

New England Regional Veterinary Conference

Presented by the New England Veterinary Medical Association

September 26-28, 2008

Portland, Maine



It is with great pleasure that I invite you to the 74th Annual New England Regional Veterinary Conference, to be held September 26-28, 2008 at the Holiday Inn by the Bay in Portland, Maine.

Last year we changed the format of this Conference considerably, and you responded with great attendance and evaluations!

As such, this year we are continuing with the same weekend dates, the same location, and the same excellence in speakers.

In response to popular demand, we have revised the Saturday schedule to enable you to enjoy more of the great City of Portland. By having our membership meeting during lunch, you will be free to enjoy Saturday night on the town beginning with a lovely reception at the Portland Museum of Art in honor of the 50th Anniversary of the Veterinary Scholarship Trust of New England.

I encourage you to consider arriving early on Friday to attend one of our wet labs, to play in our golf tournament, to enjoy Portland, and especially to take the boat to our Friday evening Lobster Bake on Peaks Island.

This conference continues our tradition of providing the very best in speakers with an emphasis on small animal medicine, equine medicine, practice management, and training for technicians and the entire animal health care team.

Our Exhibit Hall, which brings you the best in new technology from our suppliers, has been revised to include more booths; last year we had to turn away exhibitors.

Similarly, the Holiday Inn last year sold out in August for our Conference. You will want to make your reservations soon. We have also posted alternative lodging options on our website, www.nevma.org.

Looking forward to seeing you in September!

John de Jong, DVM
President, New England Veterinary Medical Association



Special Events for Friday, September 26

Golf Tournament at Sable Oaks

TravelGolf magazine calls Sable Oaks “one of the most imaginative courses in the state.” Located on the edge of Portland (20 minutes from our hotel) the course is rated with a 138 slope. Our tournament tees off at 9:30 am so players will be back in plenty of time for the Lobster Bake. Thanks to Fort Dodge for again sponsoring our annual tournament and to Bryan Brackett of Pet Health Network and Golf Chair Dr. Paul Beliveau for organizing this event.

New England Veterinary Leadership Meeting

The Presidents, Presidents-Elect and other key officers and staff of New England's state Veterinary Medical Associations will be meeting at the conference hotel on Friday to discuss issues of mutual concern. This traditional meeting has become increasingly important as state legislatures in our region become more and more concerned with animal welfare and other issues impacting our profession. Great Dutch Treat dinner together in a private room at DiMillo's Floating Restaurant in Portland on Thursday night!

Past President's Luncheon

On Friday, the Past Presidents of the New England Veterinary Medical Association, the Region I AVMA Delegates, New England's federal and state regulatory veterinarians, and the New England Leadership Meeting attendees will all be gathering together for lunch. The guest speaker will be Dr. Mark Lutschaunig, Director of Government Relations for the AVMA. Thank you to Pfizer, Inc. for their sponsorship of this event.

Lobster Bake on Peaks Island

Pet Health Network has joined IDEXX this year in sponsoring this great event. Buses will depart from the Holiday Inn by the Bay at 4:00 pm to Casco Bay Lines on the Maine State Pier. At 4:30 we will take a chartered boat -The Bay Mist- to Peaks Island, just off the Portland coast. The reception and lobster bake will be at a protected patio site a short uphill walk from the landing. (A choice of chicken or a vegetarian entree will be available as well.) The boat will return to Portland at 7:30 pm; this is Maine, in September—bring a sweater and enjoy a walk through Portland's Old Port or take the bus directly back to the hotel.

Friday's Wet Labs

Stifle Surgery - Geoffrey Clark, DVM, DACVS—Sponsored by SECUROS Veterinary Orthopedics

Dr. Clark, an orthopedic specialist, will again be holding two half-day seminars. He will first familiarize participants with the stifle anatomy and then will demonstrate several methods of stifle stabilization using a precise crimp and suture technique. He will also demonstrate patella luxation techniques using block and wedge recessions. Following the lecture, participants will practice performing the procedures with guidance from specialists. (Attendees need to decide in advance which session they wish to attend. The afternoon session will end in time to attend the Lobster Bake.) 3 C.E. Hours

Small Animal Ear Disease & Video Otoscopy – Louis Gotthelf, DVM—Sponsored by MedRx, Inc.

Dr. Gotthelf will present an informal lecture on the diagnosis and treatment of ear diseases based on clinical cases, with numerous photos and examples of ear diseases. The laboratory will include a demonstration of how to use the MedRx Video Vetscope, followed by hands-on use of the system by each participant. Each participant will learn how to examine the ear canal and evaluate the tympanic membrane. Other techniques that will be demonstrated and practiced include: proper ear cleaning and flushing using instruments and suction, proper irrigation and medication of the middle ear, and cytological and microbiological sample retrieval. Includes continental breakfast and lunch. 7 C.E. Hours

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Schedule of Events

Thursday, September 25, 2008

6:30pm	Drinks and Dinner (Dutch Treat) for Leadership Conference in a private room at DiMillo's Floating Restaurant
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Friday, September 26, 2008

