

Informed Consent with Dr. Christiane Armstrong, DVM

This session is offered at 8:00 am on each Sunday: April 18, May 2, May 16, and May 30.

This one-hour session covers why it is important to get informed consent (improved client understanding, improved client trust, improved client compliance, assists the veterinarian in focusing the diagnostic and treatment plans) and will review veterinarians' understanding of informed consent. A case study will demonstrate if and how informed consent was evident, what was missing, and what risk could result. Veterinarians will learn how a lack of adequate informed consent can lead to a complaint, and how the College views informed consent. It will include a sample informed consent declaration that the CVBC recognizes as a document that a veterinarian could adapt to their own practice that includes key components of the CVBC's bylaws for informed consent.

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Communication Skills in Practice with Dr. Cindy Adams, MSW, PhD

This session is offered at 9:00 am on each Sunday: April 18, May 2, May 16, and May 30.

This one-hour session will demonstrate what we gain by improving communication in veterinary medicine. This interactive session will examine how effective and intentional communication skills are essential for practice success including client and veterinarian satisfaction, adherence, accuracy, efficiency, and supportiveness. Using recorded veterinarian-client interactions, this session explores both client-centred and relationship-centred approaches that promote collaborative partnership between the veterinary professional and all the other people involved in the care of the animal(s). You'll learn the communication skills that veterinarians and others can employ to enhance their clients' ability to become more involved in the consultation and to take part in a more balanced relationship in order to develop a joint management plan.

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Prices* are per day and there are no discounts if you do not wish to take a morning or an afternoon session or if you have already taken a session earlier. (*Exception: there is a discount for those practising large animal medicine exclusively. Please call the office at 604.406.3713.) CHAPTER MEMBERS get a 60% discount on prices. Members pay \$200 for each Sunday and non-members pay \$500 for each Sunday. Buy a membership now and get your discount instantly! Call the office to join (604.406.3713).

THE COLLEGE OF VETERINARIANS OF BC STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THAT BC VETERINARIANS TAKE CONTINUING EDUCATION ON INFORMED CONSENT AND ON COMMUNICATION IN PRACTICE.



SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 2021

Ophthalmology of Cats with Dr. Jacqueline Pearce, MS, DVM, DACVO, preceded by the CVBC strongly recommended two-hour regulatory session

7:30 AM Registration Opens

8:00 AM Informed Consent with Dr. Christiane Armstrong, DVM

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9:00 AM Communication Skills in Practice with Dr. Cindy Adams, MSW, PhD



10:00 AM Break

10:30 AM Ophthalmology of Cats with Dr. Jacqueline Pearce, MS, DVM, DACVO

Scratching the Surface: Feline Extraocular Diseases and Treatment. This session will cover common eyelid, conjunctival, and ocular surface diseases and treatment. Focus will be on training the general practitioner to recognize common patterns that assist with diagnosis. Medical diagnostic options and treatments will be outlined in detail. Specific cases that make good referrals for specialty treatment will be highlighted and available surgical options will also be introduced.

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12:30 PM Lunch Break

1:30 PM Ophthalmology of Cats with Dr. Jacqueline Pearce, MS, DVM, DACVO

Delving Deeper: Feline Intraocular Diseases and Treatment. We will start with some tips on how to examine the eye and deep ocular structures. This session will cover commonly presenting lens, uveal, and retinal diseases and also discuss glaucoma. The focus will be on medical diagnosis and treatment. Ocular photography using your mobile phone for the purpose of documenting uveal melanoma/melanocytoma and fundic lesions will also be discussed.

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SUNDAY, MAY 16, 2021

Cardiology of Cats with Dr. Meg Sleeper, VMD, DACVIM (Cardiology), preceded by the CVBC strongly recommended two-hour regulatory session

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Update on Managing Feline Heart Disease. This session will cover a description of the common forms of feline cardiomyopathy and how to differentiate them. We will also discuss potential therapies based on the current scientific evidence as well as the common sequelae facing cats with heart disease, in particular congestive heart failure and thromboembolic disease and their treatment.

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The ABCs of Feline ECGs. Following a review of the basic electrical properties of the heart, the remainder of the first session and the entire second session will follow a case-based format. Discussion will include diagnosis as well as therapy for common feline arrhythmias. Case Studies in Feline Heart Disease. This session covers diagnosis and therapy of various cats representing a variety of heart diseases (congenital and acquired heart disease). The session will discuss diagnostics and therapeutic approaches in a case-based format.

