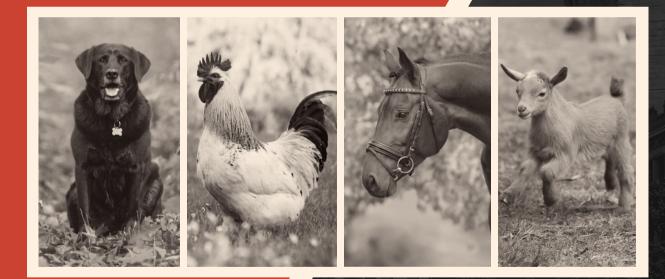




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October 25-26



MGM Springfield Springfield, MA 01103

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Join us for the MVMA Fall Conference on October 25-26, 2025, at MGM Springfield!

Choose to attend for one day or immerse yourself in the full two-day experience while earning up to 12 CE credits. Engage in high quality educational tracks tailored to your interests, connect with fellow veterinary professionals and industry leaders, and make the most of the venue's incredible amenities—including a movie theater, indoor golf, bowling, fine dining, a casino, and more.

Wrap up Saturday with a relaxed evening at our cocktail reception, where you can mingle with colleagues over complimentary appetizers and a cash bar plus, the first 50 attendees receive a free drink ticket!

Don't miss this chance to learn, connect, and unwind in a fantastic setting!

MGM

VENUE & HOST HOTEL MGM Springfield One MGM Way Springfield, MA 01103

MGM Springfield, located in downtown Springfield, Massachusetts, offers a comprehensive entertainment and hospitality experience. The resort features modern guest rooms equipped with up to date amenities. The casino includes slot machines, numerous table games, and a dedicated poker room. Dining options range from casual to upscale, including the popular TAP Sports Bar and the South End Market. Entertainment amenities feature a Regal luxury cinema with recliner seating, a 10-lane bowling alley, and a Topgolf Swing Suite for interactive golfing experiences.

Accessibility: MGM Springfield does offer room accommodations with amenities ranging from roll-in showers to bathroom handrails. Please contact MGM Springfield Reservations at 1-413-273-5000 for additional information.

Accommodations: Attendee ticket does not include hotel accommodations. Reservations can be made at: https://book.passkey.com/event/50835356/owner/49687830/home for a discounted rate. All reservations and any changes must be made before the reservation due date Wednesday, September 24, 2025. Check in: 3:00 PM Check out 11:00 AM.



Nearby Attractions:

Basketball Hall of Fame The Amazing World of Dr. Seuss Museum Dr. Seuss National Memorial Sculpture Garden George Walter Vincent Smith Art Museum Springfield Science Museum Michele and Donald D'Amour Museum of Fine Arts Lyman and Merrie Wood Museum of Springfield History Forest Park Tower Square indoor mall

Tentative Schedule

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

Registration & Breakfast		
Programs begin (Bellagio)		
Exhibitors' Showcase & Refreshment Break (Aria Ballroom)		
Programs resume		
Lunch (Aria Ballroom)		
Programs resume		
Exhibitors' Showcase & Refreshment Break		
Programs resume		
Programs conclude		
Cocktail Reception (ARIA Prefunction)		
Cash bar and appetizers		

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

8:00AM - 9:00AM	Registration & Breakfast		
9:00AM - 10:30AM	Programs begin (Bellagio)		
10:30AM - 11:00AM	Exhibitors' Showcase & Refreshment Break (Aria Ballroom)		
11:00AM - 12:30PM	Programs resume		
12:30PM - 1:30PM	Lunch (Aria Ballroom)		
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3:30PM - 5:00PM	Programs resume		
5:00PM	Programs conclude		

Track 1

Nutrition Lisa M. Freeman, DVM, PhD, DACVIM (Nutrition)

9:00am – 5:00pm

1. You're feeding what?! Guide to evaluating and talking to owners about unconventional diets This lecture will provide a practical approach to evaluating unfamiliar pet foods and discuss pros and cons of different unconventional diets, such as vegetarian, natural, home-prepared, and raw.

2. Nutrition conundrums: Dietary supplements: Helpful or harmful? and the "Epidemic" of food allergies This session will discuss important considerations with dietary supplement and a practical approach to evaluating and recommending supplements for dogs and cats. For the second half of the session, food allergies in dogs and cats will be discussed, including the challenges with diagnosis and treatment.

