2027 SPRING CE CONFERENCE

& ANNUAL MEETING

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Massachusetts Veterinary Medical Association



Wednesday
May 12, 2027

Renaissance Framingham Hotel
& Conference Center
1657 Worcester Road,
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Join us in person for the MVMA Spring CE Conference at the Renaissance Framingham Hotel (formerly the Sheraton Framingham Hotel & Conference Center)! This full-day event offers six hours of CE sessions led by expert speakers, along with an exhibitor showcase featuring new products and services. You'll also enjoy plenty of opportunities to reconnect with colleagues, expand your professional network, and spend the day learning, engaging, and feeling inspired.

Just off I-90, it's easy to get to and has everything you need for a smooth stay. Relax in spacious, modern rooms, enjoy a restful night's sleep, grab a bite at Malones Irish Pub & Social or Provisions Hearth & Kitchen or unwind in the fitness center after a busy day.

Accessibility: For more information about the physical features of the accessible rooms, common areas or special services relating to a specific disability please call 508-879-7200.

Accommodations: Reservations can be made at a discounted rate at HERE and online.

Last Day to Book is **April, 19, 2027.** Check in: 3:00 PM Check out 12:00 PM.



Explore Framingham This Spring
From outdoor adventure to local charm, Framingham offers plenty to explore. Stroll through the stunning Garden in the Woods or enjoy hiking and biking at Callahan State Park and the Cochituate Rail Trail. Shop or play nearby at the Natick Mall, home to unique attractions like Level99, or unwind with local dining and entertainment throughout the MetroWest area. Whether you're looking to relax, explore, or connect, Framingham has something for everyone.

Tentative Schedule

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12, 2027

7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	Registration & Breakfast
8:30AM - 10:00AM	Programs begin
10:00AM - 10:30AM	Exhibitors' Showcase & Refreshment Break
10:30AM - 12:00PM	Programs resume
12:00PM - 1:30PM	Lunch and Annual Meeting
1:30PM - 3:00PM	Programs resume
3:00PM - 3:30PM	Exhibitors' Showcase & Refreshment Break
3:30PM - 5:00 PM	Programs resume
5:00PM	Programs conclude





Track 1

Small Animal Ophthalmology for General and Emergency Practitioners (6 CE)
Ashley Zibura, DVM, MS, DACVO

8:30am – 5:00pm

This lecture series is designed to set general and emergency practitioners up for success in diagnosing and triaging common small animal ophthalmic diseases while also helping them assess when referral is indicated.

Lecture Topics

1. Ophthalmic Examination Tips and Tricks (1 hour)
2. Non-Urgent Ocular Diseases (2 hours)
3. Emergency Ocular Diseases (2 hours)
4. Enucleation Techniques and Local Blocks (1 hour)

Track 2

Radiation Oncology (3 CE)
Jillian Walz, DVM, DACVIM (Oncology), DACVR (Radiation Oncology)

8:30am- 12:00pm

What Is New in Veterinary Oncology? Updates in Cancer Treatment
Geared toward the non-oncologist, this will be a whirlwind tour of the latest developments in veterinary oncology. We'll cover a range of topics, focusing on diagnostic and treatment options that have emerged or increased in availability in the past five years. This includes techniques that general practitioners and specialists may want to consider employing in their own practice, as well as options to consider for referral.

We'll also spend some time talking about radiation treatment for non-neoplastic indications, such as FLUTD, rhinitis, and MUE.

Decoding RT
Radiation therapy continues to grow in use and accessibility as a treatment option for both cancer and non-neoplastic conditions in pets. Increasingly, both general practitioners and specialists are in the position of advising clients on whether to pursue referral for radiation treatment.

Radiation treatment technology has evolved dramatically over the past decade and continues to change. In many cases, this means shorter treatment courses and fewer side effects. We'll spend some time breaking down the acronyms and increasing attendees' comfort level with this versatile treatment modality.



Approach to the Neurologic Patient: Seizures, Spinal Cord Injuries, and When to Refer (3 CE)

Stephanie Kube, DVM, DACVIM (Neurology)

1:30pm - 5:00pm

Designed for general practitioners, this lecture offers a practical framework for evaluating the most common neurologic presentations in veterinary practice, including seizures and spinal cord injuries. We'll review lesion localization, when to begin a diagnostic workup in your own clinic, and how to recognize the red flags that warrant urgent care, emergency intervention, or referral to a veterinary neurologist. Attendees will leave with clear decision points for confident, timely management of neurologic patients.

Track 3

Integrative Approach to Pain, Spinal and GI Conditions (6 CE)

Bonnie D. Wright, DVM, DACVAA

8:30am – 5:00pm

Session Topics

Comprehensive review and update on new findings with pain and sensory physiology.

Neurophysiology of analgesic drugs: practical application along with an in-depth review of mechanisms.

Neurophysiological mechanisms of non-pharmaceutical tools for managing pain, motion and mobility in small animal patients.

Design an integrative plan for managing pain, blending the pharmaceutical and non-pharmaceutical tools discussed earlier.

Design an integrative plan for managing spinal conditions.

Design an integrative plan for managing common gastrointestinal conditions in small animal patients.



Track 4 - For Veterinary Technicians

Veterinary Technician Topics (6 CE)
Amy Newfield, MS, CVT, VTS (ECC)

8:30am – 5:00pm

Seizures!
This lecture talks about why seizures can happen, diagnostics involved and treatment. Numerous videos are shown so attendees can truly understand all stages and types.

