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**June 6 - 8, 2024**  
**Idaho Falls, ID**

# Mountain West Veterinary Conference

## June 6 - 8, 2024



You are invited to participate in Idaho's premier annual gathering of professionals in veterinary medicine. The Idaho Veterinary Medical Association has a long and rich history of providing excellent continuing education in an inviting atmosphere.

### LOCATION

Snake River Event Center  
780 Lindsay Blvd  
Idaho Falls, ID 83402

### CE PROGRAM

Earn up to 16 hours of CE credits:

Large Animal Veterinary Medicine CE = 14 hours  
Small Animal Veterinary Medicine CE = 14 hours  
Veterinary Technician CE = 14 hours  
NVAP Accreditation Modules CE = 2 CE credits

**PROCEEDINGS** will be available for download on the IVMA website one week before to the meeting. Printed notes and flash drives must be purchased by May 6 and can be picked up at check in.

### REGISTRATION

Full registration includes up to 16 hours of CE, the proceedings, opening reception with light hors d'oeuvres, ice cream social, steak dinner, breakfast and lunch on Friday and Saturday and all breaks. **Register before May 6, 2024 for early-bird rates.**

**Early-Bird registration rates:** Member—\$300/ Non-Member— \$400

**Regular Registration rates:** Member—\$340 / Non-Member—\$440

**Technician rates:** \$250/\$275

**IVMA Recent Graduate Members** can attend one meeting during their two year complimentary membership for free.

**IVMA Veterinary Student Members** can attend meetings for free. One day registration available, see form.

#### How to Register:

1. Online - <https://ivma.org/2024-mwvc/>
2. By mail, email, or phone - Checks made payable to: IVMA  
**Mail:** Idaho Veterinary Medical Association  
c/o Travis Jones  
800 W Main Street, Suite 1460  
Boise, ID 83702  
**Email:** [director@ivma.org](mailto:director@ivma.org)  
**Phone:** 208.949.8865
3. On-site - Availability based on space.

Cancellations received on or before May 20, 2024 will receive a full refund less a \$50 administrative fee. No refunds will be issued for cancellations after May 20 or for no shows.

**Check-in at the Registration Desk:** Location: Main Lobby  
**Thursday, June 6:** 1:30 - 5 pm (Mountain Time)  
**Friday & Saturday, June 7 - 8:** 7 am - 5 pm

### HOTEL

Shilo Inn (780 Lindsay Blvd, Idaho Falls, ID 83402)

**Rates guaranteed until May 20, 2024**

Request Discounted Group Rate for "IVMA"

**\$169/nt.** – One King or **\$199/nt.** – Double Queens, plus tax

**Make reservations by** calling (208) 523 - 0088

### EVENTS

#### Thursday, June 6

**4 - 5 pm: Opening Reception with Exhibitors** —Mingle with colleagues and industry representatives while enjoying light hors d'oeuvres.  
Cost: Complimentary. Open to registrants and guests.

**7 - 9 pm: Ice Cream Social** - After dinner on your own, top it off with ice cream at The Nice Spot Mercantile and Coffee Bar. Attendees and guests welcome to attend the complimentary event. Hosted by the IVMA. Address: 395 Lindsay Blvd, Idaho Falls, ID 83402.

#### Friday, June 7

**8 - 8:45 am: Keynote speaker, Dr. Morgan McArthur**, will present "Bring Some Heat in the Chill of Change." Change is inevitable and we can choose to see it as an aversion or an adventure. No person or profession has a patent on the challenge of change. Our approach to it is the secret to finding the adventure and the treasure in the unknown.

