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PRELIMINARY PROGRAM GUIDE

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Message from **Our Chairs**

We are delighted to welcome you to the **2026 CVMA Convention** in beautiful **Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island**. Open to veterinarians, technologists and technicians, veterinary students, and the entire veterinary team, this national gathering brings our profession together for an engaging and enriching learning experience on Canada's east coast.

The 2026 program will offer a diverse selection of continuing education designed to support veterinary professionals at every stage of their careers. Attendees can look forward to inspiring keynote presentations, our signature Summit and National Issues Forum, and a wide range of sessions spanning clinical, professional, and emerging topics relevant to today's veterinary landscape.

Beyond the classroom, the Convention provides meaningful opportunities to connect with colleagues from across the country, with national leaders and subject-matter experts, and with industry partners showcasing innovative products and solutions in the trade show. Set against the charm and hospitality of Charlottetown, the Convention also invites you to experience the region's culture, history, and coastal beauty.

Designed with the entire veterinary team in mind, the 2026 CVMA Convention aims to foster collaboration, spark new ideas, and leave you feeling inspired and energized in your professional journey. We look forward to welcoming you to Charlottetown for an unforgettable Convention experience.

Dr. Brendon Laing
PDC Chair

Dr. Jennifer Burns
2026 Local Chair

What Attendees **Are Saying**

The CVMA national convention is just the right size for enjoyable networking, and the scope and variety of continuing education is unparalleled.

— 2025 Convention Attendee

An incredible learning opportunity with competent, engaging speakers and a diverse program.

— 2025 Convention Attendee

A unique opportunity to bring colleagues together from all across the country and across all areas of practice.

— CVMA Convention Attendee

Very well organized — I was particularly impressed with the food!

— 2025 Convention Attendee

It was wonderful to be back to in-person learning and connecting with colleagues — it's been far too long.

— 2025 Convention Attendee

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Your **Experience**

	Full Convention Package		Individual Day Pass
	Early Bird (until April 15 @ 11:59pm)	**Regular** (April 16 to June 28)	
CVMA Member	$729.00	$849.00	$369.00
CVMA Retired Member*	$399.00	$449.00	$229.00
Non-Member DVM	$959.00	$1,099.00	$399.00
RVT/Hospital Staff	$399.00	$449.00	$229.00
Veterinary Student**	$345.00	$345.00	$115.00

*A veterinarian who currently holds the status of 'Retired member' with the CVMA.
**To take advantage at this rate, a student is defined as someone enrolled in full-time studies at one of Canada's five veterinary colleges.

What is included in your registration?

- Keynote Presentations
- Welcome Reception & Awards Gala
- CVMA Signature Events – CVMA Summit, and CVMA National Issues Forum
- Access to over 80 CE hours presented live in Charlottetown
- Access to exhibit hall over two full days
- Access to the Wellness Zone to refresh, reset, and relax
- Cocktail Hour
- Networking opportunities with industry and all attendees
- Refreshment breaks and lunches over three days

Additional Workshops and Social Events:

- Workshop Wednesday *(additional fee)*
- Wednesday Wedges (CVMA Golf)
- CVMA Social Evening *(additional fee)*
- Sunday Funday *(additional fee)*

Featured **Events**

THURSDAY, JUNE 25

Welcome Reception and Awards Gala

5:00PM–7:00PM

Join us on Thursday evening for a welcome reception featuring passed hors d'oeuvres and beverages as we officially kick off the 2026 CVMA Convention. Following the reception, we will celebrate the outstanding achievements of our colleagues and peers in veterinary medicine during the CVMA Awards Gala.

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FRIDAY, JUNE 26

Keynote Speaker: **James Mullinger**

8:30AM–9:20AM

Laughter, Resilience, and Finding Purpose in Your Work

Award winning comedian, writer, and keynote speaker James Mullinger brings humour and heart to inspire audiences to reframe challenges and embrace resilience. Originally from the UK, James has performed across North America, headlined comedy festivals, appeared on television, and written for major publications. His interactive style and uplifting messages make him a perfect fit for veterinary professionals navigating the demands of their careers.

