



Association of Zoo Veterinary Technicians



28th Annual Conference– October 1st through 6th 2008, Jackson, Wyoming

General Information:

Network with your peers and enjoy wonderful educational opportunities in a beautiful locale! Jackson, Wyoming is the major gateway for millions of tourists visiting Grand Teton National Park, Yellowstone National Park, and the National Elk Refuge. With a population of 8,600, the town of Jackson sits at the Southern end of the 60 mile long Jackson Hole Valley. There is much to do in the town of Jackson and in the surrounding areas. Check out the National Park websites and the Jackson Chamber of Commerce websites for activities. Check the AZVT website and the most recent AZVTNews for more information including activity suggestions and local weather.

Accommodations:

Accommodations are at the Virginian Lodge. Reservations must be made by 30 August 2009 to receive the conference rate. There is another conference at the Virginian prior to ours. Rooms may not be available to AZVT until 30 September 09. www.virginianlodge.com

Address: Virginian Lodge
750 West Broadway
Jackson, Wyoming 83001

Room Rates are \$59 + 6% sales tax (no room tax) for a double. Suites, Jacuzzi suites, and other rooms are available. Check with the Virginian for pricing.

Check in: 4:00 pm Check out: 11:00 am

Reservations can be made by calling 1.800.262.4999. They are unable to take online reservations.

When making reservations please identify that you are with the Association of Zoo Veterinary Technicians to receive the discount.

Any reservation made after the cut off date will be accepted on a space and rate available basis.

Parking:

Parking is free. The Virginian Lodge also has an RV park.

Airport:

Airlines that serve the Jackson airport:

American
Delta
Northwest
SkyWest
United
United Express

Ground Transportation to and from the Jackson Airport:

Alltrans Airport Shuttle– ~\$29.00 round trip

Taxi – ~28.00 one way

Car Rentals – there are 4 car rental companies at the airport

www.jacksonholeairport.com/groundtransportation_rentalcars.html


Tentative Schedule:

30 September 09 – Early arrivals

1 October 09 – Arrivals

Registration – Pioneer Room, Virginian Lodge
 Pre-conference activities (Turpin Meadows trail ride, Rendezvous guided hike)
 Executive Committee Meeting (all former and current board members invited)

2 October 09 – MedARKS workshops

Pre-conference activities (whitewater rafting, scenic float, National Museum of Wildlife Art lunch and tour)

Registration – Pioneer Room, Virginian Lodge
 Icebreaker at the Million Dollar Cowboy Bar

3 October 09 – Buffalo/Frontier Rooms, Virginian Lodge

Welcome/attendee introductions
 Presentations
 Break, Pioneer Room
 Presentations
 Lunch on own
 Presentations
 Break – Espresso service, Pioneer Room
 Poster Presentations
 Business Meeting
 Break (no catering service)
 Working dinner – Buffalo/Frontier Rooms
 Presentations
 Round-table discussion

4 October 09 – North American Wildlife Conservation Day

Breakfast, Pioneer Room
 Bus Tour of Grand Teton National Park and the Lower Loop of Yellowstone National Park
 Lunch at Old Faithful
 Complete the tour of parks
 Return to the Virginian

5 October 09 – Buffalo/Frontier Rooms, Virginian Lodge

Presentations
 Break, Pioneer Room
 Presentations
 Lunch on own
 Presentations
 Break, Pioneer Room
 Presentations
 Banquet – Buffalo/Frontier Rooms
 Silent Auction, Pioneer Room

6 October 09 – Post-conference Activities (whitewater rafting, scenic float, Driggs trail ride, Sierra Club guided hike)



Paper and Poster Presentations, Guest Speakers, Roundtable Discussions, Workshops
Estimated 13 – 17 contact hours

