

New England

Veterinary Conference

September 26-29, 2024 Portland, Maine



New England Veterinary Medical Association

2024 Board Members

President: Elizabeth Kellett, BVSc (NH) is an associate veterinarian at Blackwater Veterinary Services, a mixed animal practice in Salisbury, New Hampshire. A graduate of Massey University in New Zealand, Dr. Kellett is a Past President of the New Hampshire VMA.

Vice President: Lindsay Thibeault, DVM (RI) is Medical Director of the RISPCA in East Providence, Rhode Island. She previously owned a mobile small animal veterinary practice, Creature Comforts Veterinary Services. She received her DVM from Cornell University in 2004. Dr. Thibeault is a past president of the Rhode Island Veterinary Medical Association.

Treasurer: Meera Gatlin, DVM, MPH, DACVPM (MA) is an assistant professor of public health at Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University, where she leads students in the DVM/MPH dual-degree program. Her research and teaching interests are in food protection, public health literature, and global health. She received her DVM and MPH degrees from Tufts in 2016. After graduation, she worked as an associate veterinarian in Framingham, Massachusetts and still does relief work when not teaching.

Secretary: Monica Dijanic, DVM (CT) is co-owner and medical director at Beaver Brook Animal Hospital in Wethersfield, CT and lives with her husband, two dogs, three cats and 24 chickens in North Granby, Connecticut. She is a 2003 graduate of Ross University's School of Veterinary Medicine and did her senior year at the University of MN. She is currently the Small Animal Representative on the CVMA Board of Directors and is the President of Veterinarians for the Intervention and Prevention of Suicide (VIPS).

Immediate Past President: Hailey Gentile, DVM (VT) is the owner of Newport Veterinary Hospital in Newport, Vermont. She is a 2007 graduate from Washington State University, Go Cougs! She is the alternate delegate to the AVMA for Vermont, a past president of the Vermont Veterinary Medical Association, and a past board member for the VBMA Alumni.

Directors:

Kelsey Hilton, VMD (ME) is a large animal veterinarian at Annabessacook Veterinary Clinic in Monmouth, Maine. She graduated from University of Pennsylvania in 2012 and has served on the board of the Maine VMA.

Kelly O'Neill, DVM, DACVIM, MPH (VT) is the medical director at Peak Veterinary Referral Center in Williston, VT. She received her DVM from Colorado State University and completed a residency in small animal internal medicine at Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University.

Megan Whelan, DVM, DACVECC (MA) is the Chief Medical Officer of Angell Animal Medical Center in Boston and co-directs the Emergency and Critical Care service. She is a 2003 graduate of Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine and completed a one-year internship program at Angell and a three-year E/CC residency at Tufts before joining Angell's senior staff.

Caitlin McIntosh, DVM (CT) is the co-owner of Beckett & Associates Veterinary Services in Glastonbury, CT. She graduated from The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine in 2009. A native of New England, she returned to Connecticut after practicing in upstate New York for six years and became a partner in the practice in 2017.

Katie Larson, DVM (NH) is the owner of a subscription based emergency only equine practice based out of West Newbury, MA. She graduated from Mississippi State College of Veterinary Medicine in 2019 and then completed an internship at Littleton Equine Medical Center. She is currently the Vice President of the New Hampshire Veterinary Medical Association.

Hannah Thomas, BVetMed (RI) is an associate veterinarian at Veterinary Urgent Care Center in East Providence. She graduated from The Royal Veterinary College in London in 2015. She joined Ocean State Vet Specialists for an internship after graduation and worked in a combination of emergency medicine and general practice before joining VUCC in 2023.

Welcome to the 89th New England Veterinary Conference

We are excited to share educational offerings, as well as networking and social activities in Portland this fall. On behalf of our veterinary volunteer board of directors and conference planner, Christina Strubbe, we hope you have a fabulous time learning and relaxing.

When you are not busy at the conference, we highly encourage taking a walk around the vibrant city of Portland. Take advantage of exceptional coastal scenery, shopping, restaurants, live music and history.

The New England Veterinary Medical Association is a 501c(3) non-profit organization with a mission to provide continuing education to our veterinary community. If you are a member of your New England state's VMA, you are automatically a member of NEVMA, which exists to put on this veterinary conference.

