Advanced Explorations in Classical Chinese Veterinary Herbal Medicine

Continue to expand your treatment options for all your patients through the lens of this holistic modality.

Thursday, October 13 – Saturday, October 15, 2022

Back by popular demand, the Advanced Explorations in Veterinary Herbal Medicine is an opportunity for veterinarians experienced with classical Chinese medicine to learn more. You’ll learn how to integrate this powerful system of medicine into daily practice to solve your most challenging cases. We emphasize classical Chinese medicine, in a very friendly, relaxed environment. Come and learn classic Chinese medicine, reflected in the theory and medicines that have persisted for centuries.

OUR INSTRUCTORS

Erin Bannink, DVM, Diplomate ACVIM (oncology) CVA, GDVCHM
(Michigan State University, 2002) is board-certified by the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine in the specialty of oncology. Dr. Bannink has practiced Integrative Oncology with Classical Chinese Veterinary Medicine as a board-certified veterinary specialist in a private referral practice setting at Oakland Veterinary Referral Services in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan since 2007. She is a professor for CIVT, is certified in veterinary acupuncture (IVAS) and holds a Graduate Diploma in Veterinary Chinese Herbal Medicine (CIVT). Dr. Bannink has a special interest in whole-being wellness for both veterinarians and those caring for pets with cancer. Through www.MettaPets.info, she produces monthly lectures and articles on integrative oncology topics for veterinarians and provides integrative oncology information for pet parents as well as wellness resources. She also runs an exclusive on-line wellness and personal development community for veterinarians, MettaPets Veterinarian Wellness Network: www.mettapetsvetwellness.com.

Nathan Heilman DVM, CVA, VSMT
(Cornell University, 1997) practiced mixed animal veterinary medicine for ten years before starting Qi Veterinary Clinic with his wife, Thérèse Fafard, in South Burlington, VT, in 2007. Here they integrate Chinese medicine, using acupuncture, herbal medicine, food energetics, and spinal manipulation therapy, while also providing comprehensive Western treatment. Nate graduated from IVAS in 2005 and the Healing Oasis’ course in CVSMT (Chiropractic) in 2015. He enjoys deepening his understanding of the Chinese medical metaphor in his daily practice and working towards proactive health maintenance with his patient population. Nate enjoys being outdoors in the woods, whether working or playing, and walking his dogs Mr. Blue and Cherish with Therese. They live on their ‘farmette’ in New Haven, VT, with their son, Giles, and daughter, Emmaline. Mineau, their cat, gets some attention in the evenings, at her discretion.

Steve Marsden DVM, ND, MSOM, LAc Dipl. CH, CVA, AHG (WCVM, Saskatoon, 1988) lectures for IVAS, the AHVMA, the AVMA, and numerous other organizations. He is co-founder of the College of Integrative Veterinary Therapies and is a director emeritus of the National University of Natural Medicine in Portland OR. He authored the Manual of Natural Veterinary Medicine (Mosby); and Essential Guide to Chinese Herbal Formulas (CIVT). Dr. Marsden is extensively trained in alternative medicine, including Chinese herbology, acupuncture and naturopathic medicine. In 2010, Dr. Marsden was named Teacher of the Year by the AHVMA; and in 2009, the Small Animal Veterinarian of the year by the CVMA.

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In Conjunction With:
Dr. Steve Marsden is teaching:

Perhaps half of all small animal problems in Chinese medicine can be diagnosed as Shao Yang disharmonies. What is this Shao Yang disharmony that is apparently so abundant? How can we better recognize it so we can begin treating it?

We will do a deep dive into true meaning of the chief acupuncture points used to treat Shao Yang disorders, showing that they hint clearly at the biomedical uses of the points today. Armed with this deeper wisdom of what Shao Yang disharmony really means, we will explore its many biomedical manifestations, showing the ties that bind them together. Lastly, we will look at the many herbal and acupuncture treatments for these disorders, providing specific guidance on what to use when, so attendees can have gratifying experiences treating these conditions right away in their practices.

Dr. Marsden encourages Advanced Course attendees to bring cases that are “nettling” them so that they can be reviewed as a group; this has been a popular course feature in the past.

Dr. Erin Bannink is teaching:

**Half Day of Research on Xiao Chia Hu Tang:** The past 10 years has seen rapid growth in the body of published research on Chinese Herbs and Chinese Herbal Formulas. One reason is the extensive interest in mining Chinese Herbal formulas for development of novel anticancer pharmaceutical agents. Xiao Chai Hu Tang is a Classical Chinese Herbal Medicine formula, which has been the topic of much interest in research investigations of herbal sources for anticancer agents. This formula contains many herbs, which have shown anticancer potential and has itself demonstrated potential anticancer action. Dr. Bannink will present an overview of research which has been published evaluating mechanism of action as well as addressing information regarding efficacy, formulation differences, potential toxicity concerns and recommended monitoring based on Dr. Bannink’s clinical oncology experience using this formula in veterinary practice for over 14 years.

**Half Day on Transformational Growth:** One of the main needs/gaps in the health of our veterinary profession is the widespread dissemination of the term “Compassion Fatigue” to describe the root of our challenges with burnout, suicide, and career attrition. Transformational Growth is a cyclical process of evolution and resilience building that can frame our experiences and inform our wellness efforts, self-awareness, self-insight and personal growth into healthier, happier, and more resilient medical professionals.

Dr. Nate Heilman is teaching:

**A Tour Through the Acupuncture Channels and the Zang-Fu Organs They Treat:** In our short certification acupuncture courses, there’s a lot to cover. It’s enough to learn the basic points and external pathways of the fourteen main acupuncture channels. What receives less attention is the full coursing of these channels, both exteriorly and interiorly in the body, their connections with other channels, and the clinical relevance of these connections. To fully understand the gift of Chinese medicine, it’s important to delve deeper into the story of the channels and organs, and into the physical, mental, and emotional states they treat. This lecture series focuses on the stories of the channels, the clinical action of the points, and the larger picture of how disease manifests. Correcting these disease patterns using appropriate herbal medicines in addition to acupuncture is emphasized. The goal is to broaden the attendee’s understanding of the channels and to make the practice of Chinese veterinary medicine more interesting, rewarding and potent.