



**\*Current List of Speakers & Topics  
2008 ISVMA Annual Convention  
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Westin Lombard Yorktown Center in Lombard, IL**

*\*Additional speakers & topics will be added as the speakers are contracted and their session information is obtained.*

<p><b>John C. Angus, DVM, DACVD</b> is a specialist in managing difficult dermatologic diseases. After he received his degree in veterinary medicine from the University of California, Davis in 1994, he spent five years as a primary care clinician in small animal general and emergency practice. During this period Dr. Angus developed a strong interest in understanding and managing difficult dermatologic diseases.</p> <p>Pursing this interest, he participated in one year of residency training in Mesa, Arizona, followed by a two-year residency at the University of Illinois. Dr. Angus achieved board certification in 2003. Dr. Angus was a visiting clinical assistant professor at the University of Illinois, Veterinary Teaching Hospital, where he received recognition as a teacher of excellence. Dr. Angus has written extensively for journals, veterinary textbooks, and has been an invited speaker at national meetings.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Lecture: Scratch it like MAD-Practical Approach to the Pruritic Patient</li> <li>· Lecture: Sensible Steroids and Steroid Sparing Strategies for Pruritus</li> <li>· Lecture: Canine Pyoderma-Guide for Improved Success</li> <li>· Lecture: Skin Diseases that Mimic Pyoderma: Case Discussion</li> </ul>
<p><b>Anne Barger, DVM, MS, DACVP</b> received her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine Degree from the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine in 1996. She completed a Residency in Clinical Pathology at North Carolina State University in 1999. During her residency, she practiced part-time at Wellington Animal Hospital. Also at that time she was studying for boards. Dr. Barger completed her Board Certification in Pathology in 2000. In 2000, Dr. Barger began working for Antech Diagnostics in Alsip, Illinois. After two years in industry, Dr. Barger was offered a teaching position at the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine where she currently is section-head for Clinical Pathology. Her research interests include tumor cytology and immunocytochemistry.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Lecture: Cytology: The Basics</li> <li>· Lecture: Urinalysis: Abundant Information From One Fluid</li> <li>· Lecture: Getting The Most From Your CBC</li> </ul>

<p><b>Heidi Barnes-Heller, DVM, DACVIM (Neurology)</b> received her DVM from Michigan State University in 2000 and completed a small animal internship at the University of Illinois. In July 2004, she completed a combined neurology/neurosurgery residency at the University of Florida and became board certified the following year. She currently practices at VCA Aurora Animal Hospital.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Lecture: Short and Long Term Management of Seizures in Dogs and Cats</li> <li>· WetLab: The Neurologic Examination: Uncover the Mystery!</li> </ul>
<p><b>Kathleen Bonvicini, EdD</b> is associate director of the Institute for Healthcare Communication in New Haven, CT. Since 2002, she has been teaching communication at veterinary colleges and conferences across North America as a part of The Bayer Institute for Health Care Communication. With funds from Bayer Animal Health, the nonprofit institute developed eight communication modules covering a range of veterinarian-client communication topics, and plans to produce four more.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Lecture: Listen Up: Tools to Improve Client Relationships</li> </ul>
<p><b>Tim Cavanagh</b> has entertained audiences across America for over 25 years. In nightclub, college and corporate settings, Tim's clean and engaging comedy has made him a favorite performer.</p> <p>He brings to the corporate world a unique customized comedy show that hits just the right notes. Tim does his homework: he learns as much as he can about the nature of the audience, company and/or industry he's performing for, and then writes comedy material especially for them. He then combines this tailored material with his funny songs, audience interaction and fun prizes resulting in a hands-on, custom-made, unforgettably fun experience.</p> <p>While comedy has been Tim's favorite job, it hasn't been his only job. After receiving a B.A. in Philosophy from Loyola University of Chicago, Tim taught religion at an all-girls Catholic high school for three years.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Saturday General Session</li> </ul>
<p><b>Ken Ehlen, DVM &amp; Kirsten Poppen, JD</b> join us from Simmons &amp; Associates. Since 1977, Simmons &amp; Associates has been a trusted business advisor and broker to thousands of veterinarians buying and selling practices. They specialize exclusively in veterinary practice sales, valuations and negotiations.</p> <p>Veterinarians spend many years building strong relationships with staff and clients, and most are on a "first-name" basis. It's important that the owner who takes over a practice continues the tradition. The goal of Simmons &amp; Associates is to make the right fit whether you are buying or selling your practice.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Lecture: Exit Strategies for Practice Owners</li> <li>· Lecture: Cash Flow Management</li> <li>· Lecture: Buying vs. Starting a Practice</li> </ul>

