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2024 Winter Meeting

JANUARY 25-27
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BOZEMAN, MT

Meeting Information

* 14 Continuing Education Credits

Pre-Registration—by January 8
- MVMA Members—$360
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After January 8 or On-Site Registration
- MVMA Members—$400
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Free for CVM Students or Life Members (no CE)
- Pre-registration is required; any meal tickets must be purchased.

Ways to Register:
- Online: Fast, easy and secure. Complete registration form and pay by credit card at mtvma.org.
- Mail: Complete the registration form on the back page of this brochure and mail with payment to: MVMA, PO Box 6322, Helena, MT 59604.

Proceedings: Proceedings will be available online prior to the meeting. Printed proceedings will not be made available at the meeting.

CE Certificates: Once attendance is verified, CE certificates will be sent to attendees within two weeks of the meeting.

Room Reservations

A block of MVMA rooms has been reserved at the Best Western Plus GranTree Inn in Bozeman.
- $93/night plus taxes
- Discounted rates will be available through December 23 or until sold out.
- The online room block link is on the MVMA website, or call the hotel directly at 406-587-5261 and request the MVMA block, group code: MVMA122.

We encourage you to make lodging reservations through the GranTree block early to take advantage of special MVMA Winter Meeting pricing.

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Thursday, January 25
2:00 - 5:00 pm  Board of Directors Meeting
5:30 - 7:00 pm  Opening Social with MSU WIMU Students & 2024-25 Power of 10 Class

Friday, January 26
7:00 am  Registration/Breakfast Buffet
8:00 am - Noon  Large Animal Session – 4 CEs

Edward D. Voss, DVM, DAVCIM LA
EQUINE INTERNAL MEDICINE
Dr. Voss will present fluid therapies in large animals, as well as breaking old habits. He will also present equine internal medicine concepts, calculations and case studies.

8:00 am - Noon  Small Animal Session – 4 CEs

Ryan Baumwart, DVM, Washington State
SMALL ANIMAL CARDIOLOGY
Dr. Baumwart will present an update on Myxomatous Valve Degeneration (Endocardiosis) therapies, anesthesia for the cardiac patient, minimally invasive cardiac surgeries, and cardiology tricks of the trade.

Noon - 1:00 pm  Lunch
1:00 - 5:00 pm  Large Animal Session – 4 CEs

Robert J. Callan, DVM, MS, PhD, DACVIM - Colorado State University
GOAT/SWINE ANESTHESIA, GOAT CARE & MANAGEMENT
Dr. Callan will present practical anesthesia and analgesia for goats and swine; infectious diseases and vaccination for hobby, show, and pet goats; tips for common and some uncommon goat surgical procedures; and urolithiasis prevention and treatment in goats.

1:00 - 5:00 pm  Small Animal Session – 4 CEs

Katherine Block, VMD, DAVDC - MT Pet Dentistry & Oral Surgery, Missoula
SMALL ANIMAL DENTISTRY
Dr. Block’s presentation will cover periodontal disease, radiographic interpretation, oral tumors in dogs and cats, and Q and A with case examples.

6:00 pm  Social Hour & Dinner Banquet

Keynote Speaker Dr. Wouter van Hoven
Ecolife Expeditions- Pretoria, South Africa
CARING FOR WILDLIFE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA

Join us for a relaxing social, followed by dinner with keynote speaker Dr. van Hoven, noted professor from South Africa and CEO of Ecolife Expeditions. Through the past 50 years, wildlife has dramatically declined in most of the 55 independent countries in Africa. In Southern Africa just the opposite happened, with a dramatic increase in wildlife numbers over the same period. Learn about the conservation management and veterinary contribution to this turnaround.

Saturday, January 27
7:00 am  Registration/Breakfast Buffet
8:00 am - Noon  Large Animal Session – 4 CEs

Robert J. Callan, DVM, MS, PhD, DACVIM
Colorado State University
PIG MANAGEMENT, PIG/GOAT WOUND MANAGEMENT
Dr. Callan will discuss Infectious diseases and vaccination for hobby, show, and pet pigs; tips for common and uncommon swine surgical procedures; the pig spa day, including eyes, ears, feet and skin; and wound management for goats and swine.

8:00 am - Noon  Small Animal Session – 4 CEs

Joe Wakshlag, DVM, PhD, DACVIM (nutrition)
DACVSMR, ElleVet Sciences
SMALL ANIMAL CANNABINOIDS, CANINE NUTRITION
Dr. Wakshlag will present CBD/CBDA rich hemp: pharmacokinetics across species and quality control for practitioners to consider; CBD/CBDA-Rich Hemp and Pain: intricacies of treatment; CBD/CBDA-Rich Hemp: Not just for pain anymore; and hot topics in nutrition: copper and grain-free myths and facts.

