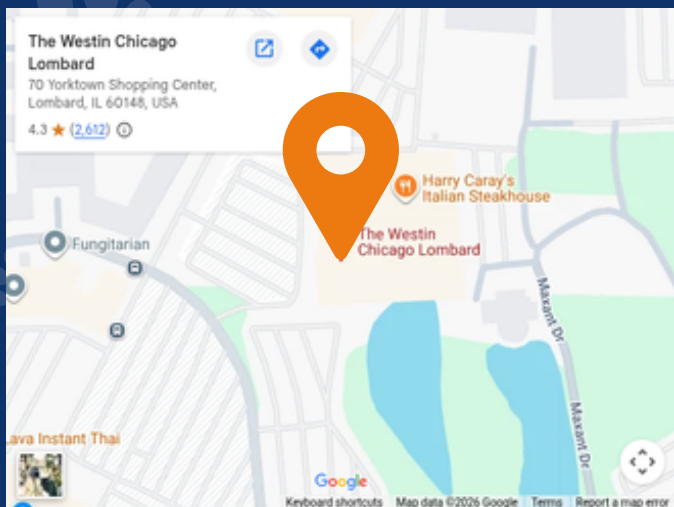


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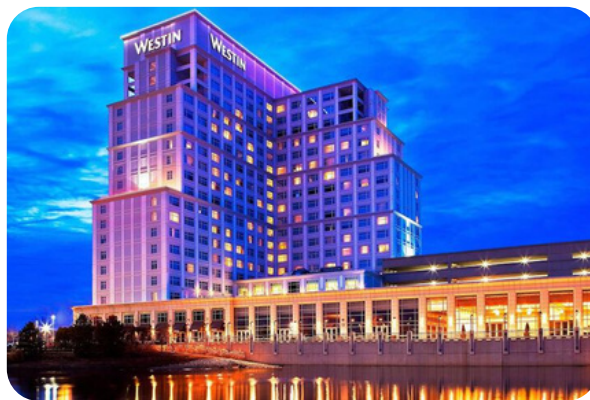


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What You Need to Know!

All educational sessions will take place at The Westin Chicago Lombard.

How Many CE Hours Can I Earn?

Friday: 6 Hours + 6 p.m. CE Reception = 7 hours

Saturday: 6 hours + 7 a.m. CE Breakfast = 7 hours

Sunday: 5 hours + CE Luncheon = 6 hours

Total Convention CE Hours = 20 hours

Note: The CE Reception, CE Breakfast, Keynote Session, CE Luncheon are included in your conference registration fee but do require preregistration as they are ticketed events.

If you are unclear about how much CE credit you will receive based on the sessions you plan to attend, please contact the ISVMA Convention Desk for assistance. It is your ethical responsibility to attend the entire session of every CE hour for which you will receive credit.

Training Sessions Offered

USDA Module 34: Veterinary Export Health Certification System

USDA Module 41: New World Screwworm: A 21st Century Perspective

USDA Module 8: International Movement of Horses

Please see page 26 for complete descriptions of each module.

USDA Accreditation Training Courses

There are no additional fees to participate in the training, and enrollment is open to all. However, pre-registration by accredited veterinarians is mandatory for training credit. The class maximum for each course is 60.

USDA Accreditation Program Training Courses - Part of this Year's Convention

Under the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA's) revised National Veterinary Accreditation Program, accreditation status expires every three years. As a requirement of renewal, each participating veterinarian must complete the mandated three or six hours of continuing education provided specifically by the USDA.

The training/educational materials can be presented live or found online. When completed at the ISVMA Annual Convention, the participating veterinarian receives credit for completing the necessary CE for renewal of his or her accreditation status. This CE also counts toward DVM license renewal.

Special Events

Daily Scheduled Special Events

Friday, November 6

CE Reception-Ticketed Event

Anna Reuter, DVM, MS, DACVIM (Cardiology)

🕒 **5:45-7:00 p.m.**

When the Patient Hits the Floor: A Cardiology Perspective on Syncope Workup and Treatment

By the end of this session, participants will feel more confident recognizing high-risk patients and developing an evidence-based plan for managing syncope in dogs and cats.

