Passports for U.S. Citizens are not required for the U.S. Virgin Islands, but you must be prepared to show evidence of citizenship upon leaving (such as a birth certificate and photo ID). Passports are required for trips to the British Virgin Islands should you choose to visit while in the Caribbean.

Our 14th summer tropical seminar
St. Thomas USVI

July 6 - 9, 2009

FAQ's - answers to common medical and surgical problems

with

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Sandy beaches. Gentle breezes. Inviting pools. And plenty of soothing sunshine. Best of all, you’ll find it all just a short flight away. The only thing you might lose track of is the hectic pace back home. You’re invited to take a trip to paradise.

St. Thomas, the most populous of the four major U.S. Virgin Islands, is located 50 miles east of Puerto Rico. Though "discovered" by famed explorer Christopher Columbus on his second journey to the New World in 1493, and a popular port for pirates in the two centuries that followed, the earliest inhabitants of St. Thomas were indigenous tribes such as the Ciboney, Arawaks and Caribs.

Today, the picturesque white beaches, idyllic climate, rich history and natural beauty of St. Thomas attract visitors from the world over. From ample fine dining and duty-free shopping, to the plethora of active outdoor adventures such as kayaking, scuba diving, sailing, sport-fishing and more, the tropical playground St. Thomas offers tourists the finest life has to offer.
Overlooking the turquoise waters of Great Bay, The Ritz-Carlton, St. Thomas is a secluded hideaway set amid dazzling white-sand beaches and lush tropical gardens. The resort has recently completed a $40 million renovation and enhancement project. These renovations bring a new level of service and luxury to this award-winning Caribbean destination.

The Ritz-Carlton Club; three dining venues: Bleuwater, Great Bay Lounge, and Coconut Cove; the Spa; and recreational facilities, including Lady Lynsey, will continue to offer the legendary service expected from The Ritz-Carlton.

At The Ritz-Carlton, St. Thomas guests can explore the underwater world, enjoy gourmet dining and exceptional levels of personalized service.

Welcome to Patagon Dive Center at The Ritz-Carlton, Saint Thomas, Virgin Islands.

Experience the beauty and wonders of our surrounding sea, the "Patagon Style"!!

With more than 40 years of combined local marine knowledge, our Patagon Team consistently delivers the...
most fun, exciting, safe, and personalized diving services in St. Thomas.

Our credentials are validated by serving customers known for demanding quality and high standards. Our staff is praised for their attentive service, high safety standards, and professional skills. Frequently, those compliments come from well-traveled divers who can compare our "Patagon Style" with many of other dive destinations all over the World.

Ritz Carlton St. Thomas

There is a 4 night minimum stay required

Group room rate

Resort view: $229.00 double/night- limited availability

Ocean view: $289.00 dbl/night

Club rooms and Exec suites available on request.

Not included in the room charge:

- The above rates are subject to an 8% state and local taxes.

- The maximum number of people per guest room is three (3) adults or two (2) adults and two (2) children. A maximum of two (2) children per room, under the age of twelve are complimentary. There will be an additional charge of $30.00 per
In addition to the room rate, there is a twenty-five dollar ($35.00) resort fee charged per room/per day. The resort fee covers the following wide variety of additional services and activities provided for your enjoyment:

(Because of our long term relationship- the Ritz- Carlton has agreed to discount the $55.00 resort fee to $35.00)

The Resort fee now includes:

- Baggage Handling: Normally $20.00 total, in and out
- Room Attendant: Normally $5.00 per day, per room

Complimentary valet parking

Complimentary use of the Tennis Courts

Complimentary local phone calls

Complimentary Wireless, high speed Internet access

Complimentary use of the following non-motorized water sports equipment (weather permitting and based on availability):

- Hobie Cats
- Kayaks
- Snorkeling Equipment
- Windsurfing

Complimentary participation in the following activities (weather permitting and based on availability):

- Beach Power Walk & Run
- One motion Studio class per day
**RESORT OVERVIEW**

**PROPERTY DESCRIPTION**

- Situated on a 30-acre secluded estate along Great Bay on the eastern tip of St. Thomas
- Caribbean hotel featuring 180 guestrooms and suites, each with a private balcony or terrace
  - Spa, salon and fitness center
  - Infinity-edge pool, traditional pool and Jacuzzi
  - Great Bay and Coconut Cove beaches
  - Aquatic Center featuring non-motorized water activities on property
- The Lady Lynsey, a 53-foot luxury catamaran, available for day sails, sunset cruises and private charters
- Four dining venues featuring Caribbean-inspired cuisine and spectacular island views
- More than 10,000 square feet of indoor and outdoor meeting and function space perfect for business meetings, retreats, weddings or receptions

**LOCATE**

- 20 minutes from Charlotte Amalie
- 30 minutes from Cyril E. King International Airport
- 15 minutes by ferry to St. John
- 15 minutes from the Mahogany Run 18-hole championship golf course

**ADDRESS/PHONE**

The Ritz-Carlton, St. Thomas
6900 Great Bay
St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands 00802
U.S.A.
Phone: (340) 775-3333
Fax: (340) 775-4444
DINING
For dining reservations call (340) 775-3333.

Sails-
Oceanfront Grill
Sails is a casual oceanfront dining experience.

Bleuwater- A Seafood Restaurant
Island casual, yet decidedly sophisticated. Bleuwater captures the tranquil beauty of ocean waters and inspires the palate with the freshest local seafood.

