



A Letter From The President

July/August 2015

Ah, the dog days of summer are upon us here in Kansas City. Actually, it's more like monsoon season! For those of us in practice this becomes a really busy time. Long days of itchy dogs, abscessed cats and flea-covered fur balls come pouring in the door. For some of you, the crazy cicadas may have resulted in a heavier case load. This year saw a record breaking number of them emerge; both the 13 year and 17 year cicadas made an appearance to carry out their mating rituals. Who knew those noisy little things could cause such GI upset?! (For a recent video clip, see <http://www.kmbc.com/news/dogs-getting-sick-from-eating-cicadas/33775380>.) While it's easy and tempting to stay late to cram in a few more appointments, I hope all of you are taking some time to enjoy the warm weather, spend quality time with your family and friends and not overwork yourselves. I know I mention this in every letter, but I feel we need constant reminders in our lives to stop and smell the roses (and hopefully prevent compassion fatigue and burnout).

Speaking of quality family time, we loved seeing everyone at our Sporting KC tailgate at Cabela's! While we didn't get to cheer for our team due to the rain, we hope everyone enjoyed some time to network, intermingle among families and make some new friends. Please hold on to your tickets as they will be valid for the make-up game. We will play the Colorado Rapids at 7:30 pm on October 21, 2015. Please watch both the newsletter and website, as we have other family-friendly social events planned for the fall. The next event will be at the Kansas City Zoo!

The KCVMA board has a very important announcement regarding a change this year to our November CE event. We know a lot of you take advantage of this due to the day-long CE hours. Unfortunately due to speaker schedule conflicts, Bayer cannot host our November CE meeting. The board is working to solve

this by either hosting additional CE in the fall or hosting our own day-long Sunday CE. We know these hours are important and welcome your feedback, not only on topics, but scheduling preferences. Please email us at info@kcvma.com.

Another large CE event will descend upon Kansas City August 28-31. The Central Veterinary Conference (CVC) is just around the corner! KCVMA members receive 5% off registration. Please let us know if you have not received an email on how to take advantage of those savings.

I also encourage you to check out the Missouri Veterinary Medical Association Convention January 22-24, 2016 at Tan-Tar-A Resort in Osage Beach (Lake of the Ozarks). The MVMA board is working diligently to respond to your feedback on the topics you want covered and is securing wonderful speakers for this year. As we approach registration time we will highlight some of these speakers for you.

Have a wonderful, fun-filled summer!

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Ready to Respond

BY: JEN NIGRO

Dr. Robin Michael intended to spend part of her Memorial Day shopping for flowers. Instead, she found herself responding to a deadly pet store fire. Pet World, located at 23rd and Louisiana in Lawrence, KS, was closed on May 25 when an electrical fire broke out in the store's back room. Dr. Michael saw the smoke as she approached the intersection. "I pulled into the parking lot across the street and that's when I could see that it was coming from Pet World," she recalls. "I jumped out of the car and ran over. A couple of the fire trucks and ambulances were just arriving." Dr. Michael immediately checked in with one of the police officers on the scene. "I told them I was a veterinarian and I would be alerting the other veterinarians in town so we could be ready once they were able to get animals out of the building."

Dr. Michael called her colleagues at Clinton Parkway Animal Hospital who enlisted their emergency answering service to page other veterinarians in town. Though most were closed for the holiday, they offered to do what they could to help. Many made their way to the scene. "Unfortunately, the fire was too hot and too severe for them to be able to get the animals out of the building, so the only animals we were able to work on were the reptiles for the most part," says Dr. Michael. They did what they could, administering oxygen using canine resuscitation masks donated to the Lawrence Fire Department by the Chinese Sharpei Club of America. Division Chief Eve Tolefree says veterinarians were able to use the masks on the store's large iguanas, and found them useful for some of the turtles as well. "We ended up using the oxygen tubing and creating a tent, then filtered in the oxygen through the tubing that was supplied with the masks," she says. Those needing additional oxygen therapy and care were transported to Gentle Care Animal Hospital, which had the equipment to care for exotics.

