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Message from our chairs

We are thrilled to invite you to the 2025 CVMA Convention, returning to the vibrant city of Victoria, BC, June 25-29! Open to veterinarians, technicians, veterinary students, and the entire veterinary team, this convention promises over 80 hours of continuing education. We welcome our partners, the Registered Veterinary Technologists and Technicians of Canada, and are proud to organize the convention in partnership with the CVMA-SBCV Chapter.

This year's program offers two inspiring keynote speakers, our signature Summit and National Issues Forum, and a broad range of sessions, from Business Management to Dermatology, One Health, Animal Welfare, and more. With new additions like Workshop Wednesday and Sunday FUN-Day, you'll have hands-on learning and the chance to explore Victoria's beauty through group tours.

As we gather in one of Canada's most picturesque cities, you'll have unique opportunities to network with national leaders and experts, explore cutting-edge products at the trade show, and engage in a sustainable convention experience. This event is designed for all members of the veterinary team, ensuring comprehensive learning and networking experience that will inspire and empower your professional journey.



Dr. Brendon LaingPDC Chair
(plus Marshall and Watson)



Dr. Rob Ashburner Local Chair

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Registration

	Full Convent	Individual Day Pass	
	EARLY BIRD REGULAR Until April 16 @ 11:59PM April 17 to June 29		1 DAY PASS
CVMA Member	\$729.00	\$849.00	\$369.00
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^{*} A veterinarian who currently holds the status of 'Retired member' with the CVMA.

What is included in your registration!

A daily pass limits your attendance to only the events scheduled for a specific day.

- Keynote Presentations
- Opening Ceremony & Awards Gala
- CVMA Signature Events CVMA Summit, and CVMA National Issues Forum
- Access to over 80 CE hours presented live in Victoria
- Access to exhibit hall over three days
- Welcome Reception
- Cocktail Hour
- Networking opportunities with industry and all attendees
- · Refreshment breaks and lunches over three days

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Featured Events

Wednesday, June 25 - 5:00pm - 7:00pm

Opening Ceremony & Awards Gala

Join us for a cocktail reception featuring passed hors d'oeuvres and beverages as we officially welcome you to the 2025 CVMA Convention! Following the reception, we will recognize the extraordinary achievements of our peers in veterinary medicine over the last year during the CVMA Awards Gala.





Keynote Speaker: Jessica Holmes - Friday, June 27 - 8:30am - 9:20am Bring on the Joy! Building Resilience and Engagement in Times of Change.

Beloved comedian Jessica Holmes has brought the house down opening for giants such as Ellen DeGeneres, Russell Peters, Jerry Seinfeld, and Oprah Winfrey. She has performed at Just For Laughs and The Second City, and starred in the comedy series, The Holmes Show and Royal Canadian Air Farce. Her hilarious take on life's challenges as well as her unique knack for impersonating celebrities have audiences in stitches.



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Keynote Speaker: Rob Marr - Saturday, June 28 - 8:30am - 9:20am We Are All Animals! Who Is Looking After Us?

Rob Marr is an experienced executive coach, mentor, and trainer with over two decades of leadership expertise. He has coached thousands of professionals across sectors like tech, pharma, and animal health, working globally with renowned brands like Zoetis. Rob's hands-on, transformative coaching methods focus on unlocking potential, driving performance, and pushing individuals and teams to their highest levels.

Saturday, June 28 - 6:30pm - 11:00pm **Night at the Museum**

Join us for a night at the Royal BC Museum! Guests will make their way (walking distance) to the museum where they will be greeted in the Carl Clifford Hall with passed hors d'oeuvres and a cocktail dinner courtesy of Truffles Catering. They will have the opportunity to explore the Natural History Exhibit, where you can visit food stations as you experience 80 million years of history! You will be able to experience a rainforest, as seashore and a river delta all on one floor! A DJ will also help you dance the night away! This event is always a highlight of the convention program and one not to be missed!