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SUNDAY, MAY 2, 2021

Ophthalmology of Dogs with Dr. Marnie Ford, PhD, DVM, DACVO, preceded by the CVBC strongly recommended two-hour regulatory session

7:30 AM Registration Opens

8:00 AM Informed Consent with Dr. Christiane Armstrong, DVM

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9:00 AM Communication Skills in Practice with Dr. Cindy Adams, MSW, PhD



10:00 AM Break

10:30 AM Ophthalmology of Dogs with Dr. Marnie Ford, PhD, DVM, DACVO

The minimum data base: What you can and should be doing with dogs who have ocular discharge. Teary or mucky discharge is a common complaint reported by many canine pet owners. Utilizing the tests of the minimum data base (fluorescein stain and Schirmer Tear Testing) the nature of the discharge can be better understood, and the correct path of treatment started. The goal of this hour is to accurately diagnose and treat the various causes of ocular discharge. Glaucoma and uveitis: If you diagnose one, never forget the potential for the other. The immediate impacts of glaucoma and uveitis on the eye cannot be underestimated. Further to this, the relationship and long-term consequences of uveitis and glaucoma cannot be overlooked. This hour is dedicated to the diagnosis of glaucoma and uveitis and recognizing their interactive consequences.

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Pharmacology: Basic stock for every clinic. You have diagnosed your patient with an ocular disease that needs to be treated medically. Where do you start? The goal of this hour is to equip your clinic pharmacy with the minimum selection of drug choices for the common conditions you will diagnose on a regular basis. Surgery: What can you do in your clinic? Not all ocular surgery must be performed by an ophthalmologist. With a little practice and appropriate instrumentation, you can perform many extraocular procedures. Such surgeries include enucleation, entropion correction, third eyelid gland prolapse (cherry eye), eyelid tumour removal, temporary tarsorrhaphy suture placement, and placement of the third eyelid flap. This hour will focus on the instrumentation and techniques of key suture patterns required for basic extraocular procedures as well as to provide references for more in-depth understanding of extraocular surgery.

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SUNDAY, MAY 30, 2021

Cardiology of Dogs with Dr. Mark Harmon, DVM, DACVIM (Cardiology), preceded by the CVBC strongly recommended two-hour regulatory session

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9:00 AM Communication Skills in Practice with Dr. Cindy Adams, MSW, PhD



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Degenerative Valve Disease: Current & New Treatment Options. Degenerative valve disease is the most common acquired cardiac disease in dogs. In this hour, we will review the most current consensus guidelines for treatment, understand when to initiate therapy, and discuss new treatment options beginning to make their way into veterinary medicine. Dilated Cardiomyopathy & Association with Diet. Dilated cardiomyopathy is the second most common acquired cardiac disease in dogs, and the recent association with certain diets has provoked a lot of questions. In this hour we will review DCM as a disease process and review the current literature available regarding its association with diet so that you can guide your clients appropriately.

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An Approach to Congenital Cardiac Disease. Diagnosis of a murmur in a puppy is understandably scary for any new owner. In this hour, we'll review how to distinguish physiologic vs. pathologic murmurs and discuss how management of congenital cardiac disease is not always like that in adults. Syncope vs. Seizures: Recognition & Diagnostic Evaluations. It can be very difficult to distinguish syncope vs. seizures. In this hour we'll discuss causes for syncope and how to use the history and exam details to help guide you into the next appropriate diagnostic steps.

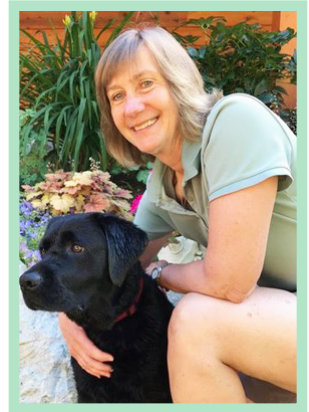
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DR. CINDY ADAMS, MSW, PHD, is a Professor in the Department of Veterinary Clinical and Diagnostic Sciences at the University of Calgary Faculty of Veterinary Medicine. Her primary role includes directing the Clinical Communication Program across the first three years of the DVM program, and conducting research related to communication in small and large animal practice settings and research that has to do with veterinary education and human-animal interactions. She is called upon to assist schools (veterinary and animal health technology) across North America to design and deliver communication programs. She consults nationally and internationally in veterinary medicine on all applications of communication in veterinary medicine. She is the founder and Chair of the International Conference on Communication in Veterinary Medicine, and Vice-Chair and Faculty Member for the Institute for Healthcare Communication, New Haven, CT. Her most recent contribution to the profession is a handbook entitled: *Skills for Communicating in Veterinary Medicine*. This book was written for all members of the practice team as well as those responsible for training and coaching communication in a variety of settings.

DR. CHRISTIANE ARMSTRONG, DVM, was a practice owner for 30 years and small animal practitioner for 32 years in BC. She has taught and mentored many third-year veterinary students, young graduate veterinarians, and RVTs. She also taught skiing at Whistler Blackcomb for the past 20 years. Teaching has become one of her interests over the years. In semi-retirement, she took on the position of medical manager at one of the newly purchased corporate practices, Alouette Animal Hospital. This position required her expertise as a teacher and mentor for the entire staff. She was expected to assist in ensuring that the CVBC regulations for veterinarians and the veterinary facility were brought forward to the managers. She served on the BCVMA council in 2009 and from 2010 to 2013 with the CVBC, as Vice President (2011/12) and President (2012/13). These were very busy and troubled years that required the full attention of council and in particular the executive. The four years on council gave her insight into the regulation of a profession, as well as significant specific knowledge of the Veterinarians Act. As the CVBC's president, she was required to speak at many veterinary informational meetings, as well as their AGM. She now continues to stay informed on the governing of the profession through regularly reviewing the College's website, as well as reading information specifically sent to registrants by the College. From 2016 to present, she continues to serve as a director of the SBCV and the BC representative on council with the CVMA. Given the experience she has gained over the years as well as the respect of many veterinarians, she is qualified and very comfortable with the two topics of informed consent and the importance of communication and the RDVM. She has already presented this seminar on three occasions, and it has been very well received. She and the CWVS management have been told several times that this topic(s) would benefit many veterinarians.