- Spaying Fish to Prevent Egg Binding – Jane Belovarac
- The Turtle Girdle: Plastic Device for Non-surgical Management of Fractured Humerus in an Aquatic Turtle Species – Rita Buice
- Endometriosis in Macaques – Colleen Clabbers
- Managing the Nematode Load in Giraffe – Colleen Clabbers
- Diet of a Tortoise...and It Doesn't Include Screws! – Heather Darbo
- Successful Milk Formulas for Hand-rearing Neonatal Hoofstock at the Wildlife Conservation Society – Lisa Eidlin
- Techniques in Asian Elephant Radiography – Grant Fuhrman
- Hematology and Plasma Chemistry of Amazon Freshwater Rays: A Comparison of Newly Acquired to Long-term Captive Animals – Abbey Grobe, et al
- Cardiac Disease in Gorillas – Mary Jo King-Gallogly
- Polar Bear Express: Coordinating an Off-site Dangerous Animal Transport for a Medical Procedure – Julie Lemon
- Lingual Squamous Cell Carcinoma in the Working Dog in Namibia: An Investigative Approach to Treatment and Possible Causes – Elizabeth Lester
- An Advancement in Melegestrol Acetate (MGA) Implant Sterilization Techniques – Krysten Marchese
- Bringing Continuing Education into the Workplace – Krysten Marchese
- The Effects of Anticoagulant Choice and Sample Processing Time on Hematological Values in Juvenile Whooping Cranes – Joan Maurer
- Monitoring Bone Growth of Asian Elephant Calves Through Monthly Radiographs – Sarah O'Brien
- The Use of a Pregnancy Test Kit for the Determination of Progesterone Levels in Pregnant African Elephants – Jennifer Sohl, Libby Galvanek
- The ABCD's of Managing a Critically Ill Snow Leopard – Donna Stringer
- Validation of Comparative Manual Blood Cell Counting Methods – Kristine Trotta
- Experimental Treatment Protocol for Acanthocephalan Peritonitis in the Southern Sea Otter (*Enhydra lutris nereis*) – Marissa Viens
- Hawaiian Endangered Bird Conservation Program: the Challenges of Long Distance Veterinary Care – Kim Williams
- Contraception in Zoos: Challenges, Methods, and Optimization of Animal Health – Andrea Aplasca, Laurie Page Peck Scholarship Winner

Guest speakers:

- Black-footed Ferret Recovery Program: an Update – Heather Branvold, USFWS
- The Wolf Recovery Program in Yellowstone National Park – Mike Jimenez, USFWS
- Jackson Hole Conservation Alliance – Franz Camenzind, JHCA

Roundtable Discussions:

- Contraception Topics: Answering Your Questions on Methods, Product Updates and Reversibility,
 Sally Boutelle, AZA Wildlife Contraception Center Program Coordinator



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MedARKS Workshops:

- Making MedARKS Work for You: Basic and Advanced Workshops, Cyd Teare, Linda DeHoff
MedARKS Workshops: Friday – October 2nd, 2009 (Maximum participants – 15/session)
\$50.00/session

This 2–part workshop will expose participants to the basics as well as to the more advanced features of Medical Animal Record Keeping System (MedARKS), the animal records keeping system used in zoos worldwide. Part one will provide participants with limited experience with MedARKS an introduction to MedARKS, and the benefits it can bring to you and your job. There will be an introduction to data entry, and tips and short cuts on making MedARKS work for you, or for your particular needs.

Part two will show participants who currently have a working knowledge of MedARKS how to exploit the program's more advanced features including narcotic tracking, data transfers, making reports and forms and data quality routines. There will also be an introduction to some of the recent new MedARKS features.

Participants will need to bring their own laptop. Class size will be limited to 15 people per session. Bring questions and/or topics for discussion that are of interest to you and your needs.

Basic: 8:00 AM – 12:00 AM, Buffalo Room, Virginian Lodge

Advanced: 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM, Buffalo Room, Virginian Lodge

Icebreaker: Friday – October 2nd, 2009 from 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Million Dollar Cowboy Bar

25 N. Cache Street

Jackson, WY

The Million Dollar Cowboy Bar is on the famous Jackson town square. AZVT has reserved the entire bar until 7:30 when it will be open to the public. Hearty hors d'ouvres will be served and there will be a cash bar. Sorry, no minors. Check your map in your goody bag obtained during registration for shuttle stops and times. The bar is less than a mile from the Virginian Lodge and is an easy walk. For those of you attending the National Museum of Wildlife Art lunch and tour, the bus driver will gladly drop you off on the town square in plenty of time to enjoy some shopping or sightseeing before the Icebreaker begins. The bar will have live music beginning at 9:00 PM.

Banquet and Silent Auction: Monday – October 5th, 2009 from 5:30pm – 8:30pm

The banquet will be Monday evening at the Virginian Lodge conference center.

5:30 – 6:30 – Cash bar, view silent auction items

6:30 – 7:30– Dinner

7:00 – 8:00 – Silent auction bidding

7:30 – Dessert is served

8:00 – 8:30 – Auction item pay and pick-up

Silent Auction: Monday – October 5th, 2009 at the **Banquet**

Please do not forget to bring items for the Silent Auction! If you need to ship your silent auction items, please mail to:

General Delivery

c/o Virginia Crossett, Association of Zoo Veterinary Technicians

1070 Maple Way

Jackson, WY 83002

Do not ship before 1 September. Packages must arrive no later than 29 September 2009.