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Workshop Wednesday

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8:00am - 4:30pm

CVMA Emerging Leaders Program

Open to the entire veterinary profession

Rob Marr

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8:00am - 12:00pm

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Dr. Serge Chalhoub and Dr. Søren Boysen

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8:00am - 4:30pm

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Exclusive to DVMs and RVTs

Dr. Adam Little and Dr. Brendon Laing

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9:00am - 12:00pm & 1:00pm - 4:00pm

Diagnostic Techniques for Dermatology

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CVMA LEADERSHIP

PROGRAM SERIES

The CVMA Leadership Program is comprised of the Student Leadership Workshops and the Emerging Leaders Program to provide continued learning to the veterinary team starting in school and progressing through their veterinary career.



Valuable opportunity to develop your teamwork skills, personal and career development strategies and more.

- One in-person workshop hosted at AVC in Charlottetown in Fall 2025, facilitated by Rob Marr
- Virtual outreach workshops supporting the content delivered at the in-person workshop



Emerging Leaders Program will provide you with the foundation of leadership skills that will not only serve you now, but long into your career.

- One in-person workshop hosted in Victoria, British Columbia in June 2025, facilitated by Rob Marr
- Virtual outreach workshops supporting the content delivered at the in-person workshop

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Exhibition Hall

The CVMA convention features one of the largest veterinary trade shows in Canada. Over 80 exhibitors will participate in 2025. Access to the exhibit hall is included with a registration package – meals and refreshment breaks will be served in the hall. Be sure to take time to explore the many items that companies will have on display for you to see and experience.

Thursday, June 26

5 pm - 7 pm

Friday, June 27

10 am - 6:30 pm

Saturday, June 28

10 am - 1:30 pm

Schedule at a glance

Wednesday, June 25

5 pm - 7 pm Opening Ceremony & Awards Gala

Thursday, June 26

8 am - 12 pm	CVMA Summit - Access to Care
9 am - 5 pm	Business Management Continuing Education Sessions
12:30 pm - 2 pm	CVMA Annual General Meeting (Members only)
2:30 pm - 5 pm	CVMA National Issues Forum - Pathway to a Sustainable Veterinary Profession
5 pm - 7 pm	Welcome Reception - Opening of Exhibit Hall

Friday, June 27

8:30 am - 9:20 am	Keynote Presentation: Jessica Holmes
9:30 am - 5 pm	Continuing Education Sessions
10 am - 5 pm	Exhibit Hall Open
5 pm - 6:30 pm	Sponsored Cocktail Hour in Exhibit Hall

Saturday, June 28

8:30 am - 9:20 am	Keynote Presentation: Rob Marr
9:30 am - 4:50 pm	Continuing Education Sessions
10 am - 1:30 pm	Exhibit Hall Open
6:30 pm - 10 pm	CVMA Social Evening

Sunday, June 29

8:30 am - 11:55 am	Continuing Education Sessions
1 pm - 6 pm	Sunday FUN Day - Group Tours



Business Management Stream

Thursday, June 26

9 am - 9:50 am	Crack the Code: Transforming Client Trust into Nutrition & Parasite Revenue you can count on! Dr. Jonathan Leicht
10 am - 10:50 am	Beyond Ads: Modern Recruitment Strategies to Stand Out in Market Uncertainty Dr. Jonathan Leicht
10:50 am - 11 am	NETWORKING BREAK
11 am - 11:50 am	Build It or Buy It? Insider Secrets to Vet Practice Success Dr. Jonathan Leicht
12:30 pm - 2 pm	CVMA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
2 pm - 2:50 pm	Choose the Right Approach for CONVERSATION: Learn how to Pick the 'Right Gear' and Ask Great Questions Mr. Rob Marr
3 pm - 3:50 pm	Choose the Right Approach for CHANGE: Learn how to Adapt to Change and Help Others do it too Mr. Rob Marr
4 pm - 4:10 pm	NETWORKING BREAK
4:10 pm - 5 pm	Choose the Right Approach for COMMERCE: Learn how to Grow your Practice Profitably with no Extra Customers Mr. Rob Marr

CVMA Signature Events

Thursday, June 26

8 am - 12 pm	CVMA Summit - Access to Care	PETS US
12:30 pm - 2 pm	CVMA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING	
2:30 pm - 5 pm	CVMA National Issues Forum - Sustainability	Adapet