Noon - 1:30 pm  Membership Meeting/Lunch
2:00 - 4:00 pm  Large/Small Animal Session-2 CEs

MT DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK UPDATES
Secure Food Supplies/FAD Response
•  Drs. Tahnee Szymanski and Merry Michalski

Brucella canis
•  Dr. Merry Michalski

Brucellosis abortus
•  Dr. Brad De Groot

Laboratory submissions: test/sample selection and electronic accessions
•  Drs. Brad De Groot and Erika Schwarz-Collins

Special thanks to Dr. Linda Kauffman, MVMA president-elect and chair of the 2024 MVMA Winter Meeting. We appreciate all of the time and expertise she has put into planning this meeting!
Ryan Baumwart, DVM  
Clinical Assistant Professor, Washington State University

Dr. Ryan Baumwart is currently at Washington State University as a staff cardiologist. He received his DVM from Oklahoma State University. He then did a rotating internship and cardiology residency at Ohio State University. He has spent time in private practice for 6 years and has been in academics for the past 10 years. Dr. Baumwart’s research has included canine cardiomypathies, congenital heart disease, systemic hypertension, advanced imaging of heart disease, and aging. Dedicated to the importance of teaching in the veterinary profession, he is an active member in the college’s Teaching Academy.

Katherine Block, VMD, DAVDC  
Board-Certified Veterinary Dentist, Montana Pet Dentistry & Oral Surgery, Missoula

Dr. Kate Block is a board-certified veterinary dentist™ specializing in advanced dentistry and oral surgery and partner of Montana Pet Dentistry and Oral Surgery here in Missoula. Dr. Block is a graduate of Yale University and University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine. Following years of general practice in the Pacific Northwest, Dr. Block completed her dentistry residency in Portland, Oregon and has since worked as a boarded specialist in busy multi-specialty practices in Minnesota and Idaho. Dr. Block is a dedicated educator that has provided continuing education to veterinarians and vet students around the country, and has won multiple awards for her leadership in the American Veterinary Dental College. Her clinical interests include endodontic and crown therapy, oral surgical oncology, orthodontics and multimodal pain management for oral care patients. Dr. Block lives and works exclusively in Missoula with her family and loves to be on the river.

Robert J. Callan, DVM, MS, PhD, DACVIM  
Retired Professor Emeritus, Colorado State University

Dr. Callan obtained his DVM degree at Oregon State University in 1986 and then obtained a MS in reproductive physiology at Utah State University in 1988. He then served as a research scientist at Utah State University where he also managed the veterinary care for the USU Caine Dairy Teaching and Research Center, the USU South Farm, and other Utah Agricultural Experiment Stations. In 1990 Dr. Callan undertook a large animal internal medicine residency at the University of Wisconsin–Madison where he also obtained a PhD degree in virology in 1996. Dr. Callan was a faculty member at Colorado State University in the Department of Clinical Sciences where he was a livestock medicine and surgery clinician, teacher, and researcher from 1996 to 2021 and is now a retired professor emeritus. Dr. Callan served numerous other roles during his tenure at CSU including Livestock Medicine and Surgery service coordinator, VTH Board Member, VTH Large Animal Chief of Staff, and chair of the Medical Records Committee. Dr. Callan is a member of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine. His research interests included numerous projects in livestock infectious disease, medicine, and surgery. Dr. Callan retired from CSU in 2021. He still does a small amount of veterinary consulting although most of his time now is spent with his wife Cindy and dog Rennie where he enjoys hiking, trail running fishing, backpacking, snow skiing, and woodworking.

Dr. Brad De Groot, DVM  
Brucellosis Program Veterinarian, MT Dept. of Livestock

Dr. De Groot and his family first came to Montana from Nebraska in 2008. At that time, he established an independent livestock practice based in Dillon with the help of Beaverhead County native Dr. Bill Hawkins. Most recently, Dr. De Groot served as the Assistant State Veterinarian in Wyoming with primary responsibility for the Trichomoniasis and Johne’s disease control programs, as well as Wyoming Brucellosis Designated Surveillance Area (DSA) compensation. He also participated in Brucellosis risk assessment training for veterinarians serving clients who operate in the DSA and oversaw combined USDA and Wyoming Livestock Board disease incident responses such as Vesicular Stomatitis. Dr. De Groot divides his time between his home base in Dillon, the Animal Health Bureau office in Helena, and field infectious disease control activity around the State of Montana. Dr. De Groot and his wife Krista have two grown daughters. Brad and Krista enjoy carpentry and hiking trails around Dillon when they are not busy at work.