We are ONLY able to accept CASH or CHECKS for the Silent Auction– NO CREDIT CARDS will be accepted.


Pre-conference Activities (1 and 2 October):
Thursday 1 October 2009
Guided hike – Rendezvous Backcountry Tours (Maximum participants – 6) \$80.00

8:00 AM Meet a representative from Rendezvous in front of the Virginian Lodge for a guided hike in the Southern part of the Grand Tetons. Lunch is included on this hike. They also provide backpacks and water bottles for those that do not have them. This is a moderately challenging hike with an elevation gain of 1,957 feet over the course of three miles to the Mesquite Divide (9,197 ft.) where you'll find great views of the Grand Teton and the surrounding wilderness. Continue uphill for another two miles and climb to the summit of Taylor Mountain (10,352) where you'll scramble over rocks to the summit marker. You'll be back at the Virginian by 3:30 or 4:00 PM.

Trail Ride – Turpin Meadow Ranch (Maximum participants – 25) \$55.00

12:30 PM Representatives from Turpin Meadow will pick up participants in front of the Virginian and take them to the ranch. Turpin Meadows Ranch is 35 miles Northeast of Jackson outside the entrance to Grand Teton National Park at 6,900 feet in the Rocky Mountains. This 2-hour trail ride offers unmatched scenic views of the Grand Tetons.

Friday 2 October 2009
Whitewater Rafting (Maximum participants – 32) \$55.00

8:45 AM Meet representatives from Teton Expeditions in the lobby of the Virginian Lodge. They will take you to their office next door and give you the rundown on what to expect on this high-volume Class III whitewater trip. After changing into wetsuits you will make your way to the river and be in your raft by 9:30 AM enjoying the water and beautiful views of the Tetons. This trip lasts 3.5 – 4 hours.

Snake River Scenic Float Trip (No maximum) \$48.00

9:15 AM Meet a representative from Teton Expeditions in the lobby of the Virginian Lodge where you will learn what to expect on this scenic float. You'll be on the river by 10:00 AM kicking back with incredible views of the mountains and eagles, elk and other wildlife. Round trip time is approximately 3.5 – 4 hours. Lunch on the river is included!

Lunch and Tour at the National Museum of Wildlife Art (Maximum participants – 42) \$38.00

12:15 PM Meet in front of the Virginian Lodge for transportation to the museum. Lunch will be served on arrival in the Member's Lounge with stunning views of the National Elk Refuge. After lunch, there will be a guided tour of the museum. At 2:45, Buckboard Transportation will take you either back to the Virginian or drop you off at the town square if you'd like to shop or just take a look around. The Million Dollar Cowboy Bar, site of the icebreaker at 5:30 PM, is on the town square.

Post-conference Activities:
Tuesday 6 October 2009
Trail Ride – Dry Ridge Outfitters, Victor, Idaho (Maximum participants – 20) \$85.00

8:30 AM Meet in front of the Virginian Lodge to travel to Moose Creek Ranch in Victor, Idaho via the beautiful Teton Pass through the mountains. The folks at Dry Ridge Outfitters will lead a ½ day trail ride through the spectacular natural setting of pristine lakes and open meadows framing long distance views of the Grand Tetons. Lunch is included. You will be sent a gear list and release form after signing up for this activity. "If you enjoy your ride, tip your guide!" Transportation back to Jackson leaves Moose Creek Ranch at 3:00 PM.

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Guided Hike – Taggart Lake Trail, Grand Teton National Park (Maximum participants – 15) \$50.00

9:15 AM Meet in front of the Virginian Lodge for transportation to the Taggart Lake trailhead in Grand Teton National Park. There you will be met by a member of the Wyoming Sierra Club who will guide you on a beautiful 4 mile hike. In addition, a Sierra Club member will speak on the geology of the area. This hike has an elevation gain/loss of 300 – 500 feet. This is a moderate hike and is appropriate for beginning hikers in good shape. You will need to bring good shoes, water, snacks and possibly rain gear. You will also need to have a National Park pass or purchase one at the park gate for \$12.00. Park passes are good for 7 days. The hike will take approximately 2 1/2 – 3 1/2 hours. Proceeds from this activity, excluding transportation fees, will go to the Wyoming Chapter of the Sierra Club.