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Companion animal

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7am	Registration opens			
8am	Welcome Kate Hill (NZVA President) Plenary: Rabid about rabies - why, how, and when Andy Gibson		Plenary: Leadership learnings from Australasian sport Raelene Castle	Strays, surrenders, and foster care: examining NZ cat rescue landscape Christine Roseveare
8.30am				Post-operative opioids effects on dogs urination after IVDE surgery Lily van der Merwe
9am	Innate health concept: welfare revolution in body conformation in dogs Dan O'Neill		NZVA AGM	Antimicrobial sensitivity of NZ canine & feline urinary tract isolates Lisa Hulme-Moir
9.30am				New development in the treatment of canine atopic dermatitis Danielle Hoolahan
10am			Morning tea	
10.30am	Top 10 tips to avoid derm disasters Helen Orbell & Debbie Simpson		The hidden cost of incivility: safeguarding psychological safety in the OR Luiz Santos	Itching for answers: Nursing dermatology & ear disease in pets Ellie Clark
11am	Preventative management of otitis Helen Orbell			
11.30am	The different manifestations of atopy Debbie Simpson		Power imbalance Anna Dengate & Karl Mathis	Paws for thought- successful management of dermatological disease in companion animals Natalie Lloyd
12pm	Lunch			
12.30pm				
1pm	Pre-veterinary visit pharmaceuticals Lucy Scott	Team based care - utilising nurses in the consult room in a team approach Kelly Phillips, Charles Georgetti & Phoebe Bos	Lunch	A wolf in sheep's clothing: Lupus and other cytotoxic diseases Helen Orbell & Geoff Orbell
1.30pm	Minimising errors in vet practices: a swiss cheese approach Katy Dawson & Tanya Page	Effective and efficient: utilising the clinic support team for best patient, client and team outcomes Tania Carmody-Gover		
2pm	Kv9 a novel cancer immunotherapeutic for solid tumours in dogs Siobhan Ellis			
2.30pm	How to deliver a quality of life consultation Emily Piche		The nose knows and paws for thought Geoff Orbell, Debbie Simpson & Helen Orbell	Pemphigus Debbie Simpson & Geoff Orbell
3pm	Afternoon tea			
3.30pm	Feline atopic syndrome Danielle Hoolahan		Afternoon tea	
4pm			Nutrition Nick Cave	Cutaneous lymphoma Helen Orbell & Geoff Orbell
4.30pm	Different perspectives on the management of atopic dermatitis Helen Orbell, Debbie Simpson & Danielle Hoolahan	Nutrition and dermatology Geoff Orbell & Helen Orbell		Panel discussion on various dermatology topics Helen Orbell, Debbie Simpson, Geoff Orbell & Danielle Hoolahan
5pm				
5.30pm	Happy hour		NZVA awards	
6.30pm				
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Industry

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9am	Morning tea
9.30am	New veterinary medicines registered in 2024 Mike Gieseg
10am	ACVM requirements for practicing Veterinarians Awilda Baoumgren
10.30am	On and off label withholding periods: managing residues in practice Awilda Baoumgren
11am	The regulation and advancement of methane and nitrification inhibitors in New Zealand Mark Aspin
11.30am	Women in leadership roles across the New Zealand primary industries Clancy Merchant
12pm	Lunch
12.30pm	
1.30pm	
2pm	
2.30pm	
3pm	
3.30pm	
4pm	
4.30pm	
5pm	
5.30pm	Happy hour
7pm	NZVA Special Interest Branch Dinners and NZVNA dinner

Large Animal Veterinary Technicians

	Friday 6 June
7am	Registration opens
8.10am	LAVT President's Welcome Justine Britton
8.15am	Rural Support Trust: Grassroots insights about rural wellbeing & community resilience Sarah Donaldson
8.50am	Teatscoring for technicians as an aid to managing mastitis: The LAVTs contribution Justine Britton
9.20am	Tail Scoring – the why, the how and the research project that spanned 18 months Sarah Hurst
10am	Morning tea
10.30am	A photographic study of disbudding wound healing David Hawkins
10.50am	Disbudding wound management David Hawkins
11.30am	How veterinary paraprofessionals can help in the fight against AMR Lucy Johnson
12pm	Insight from the 2025 salary survey for Large Animal Technicians across NZ Justine Britton
12.30pm	Lunch
1.30pm	Update on LAVT regulation and registration Steph Mann
1.50pm	A role for Technicians outside of dairy – is it viable? Grace Jones
2.20pm	LAVT value in the deer space Sharna Loye
2.35pm	Large Animal Technicians in research: Techs take over the world Stacey Brew
3pm	Emergency response for LAVTs Hayley Sqaunce
3.30pm	Afternoon tea
4pm	Personal health resilience toolbox: prevention of disease by lifestyle choices Sally Aitken
4.30pm	Share your knowledge: use teaching skills in clinical practice Laura Beasley

