

### A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

I find it very hard to believe that 18 years have flown by since I completed my first term as KCVMA president. I am still wondering just how was I talked into serving a second term. So much has changed since the 80's. Some changes I view as very positive, particularly when considering the advances in veterinary medicine. There is so much more that we are able to diagnose and treat. It has been a joy for me to follow this progress since starting my career working for veterinarians in 1969, at the age of 17.

One negative change that I have been bothered by over the last 20 years is the decreasing familiarity that I have with colleagues throughout the metro. Practitioners who have served on the board during the last five years have heard me go on and on (probably ad nauseum) about the good old days when scores of veterinarians would get together and have some serious fun (float trips, back yard pond parties, food fights, tailgaters and yes, even dances). Memories of such events are very special. Those social interactions allowed individuals to get to know one another. A spirit of cooperation was fostered with practitioners frequently consulting each other to help each other work through challenging cases.

A potential solution to professional social stagnation may be the emergence of special interest groups which allow practitioners with common interests to get together and enjoy shop talk while having fun. My personal experience with "Docs-A-Cyclin" (gang of motorcycle riding veterinarians) has included some serious fun with opportunity to make some great new veterinarian

#### friends.

Another positive change has been our enhanced local CE programming. By paying for sponsorships, animal health companies enable our members to attend excellent CE programs without additional cost. I would like this progress to continue in the future. A new CE format will be tried on February 25 as our local area specialists present a fast-paced all day Sunday program, also made possible by industry sponsorship.

The bottom line is that all of us should embrace change because it is really the only constant in life. Our board is comprised of a diverse group of practitioners from all parts of the metro. During our meetings, we raise many questions and do the best we can as a group to make the right decisions for the association. Not all members will agree with the policies we implement. Therefore, I would like to encourage members with opinions as to how the KCVMA can better serve its members to step forward with their ideas.

In conclusion, I look forward to the challenge of guiding our membership through 2007. My objective remains that all involved professionals benefit in some way – and that they will enjoy value far above the \$100 they paid for their annual dues.

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# 2007 MISSOURI LEGISLATURE COULD TACKLE ISSUES RELATED TO HUMAN-ANIMAL BOND, VETERINARIAN'S ROLE BY: MICHELLE HOPKINS

It's difficult to predict what issues related to the veterinary profession and animal care the 2007 Missouri Legislature may tackle when it convenes on January 3. The legislative process is unpredictable in the best of times, and even more so in an election year. So, while nothing is certain, and the wheels of lawmaking can grind slowly, according to Dr. Mike Pfander, president-elect of the Missouri Veterinary Medical Assn., there are several issues looming that could leave their mark on animal welfare, the human-animal bond and the practice of veterinary medicine.

From a description of the legislative process, it is clear that citizens and professional experts who wish to have an impact on the creation of new laws need to get involved early and stay involved. Bills introduced into the Missouri Senate and House can undergo significant changes as they move through the process.

Pfander believes some issues that could arise affecting veterinarians are:

- 1) The continuing effort to replace the words "pet owners" with "pet guardians" in local ordinances and state laws
- Reaction to a major Missouri city's stipulation that veterinarians cannot provide a rabies vaccination to a pet owner within city limits without selling a city license to the owner of an unlicensed pet
- 3) Ongoing public hearings to ensure that state and local emergency preparedness plans contain appropriate provisions for animal safety and rescue, an outgrowth of Hurricane Katrina
- Action to provide funding for an already approved State incentive aimed at attracting more veterinary students to work in under-served rural areas
- 5) Continuing concern over how to best implement safeguards against dangerous dog attacks. Although many municipal governments around Kansas City have taken a run at this issue (several rejecting breed bans), it is still prominent and could get the attention of state lawmakers

Bills can be filed as early as December in the pre-introduction period. New bills continue to be



introduced through the first 60 days of the session.

"Some of these issues, if addressed by proposed legislation next year, could have critical implications for the practice of veterinary medicine in Missouri and need our involvement as professionals. Our interest, of course, is to ensure there are no unintended adverse consequences for either the welfare of animals or for the veterinary profession," said Pfander.

Pfander addressed a new St. Louis municipal ordinance that requires veterinarians in that city to sell a city license to owners of unlicensed pets before providing a rabies vaccination. "This appears to be an attempt by the city to regulate veterinary medicine, and that is a serious concern," he notes.

Another possible issue stems from a national effort that has been underway since 2000 to change the wording in local and state laws from "animal owner" to "animal guardian." Only a handful of cities and one state have approved the change. Veterinary medical associations oppose the "guardian" terminology because they believe it could inadvertently give third-parties the ability to dictate animal care decisions to pet owners and veterinarians.