**1 - 1:30 pm: IVMA Annual Membership Meeting** —Get updates on the IVMA's work while enjoying lunch with colleagues.

**6 - 9 pm: Steak Fry dinner, Live Music, and Live Auction**— Don't miss this top-notch event. Guests will be welcomed by live music provided by Barton & Bollar (Barton being former Idaho state veterinarian, Dr. Bill Barton). Enjoy a steak dinner followed by a live auction with guest auctioneer, Dr. Morgan McArthur, to raise funds for veterinary student scholarships! **You can support the event by donating an item such as handmade items, tickets, gift baskets, vacation rentals, etc.** Complimentary meal hosted by MWI Animal Health & Boehringer Ingelheim for attendees and their guests. **Please RSVP and let us know if you are interested in donating an item.** Location: Freeman Park Bandshell (1290 Science Center, Idaho Falls, ID 83402)

#### Saturday, June 8

**1 - 1:30 pm: Veterinarian of the Year Award Ceremony**—Honor a fellow colleague as the 2024 Idaho Veterinarian of the Year is presented with an award.

#### EXHIBIT HALL HOURS:

Thursday, June 6: 4 - 5 pm

Friday, June 7: 10 am - 5 pm

Saturday, June 8: 7:30 am - 2 pm



# Mountain West Veterinary Conference Schedule

## THURSDAY—JUNE 6, 2024 (2 CE credits)

1:30 - 5 pm	Registration Desk open in the Main Lobby —Pick up your registration packet and drop off auction items.
2 - 4 pm	<i>NVAP Module 23 (Use of Antibiotics in Animals) &amp; Module 27 (Bovine Trichomoniasis)</i> - Tyler Senft, MPH, DVM & Lori McCoy-Harrison, DVM
4 - 5 pm	<b>Opening Reception with Exhibitors</b> —Light hors d'oeuvres for registrants, guests, and exhibitors (Grand Teton/Yellowstone rooms)
5 pm	IVMA Board of Directors Meeting - Members welcome to observe (Location: TBD)
7 - 9 pm	Ice Cream Social - Hosted by the Eastern Idaho Veterinary Medical Association (The Nice Spot - 395 Lindsay Blvd, Idaho Falls, ID 83402)

## FRIDAY—JUNE 7, 2024 (7 CE credits)

7 - 8 am	Registration Desk Open (pick up your registration packet or register on-site) & Breakfast Buffet		
	SMALL ANIMAL	LARGE ANIMAL	TECHNICIAN
8 - 8:45 am	Keynote Session - <i>Bring Some Heat in the Chill of Change</i> - Morgan McArthur, DVM (Grand Teton/Yellowstone rooms)		
9:10 - 10 am	<i>Electricity Flows Best Through Good Connections</i> - Morgan McArthur, DVM	<i>Wounds: Intervening to Help - When, Where, and How</i> - George Martin, DVM, MS, MBA, DACVS	Joint small animal & technician session with Morgan McArthur, DVM
10 - 10:30 am	10 am - Exhibit Hall opens with Refreshment Break		
10:30 - 11:20 am	<i>The Role of NGF in Osteoarthritis Pain</i> - Jason Pozzuoli, DVM	<i>Medication Selection in the Pregnant Mare</i> - Cassandra Cromer, DVM	<i>Basics of Colic Work Up</i> - KT Steward, DVM, MS, DACVS-LA
11:30 - 12:20 pm	<i>Practical Approach to the Management of Diabetes Mellitus in Dogs &amp; Cats</i> - Debera Butler, DVM	<i>Placentitis Management</i> - Cassandra Cromer, DVM	<i>Anatomy of a Colic</i> - KT Steward, DVM, MS, DACVS-LA
12:30 - 2 pm	Lunch with Exhibitors and IVMA Membership Meeting		
2 - 2:50 pm	<i>Tate Technology Applied to the Elbow and Ankle</i> - Randall L. Acker, DVM	<i>Common Behavior Issues for the Equine Vet</i> - Willy Twitchell, M.S	<i>How Can I Contribute?</i> - B. Matthew Dredge, DVM, DACT
3 - 3:30 pm	Refreshment Break in Exhibit Hall		
3:30 - 4:20 pm	<i>Tips for a Technically Smooth Euthanasia</i> - Kathleen Cooney, DVM, CHPV, CPEV, DACAW Resident	<i>Colics in the Field: When to Refer?</i> - KT Steward, DVM, MS, DACVS-LA	Joint small animal & technician session - Kathleen Cooney, DVM, CHPV, CPEV, DACAW Resident
4:30 - 5:20 pm	<i>Euthanasia Reimagined</i> - Kathleen Cooney, DVM, CHPV, CPEV, DACAW Resident	<i>Colic Surgery: Case Discussion, Outcome, Post Operative Management</i> - KT Steward, DVM, MS, DACVS-LA	Joint small animal & technician session - Kathleen Cooney, DVM, CHPV, CPEV, DACAW Resident
6 - 9 pm	Steak Dinner & Auction featuring Dr. McArthur and Barton & Bollar, hosted by MWI & Boehringer-Ingelheim (Freeman Park Bandshell -1290 Science Center)		