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Dairy Cattle

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7am	<i>Registration opens</i>		
8am	Welcome Kate Hill (NZVA President) Plenary: Rabid about rabies - why, how, and when Andy Gibson	Plenary: Leadership learnings from Australasian sport Raelene Castle	The future of the dairy advisory in a changing world James Allen
8.30am			
9am	<i>Morning tea</i>	NZVA AGM	Nutrition and reproduction Ian Lean
9.30am	Calcium metabolism and practical transition management Ian Lean		Harnessing farmer participation in decision-making for better animal health outcomes Lab Wilson
10am	Mitigation of heat stress now and in to the future Stacey Hendriks		
10.30am	Meloxicam and the reproductive performance of lame dairy cattle Winston Mason	Rumination - the research behind rumination data info, acidosis and rumen function Ian Lean	Paddock to patty – Macca's approach with beef production and climate action Simon Kenny
11am	Practical transition management Ian Lean	SmaXtec – unlocking unique opportunities with world leading bolus technology Jeff Hill	Dairy genetics - an industry perspective & potential veterinary alignment Richard Spelman
11.30am	Dairy Cattle Veterinarian Branch AGM	Nedap Now, a tool for the Dairy Vet Mike Wilson	Herd genetics - potential to improve productivity, profitability & health Jack Hooper
12pm	<i>Lunch</i>	Halter Krispin Kannan & Ben McArthur	Herd selection criteria for selective versus blanket dry cow therapy Scott McDougall
12.30pm			
1pm	Milk protein - the science, opportunities, and limitations for reproduction Ryan Luckman	<i>Lunch</i>	
1.30pm	Practical fluid therapy for calves Kristina Mueller		Unlocking herd potential: the vet's role in herd improvement Isobel Willison
	Role of anti-inflammatory treatments for bovine mastitis Scott McDougall	Transition period rumination and its association with milk production in New Zealand dairy cows Matt Buckley	
2pm	C-Section technique and ruminant surgery Kristina Mueller	Using wearable data for spring-time cow management and LDA diagnosis Isabelle Cassan	Methane and efficiency of productions - a vets guide to making a difference Ian Lean
2.30pm	Case study: ureaplasma diversum in a R2 dairy heifers Toni Johnston	Economic outlook Jarrod Kerr	The role of life cycle assessment in livestock production: improving efficiency and reducing environmental impact Andre Mazzetto
3pm	<i>Afternoon tea</i>		VPIS Steve Cranefield & Mark Gilmour
3.30pm	A new look for RVMs, MQCs and AWP's Kate Poole	<i>Afternoon tea</i>	
4pm	Does Johne's disease affect calves? Duncan Crosbie	Herd-i Liz Muller & Krispin Kannan	Tāwharau Ora curriculum update Eloise Jillings & Jenny Weston
	BVD incursions on Waikato dairy farms - learnings about seroconversion Arnica Van Der Wiele		Fonterra Tennielle Ellingham
4.30pm	When sh!t got real – Salmonella in southern South Island Kim Kelly	CowManager Kyle Kannan	
5pm	Worm resistance on dairy support blocks Ginny Dodunski	Practical use of wearable data - Allflex collar fertility reports Ryan Luckman	
	Quick and easy milk quality investigations Briar Hayes	Afimilk: tools for the dairy veterinarian Georgina Muller	
5.30pm	<i>Happy hour</i>	NZVA awards	
6.30pm			
Evening	<i>NZVA Special Interest Branch Dinners and NZVNA Dinner</i>	<i>Awards Celebration Dinner</i>	

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Epidemiology, Food Safety, Animal Welfare & Biosecurity