A HBC Enters Your Clinic...Step by Step of What to Do
Even if you do not work in an emergency clinic, the chances are you will have a hit-by-car pet come through your doors. The first 15 minutes of that pet's arrival are the most important. Attendees will learn what to do, and in what order, when a hit-by-car pet comes through the doors.

- Attendees will learn about the stages of shock.
- Attendees will learn how to stabilize a patient who has been hit by a car.
- Attendees will learn how to communicate effectively with clients whose pets are experiencing trauma.

Communication & Conflict: Managing Conversations in a Team
Communicating is so difficult! This presentation will talk about the art of communicating and dive into some key aspects needed to offer great communication to others.

- Attendees will learn about nonverbal communication.
- Attendees will learn about the main expressions during communication.
- Attendees will learn about things to and not to say during a conversation.

Preventing Burnout: Stop It Before It Stops You
Wait, what?! Burnout is preventable? Yes, it is. Let's talk about how someone becomes burned out and then discuss practical tools you can use to prevent and get rid of burnout.

- Attendees will learn what burnout is.
- Attendees will learn how to recognize signs of burnout.
- Attendees will learn how to prevent burnout.

Meet Our Speakers



Ashley Zibura, DVM, MS, DACVO

Dr. Ashley Zibura grew up in rural Maine and is excited to return back to New England and launch Veterinary Eye Center-Massachusetts. Dr. Zibura worked in a large multi-specialty hospital before joining the Veterinary Eye Center - New York City in 2022. During her tenure, she saw how impactful an ophthalmology-focused practice can be.

Her clinical interests include corneal disease, cataract surgery, corrective eyelid surgery, and management of ocular pain.

In her spare time, Dr. Zibura enjoys traveling, running, and watching movies with her husband and their rescue pets.



Jillian Walz, DVM, DACVIM (Oncology), DACVR (Radiation Oncology)

Dr. Jillian Walz earned her veterinary degree from the Ohio State University. After a rotating internship at The Animal Medical Center in NYC, she completed a residency in Medical Oncology at the University of Minnesota, and immediately jumped in to a second residency in Radiation Oncology at Ohio State. She worked for 6 years in the Integrated Oncology Department at Angell, then spent a year as a locum, primarily spending short stints as a clinical instructor for various academic institutions. She joined the team at Advanced Veterinary Specialty Center in Walpole in February 2026. Dr. Walz has extensive experience in advanced radiotherapy techniques such as volumetric arc therapy (VMAT), intensity-modulated radiation therapy (IMRT) and stereotactic radiotherapy (SRT/SBRT). Outside of work, she enjoys hiking and rock climbing with her 7 year old daughter.



Stephanie Kube, DVM, DACVIM (Neurology)

Stephanie Kube, DVM, DACVIM (Neurology), is a veterinary neurologist and neurosurgeon and the owner and medical director of Advanced Veterinary Specialty Center (AVSC) in Walpole, Massachusetts. She earned her DVM from Colorado State University in 2000, completed a neurology/neurosurgery residency at the University of California, Davis, and became board-certified in neurology in 2005. Dr. Kube is also a Certified Veterinary Pain Practitioner and a Certified Canine Rehabilitation Therapist.

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Bonnie D. Wright, DVM, DACVAA

Dr. Bonnie Wright was born and raised in Albuquerque, New Mexico. She accomplished her DVM at Colorado State University and a residency in Anesthesia and Critical Patient Care at The University of California, Davis. She has lived in Colorado since 2001, and part-time in Hawaii since 2017. Dr. Wright is board certified in Veterinary Anesthesia and Analgesia. She has earned certificates in Medical Acupuncture, Veterinary Pain Practitioner, Canine Rehabilitation Practitioner, Canine Rehabilitation Therapist and advanced training in canine musculo-skeletal imaging and regenerative medicine. She works and teaches in the areas of anesthesia, pain medicine, the science of non-pharmaceutical pain medicine, evidence-based acupuncture, regenerative medicine and rehabilitation. She is the lead faculty for the Evidence Based Veterinary Acupuncture program in Massachusetts, Colorado and Hawaii. She has two adult sons, several wonderful dogs, a red-headed mare, and an unknown number of wild hogs. She spends time exercising and building her off-grid Hawaiian farm with her wife and scent-trained service dogs.



Amy Newfield, MS, CVT, VTS (ECC)

Amy is the owner of Veterinary Team Training and author of the award-winning books, “Oops, I Became a Manager” and “Oops, My Team is Toxic.” Amy is focused on growing veterinary leaders and providing top-notch veterinary education. She boasts 26 years of experience ranging from general practice, emergency, government work, private, corporate, and leadership roles. She has been lecturing for over 19 years, won 3 speaker of the year awards and always gets rave reviews for her energetic, humorous and engaging approach to topics. Amy has worked with translators in 5 countries and lectured in over 13 different countries.

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Select one track only

6 CE per track

- ☐ **Track 1 : Ophthalmology (Ashley Zibura, DVM, MS, DACVO)**
- ☐ **Track 2: Radiation Oncology (Jillian Walz, DVM, DACVIM (Oncology), DACVR (Radiation Oncology) and Neurology (Stephanie Kube, DVM, DACVIM (Neurology)**
- ☐ **Track 3: Pain & Integrative Medicine (Bonnie D. Wright, DVM, DACVAA)**
- ☐ **Track 4: For Veterinary Technicians (Amy Newfield, MS, CVT, VTS (ECC))**

All presentation handouts will be distributed via email before the event for the session you are attending. Printed handouts are not available

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	Early Bird (Ends March 11th)	Regular Registration
Member - 1 Day	$350	$375
Non-Member 1 Day	$475	$500
Technician 1 Day	$275	$275
Student 1 Day	$200	$200

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