Our line up this year includes some of the best speakers in the profession for the entire veterinary health care team and some fun evening activities. We welcome feedback to continue to improve the conference and appreciate survey responses with future topics and speaker suggestions. Also, consider volunteering with your state VMA to continue to make NEVMA and organized veterinary medicine thrive.

Enjoy the conference and your stay in Portland!



Warm Regards,

Liz Kellett, BVSc

2024 President, New England Veterinary Medical Association

The New England Veterinary Medical Association is essentially a federation, with each New England state VMA appointing or electing a Director, whose primary purpose is to plan this annual Conference, now in its 88th year. Every veterinarian who is a member of a New England state VMA is also a member of our New England VMA. In recent years almost all of the annual net financial gain from this Conference has been donated in equal shares to the charitable foundations of the six New England VMAs and to the Veterinary Scholarship Trust of New England (VSTONE).

Our Conference also hosts the Northeast Veterinary Leadership Meeting, at which the top elected leaders and staff of the New England states and New York discuss key issues with AVMA leadership and Region One Delegates, the Dean of Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts and New England's state and federal regulatory veterinarians.

Lunch sponsored by:
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2024 Conference Details

CE Certificates: A link to download your certificate will be emailed to you approximately a week after the conference. Please download by December 31, 2024.

For day attendees, there is complimentary parking on a first come, first served basis in two locations:

Parking:

1. The garage next to the hotel
2. **On Saturday and Sunday morning only**, the surface lot belonging to Maine Health on 110 Free Street will be open approximately 2 hours from 7:00-9:00am. No re-entry, no overnight parking

There are additional garages within several blocks of the hotel, rates vary.

Overnight guests, park in the garage under hotel.

Meals: Continental breakfast, lunch, and breaks are included for the days you are registered.

CE Credits: 6 credit hours per lecture day Friday-Sunday. Lab credits vary by lab.

Exhibit Hall:

Friday, Sept. 27: 7:30am–4:30pm
Saturday, Sept. 28: 7:00am–3:30pm
Sunday, Sept. 29: 7:30am–12:30pm (select vendors)

Family/Guests: Guests must be registered and wearing a badge for access to meals and the exhibit hall. The guest fee covers breakfast, lunch, and admission to the exhibit hall. No entrance to lectures.

Proceedings: Notes are available to download for no charge on the conference app. A limited number of printed proceedings (\$100) are available for purchase.

Annual Meeting: 11:30am on Sunday, September 29, over lunch in the Casco Bay Hall

Lactation Space: There is a shared room available for nursing/pumping. Please ask at registration.

Questions? Please visit the registration desk on the first floor.

On the waitlist for the ultrasound labs and looking for additional hands-on ultrasound opportunities?

Both Sound Technologies and Universal Imaging offer education opportunities at locations around the country!

<https://www.universalimaginginc.com/>

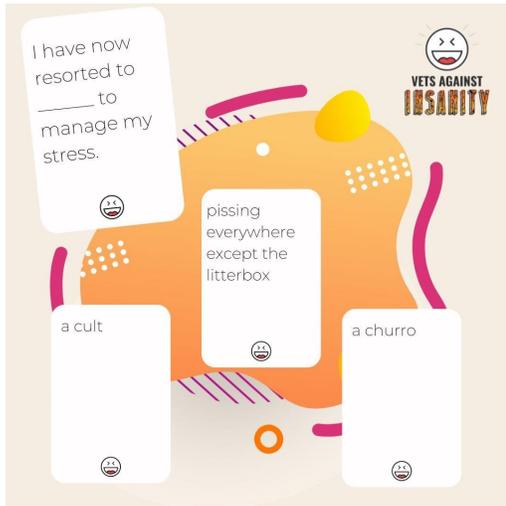
<https://academy.soundvet.com/>

Friday Night Fun!

Vendor Reception in the Casco Bay Hall

Friday, Sept. 27, 4:30-5:30pm

Attending lectures on Friday? Join us in the exhibit hall after classes on Friday evening to socialize with your fellow attendees and enjoy a drink and some appetizers! Drink ticket in your badge.



Tacos, Churros, and Vets Against Insanity!

Friday, Sept. 27, 5:45-7:45pm



Join other veterinary professionals (and their guests) to deal with your stress with a churro, a taco (or two) and a hilarious tournament of Vets Against Insanity hosted by the game creators—Drs. Sarah Wooten and Caitlin DeWilde!