<p><b>Kevin T. Fitzgerald, PhD, DVM, DABVP</b> practices at Alameda East Veterinary Hospital, Denver, Colorado and is also featured on Emergency Vets on Animal Planet television. Hill's Dog Food and the Veterinary Specialists in Private Practice (VSIPP) named him specialist of the year in private practice in 2006. Also in 2006, Dr. Fitzgerald published 21 chapters in 4 different veterinary textbooks ranging from emergency medicine to toxicology, to reptile medicine and surgery. Since the summer of 2000, he has carried out an extensive study of prairie rattlesnakes along the front range of Colorado.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Friday General Session</li> <li>· Lecture: Snakes, Bees, Spiders, and Ants: Envenomation and Management</li> <li>· Lecture: Medical and Surgical Conditions of Turtles and Tortoises</li> <li>· Lecture: Urgent Care for Reptiles, Urgent Care for Ferrets</li> <li>· Lecture: Urgent Care for Pocket Pets</li> </ul>
<p><b>Ava Frick, DVM</b> specializes in pain management, chiropractic, and animal rehabilitation. She is the author of "Fitness in Motion: Therapeutic Exercises for Horses", a frequent contributor to veterinary publications, and Horse &amp; Rider and The Healthy Planet.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Lecture: Balancing the Autonomic Nervous System: Chiropractic, Nutrition, and Micro-current Therapy</li> <li>· Lecture: Pain Management Without The Pill</li> <li>· WetLab: Pain Management Without The Pill</li> </ul>
<p><b>Kathy Fritz</b> is a practice consultant for AAHA MARKETLink, a veterinary product distributor. Her career includes more than five years in the management of private veterinary practices. Ms. Fritz specializes in training veterinarians and their staff to better manage inventory. She has a Bachelor of Science degree in agricultural economics from University of Illinois.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Lecture: Strategic Use of Your Financial Statements</li> <li>· Lecture: Managing Your Inventory Investment</li> </ul>
<p><b>Gail Golab, DVM, PhD, MACVSc</b> is the Associate Director of the Animal Welfare Division, American Veterinary Medical Association, Schaumburg, Illinois. She received her undergraduate degree from the Loyola University of Chicago, earned her DVM at the University of Illinois and received her PhD in Biochemistry from Texas A&amp;M. In 1995, after completing a medical and surgical internship and three years in private practice, Dr. Golab accepted a position with the AVMA as a scientific editor for the Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association and the American Journal of Veterinary Research. In 1998, she joined the AVMA's Division of Education and Research as assistant director, serving as staff consultant for issues related to human-animal interactions (animal welfare, human-animal bond). In 2001, she became assistant director of the Association's Communications Division, where she continued to serve as staff consultant on human-animal interactions and also managed professional and public affairs communications for the Association. In 2006, Dr. Golab became associate director of the AVMA's newly created Animal Welfare Division. Dr. Golab currently provides staff support for the AVMA's Animal Welfare Committee and its Committee on the</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Animal Welfare Symposium</li> </ul>