7:00am—9pm	Registration Desk Open	
8:00am - 11:30am	Wet Lab - Dr. Geoffrey Clark (Session 1)	Sponsor: SECUROS
8:00am	Call to Order, New England Leadership Meeting	
8:30am - 4:00pm	Small Animal Ear Disease & Video Otoscopy Wet Lab	Sponsor: MedRx
9:30am	Golfers Tee Off	Sponsor: Fort Dodge
12:15pm	Lunch for Leadership Meeting, AVMA District 1 Delegates, & Past Presidents.	
12:30pm - 4:00pm	Wet Lab - Dr. Geoffrey Clark (Session 2)	Sponsor: SECUROS
2:00pm	Leadership Conference Resumes	
2:00pm	AVMA District 1 Caucus	
4:00pm	Buses depart Holiday Inn to Maine State Pier for transportation to Lobster Bake	
4:30pm	Casco Bay Lines' "Bay Mist" departs for Peaks Island from the Pier	
5:00pm - 7:30pm	Lobster Bake, Peaks Island	Sponsors: IDEXX and Pet Health Network
6:00pm - 10:00pm	Exhibitors Set Up in Exhibit Hall	

Saturday, September 27, 2008

7:00am - 8:00am	Continental Breakfast in foyer	
7:00am - 4:00pm	Registration Desk Open	
9:00am - 5:30pm	Exhibit Hall Open	
9:00am - 5:30pm	VSTONE Silent Auction in Foyer	
	<u>SMALL ANIMAL</u> Dr. John Bonagura Sponsor: Boehringer	<u>SMALL ANIMAL</u> Dr. Alice Wolf Sponsor: Merial
8:00am - 9:00am	Management of Acquired Heart Disease in the Dog	A Potpourri of Feline Infectious Diseases
9:00am - 9:20am	Break - Exhibit Hall	
9:20am - 10:20am	Management of Acquired Heart Disease in the Dog - Part 2	Feline Vaccination in 2008
10:20am - 10:40am	Break - Exhibit Hall	
10:40am - 11:40am	Management of Acquired Heart Disease in the Dog - Part 3	Chronic Progressive Renal Disease in the Cat
11:40am - 12:15pm	Break - Exhibit Hall	
12:15pm—1:15pm	Lunch and Annual Meeting - All members of New England state VMAs are automatically members	
1:15pm—1:45pm	Please Visit the Exhibit Hall	
1:45pm - 2:45pm	Feline Cardiology: Recognizing and Treating Cats with Cardiovascular Disease	Gingivitis/Stomatitis and Other Oral Lesions
2:45pm - 3:05pm	Break - Exhibit Hall	
3:05pm - 4:05pm	Feline Cardiology: Recognizing and Treating Cats with Cardiovascular Disease—Part 2	What's Wrong With That Foot? DDX and management of disorders of paws & claws
4:05pm - 4:25pm	Break - Exhibit Hall	
4:25pm - 5:25pm	Feline Cardiology: Recognizing and Treating Cats with Cardiovascular Disease—Part 3	Degenerative Joint Disease in the Cat
6:00pm - 7:30pm	VSTONE 50th Anniversary Reception Portland Museum of Art, 7 Congress Square (very short walk)	

<u>PRACTICE MANAGEMENT</u> Dr. Mary Ann Vande Linde Sponsor: Pet Health Network	<u>EQUINE</u> Dr. Steve O'Grady	<u>HEALTH CARE TEAM</u> Dr. Andrew Rosenfeld, Dr. Curt Coffman and Stacey Farmer Sponsor: Virbac
SOAPing Your Practice: Are You Focused on Your Clients?	The Equine Foot: Form and Function	Instituting Training in Dental Anatomy & Physiology
SOAPing Your Practice: What Makes You Different?	Proper Physiologic Horseshoeing- How is it applied?	Utilization of the Veterinary Team
...Continuation...	A Realistic Approach to Treating Acute Laminitis	Teaching the Medical Team How to Value Sell Dental Wellness
Members of NEVMA. Meeting will include consideration of NEVMA By-Laws amendments to be posted on www.nevma.org by 8-29-09.		
Are You Managing the Hospital or Is It Managing You?	Principles of Rehabilitating the Horse with Chronic Laminitis	Client Communication & Implementing at Home Dental Wellness
Oh, No, Not Another System!	Sheared Heels – An Overlooked Problem	Building Dental Wellness— Interactive Exercises
...Continuation...	A Practical Approach to Treating Various Foot Disorders	Building Dental Wellness— Interactive Exercises