This tournament is for you if you a) work in veterinary medicine; b) know someone who works in veterinary medicine; or c) work where you have to keep your face from showing a reaction to clients' off-the-wall statements.

The winner from each table will take home a copy of the 2024 edition to spread the laughs to your friends and co-workers. There will also be a children's area with other animal themed games. **\$25 adults, \$15 kids. Ticket includes tacos, churros, and a drink (local beer or cider).**

We lead the way
to **make more of**
every life.

Our eyes are to
the **future.**



Life forward



Thursday, September 26

Schedule at a Glance:

7:30am-4:00pm Registration Desk Open
8:00am-noon Morning Labs
Noon-1:00pm Lunch (for full day attendees)
1:00-5:00pm Afternoon Labs

Events:

9:00am-4:30pm Leadership Meeting
7:30am VSTONE Golf Tournament, Nonesuch River Golf Club

	Morning Sessions	Afternoon Sessions
Ultrasound		Global FAST® Ultrasound Scanning Session - AFAST®, TFAST® and Vet BLUE® Lung (1:00-5:00pm, 4 CEU) Greg Lisciandro
Soft Tissue Surgery	Common Techniques in Soft Tissue Surgery: Canine (8:00am-noon, 4 CEU) Ray Kudej	Common Techniques in Soft Tissue Surgery: Feline (1:00-5:00pm, 4 CEU) Ray Kudej
CPR	CRP—When Every Second Counts! (9:00am-noon, 3 CEU) Beth Eisenberg	CPR—When Every Second Counts! (1:00—4:00pm, 4 CEU) Beth Eisenberg
IV Catheter Labs	Basic IV Catheter Lab (9:00am-noon, 3 CEU) Mylissa Fitzpatrick, Ciera Earl	Advanced IV Catheter Lab (1:00-5:00pm, 4 CEU) Mylissa Fitzpatrick, Ciera Earl

New England Veterinary Medical Association Annual Meeting & Volunteer Opportunities

The NEVMA annual meeting will be held after lunch on Sunday, September 29. If you are a member of a New England state VMA, you are considered a member of the New England VMA.

The NEVMA board is made up of volunteer leaders from each of the New England states. Being involved with organized veterinary medicine is an excellent way to give back to our profession. If you are interested in serving on our board or in another volunteer position, please contact your state veterinary medical association.

Thank you!

Friday, September 27

Schedule at a Glance:

7:30am-4:00pm	Registration Desk Open
7:30-8:30am	Breakfast, Casco Bay Hall
7:30am-3:30pm	Exhibit Hall Open
10:00-10:30am	Break, Casco Bay Hall
Noon-1:00pm	Lunch, Casco Bay Hall Additional seating in hotel restaurant
2:30-3:00pm	Break, Casco Bay Hall

Events:

4:30-5:30pm	Vendor Reception in Casco Bay Hall
5:45-7:45pm	Tacos & Vets Against Insanity Game Night O'Maine Studios, 54 Danforth St



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	Session 1 8:30-10:00am	Session 2 10:30am-noon	Session 3 1:00-2:30pm	Session 4 3:00-4:30pm
Vermont Room	<i>It's all Fun and Games until Someone Pukes Up a Hairball! – Gastrointestinal Foreign Bodies in Cats</i> Beth Eisenberg	<i>Year in Review – Let's CATalog 2023!</i> Beth Eisenberg	<i>UO Updates – Big News in Tiny Puddles</i> Beth Eisenberg	<i>"I will survive!" – A New Look at FIP</i> Beth Eisenberg
New Hampshire Room	<i>AFAST® and Its Target-organ Approach and Abdominal Fluid Scoring System</i> Greg Lisciandro	<i>TFAST® and Its Use for Pericardial and Pleural Effusion and Fundamental Echocardiography</i> Greg Lisciandro	<i>Integrative Approaches to Small Animal Pain, Mobility & Mind, Part 1</i> Alicia Karas	<i>Integrative Approaches to Small Animal Pain, Mobility & Mind, Part 2</i> Alicia Karas
Connecticut/Rhode Island Room	<i>Cannabinoid Rich Hemp: How to Pick a Quality Product</i> Joe Wakshlag 	<i>CBD and CBDA: An Overview of Uses in Pain Management</i> Joe Wakshlag 	<i>Canine Infectious Respiratory Disease Complex Part 1</i> David Needle	<i>Canine Infectious Respiratory Disease Complex Part 2</i> David Needle
Cumberland/Kennebec/Lincoln Room	<i>PPID: A Focus on Geriatric Medicine in an Aging Horse Population</i> Amy Lack	<i>EMS and Insulin Dysregulation: Are SLGT2 Inhibitors the Magic Bullet?</i> Amy Lack	<i>Equine Asthma: An Update on Current Therapeutic and Management Strategies</i> Amy Lack	<i>Outbreak Management: Strategies & Challenges</i> Amy Lack
Oxford/Somerset Room	<i>Social Media 2024: What's In, What's Out, and How to Choose What's Right for Your Practice</i> Caitlin DeWilde	<i>Pharmacy Marketing & Workflows: Making Your In-House and Online Pharmacies Work for You</i> Caitlin DeWilde	<i>Focus on the Positive: Online Reviews</i> Caitlin DeWilde	<i>Techy Tools for Practice Owners & Manager</i> Caitlin DeWilde
Massachusetts Room	<i>Protecting Yourself and Your Practice - A DEA Perspective</i> Jed Nitzberg	<i>Understanding the Intersection of DV and Pet Ownership</i> Anna Dullea 	<i>Vet BLUE® Lung Ultrasound - Wet versus Dry Lung and Its Signs of Consolidation</i> Greg Lisciandro	<i>Global FAST® Ultrasound - Its Power as Our New Core Skill</i> Greg Lisciandro