In the legislative arena, any issue can ignite and spread like a wildfire, making immediate response necessary, such as veterinarians testifying at hearings or veterinary medical associations mobilizing members to respond with letters or calls to lawmakers. Fireworks like these don't always occur. Pfander says there are many good opportunities for veterinarians to get involved by participating in informational hearings. One such instance are the hearings state emergency preparedness officials will continue to conduct across Missouri in 2007 as they refine emergency response plans in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

He urges veterinarians to get involved in these hearings, as well as in the committee and planning activities of their veterinary medical associations.



### **LEGALLY SPEAKING...** BY: GREGORY M. DENNIS

### I heard that in both Kansas and Missouri the only damage a person can get for injury to a pet is the animal's fair market value. Is this correct?

**Kansas:** For 120 years in Kansas, this was the rule, until a 2006 decision by the Kansas Court of Appeals in a case called Burgess v. Shampooch Pet Industries, Inc., 35 Kan. App.2d 458, 131 P.3d 1248 (2006). The Burgess decision announced that for an animal that has no determinable fair market value, that other measures of damages, such as "cost of repair," can be used to decide the monetary award to the owner for injury to one of its pets.

Mrs. Burgess was the owner of a 13-year-old Yorkshire terrier. After she picked up her dog up from a pet groomer, she noticed he was acting strangely and limping. Just two-days before, the dog had been seen by its veterinarian who recorded it was then in good health. After complaining to the groomer, with no satisfaction, Mrs. Burgess took her dog to an emergency veterinary clinic. The attending veterinarian determined the dog had a dislocated hip that would require surgery to repair. Surgery was fully successful. Mrs. Burgess' veterinary bill totaled more than \$1,300. She sued the groomer, alleging negligence.

At trial, the groomer argued that Mrs. Burgess' entitlement to damages should be limited to the fair market value of her 13-year-old terrier. In other words, the groomer said, she should be entitled to practically, if not actually, nothing. In response, Mrs. Burgess asserted, and the trial judge agreed, she was entitled to be reimbursed for the veterinary bill she had incurred ("cost of repair") even if that bill had exceeded the fair market value of her dog.

The Kansas Court of Appeals upheld the \$1,300-plus judgment in Mrs. Burgess' favor. In doing so, it noted that the principle of "fair market value" damages might not always be appropriate in every case when, such as in Burgess, there was really no fair market value for a non-exotic or non-special purpose animal. Specifically, the appellate court held that when an injured pet had no discernable market value, and is restored to its prior health, that the measure of damages the owner may recover may include, but not be limited to, the reasonable and customary cost of necessary, veterinary care and treatment.

The Burgess decision also commented that, unlike other types of personal property, there are no true marketplaces that routinely deal in the buying and selling of previously owned pets. Moreover, the terrier's real value to Mrs. Burgess as a household pet was non-economic and, as a result, it was difficult, if not impossible, to appraise in purely economic terms of market value. Finally, that it was impossible to reduce to monetary terms the bond between people and pets, "a relationship which has been more eloquently memorialized in literature and depicted on the motion picture screen."

Missouri: In contrast to Kansas, Missouri still adheres to the rule that an owner is only allowed to recover any reduction in the fair market value of the animal immediately before the negligent act as compared to after it. Ponder v. Angel Animal Hospital, Inc., 762 S.W.2d 846 (Mo. App. S.D. 1988). In Ponder, the owner was not entitled to a judgment against a Missouri veterinarian because the owner had not able to show that there had been a reduction in the fair market value of her dog after the veterinarian had allegedly negligently castrated her animal. It should be noted, however, that in an old Missouri case, Streett v. Laumier, 34 Mo. 469 (1864), the Missouri Supreme Court held that an owner was entitled to recover expenses incurred to cure its animal, loss of use of his animal while it was being treated, and for reduction in its market value.

K.C.V.M.A. members, whether in Kansas or Missouri, who are sued for malpractice in which the client seeks more than fair market value damages for the injury to or loss of an animal, after reporting such suit to their insurer, might consider also informing the K.C.V.M.A. so it can monitor such legal claims in both states.

Finally, effective July 1, 2006, Kansas has statutorily defined a "companion animal" as meaning, "any dog, cat or other domesticated animal possessed by a person for purposes of companionship, security, hunting, herding or providing assistance in relation to a physical disability, but shall exclude any animal raised on a farm or ranch used or intended for use as food." K.S.A. 47-816(c) (2006). By this definition, a horse in Kansas may be considered a companion animal while in other states, it is not.

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# PERICARDIAL CYST BY: KEVIN CHRISTIANSEN, DVM - RESIDENT TRAINED - CARDIOLOGY

An 11-month old M/N lab mix adopted at 4 months of age weighing 38 kg presented to LDVM for an acute onset abdominal distension. LDVM detected a fluid wave and took chest films.

There was severe cardiomegally consistent with a dilated heart or pericardial effusion. A soft-tissue structure was noted in the cranial thorax. The patient was referred for a cardiovascular examination.