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8.30am			
9am	Morning tea	NZVA AGM	
9.30am	Animal welfare risks and benefits from animal-based agri-tech Matthew Stone		
10am	Issuing veterinary transport certificates for livestock – a field vet perspective Dave Robertson	Morning tea	
10.30am	Livestock transport – black and white? Try fifty shades of grey Shona Robertson	Endemic disease dashboard Kat Govender	WORKSHOP: Who are the smallholders and how they fit into New Zealand Biosecurity? Maryna Sokolova, Lynsey Earl, Jonathan Watts, Mark Eames and Lia Missena
		The efficacy of risk-based sampling for herd-level detection of JD Kara Dawson	
11am	Issues and challenges transporting livestock to slaughter Richard Wild	A comparison between and within two ELISAs for bovine paratuberculosis Venkatesh Kunkololu Murali	
11.30am	Panel discussion	Limited rodent-associated leptospirosis in Hawke’s Bay following floods Jackie Benschop	
12pm	Lunch	Mycoplasma bovis in the palatine tonsil of New Zealand cattle Kelly Buckle	
12.30pm		Lunch	
1pm	Pig clinical examinations, on farm diagnostics and common diseases on lifestyle blocks Laura Schwerdtfeger	A day safeguarding animal and human health Brandon Brooks	WORKSHOP: Who are the smallholders and how they fit into New Zealand Biosecurity? Maryna Sokolova, Lynsey Earl, Jonathan Watts, Mark Eames and Lia Missena
1.30pm			
2pm	Backyard poultry exam and common diseases Sam Hurley	How verification services veterinarians enable NZ red meat export sector Sarah Key	
2.30pm		Tāwharau Ora update Eloise Jilling & Jenny Weston	
3pm	Afternoon tea	Sharpen your skills for operating at the front-lines of field surgery Andy Gibson	
3.30pm	Technical large animal rescue: approaching a rescue scenario Patrice Palleson-Putt	Afternoon tea	
4pm		Peering into the black box of dog population management Andy Gibson	
4.30pm	Navigating crisis on the rural-urban fringe Hayley Squance	Investigating intrafamilial transmission of enterotoxigenic Bacteroides fragilis in NZ sheep Scott Loeffler	
5pm		Effect of a novel anti-inflammatory and 12 versus 24-hour treatment interval for mastitis Richard Munn	
5.30pm	Happy hour	NZVA awards	
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Equine & Equine How To

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7am	Registration opens				
8am	Welcome Kate Hill (NZVA President) Plenary: Rabid about rabies - why, how, and when Andy Gibson		Plenary: Leadership learnings from Australasian sport Raelene Castle		Principles of ultrasound-guidance David Stack
8.30am					Ultrasound-guided upper limb joint injections David Stack
9am	Morning tea		NZVA AGM		
9.30am	Carpal lameness Bruce Bladen				Ultrasound-guided back injections Henk van der Veen
10am	Nerve block complications Bruce Bladen		Morning tea		
10.30am	Tendon and tendon sheath lacerations Bruce Bladen		Equine atopic dermatitis Helen Orbell		Ultrasound-guided injections of the cervical facet joints Henk van der Veen
11am					
11.30am	Equine Veterinarians Branch AGM		Equine nodular skin diseases Geoff Orbell		Navicular bursa injections David Stack
12pm	Lunch				
12.30pm					
1pm	Antibiotic usage in equine practice Bruce Bladen	Taking hoof balance radiographs David Stack	Lunch		
1.30pm		Adjusting your ultrasound settings to improve your image David Stack			
2pm	AMR in horses - how are we doing so far? Lucy Johnston	Equine low-stress handling during interventional procedures and hospitalisation Lauren Keen	Lesions of the caudal skull and cranial neck Henk van der Veen	National equine identification system Trish Pearce	Ultrasound-guided surgery David Stack
		Ultrasound of the temperomandibular joint Henk van der Veen			
2.30pm	Antimicrobial resistance in equine endometritis cases in New Zealand Lee Morris	Blocking the navicular bursa Bruce Bladen	Mistakes I've made - when orthopaedics goes a bit bendy Bruce Bladen	Answering the age old question - medical or behavioural? Lucy Scott	Lumbosacral and sacroiliac injection techniques David Stack
				Bodywork - bonus or bogus? Manual therapies in veterinary practice Debbie Prattley	
3pm	Afternoon tea			Primary wound dressings - how to keep it simple Rachel Smith	
			Endoscopy of the guttural pouches Rachel Smith		
3.30pm	Treatment of a pastern aneurysmal bone cyst in a yearling Christopher Beggan		Afternoon tea		
	Removal of extensive perianal melanomas in a 13-year-old crossbreed gelding Thea Curran		Changing risk profile of equine veterinary practice and its management Paul Fraser		Conventional systemic and intra-articular joint therapies Henk van der Veen
4pm	Intravenous regional limb perfusions using erythromycin to treat septic phytitis Ali Mitchell				
	Surgical treatment of gastric outflow obstruction in a 5-week-old foal Catherine Ross				
4.30pm	Equine multinodular pulmonary fibrosis in a 14 year old mare Harry Doherr		Gouldie hour Joe Mayhew, Bruce Bladen & David Stack		What's the latest on regenerative therapies? David Stack
	Tenosynoviotomy as a salvage procedure in a pregnant five year old thoroughbred mare Emily Varga				
5pm	Accidental selenium toxicity in horses Nicolette Adamson				
	Standing equine carpal CT: cases with little radiographic or ultrasonographic findings Fred Pauwels				
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6.30pm					
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Sheep, Beef Cattle & Deer