## SATURDAY—JUNE 8, 2024 (7 CE credits)

7 - 8 am	Registration Desk & Breakfast Buffet open (7:30 am - Exhibit Hall open)		
	SMALL ANIMAL	LARGE ANIMAL	TECHNICIAN
8 - 8:50 am	<i>Old Dog, New Tricks: a Lymphoma update</i> - Kristine Walters, DVM, DACVIM, Oncology	<i>Equine Castration</i> - Pete Knox, DVM, DACVS	<i>UA, CBC, and Chemistry! Understanding Lab Work for Techs 1</i> - Erica Brandt, CVT, VTS (ECC)
9 - 9:50 am	<i>Introduction to Electrochemotherapy as an Alternative Local Treatment in Veterinary Cancer Management</i> - Kristine Walters, DVM, DACVIM	<i>Kissing Spine</i> - Pete Knox, DVM, DACVS	<i>UA, CBC, and Chemistry! Understanding Lab Work for Techs 2</i> - Erica Brandt, CVT, VTS (ECC)
10 - 10:30 am	Refreshment Break in Exhibit Hall		
10:30 - 11:20 am	<i>Own the Exam Room</i> - Brett Bingham, DVM	<i>Cow/Calf Chuteside Data Collection and Its Role in Consultation</i> - JD Folsom, DVM	<i>Wound Healing for Technicians</i> - Erica Brandt, CVT, VTS (ECC)
11:30 - 12:20 pm	<i>Rethink Rewards &amp; Retention</i> - Jimmy Bell, CPA & Mira Johnson, CPA, CVPM, MBA	<i>Fluid Therapy for Calf Diarrhea</i> - Geoffrey Smith, DVM, PhD, DACVIM-LAIM	<i>Understanding Anesthetic Complications</i> - Erica Brandt, CVT, VTS (ECC)
12:30 - 2 pm	Lunch with Exhibitors, Veterinarian of the Year Award Ceremony, Door Prize Drawing		
2 - 2:50 pm	<i>How to Secure your Practice and Upgrade your Technology</i> - Baran Schultz	<i>(Equine Repro) Current Techniques and Things You Can Incorporate Today</i> - B. Matt Dredge, DVM, DACT	<i>Advanced Anesthesia Monitoring</i> - Erica Brandt, CVT, VTS (ECC)
2:50 - 3:10 pm	Refreshment Break - Exhibit Hall closed		
3:10 - 4 pm	<i>Probiotic Therapy: The Gut and Beyond</i> - Lauren Pagliughi, DVM	<i>Idaho Brucellosis Program Updates</i> - Holly Holman, DVM	Joint small animal & technician session - Lauren Pagliughi, DVM
4:10 - 5 pm	<i>Nutritional Management of Canine and Feline Diabetes</i> - Lauren Pagliughi, DVM	<i>Basic Cattle Immunology: What we know and what we are learning.</i> - Joe Gillespie, DVM MS	Joint small animal & technician session - Lauren Pagliughi, DVM

