



WCABP

Western Canadian Association
of Bovine Practitioners

2024 WCABP CONFERENCE

INTEGRATION & CHANGE

January 18 – 20 | Calgary, AB



About the 2024 WCABP Conference

Join us in person in beautiful Calgary, AB, at the Sheraton Cavalier from January 18 to 20, 2024, or join us virtually! Either way we have top-notch continuing education and interesting sessions and discussions on many topics of great interest to our bovine practitioners.

We are eager to welcome you to the in-person experience as it is so much more than just simply a learning opportunity. It is also a time to reconnect with colleagues, to socialize and learn together, and to share some good food and laughs. For those of you who are unable to make it to the city, you can “be in the room” with our live stream feed.

WCABP, led by its conference chair Dr. Anne Rogers, has assembled an impressive 22 hours of first-rate continuing education, designed specifically for western Canadian veterinarians who have a special

interest in bovine practice. Although some of the sessions will be offered concurrently, all the sessions will be recorded, hence, members can view all the sessions at their convenience.

New this year, the Otto M. Radostits (O.M.R.) seminars will be on Thursday along with the AGM (over lunch), and the concurrent dairy and beef sessions will be in their new time slot on Friday. Saturday will feature general scientific sessions as well as the always-interesting clinical round session.

Those arriving on Wednesday, January 17, can join us in the hospitality room at the Sheraton Cavalier from 8:00 to 10:00 pm to renew acquaintances and settle in. Watch for signage at check-in.

Thursday, January 18, 2024

O.M.R. Session

Dr. Fred Gingrich II (American Association of Bovine Practitioners) will talk about recruitment and retention in bovine practice.

Brenna Grant (Canfax) will bring us a cattle market update.

Matt Makens (Makens Weather, LLC) will talk about long-range weather forecasting and how weather impacts the cattle industry.

WCABP's 2024 annual general meeting will be held over lunch.

Meg Harrington (Nashville Animal Hospital) will share information about enhancing large animal practice efficiency by using credentialed veterinary technicians.

Meg Harrington, along with **Dr. Phil Buote**, **Dr. Ben Schultz**, **Dr. Betty-Jo Bradley**, and **Dr. Chase Wendorff**, will take part in a round table session to discuss using techs in cattle practice.

The Thursday dinner is sponsored by SCCL. Dr. Travis White, SCCL's director of veterinary technical services, will present on newborn calf management and the latest research developments in using colostrum to improve calf health.

Friday, January 19, 2024

Dairy Session

Dr. Greg Penner (University of Saskatchewan) will present on feeding management for cows in automated milking systems.

Dr. André Desrochers (University of Montreal) will share practice tips in surgery, with a focus on dairy.

Dr. Stephen LeBlanc (University of Guelph) will give two presentations:

- Transition Period Health and Reproduction in Dairy Cattle
- Rational Treatment of Uterine Disease in Dairy Cows

Dr. Fred Gingrich II (American Association of Bovine Practitioners) will discuss consulting opportunities for dairy practice.

Dr. John Dick (Greenbelt Veterinary Services) will discuss the diagnostic and control challenges of *Salmonella* Dublin.

Beef Session

Dr. Adam Schreck (Telus Ag) will discuss feed and implanting considerations in beef and dairy production systems.

Dr. Mariana Guerra-Maupome (Telus Ag) will talk about integrating health protocols between cow-calf and feedlot.

Dr. Greg Penner (University of Saskatchewan) will talk about the characterization of fibre requirements for finishing feedlot cattle.

Dr. André Desrochers (University of Montreal) will share practice tips for surgery, with a focus on beef.

Dr. Chris Clark (Western College of Veterinary Medicine) will close the beef session with two talks:

- Top Ten Things You Need to Know About Sheep
- When a Good Foot Goes Bad

Saturday, January 20, 2024

Scientific Session

Dr. Nathan Erickson (Western College of Veterinary Medicine) will share his presentation titled Mucosal Prime Boost Vaccination—5 Years in 50 Minutes.

Dr. John Gilleard (University of Calgary) will talk about moving towards more effective and sustainable internal parasite control in cattle.

Dr. John Campbell (Western College of Veterinary Medicine) will discuss surveillance network results.

Dr. Eugene Janzen (University of Calgary Faculty of Veterinary Medicine) returns to lead a clinical rounds discussion on the following topics:

- Update of Acute High Rate of Cow Mortality – Dr. Natasha Kutryk and Dr. Kateryn Rochon
- Leptospirosis in a Dairy – Dr. Kelly Loree
- Is Falling Disease Real? – Dr. John Campbell and Dr. Vanessa Cowan
- Traumatized Tongues in Southern Alberta – Dr. Meghan Brookhart and Dr. Katie Waine
- Concentration of Cattle at Calving and Neonatal BRD – Lynn Thiessen, Dr. Elizabeth Homerosky, and the University of Calgary Veterinary Medicine Class of 2024

Our day will end with the fun and engaging **Student Mixer**.

Drinks and Appies will follow at our very sociable evening reception.



