

11:00—11:45 AM: Erin Howard DVM—Canine Safety in the Bush

A presentation covering first aid for our canine companions when out in the back country. Dr. Howard grew up in rural Eaton County, attending Eaton Rapids schools and graduating from Michigan State University with an undergraduate degree in Animal Science, followed by a Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine from Michigan State University College of Veterinary Medicine in 2009. She developed an interest in dairy cattle medicine while pursuing her Animal Science degree, and focused on Production Animal Medicine while in veterinary school. Dr. Howard helped to promote the development of the Food Systems Fellowship Program at the veterinary college, which fosters interest among veterinary students in pursuing careers in the Food Animal sector.

Dr. Howard is an associate veterinarian at Apple Grove Veterinary Care in Charlotte, MI and practices medicine on almost everything - from cattle and horses to sheep, goats, llamas, dogs, cats, and the occasional rabbit! She enjoys being able to educate clients on the basics of pet care, as well as researching new developments in veterinary medicine.

In her spare time, Dr. Howard enjoys camping with her husband Jeremy and her dog and cat, canoeing, gardening, and reading. She has been working with the Quiet Water organization for several years, and owns a 1935 Old Town Yankee sailing canoe (which she helped her father Russ Hicks restore, and later received as a wedding gift).