SESSION SCHEDULE

Friday, June 27 - Morning

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	COMPANION ANIMAL Nutrition	COMPANION ANIMAL Rehabilitation	DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION	EQUINE MEDICINE	RUMINANT INFECTIOUS DISEASE	ONE HEALTH SUSTAINABILITY
8:30 am to 9:20 pm		KEYNOTE SP Jessica Holme				
9:30 am to 10:20 am	The Ins and Outs of Feeding Sick Pets MS. ROBIN SAAR	The Achilles Tendon: A Complex Injury DR. TARA EDWARDS	Breaking Barriers: The Bold Future of DEI DR. MICHAEL BLACKWELL	Vitamin E and Selenium Nutrition – Why Does it Matter so Much? DR. ERICA MACKENZIE	An Update on HPAI in Dairy Cattle DR. JASON LOMBARD	Anthropogenic Climate Change: The Effects on Health and the Impacts of Providing Vet Care DR. DICCON WESTWORTH
		1	0:30 am to 11:15 am - R	EFRESHMENT BREAK		
11:15 am to 12:05 pm	Nutritionally Priming the Engine in GI Cases MS. ROBIN SAAR	An Introduction to Hydrotherapy: Ready, Set, Walk! DR. TARA EDWARDS	Our Patients Don't See Colour, So Why Do We Need DEI? DR. JORDAN WOODSWORTH	Optimizing Serum Chemistry Interpretation DR. ERICA MACKENZIE	Are Our Cows at Risk of Acquiring Bovine TB from their Human Caretakers? DR. JASON LOMBARD	Practicing Sustainable Veterinary Medicine DR. DICCON WESTWORTH

12:15 pm to 1:30 pm - LUNCH BREAK



Friday, June 27 - Afternoon

	COMPANION ANIMAL Dermatology	COMPANION ANIMAL Diagnostic Imaging	COMPANION ANIMAL Nephrology	EQUINE Biomechanics	RUMINANT Calf Management	ONE HEALTH Veteranarian's Toolkit
1:30 pm to 2:20 pm	Evidence-Based Management of Immune-Mediated Skin Disease: Pemphigus Foliaceus DR. MICHAEL ROSSI	Beyond the Throat: Radiology Insights into the Upper Airways DR. LUKAS KAWALILAK	Feline Acute Kidney Injury: is it Always the Kidneys' Fault?s DR. SERGE CHALHOUB DR. SØREN BOYSEN	Symmetry, the Cheap Diagnostic Tool DR. BILL ORMSTON	Colostrum Management to Maximize Dairy Calf Health DR. WHITNEY KNAUER	Building a Veterinarian's One Health Toolkit: System Thinking in Practice DR. KATIE CLOW
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2:30 pm to 3:20 pm	Multimodal, Proactive Therapy: Improving the Management of Allergic Disease DR. MICHAEL ROSSI	Bronchograms and Beyond: Navigating Lower Airway Radiography DR. LUKAS KAWALILAK	Beyond the Bladder Part 1: Update on Urethral Obstruction DR. SERGE CHALHOUB DR. SØREN BOYSEN	Why Understanding the Movement at the AO Junction is so Important DR. BILL ORMSTON	Best Practices for Dairy Calf Housing Management: Small Group DR. WHITNEY KNAUER	Building a Veterinarian's One Health Toolkit: Transdisciplinarity DR. KATIE CLOW
			3:30 pm to 4:15 pm - R	EFRESHMENT BREAK		
4:15 pm to 5:05 pm	Bacterial Skin Infections in Dogs: Where Are we Now? DR. MICHAEL ROSSI	Mediastinal Mysteries: Exploring Pleural and Mediastinal Pathologyt DR. LUKAS KAWALILAK	Beyond the Bladder Part 2: Urethral Obstruction, Managing the Aftermath DR. SERGE CHALHOUB DR. SØREN BOYSEN	Gravity, the Overlooked Health Indicator DR. BILL ORMSTON	Best Practices for Dairy Calf Housing Management: Large Group DR. WHITNEY KNAUER	Building a Veterinarian's One Health Toolkit: Leadership and collaboration DR. KATIE CLOW
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Saturday, June 28 - Morning

