Snouts and Snoozes: A Guide to Pig Anesthesia <i>Alexis Fichtel, LVT</i>	2 p.m. - 2:50 p.m. State of the Profession: Midlevel Practitioner and other legislative issues affecting Texas Veterinarians and Staff <i>David Sessum, LVT</i>
3:10 p.m. - 4 p.m. Drop It Like It's Hot: A Review of Ocular Pharmacology <i>Maria Moriyon, DVM</i>	3:10 p.m. - 4 p.m. Nutrition Support for the CKD Patient <i>Ashley Self LVT, VTS (Nutrition)</i>	3:10 p.m. - 4 p.m. When Hormones Go Haywire: Pt. 2 – Cushing's Disease <i>Kat Sciba, LVT</i>	3:10 p.m. - 4 p.m. A Work of A.R.T: The Veterinary Technician/Assistant's Role in Equine Assisted Reproductive Technologies <i>Lisa Jolley</i>	3:10 p.m. - 4 p.m. Only Hooves: Hoof Trimming and Maintenance <i>Caiti Amox</i>	3:10 p.m. - 4 p.m. No Drama Y'all: Preventing and Managing Conflict in the Veterinary Workplace <i>Monica Janacek, DVM, MBA</i>
4:10 p.m. - 5 p.m. Paws and Pixels: Mastering Diagnostic Imaging in Small Animals <i>Kimberley Sannajust, DVM</i>	4:10 p.m. - 5 p.m. Dietary Fiber, Not a One Dose Fits All <i>Ashley Self LVT, VTS (Nutrition)</i>	4:10 p.m. - 5 p.m. pHunny Business: Finding Humor in Acid-Base <i>Kat Sciba, LVT</i>	4:10 p.m. - 5 p.m. Boy Trouble: Reproductive Issues in the Stallion <i>Lisa Jolley</i>	4:10 p.m. - 5 p.m. Bovine Brew: Uncovering the Magic of Rumen Fluid <i>Hailey Drerup, DVM</i>	4:10 p.m. - 5 p.m. Leadership Skills to Maximize Your Career Trajectory <i>Monica Janacek, DVM, MBA</i>

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8 - 8:50 a.m. “You Need to Calm Down”: Selecting a Premedication Protocol <i>Jerri Rubio, LVT, VTS (Anesthesia & Analgesia)</i>	8 - 8:50 a.m. 10 Tips to Make Your Clients and Patients Eager to Come Back <i>Debbie Martin, LVT, VTS (Behavior)</i>	8 - 8:50 a.m. Look What You Made Me Do: Making the Switch From Traditional Concept Practice to Open Concept Practice and Escaping Toxicity <i>Morgan Wright, LVT</i>	8 - 8:50 a.m. Bandaging: It’s a Wrap <i>Brecca Jo Coffman-Wheaton</i>	8 - 8:50 a.m. Chuteside Shots: The Basics of Herd Work <i>Elizabeth Rumfola, DVM</i>	
9 - 9:50 a.m. “I Can Do It With a Broken Heart”: Anesthesia and Cardiovascular Disease <i>Jerri Rubio, LVT, VTS (Anesthesia & Analgesia)</i>	9 - 9:50 a.m. The Benefits of Utilizing Sedation for Short-Term Procedures <i>Debbie Martin, LVT, VTS (Behavior)</i>	9 - 9:50 a.m. Matching the Unlikely: Blood Crossmatching for Exotic Species <i>Jennifer Perkins, LVT</i>	9 - 9:50 a.m. MRI: Start to Finish <i>Brecca Jo Coffman-Wheaton</i>	9 - 9:50 a.m. The Care and Keeping of the Camelid <i>Elizabeth Rumfola, DVM</i>	
10:10 - 11 a.m. “Your Sweet Disposition and My Wide-Eyed Gaze”: Anesthesia and the Diabetic Patient <i>Jerri Rubio, LVT, VTS (Anesthesia & Analgesia)</i>	10:10 - 11 a.m. Basic Behavior Pharmacology for Veterinary Technicians and Nurses <i>Debbie Martin, LVT, VTS (Behavior)</i>	10:10 - 11 a.m. Hot Under the Collar: Canine Heat Injury <i>Sarah Perry, LVT, VTCert (TMedNrsg)</i>	10:10 - 11 a.m. It’s Electric! Understanding the ECG <i>Bridget Savitske, DVM</i>	10:10 - 11 a.m. You’ve Goat to be Kidding Me <i>Jennifer Sowinski</i>	
11:10 a.m. - 12 p.m. “Who’s Afraid of Little Old Me?”: Anesthesia and the Tiny Creatures <i>Jerri Rubio, LVT, VTS (Anesthesia & Analgesia)</i>	11:10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Crash, Boom, Bang! Protocols for Dogs with Sound Sensitivity <i>Debbie Martin, LVT, VTS (Behavior)</i>	11:10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Vital Drops: Canine and Feline Transfusion Medicine <i>Sarah Perry, LVT, VTCert (TMedNrsg)</i>	11:10 a.m. - 12 p.m. The Horse That Huffs and Puffs <i>Bridget Savitske, DVM</i>	11:10 a.m. - 12 p.m. This Little Piggie Lives in the House <i>Jennifer Sowinski</i>	