Saturday, September 28

Schedule at a Glance:

7:00am-3:30pm Registration Desk Open
7:00am-8:00am Breakfast, Casco Bay Hall
7:00am-3:30pm Exhibit Hall Open
9:30-10:00am Break, Casco Bay Hall
11:30am-1:00pm Lunch, Casco Bay Hall
Additional seating in hotel restaurant
2:30-3:00pm Break, Casco Bay Hall

Events:

11:45am Christian Veterinary Mission Presentation
 York Room
11:45am Tick Tidbits: Novel Insights & Protection
 Updates on These Tiny Troublemakers
 (ICEU) 
4:45-7:00pm Sunset Wine Sail on Casco Bay (bus leaves at 4:45pm)

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	Session 1 8:00-9:30am	Session 2 10:00-11:30am	Session 3 1:00-2:30pm	Session 4 3:00-4:30pm
Vermont Room	<p><i>Turning Pet Food Conversations from Salty to Sweet</i> Deborah Linder</p> 	<p><i>The Five Minute Nutrition Consult</i> Deborah Linder</p> 	<p><i>The Lighter Side of Obesity: Creative Strategies for Weighty Discussions</i> Deborah Linder</p> 	<p><i>To Cook or Not to Cook: Talking with Owners About Home-Prepared Diets</i> Deborah Linder</p> 
New Hampshire Room	<p><i>Liver Diseases: Common, Weird, and Wild Diseases</i> Alyssa Sullivant</p> 	<p><i>GI Bleeding: Working Through the Differential List</i> Alyssa Sullivant</p> 	<p><i>Chronic Enteropathies: They Aren't All IBD</i> Alyssa Sullivant</p> 	<p><i>Microbiome Support: How, What, and When?</i> Alyssa Sullivant</p> 
Oxford/Somerset Room	<p><i>Making Behavior Part of Every Visit: Technicians are Superheroes!</i> Monique Feyrecilde</p>	<p><i>Behavior Essentials: Learning Theory & Case Applications</i> Monique Feyrecilde</p>	<p><i>Compassionate Animal Handling</i> Monique Feyrecilde</p>	<p><i>Cooperative Veterinary Care: Foundations & Essential Skills</i> Monique Feyrecilde</p>
Cumberland/Kennebec/Lincoln Room	<p><i>Equine Rehabilitation Therapy</i> Andris Kaneps</p>	<p><i>Equine Joint Therapy</i> Andris Kaneps</p> 	<p><i>Equine Back Disorders: Diagnostics & Therapy</i> Andris Kaneps</p>	<p><i>Equine Soft Tissue Disorders: Diagnostics & Therapy</i> Andris Kaneps</p>
Connecticut/Rhode Island Room	<p><i>Mindful Management 101: How to Deal with Reactive Clients and Staff</i> Sarah Wooten</p>	<p><i>Mindful Management 201: 5 Ways to Deal with a Challenging Situation</i> Sarah Wooten</p>	<p><i>Awakening Resilience: What to do with Compassion Fatigue, Moral Distress, and Occupational Burnout</i> Sarah Wooten</p>	<p><i>Declassified: The Secrets to Unstoppable Self Confidence</i> Sarah Wooten</p>
York Room	<p><i>Listeria monocytogenes and Salmonella spp. Infections</i> David Needle</p>	<p><i>Health Impacts on Wild Mesocarnivores in Northern New England 2015-2024</i> David Needle</p>		
Massachusetts Room	<p><i>Canine Reproductive Physiology and Its Relevance to Clinical Practice</i> Carlos Pinto</p>	<p><i>Diagnostic Value of Hormonal Assays and Vaginal Cytology</i> Carlos Pinto</p>	<p><i>Fetal Readiness and Elective C-section in Dogs</i> Carlos Pinto</p>	<p><i>Use of Canine Reproductive Ultrasonography in Health and Disease</i> Carlos Pinto</p>

