



# PROGRAM SPEAKERS:

*Jake Fratkin, OMD* • *John B. Limehouse, DVM, FAAVA* • *Deborah Mathis, DVM* •  
*Kevin May, DVM* • *Carolina Ortiz-Umpierre, DVM* • *Neal Sivula, DVM, FAAVA* •  
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*Jake Fratkin, OMD*, has been in clinical acupuncture and Traditional Chinese medicine practice with humans since 1978, and as a teacher at various acupuncture colleges since 1982. He is the author of *Chinese Herbal Patent Medicines*, *The Clinical Desk Reference*, and the editor for *Practical Therapeutics of Traditional Chinese Medicine* authored by Wu and Fischer. From 1994 to 2000, he participated as an organizer and lecturer in the IVAS Chinese Veterinary Herbal Medicine course. In 1999, Dr. Fratkin was named Acupuncturist of the Year by the American Association of Oriental Medicine, and 2006, Teacher of the Year by the American Association for Teachers of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine.

*John B. Limehouse, DVM, FAAVA*, is a 1966 graduate of The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine. Certified as a Veterinary Acupuncturist through IVAS (International Veterinary Acupuncturist Society) since 1982, Dr. Limehouse served as a member of the Board of Directors of the IVAS, as Vice President, and as Chairman of the IVAS Educational Committee for six years, and lectured for the IVAS basic course for 20 years. He has presented numerous advanced acupuncture courses for IVAS, AAVA, and foreign IVAS affiliates. Originally transplanted to Southern California to join the faculty of the California Acupuncture College and further his education in Traditional Chinese Medicine in 1984, he has remained there, and continues to see and treat up to thirty patients daily with acupuncture, tuina, and other modalities.

*Deborah Mathis, DVM, CVA*, grew up in Santa Cruz, California. She received her BS in Animal Science from UC Davis in 1980. In 1995 she started Veterinary School at UC Davis. There she helped start the first Holistic Medicine Club and taught dog training classes for classmates and the blood donor dogs in the hospital. After graduating with High Honors, she concentrated on perfecting her Western Medicine skills while working for VCA. She fully integrated into Traditional Chinese Veterinary Medicine after starting her own housecall practice in 2003. Her education in the five branches of Chinese Medicine is on going. She supports her profession through many professional associations, including having served as a director for the American Academy of Veterinary Acupuncture.

*Kevin May, DVM*, is a 1980 graduate of Texas A&M University School of Veterinary Medicine. He is a Partner at El Cajon Valley Veterinary Hospital, El Cajon, CA since 1985, where he is an equine ambulatory practitioner whose practice has a special emphasis on equine performance medicine, lameness, dentistry, acupuncture and chiropractic. He became IVAS Certified in Veterinary Acupuncture in 1988, and AVCA Certified in Veterinary Chiropractic in 1992, with advanced certification in 1995. He is a Charter member and Founding and Past President of the AAVA -1998-2000. Dr. May is on the staff of the IVAS Basic Veterinary Acupuncture Course, teaching equine

acupuncture and pertinent acupuncture anatomy for both the canine and equine.

*Carolina Ortiz-Umpierre, DVM*, received a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from St. George's University in 2005. The Chi Institute and China's National Society of TCVM granted her certification in Veterinary Acupuncture, Herbology and Tui Na in 2005-2006. Also in 2005-2006, she completed a 14-month clinical internship in TCVM at the University of Florida under the supervision of Dr. Huisheng Xie. In addition, she is a co-editor in chief for the American Journal of TCVM. Currently, she works as a clinical assistant professor and service chief of the acupuncture service at the University of Florida.

*Neal Sivula, DVM, FAAVA*, is a 1988 graduate of the Ohio State College of Veterinary Medicine. He completed a rotating internship in Large Animal Internal Medicine and Surgery, a residency in Large Animal Internal Medicine, and a PhD at the University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine. He is certified in animal chiropractic by the American Veterinary Chiropractic Association and has served on the Board of Directors of the AVCA. He currently is an instructor at the Healing Oasis Wellness Center in the Veterinary Spinal Manipulative Therapy program and on the Education committee of the AVCA. He is also certified in acupuncture by IVAS and recently completed (2007) FAAVA certification. His practice is located in Akron, Ohio and is limited to acupuncture, chiropractic, and rehabilitation in small animals and horses.

*Michelle Tilghman, DVM*, received her veterinary degree in 1982 from the University of Georgia. She became certified in acupuncture by IVAS in 1984 and in 2004 completed her certification as a Canine Rehabilitation Practitioner at the University of Tennessee. Dr. Tilghman has served as President of the American Veterinary Holistic Medical Association, and as IVAS Education Committee Chairman. Dr. Tilghman has lectured throughout the United States as well as in Belgium, Canada, Cuba and Germany. Her publications include "Acupuncture for Longitudinal Muscle System Approach to Canine Lameness" in *Veterinary Acupuncture: Ancient Art to Modern Medicine*, Schoen AM, St. Louis, 2001, Mosby.

*Emiel Van den Bosch, DVM*, graduated as doctor in veterinary medicine in 1977 at the University of Ghent. He studied acupuncture with BVGA, a group of doctors in human medicine for three years in Brussels. He attended the first IVAS recognized acupuncture course organized by Dr. Luc Janssens and got IVAS certification in 1984. Since 1986, he has been involved in organizing and teaching acupuncture courses for veterinarians from all over Europe. He has lectured in many countries on acupuncture.