	COMPANION ANIMAL Anesthesiology	COMPANION ANIMAL Ophthalmology	CANADIAN FOOD INSPECTION AGENCY	EQUINE Surgery	RUMINANT AMU Decisions	ANIMAL WELFARE Wellfare Assessment
8:30 am to 9:20 am		KEYNOTE SP Rob Marr	EAKER		206	etis
9:30 am to 10:20 am	Anesthesia for the Broken Heart MS. MARCIA FLETCHER	Getting the Most Out of Your Ocular Exam DR. KIMBERLY HSU	HPAI Update - A One Health Approach to Planning, Preparedness and Response DR. TROY BOURQUE	Blood & Guts - Managing Castration Complications in the Field DR. AIMIE DOYLE	Continuing the Conversation about Selective Dry Cow Therapy DR. DAVID KELTON	Welfare Assessment Tools for Animals Under Our Veterinary Care DR. PATRICIA PRYOR
			10:30 am to 11:15 am - R	EFRESHMENT BREAK		
11:15 am to 12:05 pm	When the Beat Drops: ECGs and Arrhythmias MS. MARCIA FLETCHER	Ocular 9-1-1: Houston We have an Ocular Emergency DR. KIMBERLY HSU	CFIA News Hour DR. AMANDA EMERY	Donkeys, Mules & Other Asses DR. AIMIE DOYLE	Selective Antimicrobial Treatment of Clinical Mastitis - A practical path forward DR. DAVID KELTON	Improving the Welfare of Our Companion Animal Veterinary Patients DR. PATRICIA PRYOR

12:15 pm to 1:30 pm - LUNCH BREAK



Saturday, June 28 - Afternoon

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	COMPANION ANIMAL Soft Tissue Surgery	COMPANION ANIMAL Behaviour	COMPANION ANIMAL Spectrum of Care	EQUINE Surgery	RUMINANT AMU Decisions	ANIMAL WELFARE Wellfare Assessment
1:30 pm to 2:20 pm	Perineal Urethrostomy: Tips and Tricks! DR. AMEET SINGH	"I LOVE FIREWORKS!" Said No Dog Ever - How to Help Dogs with Noise Fears DR. ELIZABETH FELTES	Flexible Approaches to Healthcare Delivery Across a Continuum of Options DR. RYANE ENGLAR	Advanced Oral Examination: Incorporating Oral Endoscopy DR. BRAD TANNER	Interactive Lameness Case Discussion - Part 1 DR. GERARD CRAMER	Aquatic Animal Sentience and Animal Welfare: The Basics DR. CHRIS HARVEY-CLARK
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2:30 pm to 3:20 pm	Tension-Free Wound Closure for Complex Wounds DR. AMEET SINGH	Hot Mess Express: Normal but Nuisance Canine Behaviors DR. ELIZABETH FELTES	Applying Spectrum of Care Practice to Feline Medicine and Surgery: A Case- Based Approach DR. RYANE ENGLAR	Interpret & Obtain Diagnostic Quality Dental Radiographs DR. BRAD TANNER	Interactive Lameness Case Discussion – Part 2 DR. GERARD CRAMER	Changes and Challenges in Welfare of Aquatic Animals DR. CHRIS HARVEY-CLARK
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			3:30 pm to 4 pm - RE	FRESHMENT BREAK		
4 pm to 4:50 pm	Linear Foreign Body - Start to Finish! DR. AMEET SINGH	Clue: Classic Feline Detective Lecture for the Soiling Cat DR. ELIZABETH FELTES	Evidence for a Spectrum of Care Approach to Canine Parvovirus DR. RYANE ENGLAR	Odontoplasty: Treating (floating) Occlusal Pathologies DR. BRAD TANNER	Interactive Lameness Case Discussion – Part 3 DR. GERARD CRAMER	Marine Mammal Welfare Challenges in Canada DR. CHRIS HARVEY-CLARK
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Sunday, June 29 - Morning