Sunday, September 29

Schedule at a Glance:

7:30am-1:00pm	Registration Desk Open
7:30-8:00am	Breakfast, Casco Bay Hall
7:30am-12:30pm	Exhibit Hall Open (Limited Exhibitors)
9:30-10:00am	Break, Casco Bay Hall
11:30am-12:30pm	Lunch & Annual Meeting, Casco Bay Hall
2:00-2:15pm	Break, 1st Floor, Main Hallway

Events:

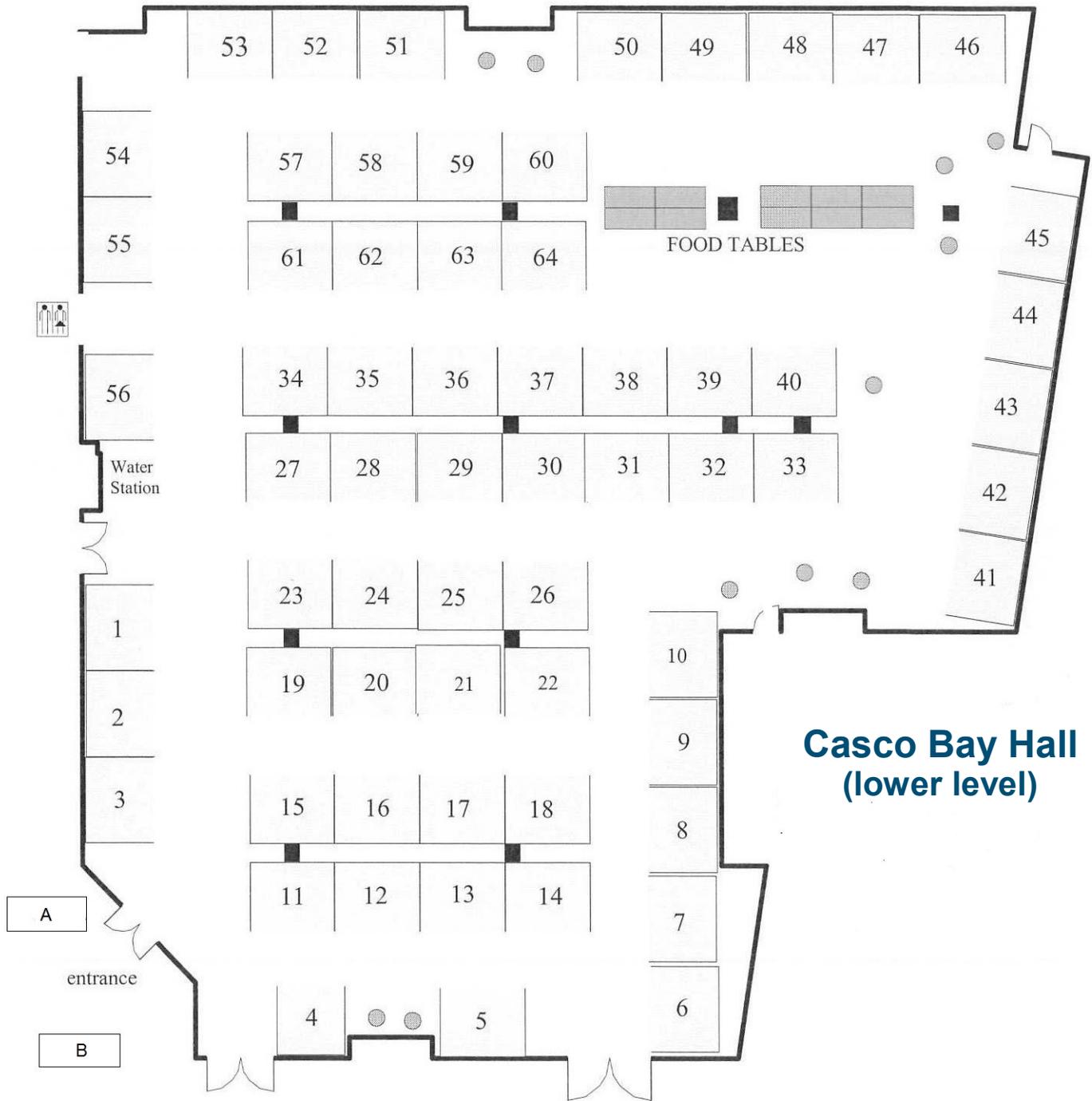
6:30-7:30am Morning All-levels Yoga
York Room



