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## Accommodations

Please make your hotel reservations early as rooms are very limited by calling 662-895-2941 and ask for the Memphis/Shelby County Veterinary Medical Association (MSCVMA) block. Rooms have been reserved at a rate of \$109.00 a night. To receive this rate, rooms must be reserved by November 1, 2025.

## Parking

Complimentary parking on the grounds of the facility.

## CONTINUING EDUCATION

The conference offers twenty (20) hours of continuing education credits approved by Tennessee Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners. Certificates of attendance will be provided at the end of each day.

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**MSCVMA Members** (\$395.00)

After October 16, 2025 (\$450.00)

**Non-Members** (\$425.00)

One Day Registration (\$225.00)

(Mark the days you will attend) \_\_\_\_Thursday \_\_\_\_Friday \_\_\_\_Saturday

**Technicians & Management Staff** (\$250.00)

**Veterinary Students and Accredited Technician Students** (FREE)

Meal Cost for Guests: \$30 per meal

No. of Guest Meals \_\_\_\_\_ Day(s) \_\_\_\_Thursday \_\_\_\_Friday \_\_\_\_Saturday

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Registration fee on Thursday includes breaks and dinner. Fee covers breakfast, lunch and breaks Friday and Saturday. All conference materials are provided. If additional information is required, contact Lee Hughes, MSCVMA Executive Director (901) 581-2622, Email: lee.hughes1207@outlook.com. Register on-line at [www.mscvma.org](http://www.mscvma.org) or mail this form to 504 Sanga Circle West, Cordova, TN 38018-7633. Please make check payable to MSCVMA. Form may be duplicated for multiple registrations.



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## 25th Annual Mid-South Regional Veterinary Conference

# 2025

NOVEMBER 20-22



20 Hours CE Credit

## WHISPERING WOODS CONFERENCE CENTER

7300 Hacks Cross Road  
Olive Branch, MS 38654  
662.895.2941



# Meeting Agenda

**Thursday, November 20, 2025**

**Grand Ballroom**

4:00 – 6:00pm **Sally Lynch, DVM, MPH**

- *Art of Euthanasia*
- *Five Levels of Hospice*

6:00 – 7:00pm Dinner - *Evergreen Room*

7:00 – 9:00pm **Dr. Terry Stevens, PharmD, DEA**

- *Requirements for DVM's for controlled medicines*

**Friday, November 21, 2025**

**Grand Ballroom**

7:00 – 8:00am Breakfast - *Evergreen Room*

8:00am – noon **Dr. Brian Maran, DVM, MS, DAVIM**

- *TEER (Transcatheter edge to edge repair)*
- *Valve Disease/Surgery*
- *Feline Cardiomyopathy*
- *Antiarrhythmics*

12:00 noon Lunch - *Evergreen Room*

1:00 – 5:00pm **Andy Roark, DVM, Msc**

- *The Essential Guide to Enjoying Veterinary Medicine*
- *Driving Change When You're Not the Boss*
- *The Jedi Mind Trick: How to Get Doctors to do What You Want*
- *The Exam Room Rockstar*

**Saturday, November 22, 2025**

**Grand Ballroom**

7:00 – 8:00am Breakfast - *Evergreen Room*

8:00am – noon **Dr. Patty Lathan, VMD, MS, DACVIM**

- *Feline Diabetes (2 hours)*
- *Hyperaldosteronism*
- *Hypersomatotropism*

12:00 noon Lunch - *Evergreen Room*

1:00 – 5:00pm **Dr. Alex Sigmund, DVM, DACVO**

- *Practical Corneal Ulcer Management for GPs*
- *Geriatric Ophthalmology: Old Dogs. New Tricks*
- *Ocular Cytologies: You Can Sample That?*
- *Glaucoma: The Lows and Highs*

## FACULTY SPEAKERS



**Sally Lynch, DVM, MPH**, is an alumnus of Christian Brothers University and graduated with a BS in 2007, followed by a master's degree in public health at the Louisiana State University School of Public Health in 2009 where her focus of study was community and behavioral health sciences. She obtained her DVM from the Louisiana School of Veterinary

Medicine in 2014 and then completed an internship at Nashville Veterinary Specialists, gaining exposure to the fields of small animal internal medicine, surgery, oncology, and neurology. Throughout her education, Dr. Lynch pursued various avenues of animal science experience including working in the research department of the Memphis Zoo, participating in wildlife research in Brazil, and assisting in tick-borne disease transmission studies through Mississippi State University. Dr. Lynch joined Lap of Love in 2017, where her passion for supporting families through their hardest days became her primary focus. Over the past 8 years, she has been honored to help over 4,000 pets walk the last mile of life with dignity in the comfort of their homes. She is looking forward to sharing knowledge and exchanging ideas and hopes to help keep compassion and empathy at the forefront of end-of-life care for pets in our communities.