Saturday, November 7

DEI CE Breakfast-Ticketed Event

Kemba Marshall, DVM, MPH, SHRM-CP

🕒 **7:00-7:50 a.m.**

Neurowhatsity - Understanding Neurodiversity

This talk will provide an overview of what neurodiversity is, its history, as well as some common types of neurodivergence and their relevance in the veterinary clinic. We will also cover strategies that do and don't work for neurodivergent employees, easy workplace accommodations and the benefits of a neurodiverse team (neurodiverse and neurotypical).

Senior Veterinary Networking Lunch-Ticketed Event

🕒 **11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.**

Are you retired from veterinary practice or an ISVMA life member? The Senior Veterinary Lunch gives you an opportunity to reconnect and visit with current or past colleagues. Dr. Kate Brucker, ISVMA President, and Debbie Lakamp, ISVMA Executive Director, will provide you with updates on the association and address challenges and opportunities currently facing the veterinary profession in Illinois.

Annual Meeting/Awards Presentation/Keynote Session-Ticketed Event

ISVMA Leadership and Fred Wininger, VMD MS DACVIM (Neurology)

🕒 **3:30-5:30 p.m.**

Wired for Connection: Why Communication is and Always Will be the Gold Standard in Therapeutics

Technology has changed how veterinary medicine is practiced, but it hasn't changed how it's felt. This session makes the case that communication and empathy remain the most powerful tools in the exam room, whatever advances arrive around them. Drawing on real cases and hard-won lessons, this talk challenges veterinary professionals to reconnect with the human side of practice, the side no algorithm can replace, and reconsider what it means to truly listen to the families on the other side of the conversation.

University of Illinois Veterinary Medicine Alumni Reception

🕒 **5:30-7:00 p.m.**

Empire Burgers & Brew
94 Yorktown Mall Dr. Lombard, IL



Join this free, social event from the College of Vet Med. Enjoy drinks and appetizers where alums can gather and catch up with former classmates!

Sunday, November 8

Non-Denominational Religious Service - Ticketed Event

🕒 **6:45-7:45 a.m.**

Join us for breakfast and a non-denominational worship service before the day begins. Start your morning with fellowship, encouragement and reflection before heading to class.

From Statues to Stethoscopes: Understanding Veterinary Legislation's Impact on Practice - CE Luncheon - Ticketed Event

🕒 **11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.**

Stay informed on key legislative issues shaping the future of veterinary medicine in Illinois. This ticketed CE luncheon offers expert perspectives on policy, advocacy and regulatory development.

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Register by Friday, October 23 for Best Rates!

Register online at www.isvma.org or complete and return the registration form included on pg. 24 and 25. Payment by personal or business check, VISA, MasterCard, AMEX or Discover credit/debit card is required with completed form. Registrations must be received by Friday, October 23, 2026 via email, mail, online or by fax, and if you require special registration accommodations please email info@isvma.org.

Save on Registration Fees!

Option 1: Early Bird Discount. **Substantial discounts are provided when your registration is received by Friday, October 23, 2026.**

Option 2: Member pricing is available to all ISVMA members. (If you are coming from outside Illinois and are currently a member of another state veterinary medical association, you can register for attendance at ISVMA member rates with verified membership. Please email the ISVMA at info@isvma.org or call 217-546-8381 to advise staff of your out-of-state VMA membership.)

Convention Fees

Full convention attendance: Each paid registrant gains access to all educational sessions, Exhibit Hall, President's Welcome Reception, Annual Meeting Reception, keynote session/awards presentation, breaks and lunches.

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Friday only: Each paid registrant gains access to Friday educational sessions, CE reception (**pre-registration required**), Exhibit Hall, breaks, lunch, President's Welcome Reception.

Saturday only: Each paid registrant gains access to Saturday educational sessions, CE breakfast (**pre-registration required**), Exhibit Hall, breaks, lunch. **Pre-registration required** for annual meeting/awards presentation/keynote; this is a ticketed CE event.