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	Session 1 8:00-9:30am	Session 2 10:00-11:30am	Session 3 12:30-2:00pm	Session 4 2:15-3:45 pm
Vermont Room	<p><i>Leptospirosis and AKI- A Consensus Statement Update</i> Mary Labato</p>	<p><i>Extracorporeal Therapies 101: What You Need to Know and How To Refer a Case</i> Mary Labato</p>	<p><i>Biomarkers- What Are They , What's New and How Should I Use Them?</i> Mary Labato</p>	<p><i>Updates On Management of CKD In Dogs and Cats</i> Mary Labato</p>
New Hampshire Room	<p><i>Treating Dogs and Cats With Diabetes Mellitus</i> Patty Lathan</p>	<p><i>Management of Feline Diabetes: A Review of Current Best Understanding</i> Patty Lathan</p>	<p><i>Revisiting Radiographic Assessment of Cardiomegaly: Old Dogs & New Tricks</i> Lance Visser</p>	<p><i>Guidelines for the Treatment of MMVD</i> Lance Visser</p>
Connecticut/ Rhode Island Room	<p>Closed Session Pre-registered lab participants only</p> <p><i>Basic Abdominal Ultrasound Lab</i> Mark Howes</p>			
Cumberland/ Kennebec/ Lincoln	<p><i>Preventive Medicine for Miniature Companion Pigs and a Swine Pharmacology Update</i> Joe Smith</p>	<p><i>Pain Management Strategies and Applications for Sheep, Goats, and Camelids</i> Joe Smith</p>	<p><i>Navigating Small Ruminant Drug Selection</i> Joe Smith</p>	<p><i>Ruminant Pharmacology Update and Residue Mitigation</i> Joe Smith</p>
Oxford/ Somerset Room	<p><i>Emotionally Engaged: Innovative Strategies for Authentic Veterinary Marketing</i> Craig Spinks</p>	<p><i>Using Video To Attract Top Talent</i> Craig Spinks</p>	<p><i>Beyond Basic: Elevating Your Smartphone Photos & Videos</i> Craig Spinks</p>	<p><i>The Future of Productivity – How Automation Can Boost Your Practice's Efficiency</i> Craig Spinks</p>
Massachusetts Room	<p><i>Turtles & Tortoises: Natural History, Anatomy, & Husbandry</i> Charles Innis</p>	<p><i>Turtles & Tortoises: Physical Examination and Diagnostics</i> Charles Innis</p>	<p><i>Medical and Surgical Management of Chelonian Reproductive Disorders</i> Charles Innis</p>	<p><i>Current Topics in Reptile Medicine: Anesthesia, Analgesia, Antifungal Therapy, and Injection Sites</i> Charles Innis</p>

Exhibit Hall Friday & Saturday



**Casco Bay Hall
(lower level)**

Exhibit Hours

Friday 7:30am-5:30pm

Saturday 7:00am-3:30pm

Sunday 7:30am-12:30pm

(not all exhibitors available Sunday)

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2024 NEVC Exhibitors

Collect 50 stamps from the exhibitors and receive a \$25 gift discount on next year's conference and be entered to win a \$100 Visa gift card or a free registration to 2025 NEVC.

