

Registration Form.

Name: _____
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Registering for:

- one day - Friday, March 30th
- one day - Saturday, March 31st
- two days – Friday, March 30th & Saturday, March 31st
- wet lab – Sunday, April 1st (**limited space available – please confirm your seat before sending payment by emailing ahtabc@gmail.com. You MUST register by March 1st for this session – late registration will not be accepted.**)

I am a:

- 1st Year Student
- 2nd Year Student
- RAHT
- Non-RAHT
- Veterinarian
- Dr Boysen's Notes (add \$10 to your total fees)

Total Payment : \$ _____

(Please see " Fees" section to calculate your cost)

Payment Method:

Payment can be made by cheque or by credit card. If paying by credit card, please email this filled in form to AHTABC@gmail.com, or send by fax to [1-866-319-1929](tel:1-866-319-1929).

I am paying by:

- Visa
- Mastercard
- Cheque

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Cardholder Name (as it appears on card):

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If paying by cheque, please make payable to the AHTA of BC and post with this completed form to:

AHTA of BC, 1101 Todd Road, Kamloops, BC V2C 5A9



Spring Conference 2012
Registration & Information Guide
Friday March 30th & Saturday March 31st,
Wet Lab Sunday April 1st
Thompson Rivers University
Campus Activity Centre
Kamloops, British Columbia

The AHTA of BC Spring Conference for 2012 will be held at the Thompson Rivers University Campus Activity Centre in Kamloops, BC on the 30th & 31st of March, with an optional Wet Lab on April 1st. We are looking forward to another great conference this year, and welcome Dr Sophia Yin, DVM, MS, and Dr Soren Boysen, DVM DACVECC as our key note speakers.

In addition to the Conference on the 30th & 31st, we are excited to announce that Dr Boysen will lead a Wet Lab on Sunday April 1st. There are only 15 seats available for this day, so please act fast if you would like to attend – there is an additional fee of \$175 for the opportunity to participate in this hands on experience.

As well as the Wet Lab, we have another new addition to our conference, RAHT Advanced Training Information Session. In this lecture you will meet three of your fellow RAHTs (Melissa Colling, Lena Schneider and Lindaye Akhurst) who will discuss how they advanced their training and their experiences thus far.

The AHTA of BC would like to thank all of our sponsors for their continued support, and of course to all of our attendees, both new and returning, for continuing to make our conferences an ongoing success. We look forward to seeing all of you in March.

Conference Schedule.

Friday, March 30th

08:00 – 17:00 Registration Desk Open
09:00 – 12:00 Dr Sophia Yin, Part I
12:00 – 13:00 Lunch
13:00 – 17:00 Dr. Sophia Yin, Part II
17:00 – 20:00 Trade Show and Mixer

Saturday, March 31st

08:00 – 12:00 Registration Desk Open
09:00 – 10:00 RAHT Advanced Training Info Session
10:00 - 12:00 Annual General Meeting
12:00 – 13:00 Lunch
13:00 – 16:30 Dr Soren Boysen

Sunday, April 1st

10:30 – 2:30 Wet Lab with Dr Soren Boysen in the AHT building
(additional fee of \$175, limited space of 15 seats)

Fees.

Registration is now open – **register before March 1st for the Early Registration discount (\$10 off). Notes must be pre-ordered. Cost is \$10 and are for Dr Boysen's lecture only.**

	<u>Early</u>	<u>Late</u>
*Two Day Student:	\$ 100	\$ 110
*Friday RAHT:	\$ 130	\$ 140
*Saturday RAHT	\$ 80	\$ 90
*Two Day RAHT:	\$ 200	\$ 210
*Friday Non-RAHT/Veterinarian	\$ 150	\$ 160
*Saturday Non-RAHT/Veterinarian	\$ 85	\$ 95
*Two Day Non-RAHT/Veterinarian	\$ 225	\$ 235

**Fees include Continental Breakfast and Lunch.*

Sunday April 1st,

****Wet Lab registration:** \$175.00

***Wet Lab Registration – you MUST reserve your seat in the wet lab by March 1st – late registrations will not be accepted. Meals are not included in the Wet Lab Fee. If you would like to register for the Wet Lab please contact ahtabc@gmail.com to confirm that there is space available. Lunch is not included with the wet lab fee, you must provide your own.*

Melissa Colling, RAHT, CCRA has always wanted to work with animals.

In 2005, she got accepted into the Animal Health Technology Program at Thompson Rivers University in Kamloops and was given the opportunity to start living her dream. When a car accident on her way to Kamloops left her with a rough start to her University life, Melissa was faced with many hours of physical rehabilitation on her hand afterwards to allow her to continue with her schooling and subsequent career. This experience caused Melissa to develop a gratitude for physical therapy as it allowed her to continue to live her dream.

So, Melissa travelled to Florida and Colorado three times in 2007 and 2008 to get certified in Canine Rehabilitation through the Canine Rehabilitation Institute. She now works full time in The SPAW helping dogs get back to living their dream. Whether that is a dream of working along their owner or handler, competing in a national dog sport competition, or hanging out at home with their family all day.....

Melissa looks forward to speaking to the AHT students at their Spring Conference in March 2012 to give back to the school that started her career with animals.

Melissa lives with two handsome, fluffy cats, Riley and Reese, and a lovely French Bulldog, Kennedy.

"You and The SPAW were truly the ones that gave 'Raiderdawg' his dignity and quality of life back before he passed away."