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Stay Connect on the Latest News Convention App

Your digital companion for the CVMA Convention, the Convention App lets you view the program and speaker details, create a personalized schedule, receive real-time updates, take notes, and connect with fellow attendees through in-app messaging. Participate in live polling and event surveys to stay engaged throughout the Convention.

The Convention App will be available for download in June.

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Featured **Events**

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SATURDAY, JUNE 27

Keynote Speaker: **Dr. Betsy Charles, MA**

8:30AM–9:20AM

The Future Is Bright - Leading Well in Veterinary Medicine

Dr. Charles brings together clinical veterinary experience and leadership expertise to help veterinary professionals navigate change, communication, and team dynamics. A graduate of Washington State University's College of Veterinary Medicine, Dr. Charles holds a master's degree in Organizational Leadership and is widely recognized for her work in emotional intelligence, servant leadership, and generational diversity in veterinary practice. She is the Executive Director of the Veterinary Leadership Institute and a sought-after speaker known for practical insights and authentic connection.

SATURDAY, JUNE 27

CVMA Social Evening

6:30PM–11:00PM

Lobster on the Wharf *(3 minute walk from the hotel)*

Join us for a memorable evening celebrating the veterinary community in the heart of Charlottetown. The night begins with a seaside cocktail reception, featuring locally inspired drinks, light hors d'oeuvres, and the warm hospitality PEI is known for.

Then, settle in for a traditional sit-down lobster dinner, served with all the fixings — a true taste of the Island! This intimate event offers the perfect opportunity to connect with colleagues, enjoy exceptional cuisine, and soak in the charm of Prince Edward Island.

Workshop
Wednesday

(Additional fees apply)

8:00AM–4:00PM

CVMA Emerging Leaders Program
followed by Mix n' Mingle Reception

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8:00AM–12:00PM

POCUS for DVMs
Dr. Søren Boysen and Dr. Serge Chalhoub

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1:00PM–5:00PM

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Schedule at a Glance

THURSDAY, JUNE 25

8:30AM–12:00PM	CVMA Summit
9:00AM–5:00PM	Business Management Continuing Education Sessions
1:00PM–2:00PM	CVMA Annual General Meeting *(Members only)*
2:30PM–5:00PM	CVMA National Issues Forum
5:00PM–7:00PM	Welcome Reception and Awards Gala

FRIDAY, JUNE 26

8:30AM–9:20AM	Keynote Presentation: James Mullinger
9:30AM–5:00PM	Continuing Education Sessions
10:00AM–5:00PM	Exhibit Hall Open
5:00PM–6:30PM	Sponsored Cocktail Hour (Exhibit Hall)

SATURDAY, JUNE 27

8:30AM–9:20AM	Keynote Presentation: Dr. Betsy Charles
9:30AM–5:05PM	Continuing Education Sessions
10:00AM–4:15PM	Exhibit Hall Open
6:30PM–11:00PM	CVMA Social Evening

SUNDAY, JUNE 28

8:30AM–11:55AM	Continuing Education Sessions
1:00PM–6:00PM	Sunday FUN Day Tours

Exhibition **Hall**

The CVMA Convention features one of the largest veterinary trade shows in Canada, bringing together a wide range of companies showcasing innovative products, services, and solutions for today's veterinary professionals. Access to the Exhibition Hall is included with Convention registration, with meals and refreshment breaks served in the hall throughout the Convention.

Attendees are encouraged to take time to explore the exhibits, connect with industry partners, and experience firsthand the latest offerings designed to support veterinary practice and professional growth.