# 2024 MOUNTAIN WEST VETERINARY CONFERENCE SPEAKERS

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER

### **Morgan McArthur, DVM**

*University of Wisconsin Extension - New Berlin, WI*



Dr. Morgan McArthur: Veterinarian. Connector. Speaker. Worm enthusiast. Artist. Auctioneer. His veterinary journey has been interesting, unconventional and rewarding. After graduating from Iowa State University with a DVM in 1983, Morgan came to Idaho. He practiced in Salmon for a short time and then relocated to Idaho Falls where he was a large animal practitioner until 1996. He got involved with a Toastmasters club in Idaho Falls because of a fear of public speaking. The organization created a monster. Propelled by a story that came out of veterinary practice, Morgan delivered a speech that won the World Championship of Public Speaking in 1994. Today Morgan plies his observational and communication skills as an educator for the University of Wisconsin Extension. He abides by the motto "If it isn't fun, it shouldn't be done!" He's thrilled to be returning to Idaho Falls!

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## SMALL ANIMAL

### **Randy Acker, DVM**

*Sun Valley Animal Center - Sun Valley, ID*

Dr. Randy Acker became the owner of the Sun Valley Animal Center after graduating from Colorado State Univ. in 1979. Dr. Acker's focus has been in canine surgery with a particular emphasis on canine orthopedics. In the early 1990's, Dr. Acker began doing the Tibial Plateau Leveling Osteotomy (TPLO) after learning the surgical technique from Dr. Barclay Slocum who developed the TPLO. Dr. Acker's interest in orthopedics has led him to multiple orthopedic patents and the development of the TATE Elbow as well as an ankle replacement system. Dr. Acker lives in the valley with his wife and as the owner of Sun Valley Animal Center which includes two DVM brothers and two DVM daughters.

### **Jimmy Bell, CPA & Mira Johnson, CPA, CVPM, MBA**

*JF Bell Group - Idaho Falls, ID*

Jimmy Bell, CPA, is the founder of the JF Bell Group, CPAs for Veterinarians. Jimmy is treasurer of VetPartners, just concluded numerous terms on the Finance, Investment, & Audit Committee of the ACVIM, and past Chair of the Idaho State Board of Accountancy. Jimmy has been a featured speaker at WVC and recently co-authored an article published in Today's Veterinary Business. Mira Johnson holds a Master's Degree in Financial Mgmt. and Accounting, is a CPA, a Certified Veterinary Practice Manager, and managing partner in the JF Bell Group. Mira is the Practice Smarter columnist in Today's Veterinary Business.

### **Brett Bingham, DVM**

*VCC.Academy - Meridian, ID*

Dr. Brett Bingham, DVM (WSU-2000) learned through the school of hard knocks the dramatic

difference that communication training has had on his own career satisfaction and the ability to successfully practice veterinary medicine. He has owned 4 hospital locations (Intermountain Pet Hospital) and subsequently learned that there is no greater investment in a veterinary hospital than investing in its people, namely through communication training. As such, he founded VCC.Academy, an online veterinary communication training platform to help train, elevate, and bring joy into practice for all veterinarians. He was selected Idaho Veterinarian of the Year 2022.

### **Kathleen Cooney, DVM,CHPV,CPEV,DACA W Res.**

*Companion Animal Euthanasia Training Acad. - FL*

Dr. Kathleen Cooney has been practicing advanced end-of-life care since 2006. She is the founder and Senior Director of Medical Education for the Companion Animal Euthanasia Training Academy (CAETA). Dr. Cooney is well-known for her work in companion animal euthanasia and is an author and international speaker on the subject. She is a strong advocate for best practices in all aspects of end-of-life care and loves all things old and gray.