-Sgt. Randy Giesbrecht, VPD. Handler to Police Dog, Raider

RAHT Advanced Training & Info Session.

Meet your fellow RAHTs: Three RAHTs share their experiences - how they formally advanced their training and how it affects their jobs today. The three areas being presented are advanced training are Emergency and Critical Care, Canine Rehabilitation and Marine Mammal Rehabilitation.

Lena Schneider graduated from Thompson Rivers University (formerly U.C.C.) with a diploma in Animal Health Technology in 2000, after which she began working at Vancouver Animal Emergency Clinic. Her passion for emergency nursing motivated her gain the credentials of Veterinary Technician Specialist in Emergency and Critical Care in 2004. After an exciting opportunity to live and work in Europe, she returned home to join the team at Canada West Veterinary Specialist in Vancouver, where she is currently employed. There she has utilized her passion and knowledge of critical care in their I.C.U., and most recently transferred her skills for the position of Coordinator of the Internal Medicine Service.

Lindsaye Akhurst, a TRU graduate, is Manager of the Vancouver Aquarium's Marine Mammal Rescue Centre, the largest Marine Mammal Rehabilitation Centre in Canada. She is a RAHT with the Animal Health Technicians of BC, a board member of the Oiled Wildlife Society of British Columbia, a member of the Wildlife Rehabilitators network of British Columbia and the National Wildlife Rehabilitators Association. Her previous work has included working in private practice, employment at the BC Wildlife Centre and working in UBC's AnimalCareDepartment. She also does locum work at the BCSPCA Hospital.

General Information.

Visit the AHTA of BC Website for Conference Updates and Information, www.ahta.bc.ca.

Please be advised Conference Notes will be available for pre-purchase only – if you would like notes please tick the notes box on the Registration Form and add \$10 to your conference fees. Notes will not be available to download and are for Dr Boysen's lecture only – there are no notes for Dr. Yin's lecture.

Please note, animals are not allowed in the TRU Conference Centre without prior consent. Please ensure to advise in advance if you require service animals to accompany you during the conference.

Questions or concerns? Please email AHTABCConferences@gmail.com.

Accommodation.

We have arranged for special rates for our attendees at the **Ramada Inn**, Kamloops. The rate includes hot breakfast, but not taxes, and is \$90 for a single, \$95 for a Double.

The Ramada Inn, Kamloops is located at 555 West Columbia Street in Kamloops, BC. To reserve your room please contact the hotel direct on 250.374.0358 or Toll Free from Canada & USA 1.800.663.2832, and quote 'Animal Health Technologists of BC Group # CG4991.'

For further information on the hotel please visit their website: www.ramadainn.kamloops.com

Speakers and Lectures.

Dr. Sophia Yin, DVM, MS

Ever since she was a child, Sophia wanted to be a veterinarian, and in 1993, her dream came true. But once out in private practice, she quickly realized that more pets were euthanized due to behavior problems than medical ones. She earned her Master's in Animal Science in 2001 from UC Davis where she studied vocal communication in dogs and worked on behavior modification in horses, giraffes, ostriches, and chickens. Upon receiving her degree focused on animal behavior, Dr. Yin served for five years as a lecturer in the UC Davis Animal Science Department.

Dr. Sophia Yin currently sees behavior house calls, works at San Francisco Veterinary Specialists (www.SFVS.net), writes for several veterinary and popular magazines and has consulted for several zoos. She also lectures and teaches workshops internationally on animal behavior and low stress handling and has served as a behavior expert for shows such as Dogs 101 on Animal Planet. She is also on the executive board for the American Veterinary Society of Animal Behavior, the American Association of Feline Practitioners (AAFP) Handling Guidelines Committee, and the American Humane Association (AHA) Animal Behavior and Training Advisory Committee.

Lecture Topics:

- A Two-Step Process to Fixing Most Non-Medical Behavior Problems
- A Two-Step Approach for Most Non-Medical Behavior Problems Demo/ practice with human training game
- Recognizing and reversing brewing behavior problems rapid reversal or brewing behavior problems in dogs and cats
- Low stress handling of difficult dogs & cats

Søren R. Boysen, DVM DACVECC

Soren graduated from the Western College of Veterinary Medicine, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan in 1996, worked in private practice for a year and then completed an internship at the Atlantic Veterinary College in Prince Edward Island. He spent a year as an emergency clinician in Chicago before completing a Residency in Small Animal Emergency and Critical Care at Tufts University in Massachusetts. He became a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care in 2003 and worked at the University of Montreal veterinary teaching hospital from October 2003 to December 2008. In January 2009 Soren accepted a position as an Associate Professor in Small Animal Emergency and Critical Care at the University of Calgary, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, where he is currently employed. He has received a number of teaching awards including the Canadian Veterinary Medicine Association (CVMA) Teacher of the Year (2011) and has had published numerous articles in Veterinary Journals and presented many abstracts, he has also contributed Chapters to clinical text books on a variety of topics including coma, cross-match and blood typing, transfusion therapy and gastrointestinal haemorrhage. He is an internationally renowned speaker in ECC and a returning speaker for the AHTA of BC spring conference.

Lecture Topics:

- Saturday: Initial management and care of the patient with chest trauma.
- Sunday (Wet Lab): Emergency laboratory procedures for patients with chest injury, including alternative techniques for securing vascular access (intra-osseous catheters), thoracocentesis, oxygen therapy (intranasal oxygen lines), and nutritional support (naso-esophageal tubes and esophageal feeding tubes).