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1 p.m. - 1:50 p.m. Veterinary Ophthalmology for Veterinary Technicians <i>Kathrine Coronado, LVT, VTS (Ophthalmology)</i>	1 p.m. - 1:50 p.m. Getting the Most Out of Your Career <i>Paula Plummer, LVT, VTS (ECC, SAIM, CP-fe)</i>	1 p.m. - 1:50 p.m. A Shelter Approach Dealing with a Distemper Outbreak <i>Elizabeth McNeil, LVT</i>			
2 p.m. - 2:50 p.m. Cataracts and Cataract Surgery in Companion Animals <i>Kathrine Coronado, LVT, VTS (Ophthalmology)</i>	2 p.m. - 2:50 p.m. The Technician’s Role in Diabetes Management <i>Paula Plummer, LVT, VTS (ECC, SAIM, CP-fe)</i>	2 p.m. - 2:50 p.m. Cheetahs: A Fast Run at Their Unique Medicine and Management <i>Holly Haeefe, DVM</i>			
3:10 p.m. - 4 p.m. Silent Danger: Understanding Carbon Monoxide Toxicity in Veterinary Patients <i>Connor Burns, RVN, CVT, CertVNECC</i>	3:10 p.m. - 4 p.m. Systemic Fungal Disease in the Canine and Feline Patient <i>Paula Plummer, LVT, VTS (ECC, SAIM, CP-fe)</i>	3:10 p.m. - 4 p.m. Fantastic Little Beasts: Parasites at Fossil Rim Wildlife Center <i>Holly Haeefe, DVM</i>			
4:10 p.m. - 5 p.m. Case Report: Hypercapnoea Following Lateral Thoracotomy <i>Connor Burns, RVN, CVT, CertVNECC</i>	4:10 p.m. - 5 p.m. Feline Chronic Kidney Disease <i>Paula Plummer, LVT, VTS (ECC, SAIM, CP-fe)</i>	4:10 p.m. - 5 p.m. Giraffe Anesthesia: It’s a Long Story <i>Holly Haeefe, DVM</i>			

SATURDAY, MAY 3

MORNING SESSION - WORKSHOP

Registration Tables

8 - 11 a.m.
Bandage Bewilderment Begone! Wound Care with Focus on Basic and Specialty Bandaging
Marina Harrison, CVA III & Katrina Sciba, LVT

AFTERNOON SESSION - WORKSHOP

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3 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Anesthetic Calculations: A Solution to Dilutions and CRIs
Jerri Rubio, LVT, VTS (Anesthesia & Analgesia) & Lanette Jordan, LVT, VTS (Anesthesia & Analgesia)

SUNDAY, MAY 4

MORNING SESSIONS - WORKSHOP

Registration Tables

10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
ICU Bootcamp
Paula Plummer, LVT, VTS (ECC, SAIM, CP-fe)

10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Flick of the Wrist: Hand Instrumentation, Charting, Closed Root Planning
Vanessa Huizar, LVT, VTS (Dentistry)