### **Kristine Walters, DVM, Dipl. ACVIM (Oncology)**

*WestVet - Boise, ID*

Dr. Walters is a Board-Certified Veterinary Oncologist at WestVet Boise, where she has been a part of the team since August 2020. Dr. Walters attended Colorado State University where she earned a Bachelor of Science and her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree. Dr. Walters then went on to complete a rotating medicine and surgery internship at WestVet Boise in Garden City, ID and a Medical Oncology Residency at the University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine in Saint Paul, MN.

## LARGE ANIMAL

### **B. Matthew Dredge, DVM, Dipl. ACT**

*Brigham Young University - Idaho - Rexburg, ID*

Dr. B. Matt Dredge earned his DVM from Washington State University in 2003. Upon graduation he entered private practice in Pocatello, ID, at Alpine Animal Hospital dealing with large animal cases, with a strong emphasis on equine reproduction. In 2010, he became the director of the Veterinary Technology Program at BYU - Idaho. Although the university cancelled the program in 2013, he has been teaching in the Animal and Food Science Department. In 2017, he became board certified by the American College of Theriogenologists. In his spare time he watches his kids compete in various activities and practices equine reproduction.

### **J.D. Folsom, DVM**

*Cattle Health and Reproduction, LLC - Rexburg, ID*

J.D. Folsom is a 2015 graduate of Oklahoma State Univ. He is the founder and co-owner of Cattle Health and Reproduction LLC which serves the cattle producers in east Idaho and SW Montana. He started the practice in 2017 which has grown into a 3 doctor practice. The focus of the practice is cow/calf herd health with a large focus on reproduction. J.D. is happily married and has 6 children

which keep them very busy. Together they own and operate Henry's Fork Cattle where they raise seed stock cattle and provide farm to table beef.

### **Pete Knox, DVM, DACVS**

*Idaho Equine Hospital - Nampa, ID*

Dr. Knox grew up in southeastern Idaho on their family's horse breeding and training farm. He attended Colorado State University for both his Bachelor of Science degree and for his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree (2001). He continued his education at Texas A&M University completing a three-year large animal surgery residency. In 2007 he became board certified in large animal surgery by the American College of Veterinary Surgeons. Dr. Knox is married to fellow equine veterinarian equine internist Robin Knight and enjoys skiing, home improvement projects, and has become an avid ultra-running competitor.

### **George Martin, DVM, MS, MBA, DACVS**

*Emeritus LSU, Sawtooth Equine Svcs. - Bellevue, ID*

Dr. George Martin graduated from the University of Illinois Veterinary College (1977). He worked for 3 years at Illinois Equine Hospital and then went to CSU for residency and graduate training (MS). In 1986 he became an ACVS Diplomate. He also received training at Tulane's Freeman School of Business (MBA, 1991). He taught at Louisiana State University from 1983 to 2001. He moved to Idaho in 2001 to join Drs. Edsal and Card at Sawtooth Equine Service (now semi-retired). He has referred publications on orthopedic, equine respiratory conditions, statistical analysis of racehorse performance and evaluation of post-surgical racing performance.

### **KT Steward, DVM, MS, DACVS-LA**

*Montana Equine Med & Surg Ctr - Three Forks, MT*

Dr. KT Steward is an ACVS board certified Equine Surgeon- Diplomate, American College of Veterinary Surgeons (Large Animal). She is passionate about helping equine athletes maximize their performance potential. She earned her Bachelor's degree in English Equestrian Studies at the University of Findlay in Ohio. She then attended the College of Veterinary Medicine at UF followed by three referral hospital internships and a three-year Residency in Equine Surgery at CSU, while also earning her Master's degree in Clinical Sciences. When not at work, Dr. Steward is still an avid horseback rider and enjoys developing young horses in the jumper ring.