Despite the quick emergency response, it quickly became clear that the fire had caused a devastating loss of life. "I sat and I watched as they were putting the fire out, and as time ticked by my heart just continued to sink," says Dr. Michael. Pet World's owners declined to release an exact number of animals killed, but said in a statement that all of the mammals and birds died, including the store's beloved Amazon parrot, Fletcher. "We've been assured that all the warm blooded animals died quickly from fumes and smoke," wrote Sherry Emerson. "In fact, we were told that it is very likely that had we been open when this happened, human lives would have been lost."

Many of the veterinarians who responded to Pet world had been on the scene of a November 29, 2014 fire at Christal K-9, a Lawrence dog training, pet grooming and boarding facility. After the blaze, veterinarians decided it was time to put together

a city-wide emergency response plan. In April, the Douglas County Veterinary Medical Association hosted an emergency preparedness conference to help local veterinarians create their own protocols. Speakers included representatives from the Kansas State Animal Rescue Team and the Kansas Animal Response Team. The group meets again July 2 to continue work on the plan and discuss potential changes to city fire code for facilities that house animals overnight.

Dr. Marie Kerl, a professor at the University of Missouri's College of Veterinary Medicine, has been a member of the National Veterinary Response Team since 2002. She says it's important for veterinarians to learn how to respond to disasters of all kinds. "All response is local, even if it becomes a state or national response," she says. "Knowing and understanding your local resources is the first and most important thing to do." She recommends veterinarians go through FEMA's incident command training, available free on their website. The Incident Command System is used nationwide as an emergency communication structure. "The key to keep in mind is we're trying to emphasize crowd safety," says Division Chief Tolefree. "It helps us keep track of who is there and lets us know we have resources on the scene."

Dr. Kerl also recommends taking a close look at your own facility. "The veterinarians in New Jersey after Hurricane Sandy had a lot of business losses because they didn't know they were under-covered for certain things," she recalls. In addition, make sure computerized information is backed up off-site, and plan for evacuation. "If animals are trapped in a fire, how do I get them out as quickly as I can? Do my patients wear nametags so if 25 animals end up outside of my building I know who's who?" These are challenges Dr. Michael says veterinarians faced during the Christal K-9 fire. "The computers went down in the Christal K-9 fire. All of the animals were farmed out to different clinics and we were trying to figure out whose animals were where and what their names were."

Dr. Michael is pleased with work on Lawrence's disaster plan thus far. "We had an amazing response, a really fast response and a really appropriate response," she says. Division Chief Tolefree agrees. "What stuck out in my mind was the veterinarians were able to treat all the animals, including the snakes, turtles, iguanas, spiders and rats. Those who responded seemed knowledgeable and well-prepared to help in any way they could."

A disaster can take many forms, and first responders need to be prepared to step in at a moment's notice. In the next issue of News and Notes, we'll explore ways to hone your disaster response skills, plan for various scenarios and organize your team for optimal effectiveness.

No regrets: Associate Dean Retires from MU-CVM

BY: JEN NIGRO

When Dr. Ron Cott graduated from the University of Missouri's College of Veterinary Medicine in 1973, he never dreamed he would find himself back in the world of academia. Now, he is retiring after spending the better part of two decades working for the college, 15 of those years as Associate Dean of Student and Alumni Affairs.

MU's dean first approached Dr. Cott about taking a full-time job with the college in the mid-1990s. At the time, Dr. Cott wasn't ready to give up his private practice in Grandview, so he agreed to work part-time. "One week per month, I would travel for them and see donors," he recalls. It wasn't long before the college recruited him to start teaching an elective business course for the second year students. "It rapidly changed into a required credit course," he says. In 1999 the Director of Student Affairs announced his retirement. The position was rewritten from part-time to full-time and renamed Associate Dean for Student and Alumni Affairs. "I loved working with the students, they have so much energy and are so excited about our profession, so I decided to apply," says Dr. Cott. "I was met with some obstacles because I don't hold a degree beyond my DVM." Despite naysayers, Dr. Cott applied. When the dean called to offer him the job, he was surprised. "I had already moved on with my practice. I told him I needed to think about it due to the fact it was a major life change for me, and that's when my wife Jane and I made the decision to move to Columbia." That was in 2001. In 2008 he added Executive Director of Advancement to his job duties. "That's been an exciting part of my job. There's fulfillment when you go out and ask for a multi-million dollar gift. Once you accomplish it you feel like you are really giving back to the school."