On PE, the patient was BAR, normal mm and crt. Pulses were weak. A large fluid wave was present. Heart sounds were barely audible and consistent with pericardial effusion. An echocardiogram was performed. A severely enlarged cystic structure involving the pericardium, and pushing the heart severely caudal and ventral in the thorax was present. This was not a straight forward pericardial effusion. At that time, a pericardial cyst was thought to be present. An

exploratory thoracotomy was recommended. The patient was admitted for surgery, stabilized overnight on IV fluids, and prepped for surgery the following day.

Prior to the surgery, a pericardial centesis was performed to reduce the amount of effusion



figure 1

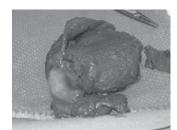


figure 2

compressing the heart prior to anesthesia. The full amount of effusion could not be removed as the structure was too cystic and cavitated. A sternotomy was performed, and the structure was surgically

> removed with careful dissection (see figure 1). The pericardium was involved with this cystic structure, but so was the abdominal omentum as there was a small communication between the abdomen and thorax. No abdominal contents were present in the thorax. The bulk of the cystic structure was removed along with the pericardium (see figure 2). A chest tube was placed and the patient was released after 3 days of hospitalization. The sutures were removed 10 days later, the ascites was gone, and the patient resumed normal activity for a healthy 11-month old lab mix.

> Cytology on the effusion was consistent with a modified transudate,

with blood component. Histopathology on the pericardium and cystic structure was described as a marked fibrinous pericarditis with seroma/hematoma formation. Pathology suggested that the lesion was related to trauma or some anomalous malformation of the pericardium.

# news&notes

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# **RECORD OF KCVMA CONTINUING EDUCATION SEMINARS FOR 2006**

DATE	SPEAKER / TOPIC	C.E. CREDIT
February 16	Dr. Dirk A. Hanson Looking at Product Dispensing and Its Associated Revenues from the Practitioner's Perspective	
March 9 Dr. David Twedt Common Liver Diseases - Diagnostic and Therapeutic Considerations		2 Hours
March 16	March 16 Mike Schumacher and Michelle Dormady KC Pet Program	
April 20	<b>Dr. Laura Ambrust</b> Digital Radiography Equipment: Is It Really Worth It? Top 10 Practical Radiography Tips	2 Hours
May 18	Dr. John Angus Part 1: Diagnostic Techniques in Veterinary Dermatology Part 2: The Differential Diagnosis and Treatment of Pruritic Dermatoses of the Dog	
June 15	Greg Brown BS, MBA   June 15 Suture Selection, Review of Currently Available Polymers & Needle Technology, & Surgical Site Infection	
October 19	<b>Dr. E. Paul Gibbs</b> Emerging Diseases	
November 5	Dr. Stephen J. Birchard Taking the Fear out of Gastrointestinal Surgery	
	<b>Fritz Wood, CPA, CFP</b> The Business of Veterinary Medicine: Take Advantage of Everyday Opportunities	6 Hours

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# **January Continuing Education Event**

Speaker:	Dr. Kevin Christiansen (ACVIM Candidate)	Location:	Saint Joseph Health Center's Community Center for
Topic:	Cardiology		Health & Education, Community Meeting Room
Date:	January 25, 2007 (Please note change of date)	CE:	2 Hours
Time:	Dinner: 6:30pm, Seminar: 7pm	Fee:	FREE! Current membership dues cover all CE.
			Technicians free with a dues paid veterinarian.

Dr. Kevin Christiansen will present a two-hour lecture covering all aspects related to the recognition and treatment of cardiac diseases affecting pets. He will demonstrate methods of assessing cardiac size on chest radiographs via the vertebral heart scale (VHS). He also will present examples of echocardiograms, chest films, and electrocardiograms showing on common cardiac diseases, including dilated cardiomyopathy (DCM), endocardiosis, and feline cardiomyopathies. His presentation will include complex cases shown on chest films, echo's and ECG's. Dr. Christiansen will discuss pharmacologic interventions (when to treat and when to wait) and drug choices for arrhythmias. He will conclude with a look at coil-embolizations of PDA's, balloon-valvuloplasty, and pacemakers.

Dr. Christiansen completed his residency training in cardiology at the University of Pennsylvania College of Veterinary Medicine in 2005. A 1999 graduate of the Kansas State University College of Veterinary Medicine, Dr. Christiansen had been employed at the Veterinary Referral Center in Malvern, Pennsylvania before deciding to return to Kansas City. Married with two young boys, he enjoys sports related activities and family life. Dr. Christiansen splits his time between seeing patients at Mission MedVet and the Veterinary Specialty & Emergency Center of Kansas City.

