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Dr. Claudia Barton, DVM, ACVIM (Oncology), ACVIM (Internal Medicine) – Professor. VSCS.

Dr. Barton graduated from Missouri and then completed her residency in Clinical Pathology here at Texas A&M University. She is currently a professor at Texas A&M. Her clinical interests include oncology and her scholarly interests are aspiration cytology and small animal reproduction.



Dr. Steven Brinsko, DVM, M.S., Ph.D., DACT - Professor of Equine Theriogenology.

Dr. Brinsko received his DVM from the University of Florida in 1985. He completed a combined residency and Master's Degree program in Theriogenology at Texas A&M in 1990, followed by a PhD from Cornell in 1995. He is currently Professor of

Theriogenology at Texas A&M University. He has been an invited speaker at numerous national and international meetings and has authored or co-authored over 100 manuscripts related to the field of reproduction. He is a past president of the American College of Theriogenologists and is the Chair of the Theriogenology Foundation's Research Grant Committee.

Kristen Childress – Vet Anesthesia Tech II.

She got her first job at the Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital teaching hospital as a caretaker out of high school. Kris graduated from Texas A&M University in 1998 with a BS in Wildlife and Fisheries. After completing her degree, she started working in various private practices doing small and large animal primary care, surgery, and emergency and critical care. She returned to the VMTH in 2014 to the anesthesia service in the small animal clinic. She is currently working on her Veterinary Technician degree through a distance learning program. Kris recently finished participating in a pilot program to obtain a certificate in techniques of small animal anesthesia, perioperative analgesia and critical patient care.

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Dr. Daniel Earl, DVM, Affordable Pet Care

Texas A&M Technician Seminar is proud to announce our guest note speaker Dr. Daniel Earl! In 1987 Dr. Earl received a bachelor's degree in Veterinary Science from A&M University and he received his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from Texas A&M University in 1989. Dr. Earl's interests include; ultrasound, soft tissue and orthopedic surgery as well as internal medicine. Dr. Earl and his wife Leigh own 3 veterinary hospitals in San Antonio. These hospitals employ over 50 members, 7 full time veterinarians and several part time veterinarians. Affordable Pet Care Northwest has consistently been recognized as one of the top veterinary hospitals in San Antonio by several publications. Dr. Earl and his wife, Leigh, embrace both practice management and practice culture.



Dr. Karen E. Felsted, CPA, MS, DVM, CVPM, CVA, PantheraT Veterinary Management Consulting

Dr. Felsted is a CPA as well as a veterinarian and has spent the last 20 years working as a financial and operational consultant to veterinary practices and the animal health industry. She also spent three years with the National Commission on Veterinary Economic Issues as CEO. She is active in multiple veterinary organizations, has written an extensive number of articles for a wide range of veterinary publications and speaks regularly at national and international veterinary meetings. In 2011 and 2017, she was awarded the Western Veterinary Conference Practice Management Continuing Educator of the Year and in 2014, the VetPartners Distinguished Life Member Award.

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Dr. Kati Glass, Clinical Assistant Professor in Large Animal Surgery

Dr. Kati Glass received her DVM from Texas A&M University where she also completed her residency in large animal surgery. She is a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Surgeons. Her special interests include equine sports medicine, advanced diagnostic imaging, and orthopedics.



Wendy Greathouse, Veterinary Technician III

Mrs. Greathouse graduated from Texas A&M University in 1997 with a Bachelor of Science in Zoology. She has worked for Texas A&M Small Animal Hospital for 22 years, in three different positions. Wendy is currently the Orthopedics Service Technician. Her interests are teaching bandaging and canine behavior. She enjoys spending weekends with her three dogs and her husband, Scott



Dr. Justin Heinz - Clinical Assistant Professor

Dr. Heinz graduated from Purdue University and went on to complete a small animal rotating internship at Louisiana State University, followed by his residency in emergency and critical care at Texas A&M University. He also is a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care. He currently works in emergency and critical care in the Department of Veterinary Small Animal Clinical Sciences. His interests include acute kidney injury and renal replacement therapies, transfusion medicine, cardiopulmonary resuscitation and post-arrest care, and sepsis.

