

The VECCS is collaborating with the Veterinary Information Network (VIN) to conduct a series of webinars covering timely ER and ICU topics. These educational webinars are FREE to VECCS members.

January 26, 2015, 8:00pm EST; Tamara Grubb, DVM, PhD, DACVAA

Acute Versus Chronic Feline Pain Management: Tips, Traps and Triumphs

Cats are masters of many things – including people, of course – but also masters at hiding pain. Since we aren't sure if they are in pain or not and sometimes not sure of treatment options even if pain is suspected, pain in cats is often under treated – or even untreated. Let's stand up for cats! We will discuss analgesic options and dispel treatment myths for cats suffering from both acute and chronic pain.

February 23, 2015, 8:00pm EST; Kenichiro Yagi, BS, RVT, VTS (ECC, SAIM)

Meeting Blood Bank Demands: Blood Donor Program

"We always have the blood we need" said no veterinary practice ever. But it certainly is our goal. Advancements in transfusion medicine and blood component therapy have provided valuable treatment options for a variety of conditions. Investing in the banking of blood components is now common for veterinary practices to enable quick response to patient needs, some with established donor programs. Sustaining an adequate donor pool is one of the most difficult challenges for a blood bank. Various settings create differing demands from a donor program. We will discuss suitable methods of obtaining an adequate donor pool to meet practice transfusion demands, efficient use of the blood available, and several ways in reducing the demand. Various sources of donors, donor requirements and informed consent, "volunteerism", blood collection, incentives to donate, and ideas for programs to show gratitude

for the gift of life will also be covered. The session is intended to provide participants with the knowledge and resources to make practical choices in the establishment of a donor program and meeting blood transfusion demands, and having a discussion on some common questions surrounding transfusion medicine.

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