Sunday only: Each paid registrant gains access to Sunday educational sessions, breaks and ticketed CE lunch (**pre-registration required**) in the Exhibit Hall.

DVM and CVT Student Members

Students attending the ISVMA Annual Convention are welcome at any of the sessions presented. Students may attend one Annual Convention at no charge once during their veterinary school career.

To attend at no charge, contact the ISVMA Office at (217) 546-8381 to register. A credit card number or a check is required for students who are taking advantage of their complimentary registration. The ISVMA will hold all forms of payment. Credit Cards will not be charged; checks will not be cashed. If the student does not check-in at convention registration, all forms of payment will be processed. No-shows will be charged.

Cancellation Policy

1. **Cancellation Deadline:** Registrations for the ISVMA Convention can be cancelled **until 5 p.m. CST on September 26, 2026.**

2. **Refund Details:**

a. Cancellations made by **5 p.m. CST on September 26, 2026:** Full refund minus a \$50 processing fee.

b. Cancellations **after 5 p.m., September 26, 2026** and **by 5 p.m. CST on October 23, 2026:** 50% refund of registration fee minus a \$50 processing fee.

c. Cancellations **after 5 p.m. on October 23, 2026:** No refunds will be issued.

3. **Substitution Policy:** Registrants may substitute another person from the same company or organization by notifying us in writing at least 15 days before the event.

4. **Exceptional Circumstances:** In cases of documented medical reasons, family death or family emergencies, refunds considered on a case-by-case basis.

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7. Contact Information: For any questions regarding cancellations or refunds, please contact the ISVMA Office at (217) 546-8381.

8. Liability Disclaimer: The association is not liable for any loss, damage, or injury sustained by attendees or their property during the event.

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Hours

Friday, November 6: 8:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
Saturday, November 7: 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Events

Be sure to attend the President's Welcome Reception, from 4:30-5:30 p.m. on Friday, November 6. Hors d'oeuvres and one drink ticket provided! Enjoy complimentary beverages and lunch on Friday and Saturday in the Exhibit Hall while you network with exhibitors and fellow attendees.

Additional CE Opportunity at Sunday's Lunch

This is a ticketed event. There is no cost to attend, but RSVPs are required on the registration form.

IVMF Silent Auction

The Illinois Veterinary Medical Foundation (IVMF) is hosting a silent auction in the Exhibit Hall. Bidding opens on Friday, November 6 at 9:15 a.m. and closes at 5:30 p.m. Continue the bidding war throughout Saturday, November 7 in the Exhibit Hall from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. The auction will conclude at 1:00 p.m. and all winning bids will be finalized. Bidders need to be present to win, and items can be picked up onsite from the auction table from 1:50-2:30 p.m. If the winner is unable to pick up the item(s) and prior pick-up/mailling arrangements have not been made with ISVMA staff, it will go to the next highest bidder. To make a silent auction donation, please contact the ISVMA Office at (217) 546-8381, or click on this link for an online form to complete: [IVMF Silent Auction Donation Form](#)



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Keynote Speaker

This year's ISVMA's Annual Convention features a full neurology track and a keynote address from Fred Winger, VMD MS DACVIM (Neurology).

Dr. Winger is a board-certified veterinary neurologist and neurosurgeon and the founder of the Animal Neurology Center in St. Louis, a single-specialty hospital built around a modern model that integrates advanced clinical care, education, and innovation. He is adjunct professor at the University of Missouri and owner/operator of 3D Veterinary Printing LLC. His primary interests are MR neuroimaging, spinal stabilization and the interface of primary care veterinarians and specialists, bridging the knowledge and collegiality gaps through pragmatic approaches to complex topics.

Known for his expertise in diagnostic imaging and surgical treatment of complex neurologic disease, he has a reputation for making the unfamiliar understandable and helping clients and colleagues face frightening, complex conditions with clarity and confidence.