	Thursday, January 18 th	Friday, January 19 th	Saturday, January 20 th
7:30 am	Registration Desk Opens (7:00 am)		
7:30 – 8:15 am	Breakfast sponsored by Vetoquinol	sponsored by Boehringer Ingelheim	
	O.M.R. Session	Dairy Session	Beef Session
8:20 – 8:30 am	Introductory Remarks – Conference Chair		
8:30 – 9:30 am	Keynote sponsored by Elanco <i>Recruitment and Retention in Bovine Practice – is it a Fixable Problem?</i> Dr. Fred Gingrich II	Morning sponsored by Elanco <i>Feeding Management for Cows in Automated Milking Systems</i> Dr. Greg Penner	Morning sponsored by Zoetis <i>Feeding and Implanting Considerations in Beef and Dairy Production Systems</i> Dr. Adam Schreck
9:30 – 10:30 am	Morning sponsored by Ceva <i>Cattle Market Update</i> Brenna Grant	<i>Practice Tips in Surgery – Dairy Focused</i> Dr. André Desrochers	<i>Integrating Health Protocols between Cow-Calf and Feedlot</i> Dr. Mariana Guerra-Maupome
10:30 – 11:00 am	Refreshment break sponsored by Ceva	sponsored by Zoetis	sponsored by VetLogix
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	<i>Long Range Weather Forecasting and How Weather Conditions Impact the Industry</i> Matt Makens	<i>Transition Period Health and Reproduction in Dairy Cows</i> Dr. Stephen LeBlanc	<i>Characterization of Fiber Requirements for Finishing Feedlot Cattle</i> Dr. Greg Penner
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch sponsored by Vetoquinol	sponsored by Zoetis	sponsored by WDDC
1:00 – 2:00 pm	WCABP Annual General Meeting (12:15 to 2:00 pm)	Afternoon sponsored by Hipra <i>Rational Treatment of Uterine Disease in Dairy Cows</i> Dr. Stephen LeBlanc	Afternoon sponsored by VetLogix <i>Clinical Rounds</i> Dr. Eugene Janzen
2:00 – 3:00 pm	<i>Enhancing Large Animal Practice Efficiency with Credentialed Veterinary Technicians</i> Meg Harrington	<i>Consulting Opportunities for Dairy Practice</i> Dr. Fred Gingrich II	<i>The Top 10 Things You Need to Know about Sheep</i> Dr. Chris Clark
3:00 – 3:30 pm	Refreshment break sponsored by Ceva	sponsored by Hipra	
3:30 – 4:30 pm	<i>Round Table Session on Using Techs in Cattle Practice</i> • Meg Harrington • Dr. Phil Buote • Dr. Ben Schultz • Dr. Betty-Jo Bradley • Dr. Chase Wendorff	<i>Salmonella Dublin: A Challenge for Diagnosis and Control</i> Dr. John Dick	<i>When a Good Foot Goes Bad</i> Dr. Chris Clark
4:30 pm – 6:00 pm		Student Mixer sponsored by Partner	
6:00 pm	Dinner sponsored by SCCL (5:45 pm)	Reception sponsored by Solvat	

(For more information, see previous page)

CE Credits

Did you know that you can count the WCABP conference towards your required CE hours?

Thursday	5 hours
Friday	12 hours
Saturday	5 hours

Total 22 hours



Conference Hotel

The 2024 WCABP Conference will be held at the

Sheraton Cavalier Hotel
2620 32 Avenue NE, Calgary, AB

This north-end hotel features a fitness centre, pool and water slides, and free parking. A block of rooms has been reserved at a special rate of **\$154 plus taxes** for a standard 2 queen beds or 1 king room. To receive this special rate, register by January 3, 2024.

To make a reservation, call **403-291-0107**.

Mention that you will be attending the WCABP conference to qualify for this group rate.



Attention Students

For all WCABP student members enrolled in a Canadian veterinary school, half of your conference registration fee will be reimbursed by the WCABP Butler fund.

Not a member?

Now's a great time to join:

[www.wcabp.com/
student-member](http://www.wcabp.com/student-member)

(Membership fee is \$15 + GST)

Techs Welcome

All registered RVTs and AHTs are welcome to attend. If you work in the practice or institution of a WCABP member, then you pay member rates; otherwise, you pay non-member rates. On the registration form, indicate that you are an RVT/AHT and, if applicable, provide the name of the WCABP member you are affiliated with.

Only WCABP members may attend the AGM.

Registration

Registration fees include access to all presentations and hospitality except for the Friday evening reception.

	Registration Fee	
	Early*	Regular
WCABP or CABV active/life member	\$585	\$650
WCABP or CABV student member	\$270	\$270
RVT/AHT (affiliated with a WCABP Member)	\$585	\$650
Non-member (veterinarian, commercial representative)	\$865	\$965

* Early bird rates apply to all registrations received and paid by January 8, 2024

Register now

Please register online (at www.wcabp.com) or use the enclosed registration form.

Thursday Evening Dinner

January 18

5:45 pm

Attend the complimentary dinner sponsored by SCCL.

Dr. Travis White, SCCL's director of veterinary technical services, will present on newborn calf management and the latest research developments in using colostrum to improve calf health.

Friday Evening Reception

January 19

6:00 – 10:00 pm

This will be a great time to catch up! Tickets are **\$40** and include one complimentary drink. You can purchase your ticket when pre-registering online or by mail. A limited number will be available at the registration desk at the event.

For updated information on the 2024 Conference visit wcabp.com.

