

## 2026 NHVTA SPRING SYMPOSIUM SPEAKER BIOS

**Chris Warner, CVT, (CCRVN)** began his career as a CVT in a general practice in Connecticut, where he gained valuable experience for 5.5 years. He then transitioned to a Specialty Hospital in the state, joining the physical rehabilitation department. It was in this role that he discovered his true passion for veterinary medicine. After dedicating several years to rehabilitation, Chris achieved certification as a Certified Canine Veterinary Rehabilitation Nurse through the Canine Rehab Institute. Today, he takes great pride in mentoring the next generation of rehab technicians as an instructor for the CCRVN/CCRA program at the Canine Rehabilitation Institute. HE ALSO STRIVES TO PROVIDE GREATER ACCESS TO REHABILITATIVE CARE BY OFFERING IN HOME REHAB TREATMENT IN THE WHITE MOUNTAINS AND LAKES REGION. Chris believes that our individual experiences shape who we are, and that through collaboration and community, we can continue to provide the best possible support to pet parents and their beloved animals.



**Dr. Michael Dutton** owned and operated two AAHA veterinary hospitals in New Hampshire for almost 40 years. Later in his career, he transitioned to treating mostly exotic pets and wildlife.

Dr. Dutton is a Diplomate of the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners in four specialties: Canine & Feline Practice, Avian Practice, Exotic Companion Mammal Practice, and Reptile & Amphibian Practice. He has lectured and written on wildlife veterinary topics. Currently, he and a small group of wildlife veterinarians are creating a veterinarian curriculum to educate other veterinarians in the unique aspects of wildlife veterinary care.

He has a Master's Degree in Pain Management, is a certified Veterinary Pain Practitioner by IVAPM, and a certified Aquatic Veterinarian by WAVMA.



**Mackenzie Anderson, CVT, MBA** is a Certified Veterinary Technician with over a decade of experience in veterinary medicine, including six years in emergency and critical care. She works overnight in the ICU at Rockingham Emergency Veterinary Hospital in Windham, NH, where she also serves as the hospital's Sustainability Coordinator. With the knowledge from her bachelors degree of General and Environmental Sciences, she developed a multi-focal recycling program that integrates eco-conscious practices, waste reduction and responsible disposal into daily hospital operations. In this role, she also oversees the record keeping, handling, and shipping of hazardous wastes.

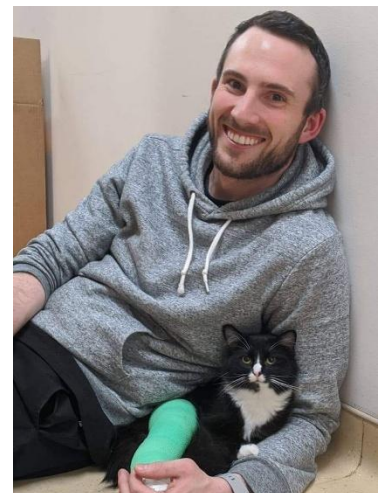
Additionally, Mackenzie holds a Master of Business Administration and is passionate about social impact, client and staff well-being, and environmental responsibility in veterinary care. Outside of work, she enjoys kayaking, cooking, live music, traveling, and spending time with animals.



**Rosie Villers-LaRocque, CVT** graduated from the Veterinary Technician program at North Shore Community College in 2008. Starting in general practice in 2006, she found her niche in 2010 when she started her path in Ophthalmology. Learning under Dr. Marrion at Bulger Animal Hospital for over 8 years, her passion for the specialty grew. She now works with Dr. Alario and Dr. Montgomery at New England Veterinary Ophthalmology in Manchester NH. Dr. Marrion joined NEVO in the fall of 2022. We now have 3 ophthalmologists! Rosie enjoys spending time with her husband, two kids, dog and cat. They enjoy going to Block Island in the summer and she would live at the beach if she could work for NEVO from there.



**Brian Goleman, CVT** is an experienced veterinary technician specializing in advanced bandaging techniques, radiology, and client education. With years in specialty and emergency practice, Brian is known for his expertise in patient care, hands-on training for veterinary teams, and engaging presentations at conferences across North America. He is the founder of Brian's Bandages, a company dedicated to improving patient outcomes through education, innovation, and high-quality veterinary supplies.



**Meg Dakin, CVT, VTS (ECC), VTS (Anesthesia &**

**Analgesia)** studied pre-veterinary medicine at the University of New Hampshire and has worked in the veterinary medical field for over 20 years. She became a CVT through the NHVTA in 2008 and knew early on that she wanted to pursue veterinary technician specialization. Under the guidance of some amazing mentors, she applied to the Academy of Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care Technicians and Nurses (AVECCTN) in 2016 and was approved to take the AVECCTN examination. After a challenging 5-year process, Meg was thrilled to learn she had passed the exam in 2017 and was now a Veterinary Technician Specialist (VTS) in



Emergency and Critical Care (ECC). Despite enjoying Emergency and Critical Care, her original love of managing anesthesia cases returned stronger than ever. She started working full time on the surgery service again and began the process of preparing to apply to the Academy of Veterinary Technicians in Anesthesia and Analgesia (AVTAA). Meg applied to the AVTAA in 2023 and was accepted to take their examination. In a full circle career moment, she earned the additional title of VTS in Anesthesia and Analgesia in 2024, just over 20 years to the day she started her first job in veterinary medicine. Meg has volunteered for the NHVTA in various roles since 2018 and is also a certified instructor of basic and advanced life support through the RECOVER Initiative. She loves veterinary medicine but knows the importance of work-life balance (although still struggles with this from time to time). She is in her happy place in the summer sunshine on her paddle board or kayak in the ocean.

**Patty Pate, CVT, VTS (ECC), CFE** has extensive experience in veterinary medicine, with a focus on emergency and critical care. Since January 2017, Patty has held multiple roles at Ethos Veterinary Health, including Sr Clinical L&D Specialist, Technician Learning and Development Manager, and Technician Clinical Educator. Patty has also been an Adjunct Professor at Great Bay Community College since May 2015. Prior to her current roles, Patty worked as a Certified Veterinary Technician at Port City Veterinary Referral Hospital from September 2008 to January 2017 and at IVG Hospitals from October 2000 to August 2008, where responsibilities included supervision and education in emergency and critical care. Educational background includes studies at Cornell University from 1996 to 1998 and Fitchburg State University from 1998 to 1999.