Exhibition Hall Hours:

Friday, June 26:
10:00AM–6:30PM

Saturday, June 27:
10:00AM–4:15PM

Session Schedule /// Thursday, June 25, 2026

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Business Management Stream

9:00AM–9:50AM	**Unpredictable Days, Unstoppable Teams – Leading Resilience** Dr. Saye Clement
10:00AM–10:50AM	**Unpredictable Days, Unstoppable Teams – Creating Resilience** Dr. Saye Clement
10:50AM–11:00AM	NETWORKING BREAK
11:00AM–11:50AM	**Creating Your Clinic's Mentorship and Coaching Toolkit** Dr. Saye Clement
12:00PM–1:00PM	LUNCH BREAK
2:00PM–2:50PM	**Unlock AI in Veterinary Practice Management** Dr. Mike Mossop
3:00PM–3:50PM	**AI: Your Ally for Mentorship** Dr. Mike Mossop
4:00PM–4:10PM	NETWORKING BREAK
4:10PM–5:00PM	**Navigating Change: Transforming your Veterinary Clinic** Dr. Saye Clement & Dr. Mike Mossop

CVMA Signature Events

8:30AM–12:00PM	**CVMA Summit:** **Making New Graduates Future Ready** Dr. Kathleen MacMillan, Chair
1:00PM–2:00PM	CVMA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
2:30PM–5:00PM	**National Issues Forum:** **Beyond Red Tape: Game-Changing Moves for Canadian Vet Drug Availability** Dr. Ian Sandler, Chair

Session Schedule /// Friday, June 26, 2026

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	Companion Animal Soft Tissue Surgery	Companion Animal Oncology	Diversity Equity Inclusion Neurodivergence	Equine Anesthesia & Pain	Ruminant Medicine	One Health Sustainability
8:30AM–9:20AM	Keynote Speaker: Mr. James Mullinger *Sponsored by:* PETS + US a pet owner's best friend					
9:30AM–10:20AM	Urinary Surgery – Do's and Don'ts! Dr. Ameet Singh *Sponsored by* Eickemeyer	What Should We Do in Clinics with Oncology Patients? Dr. Maude Touret	What Leaders Need to Know About Neurodivergence and Team Dynamics Mr. Ron Sosa	Anesthesia and Pain Management in the Field Dr. Patrick Burns	Pericardial Effusion in Cattle Dr. Julie Berman	One Health, Environmental Sustainability and You Dr. Matthew Richardson
10:30AM–11:15AM	REFRESHMENT BREAK					
11:15AM–12:05PM	Gastrointestinal Surgery – No More Leaks! Dr. Ameet Singh *Sponsored by* Eickemeyer	Clinical Cases in Oncology Dr. Maude Touret	Invisible Friction, How Workplace Design May Cause Burnout and What to Do Instead Mr. Ron Sosa	Locoregional Blocks of the Head and Tail Dr. Patrick Burns	How to Manage a Bovine Respiratory Disease Outbreak in Adult Dairy Cattle Dr. Julie Berman	The Climate Prescription: How Canadian Veterinarians Build Resilient Communities Dr. Domique Charron
12:15PM–1:30PM	LUNCH BREAK					
	Companion Animal Emergency Critical Care	Companion Animal Dentistry	POCUS Case Studies	Equine Internal Medicine	Ruminant Practice	One Health Public Health
1:30PM–2:20PM	How to Excel in Emergency and Critical Care Ms. Andrea Steele	Luxating All the Way Dr. Loic Legendre	POCUS and Feline Respiratory Distress Dr. Søren Boysen Dr. Serge Chalhoub	Evaluation of the Cardiovascular System in the Field Dr. William Gilsenan	The Veterinarian's Role in Automated Milking Systems Dr. Phil Meadows	Highly pathogenic avian influenza A (H5N1): Clinical Impacts & One Health Dr Jason Stull, Dr Justin Brown & Dr. Michelle Evason
2:30PM–3:20PM	Triage of the Traumatic Emergency Ms. Andrea Steele	Keep on Luxating Dr. Loic Legendre	POCUS and Renal Pelvic Dilation Dr. Søren Boysen Dr. Serge Chalhoub	Management of Pneumonia in Foals Dr. William Gilsenan	Milk Quality Investigations Dr. Phil Meadows	GI parasites in Dogs and Cats - When One Health Walks Into Your Clinic Dr Jason Stull, Dr Justin Brown & Dr. Michelle Evason
3:30PM–4:15PM	REFRESHMENT BREAK					
4:15PM–5:05PM	Medical Errors: An Ounce of Prevention Ms. Andrea Steele	Oral Immune-Mediated Inflammatory Conditions: Diagnosis, Treatment, Prognosis Dr. Loic Legendre	POCUS and Pericardial Effusion Dr. Søren Boysen Dr. Serge Chalhoub	Equine Strangles Dr. William Gilsenan	Implementing a New Service in Vet Practice Dr. Phil Meadows	Spillover to Your Clinical Day-to-Day - Emerging One Health Infectious Diseases from Wildlife Dr Jason Stull, Dr Justin Brown & Dr. Michelle Evason