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8am	Welcome Kate Hill (NZVA President) Plenary: Rabid about rabies - why, how, and when Andy Gibson	Plenary: Leadership learnings from Australasian sport Raelene Castle	Case study: accidental selenium toxicity in horses, sheep and cattle Nicolette Adamson
8.30am			An economic analysis of leptospirosis vaccination in lambs Daniel Green
9am	Morning tea	NZVA AGM	Beyond dairy! LAVTs in non-dairy rural animal practice Steph Mann
9.30am	Lamb, dairy and beef feeding systems Charlotte Westwood		Rural Support Trust: Grassroots insights about rural wellbeing & community resilience Sarah Donaldson
10am	The effect of forage species on lamb parasitism and performance John Niezen	Morning tea	
10.30am	The brief beef - a live podcast Becks Smith & surprise guests	Typical males – do male lambs contribute more to pasture larval contamination? Anthony Oswald	To be confirmed
11am	Trojan ET recipient dams – introducing more than just superior genetics Amy Hoogenboom	Drench resistance in dairy support systems – where to from here? Ginny Dodunski	
11.30am	Long-acting methane inhibitor for grazing cattle – a first glimpse Abigail Chase	DAGI - Heat mapping drench resistance parasite load on pasture Ryan Luckman	
12pm	Lunch	Wormwise advance farm systems Jeremy Leigh	CCampylobacter updates Kim Kelly
12.30pm			
1pm		Prevalence of shelly hoof and other hoof disorders on commercial sheep farms in the Wairarapa Sara Sutherland	Lunch
1.30pm	Multiminerals for sheep and beef Matt Wells	To be confirmed	Pathology and form of dairy ewe udders Greg Chambers
2pm	Sheep & Beef Veterinarians Branch AGM	Massey student case study To be confirmed	Subclinical mastitis in dairy ewes Greg Chambers
2.30pm		Deer copper survey 2024 Hayden Barker	Troublesome aerobic plate counts on dairy sheep farms Greg Chambers
3pm	Afternoon tea	Rear rub in deer Jane Morgan	Udder defects in non-dairy breed ewes Anne Ridler
		Deer Veterinarians Branch AGM	
3.30pm	A new era for the New Zealand deer industry Paddy Boyd & Rhys Griffiths	Afternoon tea	
4pm	Duty of care Stuart Bruere	Facial eczema, defining clinical and sub-clinical disease Cara Brosnahan	Acute abdomen in lambs- a gold standard approach Sarah Clews
		Facial eczema workshop session Cara Brosnahan	
4.30pm	Deer velvet grading & market Tony Cochrane	Supporting farmers in tackling facial eczema: opportunities and challenges Rebecca Dymond	Use point of care ultrasound in Lifestyle Block patients Christie Balcomb
5pm	Velvet webinar follow up Camille Flack	Rebecca Dymond	Management of geriatric livestock on lifestyle block farms Laura Schwerdtfeger
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Veterinary Business

