

## **Saturday Speaker Bios**

### **Jaime Maher, CVT, VTS (ECC) (Anesthesia/Analgesia)**

Jaime has been working as a certified veterinary technician for over 20 years. She is an active member of the Academy of Veterinary Technicians in Anesthesia and Analgesia and the Academy of Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care Technicians, through which she is recognized as a veterinary technician specialist in both anesthesia and emergency/critical care. She is Fear Free certified and a RECOVER certified rescuer and instructor. Jaime currently works as an anesthesia technician for Mobile Veterinary Specialists.

### **Melissa J. Supernor, AS, BS, CVT, VTS (SAIM), CFE, CCFP**

Melissa is founder and president of Educational Advocates for the Veterinary Team (EDAVT), speaking on Practice Development, Professional and Career Development topics at local, state, and national levels. She has authored many chapters and articles on many topics. She holds an AS degree in Veterinary Technology, a BS in Psychology and earned her CVT in 1990, VTS in Small Animal Internal Medicine in 2008, and LVT in 2020. She is an experienced veterinary technician specialist skilled in veterinary medicine, animal welfare, disaster medicine, professional and personal development of the veterinary team. Currently, she is a Clinical Development Specialist at Blue River PetCare.

### **Tabitha Kucera, RVT, CCBC, KPA-CTP**

Tabitha Kucera is an Elite Fear Free and Low-Stress Handling Certified Registered Veterinary Technician, VTS (Behavior), Certified Cat Behavior Consultant, and Karen Pryor Academy Certified Training Partner. She is the owner of Chirrup and Chatter Cat and Dog Behavior Consulting and Training in Cleveland, Ohio and the host of the podcast, Tails from a Vet Tech.

### **Andrea Pace, CVT, VTS (ECC)**

Andrea is a Certified Veterinary Technician and a Veterinary Technician Specialist in Emergency and Critical Care. Andrea also has degrees in Bioethics and Law; both of which influence the way she approaches teaching and clinical practice. She is currently an anesthesia technician at a privately-owned small animal specialty hospital where she enjoys working with trauma patients, difficult surgical procedures, and toxin exposures. Andrea is active on committees for AVECCTN and VetCOT as well as a vocal advocate for empowering technicians. She lives in New Jersey with her partner, two cats, and two dogs.

### **Tiffany Gendron, CVT, VTS (ECC)**

Tiffany grew up in a small mill town in the White Mountains of northern New Hampshire. She attended Becker College in central Massachusetts and while there she

had the opportunity to work at Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine where she recognized her desire to specialize in emergency and critical care medicine.

She graduated with honors from Becker College and accepted her first position as a Certified Veterinary Technician at New England Animal Medical Center in Nashua, NH. It was here that she explored her interests in both cardiology and critical care medicine. In 2008 she joined Cape Cod Veterinary Specialists where she pursued her veterinary technician specialty accreditation in emergency and critical care medicine, becoming board certified in 2011. Tiffany has served numerous roles including blood bank director, team supervisor, veterinary technician trainer, among others. Tiffany possesses a great drive for teaching and training. This has led her to speak locally and nationally and serving as an adjunct professor at Massasoit Community College in the Veterinary Technology Program.

Tiffany is currently the CE coordinator for VETgirl an online continuing education platform for veterinary professionals that provide RACE approved CE.

In her free time, she enjoys living on Cape Cod which provides a great balance of summer days on the boat, paddle boarding, biking, and enjoying the beach with her husband and two sons. Of honorable mention is her sweet Dutch shepherd Maya and her crazy one-eyed cat Trixie!

#### **Mary Berg, BS, RVT, RLATG, VTS(Dentistry)**

Mary is a Charter member of the Academy of Veterinary Dental Technicians and received her Veterinary Technician Specialty in Dentistry in June 2006. She completed her maintenance of certification as a VTS (Dentistry) in 2020. Mary worked in research for over 29 years, specializing in products aimed at improving the oral health of companion animals, and continues to work with companies to evaluate the efficacy of their products. In addition to her research background, she was the practice manager and dental technician specialist at a general practice for seven years. She is an adjunct at two distance veterinary technology programs and is currently the president of Beyond the Crown Veterinary Education; she has over 15 years of experience teaching dentistry to veterinary teams, using practical and easy to master methods. Mary is actively involved in NAVTA, AVDT, AVMA, AAVSB, F4VD, and KVTA. Mary was named the NAVTA Veterinary Technician of the Year by NAVTA in 2020 and received the AVDT's Excellence in Dentistry Education in 2019. In addition, Mary is a speaker and wet lab instructor at numerous state and national conferences. Mary lives on a small farm near Lawrence, Kansas with her husband, Doug, and has two sons and four grandchildren.

#### **Erin Spencer, CVT, VTS (ECC)**

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