

Northern Illinois VMA
2019 Spring Meeting
April 24, 2019

REGISTRATION

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Name of ATTENDEE as it will appear on name badge

Credentials—DVM, CVT, MS, etc. (when applicable)

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(required for confirmation AND link to online notes)

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YES NO CIRCLE YOUR REPLY

Pre-Registration deadline:

April 12, 2019

All attendees will be processed on-site
as walk-ins after that date.

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Speaker

Heidi Barnes Heller, DVM, Dipl. ACVIM (Neurology)
Clinical Associate Professor, Neurology/Neurosurgery
University of Wisconsin-Madison

Dr. Barnes Heller obtained her veterinary degree from Michigan State University in 2000. Following graduation she completed a rotating internship at the University of Illinois and a residency in neurology/neurosurgery at the University of Florida.

Dr. Barnes Heller obtained board certification from the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine in 2005. She was the staff neurologist in a private referral hospital outside Chicago Illinois until December 2010, after which point she joined the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Veterinary Medicine in neurology and neurosurgery. Dr. Barnes Heller's main area of research is seizure detection and management. She has pioneered the development of novel anti-convulsant drug administration for cats and small dogs including transdermal applications. Other areas of interest include inflammatory brain disease and neurosurgery.

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2019 Northern Illinois VMA Spring Seminar

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For Veterinarians, Certified
Veterinary Technicians, and
Practice Managers

Speaker

**Heidi Barnes Heller, DVM,
Dipl. ACVIM (Neurology/
Neurosurgery)**

Wednesday, April 24, 2019

6.5 hours of
Continuing Education for
Veterinarians and Certified
Veterinary Technicians

Tebala Event Center
7910 Newburg Road
Rockford, Illinois



PROGRAM

8:00 AM—8:50 AM

Registration/Continental Breakfast

8:50 AM—9:00 AM Welcome:

Dr. Kelli Kramer, President

Presenter: Heidi Barnes Heller, DVM, Dipl. ACVIM (Neurology/Neurosurgery)

9:00AM—10:30AM

Neuroanatomical Lesion Localization - What you Really Need to Know to be Successful

Interpretation of the neurologic examination is critical to successful lesion localization and lesion localization is critical to developing a differential list, and diagnostic plan. You don't need to be a neurologist to be successful! Learn tips on how to localize a lesion within the brain, spinal cord or neuromuscular system. During this session we will review pertinent neuroanatomy and will practice lesion localization through case based discussions.

10:30AM—10:40AM Break

10:40AM—11:30AM

Walk the Line: The Many uses of Gait Analysis

Evaluation of gait can be incredibly helpful in determining the etiology of a dog's difficulty with locomotion. This case based session will focus on distinguishing ataxia from weakness and lameness, and how to localize a neurologic problem based largely on the gait assessment.

11:30AM—1:00PM NIVMA Annual Meeting—Luncheon

1:00PM—1:50PM

Demystifying Canine Vestibular Disease

During this session we will review the anatomy and normal function of the vestibular system, and apply this knowledge to a case based discussion of differential diagnosis, diagnostic testing and treatment options for canine vestibular disease.

2:00PM—2:50PM

Managing Chronic Canine Seizures

What does good seizure control mean? Often, clients' goals do not align with our goals for dogs with chronic seizures. With the increased availability of novel anti-seizure medications, choosing the appropriate medication can be overwhelming. This session will focus on appropriate goal setting by clients and veterinarians, and novel and "standard" anti-seizure drug treatment options. Additionally we will discuss when, and how to appropriately monitor therapeutic serum levels and trouble shooting for difficult cases. This session will be case based to allow easy translation to clinical practice.

3:00PM—3:50PM

Neuromuscular Disease in Dogs and Cats

Neuromuscular disease is a problem affecting the peripheral nerves, neuromuscular junction, and/or muscles. Diseases such as botulism, tick paralysis and polyradiculoneuropathy can affect the neuromuscular system and result in a unique constellation of clinical signs. Come prepared to review the neuromuscular system, and its distinctive manifestations of disease.

4:00PM—4:50PM

When Back Pain Isn't a Surgical Disease

Fibrocartilagenous emboli, discospondylitis, and meningomyelitis can present with identical history and examination findings to a dog with a disc herniation and yet surgery is not the treatment of choice for these other diseases. Come prepared to discuss these different diseases and learn tricks to differentiating them from disc herniations, as well as cutting edge medical management for each disease. This case-based format is designed to encourage discussion and dialog about these 'great pretenders' of the back.

Meeting Place

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REGISTRATION FEES:

Prior to April 12, 2019

DVM.....	\$ 165
CVT	\$ 90
Practice Personnel/Other.....	\$ 90
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