



A Letter From The President

July/August 2013

Hello everyone! The summer is finally here, but as always, I'm sure it will go by fast. I always feel a little excitement when summer comes. I think it originated from the anticipation of summer break when we were kids. For me, this summer is very memorable since we just celebrated my baby boy's first birthday. Honestly, the party was just as much for him as it was for my husband and me. I mean, we should get some sort of medal for surviving that first year, right? Fortunately for all of us, there is more to look forward to in the coming months. This fall, we will be hosting a rabies titer check! Plus, we have some great continuing education scheduled, and details on a fall social to come soon.

Get your rabies titer checked!

The KCVMA board has been working very hard to organize this event and I am happy to finally be able to divulge the details. Making sure our rabies titer is adequate is an important aspect of our health as veterinarians, but it is often overlooked and put off because it isn't easy to do. Kansas City veterinarians desperately need an easy and convenient way to do this since the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that veterinarians and staff in areas where animal rabies is enzootic have a serum sample tested for rabies antibody every two years. I'm guessing many of us have not done this since we were in veterinary school. I remember trying to abide by this recommendation after I graduated. I called my primary care provider's office and explained what test I needed, but I must have been speaking a foreign language because no one had a clue what I was talking about, nor were they inclined to look into it for me. Ultimately, I ended up having my blood drawn by a nurse at my mother-in-law's pediatric office, complete with a cartoon bandage, and I sent the blood in myself from the clinic. Needless to say, while I finished what I set out to do, I have not had my titer drawn again since then. The good news is that no one will have to go through that kind of trouble this year.

Meet us at BluePearl in Overland Park on September 14, 2013. Phlebotomists will be available from 3-7p.m. Samples will be sent to the Kansas State University Rabies Laboratory and analyzed with the Rapid Fluorescent Focus Inhibition Test

(RFFIT), which is the "gold standard" titer test recognized by the CDC. Register now at www.KCVMA.com. The laboratory will email each individual their result. Additional information regarding the test, how to interpret the result, and vaccine boosters will be provided on the KCVMA website.

As a dues-paying member there is no cost to you for the screening test. A fee will be applied for those needing endpoints, non-DVM staff members (of a current member), and non-members. Please see the fee schedule for these prices.

We look forward to seeing you there!

KCVMA makes a donation

At the most recent the KCVMA board meeting, board members elected to make a donation in honor of Chris Gruber. Chris passed away in April in a plane crash. He was the director of development at the Kansas State College of Veterinary Medicine. In this position he was responsible for raising nearly \$25 million for the college. The donation will go to a memorial fund established by the KSU Foundation for the College of Veterinary Medicine.

Finally, we have learned Dr. Cheryl Jones, DVM, CVA, and KCVMA member, passed away June 28 from cancer complications. She was a 1989 graduate of UC Davis and practiced 21 years at State Line Animal Hospital in Leawood where she was a certified veterinary acupuncturist. She received a kidney and pancreas transplant 20 years ago, and competed in swimming events at the U.S. Transplant Olympics for several years. She is survived by her husband and two children. Services were held July 1, with burial in Sterling, KS. The family requests memorial donations to Hushie Pet Memorial Fund or Midwest Transplant Network. Her veterinary partner, Dr. Vern Otte, says, "She will be deeply missed by her family, clients, and co-workers at State Line Animal Hospital."

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TEAMING UP: PARAMEDICS HOPE TO EXPAND THEIR ROLE IN EMERGENCIES

BY: JEN NIGRO

When police tactical units are injured in an emergency, trained paramedics are there to stabilize them on the scene and ensure they receive immediate care. Now, paramedics, firefighters, police officers, and veterinarians in Olathe are formulating a plan to expand that training to include service dogs. The idea started small. Thomas Hoegler, a Firefighter-Paramedic and Bomb Technician for the City of Olathe, mentioned to his veterinarian he would like to know more about how to treat his K-9 in the event of an emergency. Hoegler's dog, "Tango", is specially trained to detect explosives. It's a dangerous job, and Hoegler wanted to be prepared for the worst. "If something bad happens and everyone is caught in a fire we know how to take care of humans, but the canines are just as important as their partner," he says. "Why can't we provide them with care on the scene since we're available, instead of just getting them to the emergency vet as fast as we can, especially when we're all paramedics and we understand intubation and other procedures?"

