INSTRUCTOR BIOGRAPHIES

Nancy Brock DVM, DACVAA

Dr. Nancy Brock, originally from Montreal, obtained her DVM degree from the Ontario Veterinary College at the University of Guelph in 1982. She completed a residency in anesthesia and critical care at the University of California, Davis in 1988. In 1995, she became certified as a veterinary anesthesia specialist and is a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Anesthesiologists. Based in Vancouver British Columbia, Dr. Brock is a contributor to Veterinary Information Network.

As part of her anesthesia referral practice, Dr. Brock provides veterinarians and their nursing staff with anesthesia assistance and expertise. This assistance comes in the form of telephone consultation, in-clinic delivery of anesthesia to high risk or fragile patients and the training of veterinarians and technicians in advanced anesthesia techniques.

She is also the author of a quick reference anesthesia publication entitled Veterinary Anesthesia Update for small animal practitioners.

Heidi Shafford DVM, PhD, DACVAA

Originally from Alaska, Dr. Heidi Shafford obtained her DVM from Colorado State University in 2000. Following residency and graduate training in veterinary anesthesiology and physiology at the University of Missouri, she attained board-certification by the American College of Veterinary Anesthesiologists in 2005.

Inspired to take her anesthesia and pain management expertise into private practice, she started an anesthesia consulting practice in 2007. Dr. Shafford owns and operates Veterinary Anesthesia Specialists, LLC, based in Portland, Oregon. She works with private practices to enhance the comfort of all creatures through education, consultation and patient care. Dr. Shafford anesthetizes patients in the Portland area, leads in-clinic workshops for teams, and lectures extensively to veterinary professionals nationwide.

Dr. Shafford is the author of Effect of buprenorphine on the cardiovascular and respiratory response to visceral pain in conscious rabbits and Respiratory and cardiovascular effects of buprenorphine in conscious rabbits.

Kristine Torske, DVM, DVSc

Dr. Kristine Torske received her DVM from the Western College of Veterinary Medicine in 1991. Following graduation she completed an internship in Large Animal Medicine, Surgery and Theriogenology at the Atlantic Veterinary College. Following two years of mixed practice in Alberta and Manitoba, she completed a clinical residency and Doctor of Veterinary Science (DVSc) in Veterinary Anesthesiology at the Ontario Veterinary College.

She lives in rural Manitoba where she is active in small animal private practice and provides veterinary anesthesia referral and consulting.
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Kris Kruse DVM, PhD, DACVAA

Dr. Kris Kruse received her DVM from Oregon State University in 1984. The following year was spent in mixed animal practice in Seattle, WA before moving on to advanced specialty training in anesthesiology. She completed her anesthesia residency at North Carolina State University from 1985-1988, becoming board certified and a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Anesthesiologists in 1989. Dr. Kruse received her PhD in pulmonary physiology from North Carolina State University in 1992 and joined the faculty at the University of Wisconsin-Madison the same year where she taught for 15 years.

Dr. Kruse has been the medical director at the Animal Scan Pet Imaging Center in Redwood City, CA since 2006.

Alex Hawley, DVM, MS, DACVAA

Dr. Hawley obtained his doctorate in veterinary medicine from Colorado State University in 2005, held a year-long internship in small animal medicine and surgery at Kansas State University, and a three year residency in anesthesiology at Tufts University.

He also holds a master’s degree in anatomy.

Dr. Hawley joined the Sams Clinic in Mill Valley, California in 2009 as the on-staff anesthesiologist and is currently the Director of the Sams Clinic Pain Management Center.

He is particularly interested in new pharmacological treatments for osteoarthritis and other chronic painful conditions and in supplementing more conventional protocols with both allopathic therapies and acupuncture.


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