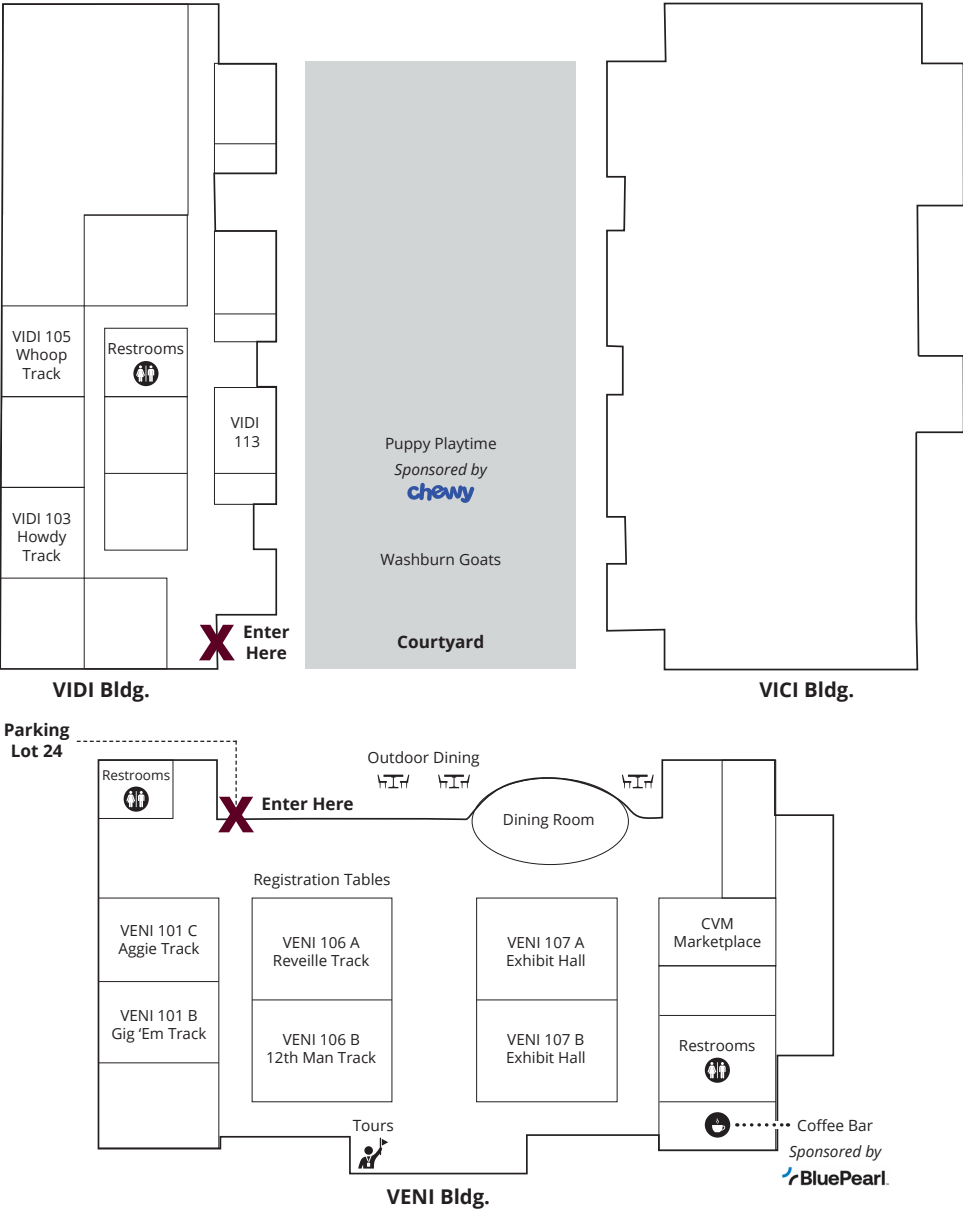
AFTERNOON SESSION - WORKSHOP

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1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Local Regional Blocks
Jerri Rubio, LVT, VTS (Anesthesia & Analgesia) & Lanette Jordan, LVT, VTS (Anesthesia & Analgesia)

NOTES

VETERINARY & BIOMEDICAL EDUCATION COMPLEX (VBEC) MAP



TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY
Veterinary Medicine
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ACTIVITIES

- **First Friday Meet-Up** in Downtown Bryan starting at 6 p.m. Friday night.
- **Coffee and Espresso Bar** with Harvest Coffee from 7:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Saturday and Sunday.
Sponsored by BluePearl.
- **Exhibit Hall** from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Sunday.
- **Puppy Playtime** with Aggeland Humane Society from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Saturday.
Sponsored by Chewy.
- An **Evening with Walter Brown** at College Station Visitor Center starting at 6 p.m. Saturday night.
Sponsored by Purina.
- **Photos with the baby goats** from the Washburn Farm from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Sunday.

Wi-Fi ACCESS

Complimentary internet access will be provided throughout the event.

- Connect to the network **TAMU_Visitor** in your device settings.
- Create an account (valid for 72 hours) at the top of the pop-up page.
- Fill in your name and mobile number and you will receive a password in an email and text message.
- Use your email and password to log in.

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