He is deeply committed to education, training veterinary students from multiple universities, founding the novel hybrid neurology residency with the University of Missouri, and creating immersive continuing education experiences for practicing veterinarians at the ANC. Dr. Winger often says he went into veterinary medicine because he loves animals, but fell in love with the profession because of the people who care for them.

He also advises colleagues building independent practices grounded in integrity and staff fulfillment, while partnering with industry to help bring the next generation of veterinary diagnostic and therapeutics through converting human technologies into clinical practice.



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Friday, November 6

Time	Small Animal A	Small Animal B	Large Animal (Equine)	Technician	Special Interest	Practice Management
8:00-8:50 AM	The Itchy and Scratchy Show: How to Confidently Manage Canine Atopy in a World with so Many Choices! Julia Miller, DVM, DACVD	The Mysterious FIP Part 1: Diagnosis Petra Cerna, PhD, DACVIM (SAIM), Dipl. ECVIM-CA, DABVP, MANZCVS 	Restoring Health Through Diet: Feeding Protocols for Underweight Horses Lydia Gray, DVM, MA	The Anesthetized Oral Exam and Charting Heidi Olivier, CVT, VTS (Dentistry), PERIOVIVE®	Service Dogs in Veterinary Practice: What Reputable Programs Look Like and How Veterinary Teams Can Support These Patients and Handlers Ruth Keller, DVM 	Veterinary Business Insurance 101: Protecting You and Your Practice Jennifer Frey, DVM 
9:00-9:50 AM	No Butts About It: Anal Sacs, Tail Glands, and Fistulas, Oh My! Julia Miller, DVM, DACVD	The Mysterious FIP Part 2: Treatment and Management Petra Cerna, PhD, DACVIM (SAIM), Dipl. ECVIM-CA, DABVP, MANZCVS 	Restoring Health Through Diet: Feeding Protocols for Overweight Horses Lydia Gray, DVM, MA	Periodontal Disease in Practice: What Every Veterinary Technician Should Know Heidi Olivier, CVT, VTS (Dentistry) PERIOVIVE®	Therapy Dogs, Emotional Support Animals, and Service Dogs: Understanding the Differences and the Veterinarian's Role Ruth Keller, DVM 	Are You Protected? Understanding Your Professional Liability Policy Jennifer Frey, DVM 
9:50-10:30 AM	BREAK Exhibit Hall					
10:30-11:20 AM	Pus-Filled Ear? Never fear! How to Tackle Difficult, Exudative Otitis Externa Cases with Confidence Julia Miller, DVM, DACVD	Unique Cats - Feline Behavior and Cat Friendly Handling Petra Cerna, PhD, DACVIM (SAIM), Dipl. ECVIM-CA, DABVP, MANZCVS 	The Top 10 Supplements Equine Practitioners Should Know About Lydia Gray, DVM, MA	Feline Chronic Gingivostomatitis: Recognition, Management, and Technician Impact Heidi Olivier, CVT, VTS (Dentistry) PERIOVIVE®	The Why, When, What, and How of Behavioral Medications for the Anxious Dog Fiia Jokela, DVM, DABVP, (Canine/Feline) 	Your Next Client May Never Search Google: How AI is Changing the Way Pet Owners Choose Veterinarians Bill Schroeder 
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	LUNCH Exhibit Hall					