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Dr. Sharman Hoppes - Clinical Associate Professor

Dr. Hoppes is a Clinical Associate Professor in the zoological medicine service at Texas A & M University. Dr. Hoppes earned her Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine from Oklahoma State University in 1993. Prior to that she worked as a registered nurse for 10 years caring for human patients. She completed an avian medicine and surgery residency in 1999 at North Carolina State University and became a Diplomate of the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners in avian practice in 2000. She is a Past-President (2012-2013) of the Association of Avian Veterinarians, and is also an active member of the Association of Exotic Mammal Veterinarians, the Association of Reptile and Amphibian Veterinarians and the American Veterinary Society of Animal Behavior. Dr. Hoppes joined the TAMU faculty in 2006 and her research interests include avian analgesia and Avian Bornavirus in parrots through her work at the Schubot Exotic Bird Health Center and exotic and avian behavior and enrichment.



Sherri Jerzyk, Veterinary Technician

Jerzyk began her veterinary career in high school through the Texas Agricultural Cooperative Education. She has worked many aspects of veterinary medicine including kennel tech, primary veterinary, emergency, critical care, orthopedics, neurology, theriogenology, ophthalmology, and finally rehabilitation. Jerzyk became certified in canine rehabilitation in 2006 from the Canine Rehabilitation Institute. She has started up 3 successful rehabilitation facilities as well as assisted at the Canine Rehabilitation Institute before coming to Texas A&M. She finds rehabilitation the most mentally challenging yet rewarding aspect of veterinary medicine.

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Thomas Koenig, Veterinary Technician III

Tommy Koenig is a graduate of Texas State Technical Institute. He is a charter member of the Academy of Veterinary Dental Technicians (AVDT) and presently serves on its examination and education committees. Koenig is a past vice-president and secretary of the Texas Association of Registered Veterinary Technicians (TARVT) and has served as secretary of the Capital Area Hospital Managers Association.



Dr. Gwendolyn J. Levine, DVM, BS Biology.

Levine received her DVM from Texas A&M University in 2006. She then completed a rotating internship in Small Animal Medicine and Surgery in 2007 and a residency in Veterinary Clinical Pathology in 2010. She joined the Veterinary Pathobiology Department at Texas A&M University in 2010 after becoming board certified by the American College of

Veterinary Pathologists in Clinical Pathology. Dr. Levine teaches professional and graduate courses in veterinary clinical pathology and has given over a dozen continuing education lectures focused on small animal hematology and cytology.



Dr. Evelyn MacKay, DVM - Resident in Large Animal Internal Medicine at Texas A&M University.

She holds a BS from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and a DVM from the University of Missouri. After an internship at the Ohio State University she came to Texas A&M University as a Large Animal Internal Medicine Resident.

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**Dr. Joseph Mankin, BA, DVM, ACVIM
(Neurology) – Clinical Associate
Professor. VSCS.**

Dr. Mankin earned his B.A. from Hendrix College and then continued school to earn his DVM at the University of Tennessee. Afterwards, he then completed an internship in small animal medicine at Purdue University. He came back to Tennessee to complete his residency in neurology and neurosurgery. Mankin is currently a clinical associate professor at Texas A&M University. His scholarly interests include neuroradiology and neurosurgery.



**Dr. Kimberly Pope-Robinson, DVM,
CCFP**

Dr. Pope-Robinson graduated from UC Davis with her DVM degree and then went on to practice in both the large and small animal sectors. In 2007 she transitioned from running a single veterinary practice to managing multiple veterinary hospitals for a large corporate practice. She then worked in the pharmaceutical sector as a Regional Strategic Veterinarian where she primarily worked with specialists and their teams.