Session Schedule /// Saturday, June 27, 2026

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	Exotics Medicine	Companion Animal Feline Orthopedic	Regulatory Medicine CFIA	Equine Palmar Foot Pain	Ruminant Medicine	Animal Welfare Cow Calf Welfare
8:30AM–9:20AM	Keynote Speaker: Dr. Betsy Charles					
9:30AM–10:20AM	Everything Comes Down to Poop: Fecal Analysis in Exotics Ms. Christina Miller	Feline Orthopedic Exam and Common Orthopedic Conditions in Cats Dr. Michael Jaffe	Advance in Biologics Manisha Mehrotra CFIA	Prevention and Treatment of Palmar Foot Problems in Horses: Biomechanical Considerations – Pt. 1 Dr. Renate Weller	Care of Nonambulatory (Down) Cattle Dr. Charlotte Winder	Understanding Dairy Cows at Calving: Using Behavior to Guide Maternity Pen Design Dr. Kathryn Proudfoot
10:30AM–11:15AM	REFRESHMENT BREAK					
11:15AM–12:05PM	Nursing Aspects of Dental Disease in Small Mammal Herbivores Ms. Christina Miller	Diagnosis and Management of Feline Osteoarthritis Dr. Michael Jaffe	CFIA Newsreel Dr. Lynn Hood	Prevention and Treatment of Palmar Foot Problems in Horses: Biomechanical Considerations – Pt. 2 Dr. Renate Weller	Pain Mitigation in Small Ruminant Practice Dr. Charlotte Winder	Sustainability of the Dairy Industry: The Case of Cow Calf Separation Dr. Nina von Keyserlingk
12:15PM–1:30PM	LUNCH BREAK					
	Companion Animal Feline Nutrition	**CA Cardiology & Mentorship**	**Companion Animal Neurology**	**Equine Musculoskeletal**	**Small Ruminant & Pot Bellied Pigs**	**Animal Welfare Weaning**
1:30PM–2:20PM	Nutritional Needs of Healthy Cats Dr. Caitlin Grant *Sponsored by* PURINA PRO PLAN VETERINARY DIETS	Heartworm Disease and Treatment Dr. Bruno Boutet	Intervertebral Disc Disease - What We Think We Know Dr. Andrew Barker	Management of Equine Heel Bulb Lacerations Dr. Bill Schoonover	Pot Belly Pigs: Common GI Conditions and Case Examples Dr. Meera Heller	Caring for the Milk Fed Dairy Calf: Striving for Good Welfare Outcomes by Motivating Change on Farm Dr. Nina von Keyserlingk
2:30PM–3:20PM	Alternative Diets for Cats Dr. Caitlin Grant *Sponsored by* PURINA PRO PLAN VETERINARY DIETS	Degenerative Mitral Valve Disease: Staging and Treatment Dr. Bruno Boutet	Seizures - Treatments and When Might it not be Epilepsy? Dr. Andrew Barker	Management of Intra-Synovial Sepsis in the Horse Dr. Bill Schoonover	Livestock Field Surgeries Dr. Meera Heller	Weaning - What is it and What Does it Mean for Dam and Offspring Across Species? Dr. Anneliese Heinrich
3:30PM–4:15PM	REFRESHMENT BREAK					
4:15PM–5:05PM	Weight Loss for Cats Dr. Caitlin Grant *Sponsored by* PURINA PRO PLAN VETERINARY DIETS	Soft Skills, Strong Teams: The Hidden Science Behind Veterinary Success Dr. Michael Powell	Central vs Peripheral Vestibular Disease - Why the Difference Matters? Dr. Andrew Barker	Intra-Articular Therapies for Equine Joint Disease Dr. Bill Schoonover	Small Ruminant Emergencies, Triage, Fluid Therapy Dr. Meera Heller	Behaviour and Welfare Implications of Early Weaning in Companion Animals and Livestock Dr. Anneliese Heinrich