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1:00-1:50 PM	The Allergic Catastrophe - How to Confidently Work Up and Manage Allergic Cats Julia Miller, DVM, DACVD	Keep Calm and Carry on: A Comprehensive Approach to FLUTD Petra Cerna, PhD, DACVIM (SAIM), Dipl. ECVIM-CA, DABVP, MANZCVS 	Exploring The Equine Gut Microbiome Lydia Gray, DVM, MA	Foundations in Companion Animal Rehabilitation Kimberly Knap, MVS, CVT, CCRP, CCSC	You Can't Touch Me: Sedating the Severely Fear-Aggressive Dog for Veterinary Care Fiia Jokela, DVM, DABVP, (Canine/Feline) 	The New Veterinary Marketing Ecosystem: Why Websites, Content, Video, Reviews, and Paid Ads Matter More Than Ever Bill Schroeder 
1:50-2:30 PM	BREAK Exhibit Hall					
2:30-3:20 PM	Listen Up! Let's Work on Preventing Otitis Externa Julia Miller, DVM, DACVD	Approach to Vomiting & Diarrhea in Cats Petra Cerna, PhD, DACVIM (SAIM), Dipl. ECVIM-CA, DABVP, MANZCVS 	Better Conversations, Better Outcomes: Communication Strategies for Equine Practitioners Lydia Gray, DVM, MA	Finding the Spunk in Your Geriatric Patient Kimberly Knap, MVS, CVT, CCRP, CCSC	Rabies Certification for Illinois CVTs Presentation by ISVMA	The Visibility Gap: How to Score Your Practice, Your Market, and Your Competitive Position in the AI Era Bill Schroeder 
3:30-4:20 PM	Don't Dread the Diet Trial! Demystifying Food Allergies and How to Accurately Diagnose Them Julia Miller, DVM, DACVD	Inflammatory Bowel Disease Stephen Dullard DVM, DABVP (Canine/Feline)	The Best New Equine Research Studies of the Past Year Lydia Gray, DVM, MA	Therapeutic Exercise and Conditioning - Home Exercise Plan Basics Kimberly Knap, MVS, CVT, CCRP, CCSC	Rabies Certification for Illinois CVTs Presentation by ISVMA	The AI-Ready Practice: A Strategic Playbook to Protect, Prepare, and Grow in the Next Era of Veterinary Marketing Bill Schroeder 
4:30-5:30 PM	PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION EXHIBIT HALL					
5:45-7:00 PM	CE RECEPTION: When the Patient Hits the Floor: A Cardiology Perspective on Syncope Workup and Treatment Anna Reuter, DVM, MS, DACVIM (Cardiology)					

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Saturday, November 7

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7:00-7:50 AM CE BREAKFAST Neurowhatsity (Understanding Neurodiversity) Kemba Marshall, DVM, MPH, SHRM-CP						
8:00-8:50 AM	Can You Treat it? Yes You Can! Wildlife Rehabilitation Medicine Edition Sarah Reich, DVM	Frenchie Fanaticism: How One Breed Has Changed an Entire Specialty Fred Wininger, VMD MS DACVIM (Neurology) 	USDA Training: Module 34 Veterinary Export Health Certification System Janelle Bols, DVM USDA-APHIS	Medical Math Mentality – M³ Alyssa Mages, BS, CVT, FVTE	Humans as Resources Kemba Marshall, DVM, MPH, SHRM-CP	Vision, Mission and Values - Your Foundation Peter Weinstein, DVM, MBA & Dan Markwalder, DVM 
9:00-9:50 AM	If It Hurts You, It Hurts Them - Analgesia, Sedation, and Anxiolysis in Wildlife Species Sarah Reich, DVM	Step-by-Step Seizure Management Fred Wininger, VMD MS DACVIM (Neurology) 	USDA Training: Module 8 International Movement of Horses Lynsee Melchi, DVM USDA-APHIS	Stabilization, Stat! Alyssa Mages, BS, CVT, FVTE	The Veterinary Business Case for Belonging Kemba Marshall, DVM, MPH, SHRM-CP	Location, Lenders and Layout Peter Weinstein, DVM, MBA & Dan Markwalder, DVM 
9:50-10:30 AM BREAK Exhibit Hall						
10:30 AM - 11:20 AM	Contagion - Common infectious diseases of wildlife species Sarah Reich, DVM	The Gait Game Fred Wininger, VMD, MS DACVIM (Neurology) 	USDA Training: Module 41 New World Screwworm Jennifer Gravley, DVM USDA-APHIS	EVTriage Alyssa Mages, BS, CVT, FVTE	One Health Lessons in Pet Retail Kemba Marshall, DVM, MPH, SHRM-CP	Technician Utilization Elizabeth Stark, CVT, FVTE, BA, MBA
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM LUNCH Exhibit Hall						