Jennifer Perkins, Veterinary Technician

Jennifer attended the University of Maine graduating with a Bachelor of Science in zoology. After graduation Jennifer worked as a zookeeper at the Birmingham Zoo for a year. Jennifer attended Medaille College in 2006, graduating with an associate's degree in veterinary technology and received her licensure in the state of New York. In 2008 she began working at a general small animal practice until October 2012 when she accepted a position at Texas A&M veterinary teaching hospital in the zoological medicine service. Jennifer currently lives with her dog, Buddy.

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Elizabeth Radcliff, Veterinary Anesthesia Technician

Beth Radcliff graduated with a degree in Animal Science from Texas A&M University in 2013. Shortly thereafter, she began her veterinary medicine career at a high volume spay/neuter clinic in Brenham, Texas. While working there, she decided to further her career and knowledgebase by pursuing further coursework for vet school and joining the team at Banfield in College Station. Once again hoping to gain more knowledge and experience, she joined the Texas A&M Small Animal Hospital Anesthesia team in March of 2018. Since then, she has been an active member in the Veterinary Emergency Team and has moved to the Oncology service as their in-house veterinary anesthetist.



Dr. Christine Rutter, DVM- Clinical Assistant Professor, VSCS.

Dr. Rutter graduated from Mississippi State University completed an internship in Louisville Kentucky and a residency at Tufts University. She was in private specialty practice for 6 years. Her interests include coagulation, immune mediated blood dyscrasias, transfusion medicine, trauma management, post-operative patient care, and respiratory disease.



Katrina L Schmitz, Veterinary Resident - Emergency/Critical Care 2nd year

Schmitz's appreciation for emergency medicine started when she was a technician at a busy emergency hospital on the central coast of California. She was accepted into veterinary school at St. George's University in January 2012; final year was spent at North Carolina State University. From there, Schmitz went back to California for a rotating internship at VCA West Los Angeles; which led her to Texas A&M, where she is currently a resident in small animal emergency and critical care medicine.

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**Dr. Bradley Simon, MS, DVM, DACVAA
- Assistant Professor. VSCS.**

Dr. Simon received his DVM from Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine, completed a residency in anesthesia and analgesia at the University of Pennsylvania, and is a diplomat of the American College of Veterinary Anesthesia and Analgesia (ACVAA). Dr. Simon has published manuscripts pertaining but not limited to opioid analgesia, epidural anesthesia and analgesia, oligoanalgesia in the emergency and critical care department, benzodiazepines, pharmacokinetics, and acupuncture in a variety of journals.



Jen Sowinski, BS- Equine Technician.

Jen Sowinski, a New England native, graduated from Johnson & Wales University in Rhode Island, with a B.S. degree in Equine Business Management & Riding. She spent a few years in the northeast, riding and re-purposing off-track thoroughbreds for new careers before she found her way to Texas A&M. For the past 5 years she has worked as a technician in our Equine Soft Tissue Surgery department where she

spends a lot of time working up colics; she enjoys being a part of a team with the ability to take in sick horses and send them home happy and healthy. She spends her free time riding and being with her family.



**Dr. Stanley Sowmy, Veterinary Resident -
Emergency/Critical Care 3rd year**

Dr. Stanley Sowmy grew up in Southern California and went to veterinary school at Western University of Health Sciences in Pomona. He completed a small animal rotating internship at the renowned Angell Animal Medical Center in Boston MA and subsequently completed a joint internal medicine and emergency and critical care internship at Gulf Coast Veterinary Specialist in Houston before coming to Texas A&M for his emergency and critical care residency. His interests include transfusion therapy, mechanical ventilation and small animal cardiopulmonary resuscitation education.