3. Latest updates on diet-associated dilated cardiomyopathy

In 2018, the US Food and Drug Administration issued an alert about a potential connection between diet and cases of canine dilated cardiomyopathy. Since then, a great deal has been learned about this issue in pets eating high-pulse diets. This lecture will provide the latest updates on diet-associated dilated cardiomyopathy in dogs and cats.

4. DIY: Solutions to your challenging nutrition cases

Attendees can bring their own challenging nutrition cases to discuss how to best manage their diets and come up with practical solutions using readily-available tools and resources.

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Updates on Equine Respiratory Disease Daniela Bedenice, DVM, DACVIM (LAIM), DACVECC

9:00am – 12:30pm

This session focuses on current or novel concepts related to the diagnosis and management of equine respiratory disease (including Equine Asthma, bacterial pneumonia and neonatal respiratory disease). The objective is to provide information to aid in the accurate diagnosis of respiratory dysfunction and to propose updated management recommendations that may enhance patient outcome. Strong considerations will be given to antimicrobial stewardship for the treatment of bacterial disease

Track 4 (continued)

Equine Reproduction Carlos Pinto, DVM, PhD, DACVT

1:30pm – 5:00pm

Pharmacological control of reproductive function in the broodmare

* How to maximize the efficiency of hormones used in mare reproduction :

-To induce cyclicity in anestrous mares

-To induce or suppress estrus in the cycling mare

-Estrus synchronization for scheduled procedures

- -To trigger ovulation
- -To treat breeding-induced endometritis
- -To support pregnancy
- -To suppress estrus
- -To electively terminate pregnancy
- -To induce parturition

Current therapies for treating the "problem" mare * A mare having trouble in becoming pregnant or carrying a pregnancy to term is commonly referred to as a "problem" mare -How to identify and implement strategies to manage the problem mare associated with:

- -Infectious causes
- -Non-infectious causes
- -Breeding management issues
- -Idiopathic sub- or infertility
- -Proposed therapies for the problem mare

Reproductive ultrasonography for the broodmare

- * Use of transrectal and abdominal ultrasonography in:
- -Breeding management
- -Pregnancy diagnosis and evaluations
- -Normal mare
- -High-risk pregnant mare
- -Diagnosis of ovarian disorders
- -Diagnosis of uterine disorders



Wrap up Saturday with a relaxed evening at our cocktail reception 6-7pm, where you can mingle with colleagues over complimentary appetizers and a cash bar—plus, the first 50 attendees receive a free drink ticket!



Track 1

Diarrhea in Dogs and Cats Maureen Carroll, DVM, DACVIM-SA

9:00am – 12:30pm

Diarrhea in cats and dogs: The big and the small

In this lecture on diarrhea in cats and dogs, the discussion begins with a review of the anatomy and physiology of the gastrointestinal (G.I.) tract, highlighting the distinct roles of the small intestine and large intestine). Clinical signs help differentiate small bowel diarrhea—typically characterized by large volume, weight loss, and vomiting—from large bowel diarrhea, which presents with increased frequency, straining, mucus, and occasionally fresh blood. The pathophysiology involves disruption of normal digestive or absorptive processes due to infectious agents, dietary indiscretion, inflammatory disease, or systemic illness. Workup, current data on treatment options, supportive care and targeted therapy will be reviewed.

Fecal transplantation in dogs and cats: Past, present and future This lecture explores the past, present, and future of fecal transplantation in cats and dogs, beginning with a historical overview tracing its roots back to ancient practices and its resurgence in modern medicine for treating gastrointestinal disorders. It delves into the critical functions of the gut microbiota in health and disease, including immune modulation, nutrient metabolism, and pathogen resistance, and reviews methods for assessing microbial composition and diversity. The use of antibiotics—particularly their disruptive effects on the microbiome—and the role of Clostridium difficile in both human and veterinary gastrointestinal disease are discussed as key drivers of interest in fecal microbiota transplantation (FMT). Current research, including data from human medicine and emerging veterinary studies, highlights the potential of FMT in treating chronic enteropathies, antibioticassociated diarrhea, and other disorders outside the GI tract. Finally, the lecture considers future directions, such as standardized donor screening, encapsulated microbiota therapies, precision microbiome profiling, and regulatory and ethical considerations in veterinary applications