	COMPANION ANIMAL Dentistry	COMPANION ANIMAL Anesthesiology	SPECTRUM OF CARE WORKSHOPS	LARGE ANIMAL Disaster Preparedness	PROFESSIONAL WELLNESS Managing Grief
8:30 am to 9:20 am	Selection and Use of Your Dental Instruments DR. SUE MCTAGGART	Sunrise to Sunset: Pediatric and Geriatric Anesthesia MS. MARCIA FLETCHER	Cultivating Compassion to Overcome Barriers to Care DR. SARA RITZIE	TBD DR. MICHAEL NEAULT	Death, Dying and Professional Boundaries MS. KATHLEEN DUNBAR
9:30 am to 10:20 am	Case-Based Dental Radiographs Interpretation DR. SUE MCTAGGART	Breathe like a Brachy MS. MARCIA FLETCHER	Confidently Offering Contextualized Care Options DR. SARA RITZIE SPONSORED BY PETS US	TBD DR. MICHAEL NEAULT	How to Support Patients and Families Through Death and Dying MS. KATHLEEN DUNBAR
		10:30 am to 1	0:45 am - REFRESHM	IENT BREAK	
10:50 am to 11:40 am	Dentistry for Exotic Pets DR. SUE MCTAGGART	Emergency Anesthesia MS. MARCIA FLETCHER	Partnering with Clients to Optimize Pet Health DR. SARA RITZIE SPONSORED BY PETS US	TBD DR. MICHAEL NEAULT	Shame and Coping with Patient Death MS. KATHLEEN DUNBAR
		11:45 pm to	12:30 pm - GRAB AND	GO LUNCH	





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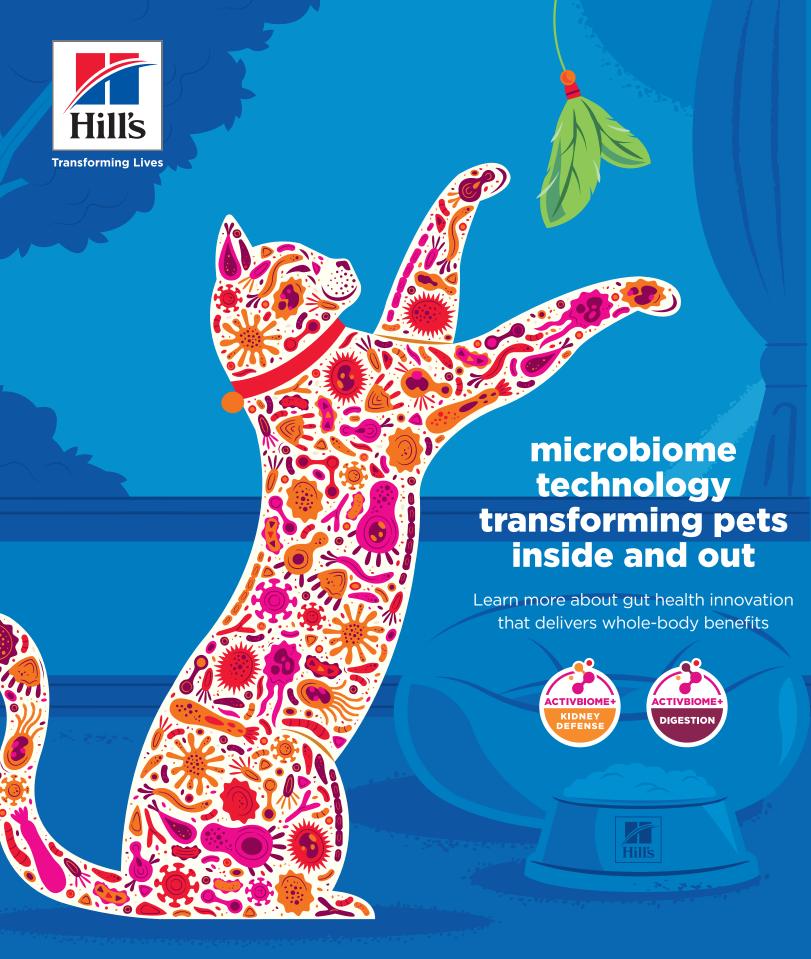
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