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Saturday, November 7

Time	Small Animal A	Small Animal B	Large Animal (Equine)	Technician	Special Interest	Practice Management
1:00-1:50 PM	Wildlife Wetlab (Part 1) Restraint, Exam, and Bandaging of Wildlife Species Sarah Reich, DVM	Pain Is Inevitable, Suffering Is Optional: Managing the Painful Patient Beyond Anti-Inflammatories Fred Wininger, VMD, MS DACVIM (Neurology) 	Practical Field Fluid Therapy in Livestock Brian Aldridge, BVSc, MS, PhD, Dip ACVIM (Large Animal), MRCVS	Knock 'em Down & Wake 'em Up Alyssa Mages, BS, CVT, FVTE	Inclusivity Above All Kemba Marshall, DVM, MPH, SHRM-CP	Difficult Conversations Elizabeth Stark, CVT, FVTE, BA, MBA
2:00-2:50 PM	Wildlife Wetlab (Part 2) Restraint, Exam, and Bandaging of Wildlife Species Sarah Reich, DVM	Know When to Hold 'Em, Know When to Fold 'Em: The Who, What, and When of the Neurology Referral Fred Wininger, VMD, MS DACVIM (Neurology) 	Beyond Disease Prevention: Strengthening Immune Resilience in Livestock Systems Brian Aldridge, BVSc, MS, PhD, Dip ACVIM (Large Animal), MRCVS	Phamiliar Pharmacology Alyssa Mages, BS, CVT, FVTE	The Cost of Culture Kemba Marshall, DVM, MPH, SHRM-CP	Generational Differences in the Workplace Elizabeth Stark, CVT, FVTE, BA, MBA
2:50-3:30 PM	BREAK Exhibit Hall					
3:30-5:30 PM	ISVMA Annual Meeting and Keynote Address Wired for Connection: Why Communication is and Always Will be the Gold Standard in Therapeutics Fred Wininger, VMD, MS DACVIM (Neurology), The Animal Neurology Center					
5:30-7:15 PM	University of Illinois Veterinary Medicine Alumni Reception @ Empire Burgers & Brew 94 Yorktown Mall Drive, Lombard, IL 60148					

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Sunday, November 8

Time	Small Animal A	Small Animal B	Technician	Special Interest	Practice Management
6:45-7:45 A.M Non-Denominational Worship & Breakfast					
8:00-8:50 A.M	Avoiding "Garbage In, Garbage Out" by Maximizing Your Cytology Sample Amy Schnelle, DVM, MS, DACVP	Taking a Bite out of Rabies Janna Kerins, VMD, MPH & Megan Carolan, DVM	The Art of Triage Alysha McDaniel, CVT, MS	Coop to Clinic: A Field Guide to Small-Flock Medicine & Husbandry Blayne Mozisek, MS, DVM, MAM, DACPV	Onboarding New Employees: How to Set Our New Hires up for Success Jill Brecklin, CVT, CVPM
9:00-9:50 A.M	Pardon? Optimizing Communication Between Practitioner and (Clinical) Pathologist Amy Schnelle, DVM, MS, DACVP	What Matters, What Doesn't, and Why: Practical Abdominal Ultrasound Mark Howes, DVM, DACVR	Wound Care and Management Alysha McDaniel, CVT, MS	From Hatcher to Hen House: The Medicine Behind Starting a Successful Flock Blayne Mozisek, MS, DVM, MAM, DACPV	Incorporating Fun into the Workplace: A Retention & Engagement Strategy Jill Brecklin, CVT, CVPM
9:50-10:30 AM BREAK South/North Pavilion					
10:30-11:20 AM	Free Beer and Other Radiation Related Topics Kim Selting, DVM, MS, DACVIM (Oncology), DACVR (Radiation Oncology)	The Gastrointestinal Tract: Reading Beyond Wall Thickness Mark Howes, DVM, DACVR	The What, Why, & How of Tie-Over Bandages Alysha McDaniel, CVT, MS	Fowl Play: The Common Diseases Behind Most Backyard Flock Calls Blayne Mozisek, MS, DVM, MAM, DACPV	Leveraging Your Injectable Pharmacy in Today's Instant Gratification Society Jill Brecklin, CVT CVPM