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Dr. Mark Stickney, Clinical Associate Professor

Dr. Stickney received his B.S. in Veterinary Science and his DVM from Texas A&M University. He completed an internship in small animal medicine & surgery as well as a residency in companion animal medicine & surgery at Mississippi State University. His special interests include elective surgery, pain management, mammary cancer, electrosurgery and laparoscopic surgery.



Dr. Kelley Thieman Mankin, DVM, MS

Dr. Thieman Mankin attended veterinary school at the University of Missouri – Columbia. She then completed a small animal rotating internship at the University of Tennessee. Following her internship, she completed a combined Master of Science and surgical residency program at the University of Florida. She then joined the soft tissue surgery team at Texas A&M University and has been here ever since.



Dr. Kevin Washburn, DVM, DACVIM (LAIM, DABVP – Associate Professor of Large Animal Internal Medicine.

Dr. Washburn graduated with a BS and DVM from Oklahoma State University. His research interests include investigating disposition of extra-label antimicrobials in small ruminants, pharmacokinetics of respiratory antimicrobials, and comparison of treatment modalities for small ruminant caseous lymphadenitis.

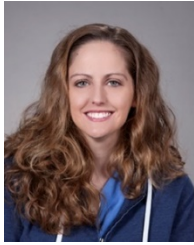


Katy W. Waddell, RVT, VTS,

Waddell is a veterinary technician at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences. She was named the Texas Veterinary Medical Association (TVMA) 2013 Technician of the Year. Waddell, a Feline and Canine Internal Medicine and Endoscopy Services Floater Technician, also specializes in ECC and anesthesia.

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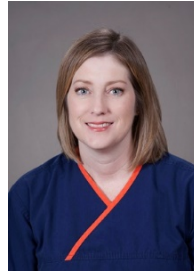


Mallory Worley- Veterinary Technician

Ms. Worley graduated from Texas A&M University with a BS in Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences. She has worked as veterinary technician in Anesthesia before transferring to soft tissue. Her interests include wound care, pain management, and instructing 4th year veterinary students.

Stephanie Wertman, LVT, VTS-EVN- Veterinary Technician III

Wertman has 31 years of experience in veterinary medicine. She completed the U.S. Army Animal Care Specialist Program in 1988 and served 2 years in the U.S. Army. In 1999, Wertman received her Associate's Degree in Veterinary Technology from Blue Ridge Community College, in Weyer's Cave, VA. In 2017, she earned her Veterinary Technician Specialty Certification in Equine Nursing from the Academy of Equine Veterinary Nursing Technicians (AEVNT). In 2011, Wertman moved to the Texas A & M Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital, in College Station, TX., as an overnight Large Animal ICU technician for 2yrs before moving to her present position in Equine Internal Medicine.



Dana Whitaker, AAS, LVT- Veterinary Technician.

Ms. Whitaker graduated from Bel-Rea Institute of Animal Technology with an Associates of Applied Science in Veterinary Technology. She is a member of the Texas A&M Veterinary Emergency Team and a member of the Veterinary Wound Management Society. Her interests are veterinary disaster response and preparedness, working with urban search and rescue dogs, surgical assistance, and wound management and bandaging. Dana has lectured other veterinary technicians on wound care, bandaging, and disaster preparedness and response.

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**Debra Zoran, DVM, MS, PhD. DACVIM
– Professor. VSCS**

Dr. Deb Zoran is a Professor in the Department of Veterinary Small Animal Clinical Sciences at Texas A&M University and founding member of the Texas A&M Veterinary Emergency Team (VET). She is a 1984 graduate of Kansas State University's College of Veterinary Medicine. She completed a Master's degree and became a Diplomate of the ACVIM – Small Animal Internal Medicine during her time there. In 1992, she moved to Texas A&M University and completed a PhD in Nutrition in the laboratory of Dr. Joanne Lupton. Since 1996, Dr. Zoran has been a member of the faculty in the Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital at Texas A&M University where she is actively involved with clinical, teaching, and research activities in small animal nutrition, disaster preparedness, gastroenterology and feline medicine.