## TECHNICIAN

### **Erica Brandt (Mattox) CVT, VTS (ECC)**

*WestVet - Meridian, ID*

Erica is the Hospital Director at WestVet in Meridian, Idaho. Erica passed her VTS exam in 2009 to become one of the first VTS (ECC) in Idaho. She served as the president of the Idaho Society of Veterinary Technicians and Assistants for ten years. She is passionate about emergency medicine, anesthesia, surgery, and feline medicine. She enjoys anything outdoors with her husband and children.



# 2024 Mountain West Veterinary Conference Registration

Hosted by the Idaho VMA • June 6 - 8, 2024 at Snake River Event Center in Idaho Falls, ID  
Registration and full program available online at [www.ivma.org](http://www.ivma.org)

Badge Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Designation (DVM, PhD): \_\_\_\_\_

Clinic Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**A. Registration Type:** Register before **May 6th** for Early Registration Fees

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|-----------------------|---|---|--|--|
| Member                | <input type="checkbox"/> Full 3-Day - \$300 (early) | <input type="checkbox"/> Full 3-Day - \$340 | <input type="checkbox"/> Friday, 6/7 - \$200 | <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday, 6/8 - \$200 |
| Non - Member          | <input type="checkbox"/> Full 3-Day - \$400 (early) | <input type="checkbox"/> Full 3-Day - \$440 | <input type="checkbox"/> Friday, 6/7 - \$290 | <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday, 6/8 - \$290 |
| New Grad Memb. '22-24 | <input type="checkbox"/> Full 3-Day - \$0           |   | <input type="checkbox"/> Friday, 6/7 - \$0   | <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday, 6/8 - \$0   |
| Student (Veterinary)  | <input type="checkbox"/> Full 3-Day - \$0           | <input type="checkbox"/>                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Friday, 6/7 - \$0   | <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday, 6/8 - \$0   |
| Veterinary Technician | <input type="checkbox"/> Full 3-Day - \$250 (early) | <input type="checkbox"/> Full 3-Day - \$275 | <input type="checkbox"/> Friday, 6/7 - \$165 | <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday, 6/8 - \$165 |

**B. Proceedings:** All attendees will have access to the proceedings online before the mtg.

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|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> PDF emailed before mtg. - \$0 | <input type="checkbox"/> USB flash drive at registration + \$10 | <input type="checkbox"/> Printed manual at registration + \$50 |
|  | (Must pre-order to receive)                                     | (Must pre-order before <b>May 6th</b> )                        |

**C. Meals:** Please check the meals you plan to attend. Attendees can also purchase additional meals for guests.

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|---------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|--|
| Friday, 6/7   | <input type="checkbox"/> Breakfast | <input type="checkbox"/> Lunch | <input type="checkbox"/> Guest(s) Breakfast - \$25 ea. | <input type="checkbox"/> Guest(s) Lunch - \$30 |
| Saturday, 6/8 | <input type="checkbox"/> Breakfast | <input type="checkbox"/> Lunch | <input type="checkbox"/> Guest(s) Breakfast - \$25 ea. | <input type="checkbox"/> Guest(s) Lunch - \$30 |

**D. Events:** For planning purposes, please check the events you will most likely attend.

- Opening Reception - Thursday, 6/6 (Total number attending: \_\_\_\_\_ )
- Ice Cream Social - Thursday, 6/6 (Total number attending: \_\_\_\_\_ )
- Steak Fry Dinner - Friday, 6/7 (Total number attending: \_\_\_\_\_ )

Donating an auction item? YES NO MAYBE If you know the item, please list: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle ALL sessions you might attend - APHIS Modules / Small Animal / Large Animal / Technician

**Payment Information**

A. Registration Fee: \_\_\_\_\_

B. Proceedings: \_\_\_\_\_

C. Guest Meals: \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Amount:** \_\_\_\_\_

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed OR Credit Card Visa Master Card American Express

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Billing Address, City, St, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please return completed form along with payment to the IVMA. Questions? Email: [director@ivma.org](mailto:director@ivma.org) or call: 208.949.8865.

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