Convention Schedule

Sunday, November 8

Time	Small Animal A	Small Animal B	Technician	Special Interest	Practice Management
11:30 AM-1:00 PM CE Luncheon - Ticketed Event From Statues to Stethoscopes: Understanding Veterinary Legislation's Impact on Practice - ISVMA Legislative Team					
1:00-1:50 PM	Cancer Clinical Trials – Comfort with the Unknown Kim Selting, DVM, MS, DACVIM (Oncology), DACVR (Radiation Oncology)	Thoracic Radiographs: Beyond Bronchointerstitial Mark Howes, DVM, DACVR	Kitten Intake 101: Tiny Patients, Big Decisions Rachel Dorney, CVT	Worms, Mites & Things that Bite! Hunting the Parasites of Backyard Flocks Blayne Mozisek, MS, DVM, MAM, DACPV	Leading Through the Chaos: Veterinary Management in Real Life Jill Brecklin, CVT CVPM
2:00-2:50 PM	Common Mistakes to Avoid When Preparing to Refer to an Oncologist Kim Selting, DVM, MS, DACVIM (Oncology), DACVR (Radiation Oncology)	CT: What We Miss on Radiographs Mark Howes, DVM, DACVR	From Nose to Tail: Identifying Congenital Abnormalities in Kittens Rachel Dorney, CVT	The Last Exam: Backyard Chicken Necropsy & the Anatomy Every Vet Should Know Blayne Mozisek, MS, DVM, MAM, DACPV	Be the Clinic Everyone Talks About: Unique Services + Referral Magic Jill Brecklin, CVT CVPM

Convention Pricing

DVM Registrant		Early Bird (on/before Oct. 23)	Late (after Oct. 23)
ISVMA Member	Full Convention/three days	\$610	\$675
	Two days	\$530	\$585
	One day	\$450	\$500
Non-Member	Full Convention/three days	\$740	\$820
	Two days	\$650	\$725
	One day	\$560	\$625

CVT Registrant		Early Bird (on/before Oct. 23)	Late (after Oct. 23)
ISVMA Member	Full Convention/three days	\$375	\$425
	Two days	\$345	\$380
	One day	\$300	\$330
Non-Member	Full Convention/three days	\$450	\$500
	Two days	\$400	\$440
	One day	\$350	\$385

ISVMA Member Specials: DVM Retired non-working and life comp members only		Early Bird (on/before Oct. 23)	Late (after Oct. 23)
Retired DVM	Full Convention/three days	\$445	\$490
	Two days	\$385	\$425
	One day	\$325	\$360

Convention Pricing

2025 and 2026 Graduates		Early Bird (on/before Oct. 23)	Late (after Oct. 23)
DVM	Full Convention/three days	\$425	\$470
	Two days	\$380	\$420
	One day	\$335	\$370
CVT	Full Convention/three days	\$350	\$385
	Two days	\$315	\$350
	One day	\$285	\$320
Practice Personnel		Early Bird (on/before Oct. 23)	Late (after Oct. 23)
ISVMA Member	Full Convention/three days	\$375	\$425
	Two days	\$345	\$380
	One day	\$300	\$330
Student		Early Bird (on/before Oct. 23)	Late (after Oct. 23)
DVM (One-time attendance FREE) / CVT (One-time attendance FREE)	Full Convention/three days	\$135	\$150
	Two days	\$105	\$115
	One day	\$75	\$85
Guest		Early Bird (on/before Oct. 23)	Late (after Oct. 23)
Full Convention/three days		\$255	\$280
Two days		\$220	\$245
One day		\$180	\$200

2026 Convention Registration Form

Register one person per form. For additional registrants, please copy form. Please print.

Full name: _____ Credentials: _____
(Print name as you want it to appear on your name badge.) (i.e., DVM, CVT, DAVCR, etc.)