24	Advanced Veterinary Specialty Center of New England	19	MWI Animal Health/AmerisourceBergen
25	Alfa Wasserman	34	Myhre Equine Clinic
28	Alliance Animal Health	54	Nestle Purina Petcare*
1	Antech, Heska & SOUND Imaging*	T-5	Not One More Vet
60	Associated X-Ray Imaging Corp.* (51 Sunday)	45	Nova Biomedical*
16	Banfield Pet Hospital	15	Nutramax Laboratories
62	Bank of America Practice Solutions	T-1	Oncura Partners
29	Blue Buffalo	12	Patterson Veterinary Supply
55	Boehringer Ingelheim Animal Health*	50	Paw Prosper*
6	Bolton Veterinary Hospital	13	PerioVive* (7 on Sunday)
64	Bond Vet* (53 on Sunday)	53	Portland Veterinary Emergency & Specialty Care
59	Burlington Emergency and Veterinary Specialists	26	Provide
61	Ceva Animal Health	18	SciRx Pharmacy
46	Choice Medical Systems*	23	Simmons Northeast
A	Christian Veterinary Mission	8	Standard Process*
41	Covetrus	20	Stonybrook Water Company
43	Daniels Equipment*	9	TD Bank*
42	Dechra*	30	Total Practice Solutions Group
7	Dexcom	11	Universal Imaging
B	Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)	35	Vet-Ray Technology by Sedecal
2	Elanco Animal Health	10	Vetamac
27	ElleVet Sciences	4	VetCor*
48	Ethos Veterinary Compounding*	14	Veterinarian Recommended Solutions
17	Ezee Visit Pet Vet Mat	T-2	Veterinary Emergency Group
T-3	Healvet USA	T-4	Veterinary Technicians Associations of New England
38	Hill's Pet Nutrition	22	Veterinary Urgent Care Center
33	Hometown Veterinary Partners* (10 on Sunday)	51	Vetoquinol
47	Huntington Bank Practice Finance	37	Virbac Animal Health
5	IDEXX*	T-6	VSTONE
31	MAI Animal Health	63	Weave* (2 on Sunday)
56	Maine Veterinary Medical Center*	57	Wedgewood Pharmacy
32	Mainely Veterinary Dentistry, LLC	58	Wicklow Healthcare Advisory
49	Merck Animal Health*	3	Wingate's Pharmacy & Compounding*
52	Midwest Veterinary Supply*	39	Zoetis Diagnostics
44	Monarch Business Consulting*	40	Zoetis Petcare
21	Movora		
36	MSPCA-Angell		

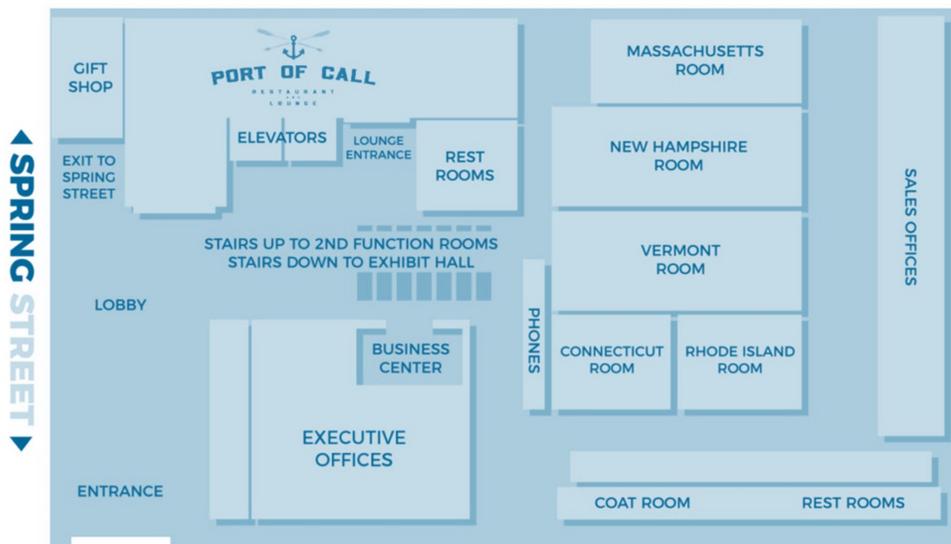
* Staying for Sunday morning, same location unless noted

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Quick Details

- Meals/breaks are downstairs in the exhibit hall
- You may bring your lunch upstairs from the exhibit hall and eat in the hotel restaurant
- CE Certificate: A download link will be emailed to you one week after the conference
- Hotel Map with Room Locations:

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