Just say No to Metro: An update on drug therapy in treating diarrhea in dogs and cats This lecture focuses on drug therapy in the treatment of diarrhea in cats and dogs, emphasizing a multimodal approach that integrates dietary management, probiotics, and fiber alongside pharmacologic interventions. Diet plays a foundational role in stabilizing the gut environment, with easily digestible, novel protein or hydrolyzed diets often used in management. Probiotics and prebiotics aim to restore microbial balance, while fiber—both soluble and insoluble—can aid in stool regulation and mucosal health. Pharmacologic treatments include targeted use of antibiotics and antiparasitics based on diagnostic findings, with caution to avoid unnecessary disruption of the microbiota. In cases of chronic or immunemediated diarrhea, immune modulators or immunosuppressive therapies such as corticosteroids, cyclosporine, or newer biologics will be reviewed

Track 1 (continued)

Vomiting in Small Animals: Uncovering Causes, Mastering Diagnosis, and Optimizing Treatment Antonia Ioannou, BVMS, DACVIM (SAIM)

1:30pm – 5:00pm

A comprehensive presentation designed to provide a deep dive into the complexities of vomiting in small animals. The first hour will focus on the mechanisms behind vomiting, exploring its physiological processes and identifying common causes, both gastrointestinal and systemic. In the second hour, we will shift to a structured diagnostic approach, discussing how to interpret clinical signs, select appropriate tests, and prioritize differentials to pinpoint the underlying issue. The final hour will cover effective treatment strategies, including acute management, long-term care, and preventive measures, ensuring a holistic approach to managing vomiting in small animals for optimal patient outcomes.

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Equine Ophthalmology Stephanie Pumphrey, DVM, PhD, DACVO

9:00am – 12:30pm

Understanding equine recurrent uveitis (1 hour):

This lecture will review key findings in equine recurrent uveitis, including more subtle clinical signs that are easily missed. Attendees will learn about indications for specific treatment options, including newer modalities such as suprachoroidal injections and intravitreal gentamicin, as well as surgical options like cyclosporine implants. An update on current thinking about pathogenesis will also be included

Nonulcerative keratitis in horses: IMMK, HIK, EK – help! (1 hour):

This lecture will review clinical presentations for nonulcerative keratitides in horses. Attendees will learn how to recognize this set of diseases and institute initial management. We will discuss management of refractory cases and novel therapies like keratectomy and indocyanine green phototherapy.

So much trouble for such a small part of the body: equine corneal ulcers and stromal abscesses (1 hour):

This lecture will review assessment and management of equine corneal ulcers and stromal abscesses. Attendees will learn how to obtain and evaluate cytology samples, and how to select medications for initial management. We will review interventional options including keratectomy, crosslinking, and intrastromal injections.

Practical Goat Dermatology Jacquelin Graber, DVM

1:30pm – 3:00pm

Part 1 (1:30-2:15pm): Diagnosis and Management of Common Derm Diseases in Small Ruminants

Review of basic diagnostic work-up of dermatological conditions in goats.

Diagnosis, treatment and management of ectoparasitism, trace mineral deficiencies, and other

common dermatological conditions.

Part 2 (2:15-3:00pm): Uncommon Derm Diseases of Small Ruminants Case review of lesser known derm diseases including pemphigus foliaceus, atopic dermatitis, and others.

Track 4 (continued)

Respiratory Disease of Small Ruminants and Ophthalmology of Small Ruminants Isabelle Louge, DVM

3:30 pm – 5:00pm

Respiratory: A review of common diagnostic techniques, treatments, and preventative measures commonly employed in small ruminant respiratory disease cases. Common differential diagnoses for small ruminant respiratory disease will be discussed.

Ophthalmology: A review of the common ophthalmology calls seen by small ruminant practitioners. Common differential diagnoses, treatments, and preventative measures will be discussed.



Need more CE? MVMA VIRTUAL EVENTS

Extending the Veterinarian's Role in Supporting Service, Therapy, and Emotional Support Animals Zenithson Ng, DVM, MS, DABVP August 24, 2025 from 10:00am - 1:00pm Live Zoom event

Thorax and Abdominal Radiology: A Casebased Approach to Determine Next Steps

Anthony Pease DVM, MS, DACVR November 9, 2025 from 10:00am - 1:00pm Live Zoom event

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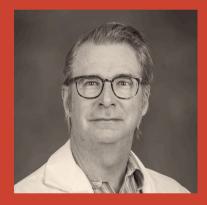
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