Prof. Wouter van Hoven  
CEO, EcoLife Expeditions-Pretoria, South Africa

Dr. van Hoven recently retired as head of the Center for Wildlife Management at the University of Pretoria, and held a Marsh Professorship at the University of Vermont, USA, for seven years. He was recently appointed as Professor Extraordinaire at Northwest University, South Africa. Dr. van Hoven is a recognized leader in the field of wildlife management and nutritional biochemistry, and served for 10 years as vice-president of the International Council for Wildlife Conservation. He was elected founder president of the Kissama Foundation in Angola which brought wildlife, including elephant, back to a wildlife-sterile landscape. This was the first time that family groups of elephants were kept together and transported with aircraft. For his leadership in this program he was awarded the Joseph R. Daly award of the United Nations Environmental Program, the Wild Foundation (USA) for excellence in wildlife conservation, with special emphasis on Angola, and the WWF-Nedbank Green Trust Award for “Individuals in Action” category.
Merry Michalski, DVM
Program Veterinarian, MT Dept. of Livestock
Dr. Merry Michalski joined the MT Department of Livestock Animal Health Bureau in September 2022. She is the new Emergency Preparedness Veterinarian and oversees programs for Brucella canis, Rabies, Secure Food Supply, and National Poultry Improvement Plan. Dr. Michalski grew up in Colorado and attended Regis University in Denver where she received a bachelor's degree in biology. She earned her DVM from Colorado State University in 2013 and spent her first 8 years in small animal private practice where she excelled in surgery and emergency medicine. She is excited for her transition from private practice to regulatory medicine where she can contribute to the study of zoonotic diseases and to emergency response for diseases of livestock.

Merry and her husband, Allen, have called Helena home for 8 years. Allen is from Anaconda, MT and works as a dentist in Helena. Outside of work you will find them hiking, mountain biking, trail running, backcountry split-boarding, or hunting. When they are not on the trails, they are either out golfing, testing out new recipes at their home-brewery, or watching college football. But her practice is focused on acupuncture and spinal manipulation. Kery lives in Twin Bridges where she enjoys training and running barrel horses and riding in the mountains.

Erika Schwarz, DVM, MPH, PhD, DACVM
Clinical Veterinary Microbiologist, Montana Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory-Bozeman
Dr. Schwarz is a Clinical Veterinary Microbiologist at the Montana Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory in Bozeman. As Microbiology Section Head, she provides diagnostic technical expertise, veterinary consultation, and oversees daily operations and clinical testing in the Bacteriology, Virology, Molecular Diagnostics, and Serology sections. Erika received her Bachelor of Science, Master of Public Health, Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, and Doctor of Philosophy degrees from the University of Florida. She is also board certified by the American College of Veterinary Microbiologists. As a classically trained virologist, she has an extensive background working with a wide variety of human and animal pathogens. Her professional interests include infectious diseases at the human-domestic animal-wildlife interface, diagnostic techniques for high-consequence pathogens, translational medicine, and One Health.

Tahnee Szymanski, DVM
State Veterinarian, MT Dept. of Livestock
Dr. Szymanski assumed the role of state veterinarian in July after serving the department since 2008. A Montana native, she graduated from Oregon State University College of Veterinary Medicine in 2004. Prior to joining the Department of Livestock in 2008, Dr. Szymanski worked in a large animal ambulatory practice. Outside of work, she enjoys hiking, kayaking, snowshoeing, and camping with her daughter, Campbell.

E. D. Voss DVM, DACVIM LA
Victor, Montana
Dr. Voss was born and raised in Fort Collins, Colo. After earning a bachelor’s degree in biology from Colorado State University, Dr. Voss received his doctorate in veterinary medicine and surgery at Kansas State University College of Veterinary Medicine. Returning to Colorado after graduation from veterinary school, Dr. Voss was hired at Littleton Large Animal Hospital and completed a formal post-doctoral internship in lameness and surgery. Following his internship, Dr. Voss was offered a residency position in large animal internal medicine at the University of California-Davis. Dr. Voss earned his board certification in large animal internal medicine (Diplomate of the ACVIM) and accepted a position at Arizona Equine. For more than 18 years, Dr. Voss established himself as an expert in the fields of internal medicine and lameness. He was on the AAEP board that first developed vaccination guidelines for horses and has served as an advisor to the grant review committee for the Grayson Jockey Club. Dr. Voss has special interest and expertise in medical imaging (MRI, Nuclear Scintigraphy, Ultrasound, Video endoscopy and Radiography) and sports medicine (lameness, joint therapies, diagnostic techniques) as well as overseeing the internal medicine specialty (neurology, cardiology, infectious disease, cancer, foal care/ neonatology, endocrinology, etc.). He now resides in Victor, Mont.

Joe Wakshlag, DVM, PhD, DACVIM (nutrition), DACVSMR
Chief Medical Officer, ElleVet Sciences
Dr. Wakshlag received his veterinary degree from Cornell University in 1998, followed by a PhD and nutrition residency completed in 2006 and 2010, respectively. He became a diplomate in the American College of Veterinary Nutrition in 2008, while also becoming a diplomate in the American College of Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation in 2010. He has been a faculty member at Cornell University since 2006 and is currently the Professor of Nutrition and Chief of Service. His research interests have varied from cancer cell biology and nutraceuticals and obesity, but more recently he has focused on sporting dog physiology and the use of cannabinoids in veterinary medicine. His expertise in the area of cannabinoids has led to his becoming Chief Veterinary Medical Officer for ElleVet Sciences.
### MVMA 2024 Winter Meeting Registration

Best Western Plus GranTree Inn | Bozeman, MT | January 25-27

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**Lodging:**

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