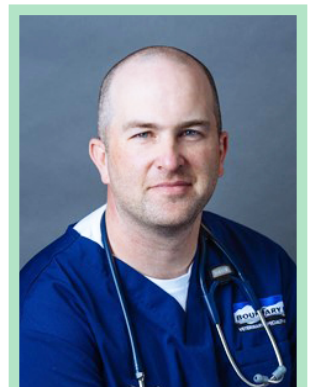


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DR. MARNIE FORD, PHD, DVM, DACVO, graduated from the Ontario Veterinary College in 2000 after completing a Bachelor's in Zoology at the University of British Columbia and a PhD in Physiology at Monash University in Australia. Following a rotating small animal internship at the University of Minnesota in 2001, Dr. Ford achieved diplomate status from the American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists in 2006 following an ophthalmology residency at the University of Missouri-Columbia. Her research interests focused on retinal function and toxicological retinal degeneration. Following her residency, Dr. Ford moved back to Vancouver and opened West Coast Veterinary Eye Specialists. In 2013 she left the brick and mortar practice to provide mobile medical and surgical ophthalmologic care to patients in the lower mainland, Vancouver Island, and the Interior. Dr. Ford enjoys teaching and is pursuing collaborative research in human ophthalmology. When not working with eyes, Dr. Ford can be found riding horses, or volunteering. Dr. Ford moved to Australia where she practices veterinary ophthalmology.

DR. MARK HARMON, DVM, DACVIM (CARDIOLOGY), is a cardiologist at Boundary Bay Veterinary Specialty Hospital in Langley. He obtained his DVM from the University of Missouri in 2011 and completed a rotating small animal internship at the University of Pennsylvania followed by a cardiology specialty internship and then residency at the University of Missouri. He has been a board-certified cardiologist since 2017, at which time he began practising at a large private practice in Seattle. In May 2020, he and his wife moved to British Columbia and are excited to continue hiking, kayaking, and exploring the region.



DR. JACQUELINE W. PEARCE, MS, DVM, DACVO, received her DVM in 2003 from the Western College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Saskatchewan, Canada. She did a one-year rotating internship in small animal medicine and surgery at Purdue University from 2003 to 2004. She completed a residency in comparative ophthalmology and a Master of Science degree in Biomedical Sciences at the University of Missouri from 2004 to 2007. Dr. Pearce became a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists in 2007. She was an Assistant Teaching Professor at the University of Missouri from 2007 to 2017 where her research and clinical focuses were infectious ocular disease, ocular imaging, ophthalmic surgery, and the treatment of inherited retinal diseases and ocular tumours. She was a part-time staff ophthalmologist at Animal Eye Consultants in the Chicago area from 2012 to 2017. She has worked with Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo, the St. Louis Zoo, and the Kansas City Zoo to assist with eye disease management in many exotic species. In the summer of 2017, she moved back to her hometown of Vancouver, Canada, to start the Ophthalmology Service at VCA Vancouver Animal Emergency and Referral Centre. Dr. Pearce enjoys all aspects of veterinary ophthalmic surgery and medicine.

DR. MEG SLEEPER, VMD, DACVIM (CARDIOLOGY), graduated from the University of Pennsylvania Veterinary School cum laude in 1993. After completing a rotating internship in medicine and surgery at Mid-Atlantic Equine Medical Center, she returned to the University of Pennsylvania for a residency in cardiology. Since completing her residency in 1997 and becoming board certified, she has worked in the section of cardiology at Penn with the exception of one year in private practice. She is an associate professor of cardiology and was section chief from 2001 through 2011. Primary research interests include inherited heart diseases, in particular inherited cardiomyopathies and therapeutic gene transfer. Dr. Sleeper has published numerous papers including over 70 peer-reviewed original papers, over 50 review papers or case reports, and four books. In addition to lecturing at conferences including the American Heart Association, the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine Forum, the Keystone Veterinary Conference, the World Feline Conference, and the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA), she has been the coordinator for the small animal cardiology section at the AVMA conference since 2009. She has trained 18 veterinary cardiologists through their residency programs at the University of Pennsylvania Veterinary School. In 2015 she joined the faculty at the University of Florida veterinary school. Dr. Sleeper is on the editorial or review board of 11 journals and has served on the research (2008-2011) and examination (2005-2008) committees for the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (Cardiology). In early 2011, she was appointed to the Great Ape Heart Project. This project is focused on improving cardiac health in the four ape species (chimpanzees, gorillas, bonobos, and orangutans).