Dr. Amber Andrews, veterinarian to the city of Olathe's service dogs and Olathe Animal Shelter veterinarian, agreed to show Hoegler and another colleague some treatments specific to the situations they face. "She's been really good about showing us how to start a line on a dog and push meds," says Hoegler. She also equipped the handlers with kits containing the necessary supplies to treat a K-9 emergency. While much of the equipment paramedics already carry is universal, the special kits ensure they have dog-specific supplies. "We can pull it out, it has all of the drug doses we need and everything is the right size," Hoegler says.

Hoegler was excited by the prospect of being able to treat "Tango" on site, and mentioned his training to Johnson County Med-Act Lieutenant Chris Winger. Lt. Winger, who grew interested in veterinary training during a tactical EMS class in Columbia a couple of years ago, suggested expanding the program to train all of the tactical medics in Johnson County. The idea began to blossom. "Part of our goal with the tactical unit is to help those highly-trained police officers back into the game as quickly as possible," he says. "What we're trying to do is train our tactical medics to have the knowledge and skills to treat those working dogs in life-threatening situations." But Lt. Winger says paramedics trained to treat K-9s could play an even larger role. "On the human side we also do a lot of maintenance. We make sure they're hydrated, make sure they're fed, take care of their bumps and cuts and scrapes," he says. "We want to apply some of those principles to the dog as well because, as with their human handlers, a lot of time, energy, and funding have gone into that individual dog. We want to get them back into the game as soon as possible." In addition, training would equip paramedics to deal with the special behavioral

concerns that come with treating working dogs. "We have to be able to be aware of their body language, how to approach them and interact with them and their handler simultaneously," says Lt. Winger.

Hoegler says cross-training all Johnson County paramedics is especially important because of the possibility of multiple injuries during an emergency response. "If both my dog and I get caught in an IED (Improvised Explosive Device), I'm going to be hurt also, and I can't take care of the dog. Someone else is going to have to take care of the dog and me." It's something the military has already experienced. "A number of articles have come out of the military in cross-training human healthcare providers to take care of dogs," says Lt. Winger. He also notes the military's efforts to stretch limited resources. "You only have so many veterinarians in the area but human medical resources are a lot more prevalent over there, so they just tapped into that to at least stabilize the dog." He says the situation is similar in a large metropolitan area like Kansas City. If the emergency veterinarian is miles away, having the ability to stabilize an injured dog on the scene can mean the difference between life and death.

Though ideas are flowing easily, the hard work is just beginning. Lt. Winger says one of the first things they need to do to launch the program is identify a medical director, similar to the person who oversees human treatment in paramedicine. "That medical director would be the person who would help draft and approve protocols we would use, authorize medication and dosages, and serve as a training resource." Because budgets are tight, the position would be held on a voluntary basis. In the meantime, Lt. Winger has been talking with Dr. Andrews as well as other area veterinarians about the many situations they've encountered in their emergency rooms. The team will be working over the next several months to bring some of those veterinarians on board as volunteer trainers, create protocols, and write the class. They hope to be putting the finishing touches on the program by early next year.

Hoegler, who is already using the basic training he received from Dr. Andrews, is excited to put his new skills to use. "I can be part of the whole process rather than stand back and not know what to do," he says. He's also excited for the broader benefits cross-training could provide. "Hopefully it will spill over to having paramedics trained to treat K-9s with all of the fire departments in the area, so if we're at a house fire or on a call and the homeowner's dog is caught in the fire the paramedic will be able to pitch in," he says.

If you are interested in volunteering as a trainer or providing supplies to the paramedic cross-training project, contact Lt. Winger by emailing him at cwinger@jocoems.org.