Business name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

For Veterinarians and CVTs:

College: _____

Year of Graduation: _____

- ☐ DVM Owner ☐ DVM Faculty or Academic
☐ DVM Industry ☐ DVM Other
☐ DVM Associate ☐ CVT
☐ DVM Retired

For Veterinarians and CVTs:

Please tell us how we can ensure your attendance at the Annual Convention is an inclusive experience. Check the appropriate box if you require assistance, need special arrangements and/or if you have a dietary restriction. We will contact you to discuss accommodations/options, if needed.

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☐ Other: _____

For Students:

College: _____

Year of Graduation: _____

- ☐ DVM Student
☐ CVT Student

*Students attending the ISVMA Annual Convention are welcome in any of the sessions presented. Students may attend one Annual Convention at no charge once during their veterinary school career. To attend at no charge, contact the ISVMA Office at (217) 546-8381 to register. A credit card number or a check is required for students who are taking advantage of their complimentary registration. The ISVMA will hold all forms of payment. Credit Cards will not be charged; checks will not be cashed. If the student does not check-in at convention registration, all forms of payment will be processed. No-shows will be charged.

Practice Staff Attendees:

- ☐ Practice Manager
☐ Practice Staff
☐ Practice Personnel
☐ Guests

Special Events

There are no additional fees for the following, however, you must indicate your attendance. A ticket will be issued allowing your participation.

Days Attending

- Full Convention** ☐ Friday-Sunday
Two Days Only ☐ Friday-Saturday ☐ Saturday-Sunday ☐ Friday-Sunday
One Day Only ☐ Friday ☐ Saturday ☐ Sunday

Friday, November 6

	I will attend.	I will NOT attend.
11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Lunch - Exhibit Hall	☐	☐
4:30-5:30 p.m. - President's Reception	☐	☐
5:45-7:00 p.m. - CE Reception (RSVP mandatory for hors d'oeuvre count.)	☐	☐

Sunday, November 8

	I will attend.	I will NOT attend.
6:45-7:45 a.m. - Non-Denominational Religious Service	☐	☐
11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. - CE Lunch, From Statutes to Stethoscopes: Understanding Veterinary Legislation's Impact on Practice	☐	☐

Saturday, November 7

	I will attend.	I will NOT attend.
7:00-7:50 a.m. - Exploring Neurodiversity CE Breakfast (RSVP mandatory for meal count.)	☐	☐
11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. - Lunch in Exhibit Hall	☐	☐
11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. - Senior Veterinary Networking Lunch (Past President, Life & Life Comp Members.)	☐	☐
3:30-5:00 p.m. - Annual Meeting/Awards Presentation, Keynote Presentation, Dr. Fred Wininger (RSVP mandatory for CE credit.)	☐	☐

Registration Fees

Participant's First/Last Name. Please print: _____

USDA Accreditation Sessions

- Pre-registration mandatory to receive accreditation education hours.
- No additional fee required.
- A ticket will be included in registration packet for attendance.

Saturday, 8:00-8:50 a.m., Food Animal

☐ **Module 34: Veterinary Export Health Certification System (Max capacity: 60)**

This module provides the accredited veterinarian with information about the functionality of the Veterinary Export Health Certification System (VEHCS). It demonstrates the extent to which it can be used and describes how to access and use the VEHCS.

Saturday, 9:00-9:50 a.m., Food Animal

☐ **Module 8: International Movement of Horses (Max capacity: 60)**

This module describes the economic importance of the U.S. equine industry and the impact of international travel of horses on global spread of equine diseases. The process for proper completion of health certificates for movement, both temporary and permanent, is illustrated through an interactive scenario following the export of a horse to an international destination.

Saturday, 10:30-11:20 a.m., Food Animal

☐ **Module 41: New World Screwworm: A 21st Century Perspective (Max capacity: 60)**



This session covers signs of New World Screwworm, its life cycle, control measures and reporting methods. It also covers the potential animal, human and financial impacts associated with an incursion of New World Screwworm.

My USDA Accreditation Number is: _____

Registration Fees Total

Registration Fee (Total from pgs. 24-25)	\$ _____
Convention Proceedings Flash Drive (\$40)	\$ _____
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