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8am	Welcome Kate Hill (NZVA President) Plenary: Rabid about rabies - why, how, and when Andy Gibson	Plenary: Leadership learnings from Australasian sport Raelene Castle	Why benchmarking matters and how to use it to help your team be succesful Paul Ainsworth, Gary Turnbull & Mark Hosking	
8.30am				
9am	Morning tea	NZVA AGM	To be confirmed Bill Bishop	
9.30am	Client perspectives on veterinary care: relationships, costs, and building stronger partnerships Francesca Brown		Measuring the social impact of the veterinary profession Anna Dengate	
10am		Morning tea		
10.30am	Out the other side of the profession – what do we see? Emma Cuttance, Michael Shallcrass & Angela McEwan	The hidden cost of incivility: safeguarding psychological safety in the OR Luiz Santos	ARC Vets - business journey opening a referral clinic in NZ Karl Mathis & Fiona Park	
11am				
11.30am				
12pm	Lunch	Power imbalance Anna Dengate & Karl Mathis	Vet businesses - what's now and what's next? Anna Dengate	
12.30pm				
1pm	Team based care - utilising nurses in the consult room in a team approach Kelly Phillips, Charles Georgetti & Phoebe Bos	Lunch		
1.30pm				
2pm	Effective and efficient: utilising the clinic support team for best patient, client and team outcomes Tania Carmody-Gover	To be confirmed Lincoln institute	In a career full of animals it's all about the people - mental fitness for Veterinary professionals Charlie Mathews & Debby Prideaux	
2.30pm				
3pm	Afternoon tea	Economic outlook Jarrod Kerr	Unveiling the secrets to veterinary career success! Stuart Gordon	
3.30pm	Veterinary Business Community AGM	Afternoon tea		
4pm	Moot: That Vet clubs are great for the NZ Veterinary profession Mike Hosking & Mike Lange	Moot: That veterinary staff are not being paid what they're worth, and it's the businesses taking the profit Simon Clark, Laura Harvey, Francesca Brown, Callum Irvine, Lauren Glid-don & Paul Ainsworth	Emergency care update Seton Butler and NZVA speaker	
4.30pm				
5pm				
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Veterinary Nursing

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	Wellbeing		Companion Animal	Companion Animal	
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8am	Welcome Kate Hill (NZVA President) Plenary: Rabid about rabies - why, how, and when Andy Gibson		Plenary: Leadership learnings from Australasian sport Raelene Castle	Decoding the art of taking dental x-rays Cindy Paton	
8.30am				Taking the nurse dental consultation to the next level Maggie Burley	
9am	Morning tea		Teamwork in action: VN role in building effective veterinary care strategies Nicola Lakeman	To be confirmed Boehringer	
9.30am	Lead, manage, nurture: what is my role as HVN? Nicola Lakeman			Balancing act: anaesthesia considerations for pulmonary artery mass with inflow occlusion in a dog Anna McConnell	
10am			Morning tea		
10.30am	A positive and curious approach to people and communication Carin Blackett		Know your worth with pride and professionalism Sue Crampton	Itching for answers: Nursing dermatology & ear disease in pets Ellie Clark	
11am	The neuroscience of the stress response Hayley Squance				
11.30am			NZVNA AGM		
12pm	Lunch		Reflective CPD process Clare Morton	To be confirmed Nicola Lakeman	
12.30pm					
1pm			Team based care - utilising nurses in the consult room in a team approach Kelly Phillips, Charles Georgetti & Phoebe Bos		
1.30pm	Effective and efficient: utilising the clinic support team for best patient, client and team outcomes Tania Carmody-Gover		Help! Which diet to use with co-morbidities Nicola Lakeman	One framework to rule them all:simplify chronic condition consults Nicola Lakeman	
2pm			Unleashing your patient’s microbiome: breakthrough nutrition for long, healthy lives Hannah Cleary		
2.30pm			Canine and feline intubation - tips and tricks Michelle Martin	Improve patient outcomes with complementary therapies Liza Schneider	
3pm	Afternoon tea			Cooperative care: building low stress veterinary visits Angela Fletcher	
3.30pm	Calm in the chaos: tackling anxiety in veterinary nursing Wendy Jarnet		Afternoon tea		
4pm			Moot: That veterinary staff are not being paid what they’re worth, and it’s the businesses taking the profit Simon Clark, Laura Harvey, Francesca Brown, Callum Irvine, Lauren Gliddon & Paul Ainsworth		
4.30pm	Consulting with impact: how confidence drives better outcomes Nicola Lakeman				
5pm					
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