CALLING FOR BACKUP: LOCAL VETERINARIANS ASSIST WITH NATIONAL POLICE DOG CONFERENCE

BY: JEN NIGRO

When the Olathe Police Department hosted the 2013 North American Police Work Dog Association (NAPWDA) national workshop last month, they knew they would need back-up. The conference draws teams from all over North America for paws-on training in disciplines like narcotics detection, patrol work, arson, explosives detection, search and rescue, and cadaver and live-find disaster response. With more than 100 teams in attendance, Olathe K-9 Officer Kyle Clausius, the event organizer, called on the community for assistance. “These dogs have to train like they’re going to work,” he says. “They will know the difference between training and the street, and they won’t perform the same. You have to create the training environment to match the work environment.” That meant turning teams loose in live buildings like Heartland Church at 119th and Strang Line Road; Mill Creek School, where they set up lockers for narcotics detection; and a theater for bomb detection. “As a police department we can’t do it alone,” says Officer Clausius. “It takes everyone around us to help out, especially with training areas.”

Training in real settings brings with it a real danger of injury for these working dogs. At past conferences veterinarians have treated dogs on an on-call basis. But after a heat alarm in a patrol car failed last year at a NAPWDA workshop in Lancaster, PA, nearly killing a police dog, Officer Clausius wanted to have immediate care available. Olathe Police Handler Tony Bussell mentioned the opportunity in passing to a BluePearl veterinarian treating his dog for an ongoing issue. “They all basically jumped on the opportunity to help us out,” says Officer Clausius.

Dr. Shara Grauberger was one of five BluePearl veterinarians to volunteer her time. During her day on duty, she visited each of



Olathe Police Department Officer Kyle Clausius and Sysko

the different training sites to address medical problems. “Usually there were lameness issues, GI upset issues, or follow-ups from their DVM,” she notes, recalling one dog that needed staples removed from a previous laceration. There were also injuries that resulted directly from the training. “One dog spun around, cut its nose on something, and the veterinarian had to treat significant bleeding,” says Officer Clausius. Sprains and dehydration were also common. “If anything was serious we would send them to our facility for diagnostics,” says Dr. Grauberger. “It re-emphasizes the need for a good physical exam and history to tell the difference between something that needs further testing and something that medications may be adequate to cover.” Officer Clausius says having veterinarians on-site made all the difference. “They were constant. Everything they did was fantastic and I can’t say enough about them.”

The training teams went home with 40 hours of training as well as certification in their given discipline. And for all of their hard work, Dr. Grauberger and her colleagues received their own special reward. “I learned a great deal about the certification and the training process,” she says. “Nothing can replace the experience of seeing these dogs in the field, looking at how much they love what they do and how much their handlers respect and treasure their aid in the field. It was beautiful to see in action.” Dr. Katy Bollwerk, who also volunteered, says, “I know that all of us veterinarians had an outstanding experience during this week.” And Dr. Kristen Holcomb-Wallace adds, “The bond between the handlers and their dogs was intense and really drove home the idea that these animals aren’t just their buddies, these are their partners.” Dr. Grauberger says if asked, she would not hesitate to participate again. “Out in the field we donated our time and it is still not enough to repay these teams for their service and putting their lives on the line every day. They gave us more that day than we gave them, and they don’t even realize how awesome they are.”



Bite suit demonstration at the 2013 NAPWDA conference in Olathe

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BUILT ON THE SHOULDERS OF VETERINARY GIANTS JEN-SAL

BY: DR. STEVE JOSEPH, KCVMA HISTORIAN

One of the largest animal health companies in the world during the last century is part of Kansas City veterinary history.

McQueeney and Lock Company (plumbing and heating) on West Pennway between Washington and Pennsylvania streets is a former home of Jensen-Salisbery Laboratories. The structure is one of fewer than 50 veterinary buildings and practices listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The building was designed by architect Ernest Brostrom (1888-1969). Although he did not have formal training he was a leader in the Prairie School style of design found in Kansas City.

The entrance is ornamented at the top level by figurative sculptures created by Norwegian Jorgen Dreyer. At the bottom level are two large limestone urns fronting large brick columns. The Jen-Sal medallion can be found on the west side. The south facing is easily observed from I-35 North at the West Pennway exit.

The company was founded in 1913 by Dr. Hans Jensen (1869-1936). Vaccines and pharmaceuticals were manufactured and surgical items were supplied. As the company grew it included new faces such as Dr. Charles Salisbery, and Jen-Sal became a major veterinary figure in the United States, Canada, Europe, South America and Japan.

