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I was a member of the 3rd graduating class of Michigan State University's program many years ago. After graduating, I worked in a general practice for 4 years before moving to the anesthesia section of the University of Illinois' Veterinary Teaching hospital. In the last 12 years I have worked in specialty practices in Indiana and Florida. I received my VTS in Anesthesia in 2008 and have spoken at a variety of venues since 2010 both in the United States and Canada. In 2010 I was awarded Western Veterinary Conference Educator of the Year for the Technician Track. I currently serve as a Member at Large on the Board of Regents for Academy of Veterinary Technician Anesthetists; serve on the conference committee and exam committee. My passion is educating fellow technicians to perform anesthesia and pain management to the best of their ability.

Lecture Topics:

Pediatric/Geriatric Anesthesia: More Similar Than You Thought!

Although we often don't think of the extremes in age as related, their anesthetic needs are quite similar. An explanation of pediatric and geriatric needs and how to tailor an anesthetic protocol to avoid complications during and post-surgery.

Tame That Cat!

Cats often are not treated with the respect they deserve, just ask any cat! A detailed plan to provide a stress free and safe anesthesia experience for our feline patients and secure a client's trust forever.

No Pain: Big Gain

Patients benefit from analgesia. How analgesic protocols benefit the patient and increase the practice's bottom line. Discussing the need for anesthesia, how to perform simple blocks such as epidurals, dental and ring blocks. Intra and post op analgesia options including CRIs, wound soakers and fentanyl patches.

Code Blue! Anesthetic Complications and Disasters

Preparation and awareness of subtle abnormalities help to avoid complications but when they do happen, how to safely navigate through the crisis. Simple techniques that help you avoid disasters and how to be prepared to face the complications when they can't be avoided.

Anesthesia Calculations And Formulas: Let's Play With Numbers

Easy tips to calculate oxygen flow rates, the amount of oxygen left in a cylinder and how long that cylinder will last, tidal volume, minute volume, cardiac output, constant rate infusions and why these are important to all anesthesia cases.

Anesthesia Machines: Simple Maintenance To Protect Your Patient and Save Money

Simple maintenance procedures and repairs that technicians can do that will keep your patients safe and avoid unnecessary service calls. How to recognize malfunctioning machines and what that can do to your patient.

Brachycephalic Patients: Oxygen is Your Friend

Brachycephalic patients can be safely anesthetized if you take their unique needs into consideration when crafting their anesthetic protocol. How to make routine anesthesia safe in these patients.

Anesthesia Myths: The Bottom Line

Owner and breeder aren't the only ones who come up with some unsubstantiated rules for anesthesia. A look at where some of the myths come from and the research that backs them up.

Monitors, 'Smonitors: What Are They Giving You The Real Picture?

Monitors must be used in the correct way in order to provide accurate information. Showing how to correctly use your monitors, what they tell you and what they really don't tell you.