# **February Continuing Education Event**

Specialists in Kansas City Annual Frostbite Seminar Location:		Hyatt Regency Crown Center,		
(See reverse of this page for details)			Ballroom Level	
	Date:	Sunday, February 25, 2007		2345 McGee Street
	Time:	8:30am to 3:45pm	Fee:	FREE! Current membership dues cover all CE.
	CE:	6 Hours		Technicians free with a dues paid veterinarian.

# March Continuing Education Event

Speaker:	Dr. Wayne Hunthausen	Location:	Campus Center at Maple Woods
Topic:	Treatment Protocols for Common Behavior Problems of		Community College
	the Cat and Dog		CE: 2 Hours
Date:	March 15, 2007 (3rd Thursday of the Month)	Fee:	FREE! Current membership dues cover all CE.
Time:	Dinner: 6:30pm, Seminar: 7pm		Technicians free with a dues paid veterinarian.

Dr. Wayne Hunthausen, a KC veterinarian and an internationally known pet behavior specialist, is the director of Animal Behavior Consultations, assisting pet owners and veterinarians. He currently serves on the Practitioner Board for Veterinary Medicine and the Behavior Advisory Board for Veterinary Forum. A prolific author and popular speaker, Dr. Hunthausen received the American Animal Hospital Assn.'s Petcare Award in 2002. He received his Bachelor of Arts (zoology) and Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (1979) degrees from the University of Missouri in Columbia. In his spare time, he enjoys photography, skiing, cycling, movies, traveling with his wife, Jan, and hiking with their dogs, Ralphie, Beau, and Peugeot.

# **April Continuing Education Event**

April Continuing Education Event			Sponsored by FORT DODGE
Speaker:	Dr. Jerry Quinlan		
Topic:	Risk Management and Vaccine Protocols	Location:	Saint Joseph Health Center's Community Center for
Date:	April 19, 2007 (3rd Thursday of the Month)		Health & Education, Community Meeting Room
Time:	Dinner: 6:30pm, Seminar: 7pm	Fee:	FREE! Current membership dues cover all CE.
CE:	2 Hours		Technicians free with a dues paid veterinarian.

Dr. Quinlan received both his Bachelor of Science and Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degrees from Michigan State University. He was a private mixed animal practitioner for nine years. For the last 20 years, Dr. Quinlan has worked in the pharmaceutical industry in Professional Services, marketing, sales management and currently sales training. He has published over 30 articles on immunity and disease management. He has been a frequent speaker at veterinary schools, as well as Local, State, National, and International forums. Because of his somewhat unorthodox training practices and classroom antics, veterinary students across the country have come to know him as "Dr. Evil."

# Specialists in Kansas City Annual Frostbite Seminar

Date:	Sunday, February 25, 2007 Sponsors	: Webster Veterinary, Hill's Pet Nutrition,	<b>IVIEDVET</b> Medical Center for Pets
Location:	Hyatt Regency Downtown,	Abbott Laboratories, Novartis	
	Ballroom Level Fee:	FREE! Current membership dues cover	VSEC 8
	2345 McGee St.	all CE. Technicians free with a dues paid	Veterinary Specialty and Emergency Center
CE:	6 Hours	veterinarian.	

Earn six hours of CE credit, use your time efficiently, and stay on top of the latest in veterinary research. Make plans now to attend the Specialists in Kansas City Annual Frostbite Seminar at the Hyatt Regency Crown Center, Sunday, February 25, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Sessions covering some of the most important topics in veterinary medicine will be presented during ten hours of available seminars. Each 20-minute talk will be followed by a brief question-and-answer period. Nearly two dozen experts from Veterinary Specialty & Emergency Care (VSEC), Mission MedVet, and the Greater Kansas City area will provide their insights into topics including critical care, internal medicine, radiology, neurology, cardiology and management. There is no cost to attend, thanks to the generosity of the sponsors: Webster Veterinary, Hill's Pet Nutrition, Abbott Laboratories, and Novartis. A continental breakfast, lunch, and snacks are included.

### **TOPIC-ROOM 1**

#### 8:30 - 9:00 Registration; coffee, pastries and meet with sponsors 9:00 - 9:30 Surgery Ophthalmology 9:30 - 10:00 Internal Medicine Radiology 10:00 - 10:15 Break with fresh fruit and drinks, meet with sponsors 10:15 - 10:45 Physical Therapy **ER/Critical** Care 10:45 - 11:15 Exotic/Zoo Animal Dermatology Radiology 11:15 - 11:45 Oncology 11:45 - 1:00 Lunch and meet with sponsors 1:00 - 1:30 Neurology Surgery 1:30 - 2:00 Anesthesia Management 2:00 - 2:30 Clinical Pathology Internal Medicine 2:30 - 2:45 Break with snacks and drinks, meet with sponsors 2:45 - 3:15Alternative Medicine **Physical Therapy** 3:15 - 3:45 Ophthalmology Cardiology

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**TOPIC-ROOM 2**