<p>Human-Animal Bond, served as staff consultant for its Animal Welfare Advisory Committee, Task Force on the Housing of Pregnant Sows, and Task Force on Canine Aggression and Human-Canine Interactions, and was a member of the AVMA Animal Welfare Governance Task Force. Often acting in an advisory capacity, Dr. Golab serves as the AVMA's representative on the panel of scientific advisors for the Food Marketing Institute/National Council of Chain Restaurants Animal Welfare Program, is a member of United Egg Producers' Scientific Advisory Committee for Animal Welfare, is an active participant in the Future Trends in Animal Agriculture program developed by USDA-CSREES, and also served as a member of the Animal Welfare Working Group of Farm Foundation's Future of Animal Agriculture in North America project."</p> <p><b>Colleen O'Keefe, DVM, MS</b> is Division Manager, Food Safety and Animal Protection at the Illinois Department of Agriculture. She has experience as a private practitioner and shelter veterinarian and is a member of The American Welsh Springer Spaniel Club, where she is in charge of health issues. She is also a member of The Health Foundation of The American Kennel Club, CHF. She is a WSS-owner since 1979 and a breeder of Welsh Springer Spaniels under the kennel name of Limberlost.</p>	
<p><b>Thomas Graves, DVM, PhD, DACVIM</b> is an associate professor and Chief of Small Animal Medicine at the University of Illinois. Dr. Graves received his DVM from Cornell University. He then earned a MS and PhD from the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry. Dr. Graves is also a certified with ACVIM (Small Animal Internal Medicine).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Lecture: Endocrinology</li> <li>· Lecture: Feline Pancreatitis</li> <li>· Lecture: Feline IBD</li> </ul>
<p><b>Ralph Hamor, DVM, MS DACVO</b> received his BS in 1984 and DVM in 1987 from the University of Missouri. He completed an internship in small animal surgery and medicine in 1988 at Auburn University. After working two years in private practice, Dr. Hamor did a residency in veterinary ophthalmology and earned a masters degree in 1993 at Colorado State University. Dr. Hamor became a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologist in 1994. Currently he is the Clinical Associate Professor of Veterinary Clinical Medicine at the University of Illinois.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Lecture: Ophthalmology Surgery- You Can Do It, I Promise</li> <li>· Wet Lab: Ophthalmology Surgery- You Can Do It, I Promise</li> </ul>
<p><b>Stephen Hooser, DVM, PhD</b> was recently named director of the Indiana Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory (ADDL). He was previously head of the toxicology section of the state office, located on the Purdue University campus.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Lecture: Poisons in the Pastures: Poisonous Plants &amp; Animals</li> <li>· Lecture: Poisons in the Pastures: Poisons We Put There</li> </ul>

<p><b>Stephen Juriga, DVM, DAVDC</b> is the owner and a practitioner at River Heights veterinary Clinic in Oswego, IL. His interests include veterinary dentistry, surgery and ultrasound and his goal is to offer preventative care and solutions to problems that exist in order to maximize the health and well being of pets.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Lecture: Oral Anatomy “What You Really Need To Know”, Regional Nerve Blocks for the Oral Cavity, Dental Radiographic Anatomy and Positioning, Dental Radiographic Interpretation</li> <li>· WetLab: Dental Radiographic Positioning, Radiographic Interpretation, Regional Nerve Blocks</li> </ul>
<p><b>Georgianne Ludwig, DVM</b> graduated from the College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Illinois. She has been a practicing veterinarian since 1993 and is currently the Hospital Director at Lombard Veterinary Hospital. She is the immediate past-chair of the Illinois Veterinary Licensing and Disciplinary Board and Past President of the American Association of Veterinary State Boards.</p> <p><b>Terry Takash, JD</b> is a shareholder at Johnson &amp; Bell, Ltd. in Chicago, IL. He concentrates his practice in general negligence with emphasis in professional licensing/malpractice issues. The chair of the firm's Administrative Law Group, he is the former chief of prosecution for the Illinois Department of Professional Regulation, which issues and regulates all professional licenses within the State of Illinois, with the exception of licenses to practice law. Mr. Takash defends various professionals—including medical doctors, dentists, veterinarians and nurses—before the disciplinary boards of the Illinois Department of Professional Regulation. He has also defended medical doctors and veterinarians in malpractice lawsuits. Mr. Takash is a former assistant state's attorney as well as a former assistant corporation counsel for the City of Chicago. His success as a trial attorney has been recognized by his peers, who have honored him with an AV rating from Martindale-Hubbell.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Lecture: How to Protect Your License and Practice Against Complaints to the Disciplinary Board</li> </ul>
<p><b>Miyu Mercer, DVM</b> graduated from the University of Wisconsin College of Veterinary Medicine in 2004. She completed a small animal internship at VCA Aurora and VCA Berwyn Animal Hospitals. After working in private practice, she went on to complete a one-year neurology internship. She is currently a resident in Neurology/Neurosurgery at VCA Aurora Animal Hospital.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Lecture: Meningitis-Variou Faxes of Dogs and Cats</li> </ul>
<p><b>Lila Miller, DVM</b> is Vice President, ASPCA Veterinary Outreach. She has worked for the ASPCA for more than 25 years, both in the shelter and as director of our former Brooklyn clinic. Now a vice president, she also serves as veterinary advisor to the non-medically trained members of the ASPCA staff. Her areas of special expertise include shelter medicine and animal cruelty.</p> <p>Miller is the past president of the Association of Shelter Veterinarians—an organization that she</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Lecture: The Practice of Veterinary Medicine in Animal Shelters</li> <li>· Lecture: Management of Disease Transmission in Animal Shelters</li> <li>· Lecture: The Recognition and Documentation of Animal Abuse &amp; The Role of the Veterinarian in Handling Animal Abuse</li> </ul>