Sunday, September 28, 2008

7:00am - 8:00am	Continental Breakfast in foyer	
7:00am - 12:00pm	Registration Desk Open	
9:00am - 2:30pm	Exhibit Hall Open	
	<u>SMALL ANIMAL</u> Dr. Guillermo Couto Sponsor: IDEXX	<u>SMALL ANIMAL</u> Dr. Stephen White Sponsor: Purina
8:00am - 9:00am	What Is This CBC Telling Me?	Eosinophilic Granuloma Complex in Cats & Dogs
9:00am - 9:20am	Break - Exhibit Hall	
9:20am - 10:20am	Diagnosis and Treatment of Anemia	Atopic Dermatitis
10:20am - 10:40am	Break - Exhibit Hall	
10:40am - 11:40am	Immune-Mediated Blood Diseases	Canine and Feline Demodicosis
11:40am - 12:00pm	Turn in Cards with Exhibitor Signatures/Stamps	
12:00pm - 12:45pm	Lunch & Drawing for Exhibitor Door Prizes - Exhibit Hall	
12:45pm - 1:45pm	Is It Ehrlichia?	Rabbit and Rodent Dermatology
1:45pm - 2:05pm	Break - Exhibit Hall	
2:05pm - 3:05pm	Why Is This Dog Bleeding?	Dermatoses Responsive to Nutritional Manipulation
3:05pm - 3:25pm	Break - in Foyer	
3:25pm - 4:25pm	Disseminated Intravascular Coagulation & You—Hematology Case Discussions	Dermatology Disasters
4:25pm	Thank you for attending and have a safe journey home!	

<u>PRACTICE MANAGEMENT</u> Dr. John Mitchell	<u>EQUINE</u> Dr. Andris Kaneps Sponsors: Elkin Medical Systems and Vet-Stem, Inc.	<u>HEALTH CARE TEAM</u> Dr. Andrew Rosenfeld, Dr. Curt Coffman, & Stacey Farmer Sponsors: Hills Pet Nutrition and Virbac
Guidelines for Your Financial Future	Equine Tendon & Ligament: Anatomy, Injury & Repair	Definition of Triage & Emergency in Respects to the Physical Exam
Selection of Financial Consultants	Equine Tendon & Ligament: Diagnosis Treatment Concepts	Obtaining a Good Succinct History Once Animal is Triage & Quick Assessment Tests (QATS)
Personal & Business Financial Checklist	Equine Tendon & Ligament: Surgical Treatments	Morning Topics Continued
The Stock Market as a Wealth Builder	Equine Tendon & Ligament: Enhancement Therapy	Critical Care Syndromes
Practice Valuation & Exit Strategy	Equine Tendon & Ligament: Lacerations & Contractures	Interactive Case Rounds
Questions & Moderated Discussion	Equine Tendon & Ligament: Case Discussions & Summary	Interactive Case Rounds—Continued



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2008 New England Regional Veterinary Conference Details

Dates: Friday, September 26 - Sunday, September 28, 2008

Location: Holiday Inn by the Bay
88 Spring Street
Portland, ME 04101
Phone: 207.775.2311 or 800.345.5050 / www.innbythebay.com

Parking: Free parking is included for guests at the Holiday Inn. For other attendees there is free parking at the hotel if available, or there is a city parking garage less than one block from the hotel.

Meals: Breakfast and lunch are included in the registration fee.

C.E. Credits: 6 credit hours per day.

Registration: To register online, please visit our website at www.nevma.org and click on the Sign Up button. Or, complete the registration form and fax to 888-612-0941 or mail it to NEVMA at the address below.

Family/Guests: Downtown Portland is a wonderful place to visit for family or guests. If your guests will be joining you for breakfast and lunch at the hotel, please note that on your registration form. There is a \$75 per guest fee that covers breakfast, lunch and entrance to the exhibit hall.

Hotel Reservations: For hotel reservations, please contact the Holiday Inn by the Bay directly by calling 207.775.2311 or 800.345.5050. There is a large block of rooms being held at special rates for our conference, but they go fast! A standard room with two double beds is \$153/night, a room with a king bed is \$163/night and an executive room is \$168/night. You must mention the conference when making your reservation to get the special rates listed above; last year the rooms sold out before the end of August.

Additional Area Hotels: Below are some additional hotels in the Portland area. For more information, please visit our website at www.nevma.org.

Eastland Park Hotel, 157 High St., Portland, 888.671.8008, www.eastlandparkhotel.com

Hilton Garden Inn, 65 Commercial St., Portland, 877.782.9444, www.hiltongardeninnportland.com

Portland Harbor Hotel, 468 Fore St., Portland, 888.798.9090, www.portlandharborhotel.com

Portland Regency Hotel & Spa, 20 Milk St., Portland, 800.727.3436, www.theregency.com

Clarion Hotel Airport, 1230 Congress St., Portland, 207.774.5611, www.clarionhotels.com

Holiday Inn West, 81 Riverside St., Portland, 888.465.4329, www.portlandholidayinn.com

Fairfield Inn By Marriott, 2 Cummings Rd, Scarborough, 800.228.2800, www.marriott.com

Embassy Suites Hotel, 1050 Westbrook St., Portland, 800.362.2779, www.embassysuites.com

Econolodge, 80 John Roberts Rd, S. Portland, 207.772.3838, www.choicehotels.com/hotel/ME049

Hilton Garden Inn Portland Airport, 145 Jetport Blvd, Portland, 207.828.1117, www.hilton.com

Hampton Inn Hotel, 171 Philbrook Ave., S. Portland, 207.773.4400, www.portlandhamptoninn.com

Marriott at Sable Oaks, 200 Sable Oaks Dr., S. Portland, 207.871.8000, www.marriott.com

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