



## Western Veterinary Conferences

### Nashville 2026

#### **Sponsorship Proposal: We Weren't Prepared for This: Identifying & Treating Day Cases/Hospitalized Patients in Need of Behavioral Intervention**

##### **Workshop Overview**

We Weren't Prepared for This: Identifying & Treating Day Cases/Hospitalized Patients in Need of Behavioral Intervention is a focused continuing education workshop designed to assist veterinary professionals in recognizing and managing fear, anxiety, and stress in hospitalized canine and feline patients. This session emphasizes practical, immediately applicable strategies that improve patient comfort, staff safety, and quality of medical care.

Participants will learn how to identify patients in need of behavioral intervention, utilize appropriate oral and injectable medications, and implement environmental and behavior modification strategies within the hospital setting. Improving emotional wellbeing during hospitalization allows for safer handling, more accurate patient assessments, and more effective treatment of underlying medical conditions.

##### **Workshop Instructor**

Shana Gilbert-Gregory, VMD, MS, DACVB

##### **Workshop Objectives**

1. Identify canine and feline patients in need of behavioral intervention
2. Understand oral and injectable options to mitigate stress
3. Discuss environmental and behavior modification strategies to improve patients' stay in the hospital

##### **Educational Content Summary**

This lecture will provide ways to help identify hospitalized canine and feline patients in need of behavioral intervention and an overview of recommendations for how to improve their comfort while in your care. We will discuss utilizing oral and injectable medications to mitigate fear, anxiety, and arousal during hospitalization. We will cover environmental and behavior modification that can be implemented to improve patients' stay in your hospital. The more comfortable your patients are while in the hospital, the easier they will be to assess and handle, which will improve your ability to identify and treat their physical concerns.

##### **Audience & Format**

Target Audience: Veterinarians, veterinary technicians, and veterinary students

Capacity: 36 participants (limited enrollment)

Format: In-person educational workshop/lecture



### **Sponsorship Opportunity**

Sponsorship of this workshop provides an opportunity to support veterinary education focused on patient welfare, stress reduction, and enhanced safety in hospital settings. Sponsor recognition may include acknowledgment in conference materials, verbal recognition during the workshop, and sponsor signage or educational materials, in accordance with conference guidelines.

### **Use of Sponsorship Support**

Sponsorship funds will directly support delivery of the workshop, including educational materials, room setup, and logistical support required for a limited-enrollment session.

### **Conclusion**

Sponsorship of this workshop supports high-value veterinary education focused on improving the hospitalization experience for canine and feline patients. By emphasizing identification and management of behavioral stress, this session empowers veterinary teams to enhance patient comfort, improve safety, and optimize clinical outcomes in daily practice.