<p>helped found—as well as a board member of the National Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners and the Association of Human-Animal Bond Veterinarians. Miller received the 1999 award for Outstanding Contribution to Veterinary Medicine from the NYC Veterinary Medical Association, and in 2005, she was honored with the Hills Award for Animal Welfare and Humane Ethics from the American Animal Hospital Association. In 2008, Dr. Miller received the AVMA Animal Welfare Award. She has also served as a member and chairperson of the New York State Board for Veterinary Medicine. Miller co-edited the first textbook in shelter medicine, Shelter Medicine for Veterinarians and Staff and writes a regular column on shelter medicine for Animal Sheltering magazine.</p> <p>Miller taught the first-ever veterinary college course in shelter medicine at Cornell University, the school from which she received both her bachelor's of animal science and veterinary degrees.</p>	
<p><b>Andrew J. Rosenfeld, DVM, DABVP</b> is a well-respected lecturer, Dr. Rosenfeld is the founder and president of VTEC and a member of the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners. He has practiced small animal critical care and emergency medicine for 15 years, and served as hospital director of Paradise Valley Emergency Animal Clinic in Scottsdale for three years. He has also served as Director of Technical Education for the Pet's Choice family of veterinary hospitals and specialty practices, and been an adjunct professor at Mesa Community College and Arizona State University. Dr. Rosenfeld is the author of The Veterinary Medical Team Handbook, a reference and resource manual(Lippincott, Williams and Wilkins - 2006).</p>	<p>· Lecture: Building the Emergency Team</p>
<p>Dr. Andrew Rosenfeld &amp; <b>Curt Coffman, DVM, DAVDC</b>. Dr. Coffman received his B.S. in agriculture from Kansas State University in 1990 and his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from the University of Missouri in 1993. Dr. Coffman worked as an Associate and Partner in small animal veterinary practice in Tempe, Arizona until 2000 when he joined Aid Animal Dental Clinic. He is a member of the Veterinary Dental Society (AVDS), a Fellow of the Academy of Veterinary Dentistry (AVD) and a Diplomate of the American Veterinary Dental College (DAVDC). Dr. Coffman currently serves as President-elect on the Academy of Veterinary Dentistry Board of Directors.</p> <p>Dr. Coffman enjoys presenting continuing education lectures around the country for veterinarians and technicians on the subject of veterinary dentistry. He is a frequent volunteer at the Phoenix Zoo where he has provided</p>	<p>· Lecture: Building the Wellness Team-Dental Wellness Program</p>