Session Schedule /// Sunday, June 28, 2026

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	Companion Animal Behaviour	Companion Animal Anesthesia	Companion Animal Dermatology	Equine Endocrinology	Professional Wellness
8:30AM–9:20AM	How to Use "Event Drugs" to Drop Everyone's Fear and Stress Levels Dr. Karen Overall	Anesthetic Protocols Dr. Turi Aarnes	What to do with the Mild Atopic Dog Dr. Charlie Pye *Sponsored by* PURINA PRO PLAN VETERINARY DIETS	Insulin Dysregulation and Equine Metabolic Syndrome: Who to Test, Who to Treat? Dr. François-René Bertin	Social/Emotional Work Hazards: "Occupational Safety for Our Brains and Souls" Dr. Philip Richmond
9:30AM–10:20AM	Preventing Behavioural Pathology: What we Have Learned About Risk and Early Development Dr. Karen Overall	Fluid Therapy in the Perianesthetic Period - Guidelines for the Spectrum of Patients Dr. Turi Aarnes	Topical Therapy in Dermatology Dr. Charlie Pye *Sponsored by* PURINA PRO PLAN VETERINARY DIETS	Pituitary Pars Intermedia Dysfunction: Is it Just About Pergolide? Dr. François-René Bertin	Conquering Incivility & Taming Toxicity Dr. Philip Richmond
10:30AM–10:45AM	REFRESHMENT BREAK				
10:50AM–11:40AM	Trauma and Canine Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (CPTSD) - What's the Clinical Profile? Dr. Karen Overall	Pain Management in Companion Animals Dr. Turi Aarnes	I've Done X, Y and Z and Nothing's Working". When your Allergy Case Doesn't Respond Dr. Charlie Pye *Sponsored by* PURINA PRO PLAN VETERINARY DIETS	Thyroid Hormones: What do I Need to Know? Dr. François-René Bertin	Shhh, This Is the Secret: Successful Teams Seek Psych Safety Dr. Philip Richmond
11:45AM–12:30PM	GRAB N' GO				

Discover the ISLAND

Make the most of your time on Prince Edward Island and experience the charm, culture, and coastal beauty that make the Island so special. From historic streets and seaside views to local flavours and iconic landscapes, Charlottetown offers the perfect backdrop for learning, connection, and exploration.

Throughout the Convention, attendees are encouraged to explore the region at their own pace, with dining, shopping, and scenic waterfront experiences all just steps from the Convention hotel. Additional tourism information, recommendations, and updates can be found on the CVMA Convention website.

Sunday FUN Day Tours

Exclusively for Convention Attendees

Extend your Convention experience by joining one of the Sunday FUN Day Tours, created especially for CVMA Convention attendees. These optional tours are designed to showcase the best of Prince Edward Island, offering a relaxed and memorable way to explore the Island alongside colleagues.

Tour options may include experiences that highlight:

- Local food and culinary traditions
- Island history, culture, and storytelling
- Scenic coastal drives and iconic landmarks
- Behind-the-scenes looks at industries PEI is known for

Final tour offerings, descriptions, pricing, and registration details will be available on the CVMA Convention website.

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