Great Bay Lounge- Spirits, Wines and Small Plates
Great Bay Lounge is a relaxed, evening retreat featuring light fare.

Coconut Cove Beach Bar and Grill
Tropical breezes await you at this casual beachfront restaurant serving traditional island favorites.

SUGGESTED TRANSPORTATION
If you require transportation assistance, or if you have other personal requests, please call Guest Services at (340) 775-3333.

ACCOMMODATIONS

The Ritz-Carlton, St. Thomas offers 180 luxurious guestrooms, including ocean view and deluxe rooms and suites. Featuring décor inspired by the Caribbean sand and sea, the newly remodeled accommodations are tucked into Mediterranean-style villas overlooking Great Bay.

In-Room Features

- Private balcony or terrace with all guestrooms
- 24-hour room service
- Twice-daily housekeeping
- In-room safe
- 32-inch high-definition, LCD flat-panel television
- Wireless, high-speed Internet access
- Nintendo 64 systems
- Evening turndown
- Fully stocked refreshment cabinet
- Coffee maker with complimentary coffee
- Laundry service
- Bath butler and bath menu services

Call 1-800-487-5650 for rooms at the group rate

Book early as this hotel will sell out!

Transportation

Major air carriers, including American, Delta, Continental, United Airlines and US Airways offer daily nonstop to St. Thomas' Cyril E. King International Airport.

Upon arrival—check in with the Ritz Carlton reception desk in baggage claim.

The seminars

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CARDIAC

Pimobendan – when should I use this new drug?

ACE inhibitor controversy – which ACE inhibitor should I use and when should I start it?

Sildenafil (Viagra) – why should I give this drug to a dog?

What is the best congestive heart failure treatment in cats?

Can I prevent thromboembolism in cats?

Thoracic cavity

How can I successfully treat puppy pneumonia?

Can I really stop the cough in that old dog?

What is the best treatment for feline asthma?

Are there medical therapies for feline chylothorax?

Any secrets on placing chest drains in dogs and cats?

Oronasal fistula; any tips to improve success?

What are you doing with those feline nasopharyngeal polyps?

Laryngeal paralysis; tips on diagnosis? Is surgery safe?

Diaphragmatic hernia; should I be doing them in my practice?

ABDOMINAL CAVITY

HEPATIC

When should I be concerned about elevated liver enzymes?

What are the new medical treatments for chronic-active hepatitis?

Are all yellow (icteric) cats dead cats?
What can I do to save the “fatty liver” cat?

Hepatic lipidosis? Just feed ‘em, I’ll show you how?

Liver biopsy; no more ‘non-diagnostic’ samples!

Gall bladder mucoceles; what’s up with these?

GASTROINTESTINAL

Why run more GI panels? What does serum cobalamin & folate really tell me?

Endoscopic GI biopsies – should I buy an endoscope for my practice?

What are the best treatments for IBD in dogs and cats?

What are the best treatments for PLE/lymphangectasia?

Is probiotic therapy really useful in managing GI patients?

Intestinal biopsy; I’ll guarantee you get ‘full thickness’ biopsies.

Intestinal surgery; make it leak proof every time.

Let’s do some GI surgery cases: foreign bodies, tumors, foreign bodies, intussusception, subtotal colectomy, and more.

Tips on the surgical management of abdominal trauma; don’t miss a thing!

PANCREATIC

How do I quickly and accurately diagnose pancreatitis?

How important is the PLI test?

Why pancreatic enzyme supplements do not always work in EPI?

URINARY

Is there anything new in chronic renal failure (CRF) treatment?

What’s with all the new urinary diets? Will they really prevent urinary stones?

What’s the secret to managing feline cystitis/LUTD?

What’s the secret to managing urinary incontinence?

Cystic and urethral calculi; never leave a stone unturned!
Any tips on exploring uroabdomen cases?
Can surgery help incontinent dogs? Maybe so!

ENDOCRINE

ADRENAL
What is the best way to diagnose Cushings disease?
What does atypical Cushings disease really mean? - the adrenal panel dilemma.
Which drug is better – Lysodren vs Trilostane vs Anipryl?

DIABETES
What is so special about Vetsulin?
Gliargine vs PZI – which is best in cats?
Do we still use hypoglycemic agents in cats?
What is the best way to monitor diabetic patients?

THYROID
Feline hyperthyroidism; what if you don’t have access to radioactive iodine therapy?

Seminar schedule:

Monday July 6:
Registration: 1.30pm - 2.00pm
Lectures: 2.00pm - 6.30pm
Welcome reception 6.30pm- 7.30pm

Tuesday July 7:
Continental breakfast: 7.15am - 8.00am
Lectures: 8.00am - 1.00pm

Wednesday July 8:
Lectures: 2.00pm - 6.30pm

Thursday July 9:
Continental breakfast: 7.15am - 8.00am
**Lectures:** 8.00am - Noon

**Registration fee:**  
(American Association of Veterinary State Boards RACE approved for 18 CE hrs.)

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- Complete seminar notes
- Welcome reception for all.
- Continental breakfast Tuesday & Thursday
- Certificate of completion
CE credits

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This program meets the requirements for 18 hours of continuing education credit in jurisdictions which recognize AAVSB's RACE approval; however participants should be aware that some boards have limitations on the number of hours accepted in certain categories and/or restrictions on certain methods of delivery of continuing education. Call IVS at 800-487-5650 for further information.

IVS complies with the following guidelines:

- Speakers are recognized specialists
- Mandatory recorded attendance
- Certificate of attendance
- Complete seminar notes

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