**Terry Stevens, Pharm.D.**, a 1980 graduate of the UT College of Pharmacy, is active with the Anderson County and Roane County Anti-Drug Coalition and was appointed by then Governor Bill Haslam to serve on Tennessee's Commission on Pain and Addiction Medicine Education. After many years in

the pharmaceutical industry serving humans, Dr. Stevens joined UTCVM in 2007. He has worked tirelessly to improve services to the college and to make the pharmacy accessible to veterinarians throughout the country. During his time at the veterinary college, Dr. Stevens has developed a highly competitive veterinary pharmacy externship program that attracts clinical-year pharmacy students throughout the US. In his spare time, he enjoys woodworking, sports (Go Big Orange), and old cars. He recently retired from his full-time position at the UTCVM, but continues to work there on a part-time basis. According to Terry, "working at the UT Veterinary Pharmacy has been his favorite job by far!"

**Brian A. Maran, DVM, MS, DAVIM**, is board certified



by the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine. He earned his Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine from Mississippi State University where he was recognized as a Wise Scholar. Following graduation, Dr. Maran completed a small animal medical and surgical internship at The University of Tennessee – Knoxville. Dr. Maran then completed graduate school and a Residency in Cardiology at Washington State University. During his residency, Dr. Maran completed research into genetic mutations of beta-receptors in dogs and cats, identifying mutations in this gene in both species. For this research, Dr. Maran was awarded the Outstanding Resident Research Award by the ACVIM in 2010 and 2011. He is the founder of Olympic Veterinary Cardiology – a 3-doctor cardiology-only practice in the greater Seattle, WA area. Dr. Maran has worked in multi-doctor specialty clinics, has served as a consultant to IDEXX Telemedicine and also served a year as a Locum Cardiologist with the University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine training veterinary students and residents. He also lectures internationally on various topics in cardiology and veterinary medicine, having lectured in Thailand, Spain, Japan, Hong Kong, Mexico, Grenada, and Canada. He has presented numerous continuing education lectures for veterinarians in Washington, Oregon, Alaska, Montana, Colorado, and California. In his free time, Dr. Maran is an avid private pilot, SCUBA diver, alpine skier and has served as a volunteer ski patroller. In the summer months, Dr. Maran can be found boating or hiking. Professionally, he also volunteers at the Seattle Aquarium and the Point Defiance Zoo and Aquarium when patients develop or are suspected to have cardiac disease at these institutions.



**Andy Roark, DVM**, is a practicing veterinarian, international speaker, author, and media personality. He is the founder of the Uncharted Veterinary Conference and DrAndyRoark.com. He has been an award-winning columnist for DVM360 and Today's Veterinary Business. His social media, website, podcast and YouTube show reach millions of people every month. Dr. Roark has received the VMX Practice Management Speaker of the Year Award four times (including this year), the WVC Practice Management Educator of the Year Award, the Outstanding Young Alumni Award from the University of Florida's College of Veterinary Medicine, and the Veterinarian of the

Year Award from the South Carolina Association of Veterinarians. His greatest achievement however involves marrying a bad-ass scientist and raising 2 kind and wonderful daughters.



**Patty Lathan, VMD, MS, DACVIM**, is a professor of Small Animal Internal Medicine in the Department of Clinic Sciences at Louisiana State University. She earned a BS in chemistry from Texas A & M University, a VMD from the University of Pennsylvania and then completed an internship at Mississippi State University and a residency in small animal internal medicine at Purdue University. She taught at Mississippi State University for 16 years prior to moving to LSU in 2023. Dr. Lathan specializes in endocrinology, specifically adrenal function testing, diabetes mellitus, and the mitigation of side effects of glucocorticoids. She is a past-president of the Society for Comparative Endocrinology.



**Alex Sigmund, DVM, DACVO**, is a board-certified veterinary ophthalmologist, "The Vet Eye Guy" on Instagram, and founder of Insight Veterinary Eye Care, LLC that provides continuing education and teleconsultation services. He enjoys combining his passion for ophthalmology by engaging owners and veterinarians via social media, continuing education events, and one-on-ones. Alex wants every veterinarian to be comfortable with the basics of ophthalmology to improve patient care and client understanding. He obtained his veterinary degree at the University of Georgia and completed his rotating internship and ophthalmology residency at the University of Tennessee. He is an avid plant lover and baker in his spare time.