Dr. Jensen trained in Denmark as a pharmacist and immigrated to the U.S. to work in rural Nebraska. There he became aware of an increasing need for veterinary products. To follow his interest in animal health he enrolled in the Chicago Veterinary College,

graduating in 1902. After several practice years he accepted a position at the Kansas City Veterinary College (KCVC) and became a partner in the American Veterinary Supplies Company, the first company to furnish products exclusively to our profession.

Dr. Jensen's former students began requesting products so he resigned his positions to open his own business' manufacturing and distributing products from a loft at 1228 Main Street. Continued growth created opportunity to build on West Pennway.

Dr. Charles Salisbery (1882-1939) graduated from KCVC in 1911 and joined Dr. Jensen four years later. In addition to editing the *Jen-Sal Journal* and the *Jensalogue*, a catalog of products, he was charged with production of biologics. Tragically, he contracted encephalomyelitis while experimenting with an equine vaccine and died a few days later.

The end of World War II saw the rise of competitive forces within the veterinary industry. Jen-Sal responded by creating a sales force, adopting a new approach to marketing, and introducing new products through enhanced R&D.

KCVMA Life Member Dr. George Fischer (MU 1954) remembers visiting the facility with his father, a 1912 KCVC graduate. While the senior talked business his son explored the inner workings of the plant, where he saw the amazing output of products.

Later, the company was acquired by Cooper Animal Health. Sales grew to over \$40 million, a long way from its humble beginnings in 1913. Today the building stands empty.





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July CE

Speaker:	Steve Graff, DVM Field Technical Service Veterinarian, Virbac Animal Health	CE:	2 hours
Topic:	Advances in the Management of Otitis Externa	Location:	Grünauer at the Freight House 101 West 22nd Street Kansas City, MO 64108 816-283-3234
Date:	Thursday, July 18	Sponsor:	Virbac Animal Health
Time:	6:30pm – Check-in, 7pm – Dinner and Presentation		
Fee:	No fee to attend this event, but RSVP is required. Current membership dues cover all CE.		



Please RSVP by Monday, July 15 by registering at KCVMA.com or by scanning the QR code above with your smartphone.

After owning and serving as a senior veterinarian in private practice, Dr. Graff established the TOT Corporation, an independent veterinary consultation service for clinics and practices throughout Colorado, where he served as principal and senior consulting veterinarian for almost 10 years. Dr. Graff received his DVM degree in 1994 from Colorado State University, where he also earned his bachelor's degree.

Two KSU CVM Seniors Received KCVMA Awards During the May Banquet in the Little Apple.



Claire Legallet, Palo Alto, CA, received the Compassionate Care Award, and Philip Allen, Glendale, CA, was recipient of the Radiology Proficiency Award. Dr. Legallet accepted a small animal internship at Texas A&M and Dr. Allen will go to Tufts for an internship in small animal medicine. Mrs. Linda Joseph presented the awards on behalf of our association.

KCVMA Rabies Titer Check

Date: Saturday, September 14, 2013
 Time: 3:00 - 7:00 pm
 Location: BluePearl Veterinary Partners
 11950 West 110th St
 Overland Park, KS 66210

Member Pricing: To qualify for member pricing, promo codes are required. An email will be sent on Wednesday, July 10th with the appropriate codes.

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Employees of members, non-DVM	\$36	\$58.50



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Veterinary Technician, full-time position available at Lakewood Animal Health Center. Fax or email resume and application to: 816-373-5176 or lakewoodanimal@sbcglobal.net, subject line: RVT Position.

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Spay & Neuter Kansas City, a non-profit organization, has several positions opening to meet the needs of our growing and expanding program. Please submit resumes to snkc@snkc.net or mail to PO Box 410303 Kansas City, MO 64141.

The Humane Society of Greater Kansas City is looking for an associate veterinarian. Contact the VP of Clinical Services at lorna@hsgkc.org or call 913-596-1000.

The Humane Society is looking for a veterinary technician (or assistant). Contact the VP of Clinical Services at lorna@hsgkc.org or call 913-596-1000.

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Westwood Animal Hospital is seeking a licensed veterinarian. Email resume to westwoodanimalhospital@gmail.com, ATTN: Dr. Hunthausen.

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