<p>dental treatments for a variety of animals including Willie the Spectacled Bear and Desi the Sea Otter. As a veterinary dentist with Aid Animal Dental Clinic, Dr. Coffman works with referral, dentistry patients where his areas of major interest include restorative dentistry and regenerative periodontal surgery.</p>	
<p><b>Debra Sauberli, DVM, DACVT</b> is a Clinical Assistant Professor, Veterinary Clinical Medicine at the College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Illinois. Her professional interest is in Theriogenology. Her main interests include canine and equine reproduction with an emphasis on infertility and assisted reproduction techniques--especially embryo transfer in the equine species.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Lecture: Theriogenology</li> </ul>
<p><b>Eva Sikorska, DVM</b> completed her undergraduate work at UMass, Amherst and then graduated from The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine. After veterinary school, she completed a 13 month rotating internship at Angell Memorial Animal Hospital in Boston and then completed a 3 year Cardiology Residency at Med Vet Associates in Columbus, Ohio. During her residency, she had the wonderful privilege of spending much time at the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium performing cardiology exams on many of the animals in their collection. She enjoys clinical cardiology and has a special interest in interventional procedures as well such as balloon valvuloplasty and vascular occlusion surgery for cardiac shunts.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Lecture: Canine Cardiomyopathy and the role of Pimobendan</li> <li>· Lecture: Syncope: Recognition and Treatment</li> </ul>
<p><b>Allison Stewart, DVM, MS, DACVS</b> is Assistant Professor, Veterinary Clinical Medicine at the College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Illinois. Her professional interests include osteoarthritis, progressive degenerative changes of articular cartilage, mesenchymal stem cell based cartilage repair, cell culture models of therapeutic medications for osteoarthritis, arthroscopic treatment of joint disease and resolution of joint infections.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Lecture: Practical Aspects for Equine Joint Injections and Medications</li> </ul>
<p><b>Rolan Tripp, DVM</b> - Prior to receiving his doctorate in veterinary medicine, completed a BA in Music (Percussion Performance) with a special focus in rock drumming. His minor was Philosophy with a special focus in ethics and logic. This logical yet philosophical approach blended with an affinity for performance shows in Dr. Tripp's entertaining, educational and captivating writing and speaking styles. Dr. Tripp and his wife, Susan Tripp, co-author a weekly - nationally syndicated - pet behavior column, for Universal Press by PetConnection.</p> <p>In addition to private small animal practice, Dr. Tripp created a video program, "VideoVet." Four production awards led to offers from PBS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· WetLab: Puppy Aggression Prevention and Socialization</li> <li>· Lecture: Canine Aggression</li> <li>· Lecture: Feline Inappropriate Elimination</li> <li>· Lecture: Feline Inappropriate Elimination</li> <li>· WetLab: Kitten Socialization</li> </ul>

<p>and Cable Health Network to produce video segments about animals. His interest in animal behavior developed after discovering that behavior is the most common concern for pet owners, and the most common cause of euthanasia in pets. Tripp can be seen on the Animal Planet shows, "Petsburgh, USA" and "Good Dog U."</p> <p>His veterinary practice manual, "Pet Perception Management™" is a guide for veterinarians on how to begin offering behavior services in private practice. Dr. Tripp continues to practice general veterinary medicine, consult with individual pet owners regarding behavior concerns, and write and lecture extensively on his special interest, companion animal behavior. He and his wife, Susan are the former owners of the La Mirada Animal Hospital. They share a passion to transform the veterinary profession and family relationships with pets through behavior education and services.</p> <p>Dr. Tripp is founder of the Animal Behavior Network (ABN). ABN helps transform the general veterinary practice into a "Pet Centered Practice" by providing behavior education and services to support the veterinary practitioner.</p>	
<p><b>Peter Weber, MS, CAE</b> is the executive director of the Illinois State Veterinary Medical Association (ISVMA) where he has worked since November 2003. He serves on the Board of Directors for the American Society of Association Executives and has twenty years of professional association management experience. He transitioned into executive management in 2000 after spending nearly 15 years as a successful lobbyist in Springfield, IL and Washington, D.C.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Lecture: Understanding Retail Taxes</li> </ul>
<p><b>Julia Whittington, DVM</b> is a Clinical Assistant Professor, Veterinary Clinical Medicine at the College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Illinois. Her professional interests include promoting exotic animal health through medical and surgical methods while providing full service hospital care to exotic animal pets, offering medical and surgical care to native wildlife species while instructing students in non-domestic animal principles and educating the public about native wildlife, natural resources, and ecosystem health. She also is an active sentinel for wildlife diseases in order to identify trends effecting our environment, health, and natural resource conservation.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Lecture: Urgent Care for Pet Birds</li> <li>· Lecture: What's Up Doc?; Diagnostic Testing of the Avian Patient</li> <li>· Lecture: The Birds and the Bees; Avian Reproductive Disorders</li> <li>· Lecture: What Goes In, Must Come Out; An Overview of Avian Gastrointestinal and Urinary Diseases</li> </ul>
<p>Multiple Presenters</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· IVERT Training Program</li> </ul>