Dr. Cott, who received the MVMA's Robert E. Hertzog award in 2012 for his outstanding vision, leadership and personal sacrifice for the betterment of the veterinary profession, has been at the helm of several innovative programs at MU. "One of the programs I created is our **Veterinary Enrichment and Teambuilding Orientation Program** called **VET**," he says. The idea came from a conference he attended that was based on the Meyers-Briggs personality test. Dr. Cott went back to MU and started fundraising to start a three-day program for first-year veterinary students to learn about communication styles, develop team building and work on self-awareness skills. When the program celebrated its 10th year in 2014, 100% of incoming students attended along with 30 support staff and faculty. "That's a highlight for me because I think it is recognized as one of the leading orientation programs in the nation for veterinary schools," he says. Dr. Cott also helped develop the school's **IMPRINT** program—**IM**Proving

Residents and Intern Non-technical Training. "We actually take them off-site and train them for 24 hours on difficult communication with clients," he says.

Dr. Cott says other accomplishments include the addition of a counselor on staff to help students with both career and emotional counseling. The position started as part-time, and will soon transition to full-time. He's also extremely proud of the school's program to take veterinary students to South Africa for hands-on veterinary wildlife conservation training. "When out-of-state students come in to interview for a position in the program the first two things they ask about are the VET and South Africa programs. I'm really hoping they will sustain themselves once I step aside."

A new development officer has been hired and the search for a new associate dean is underway. Dr. Cott's advice for them - "We need to do a better job of helping people getting started in the profession. It's good to get them past the national boards, but we also need to look a little deeper and make sure we develop a well-rounded individual to go into our profession and make an impact." He also believes emphasis should be placed on getting students involved with organized veterinary medicine.

Retirement promises to be busy for Dr. Cott, who is looking forward to spending time with his grandchildren and nurturing his growing interest in photography. "I'm going to do an apprenticeship with a photographer," he says. "I already have 25,000 pictures from South Africa and have been selling them," he says. Dr. Cott also plans to organize alumni gatherings in the Kansas City area. "About once a quarter we're going to meet and see if we can't keep some connection with the MU grads here in town." Dr. Cott says he'll also remain involved with the CVM. "I'm thinking that I will work with the school from a distance to keep some of the programs going and do some stewardship with some of the donors," he says.

Looking back, Dr. Cott has no regrets. "I keep telling people I have the best job at MU and the best fit for me, and I have no regret at all about making that move 15 years ago."



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Built on the Shoulders of Veterinary Giants: We Weren't Always Called Doctors

BY: DR. STEVE JOSEPH, KCVMA HISTORIAN

Recently an article appeared in *Veterinary Practice News* I'd like to paraphrase and share with you.

It is not clear when the public began to refer to veterinarians as doctors. The AVMA and the American Veterinary Medical History Society (AVMHS) agree the usage probably started in the 1860s or 1870s.

No private or public veterinary schools and colleges existed in the U.S. until the middle of the 19th century. Some veterinarians came here from Europe. However, they were called veterinary surgeons.

In this country graduates received the degree of Doctor of Veterinary Science (DVS), as shown in the diploma and license for Dr. Fredrick Cleveland Cater, a 1904 graduate of the Kansas City Veterinary College (KCVC) (1891 – 1918). His diploma and other documents from the KCVC are held in the KSU CVM archives. Dr. Cater's materials were donated to KCVMA and later sent to KSU by his granddaughter, Meg Berrian of Webb City, MO. The private college closed after 27 years of service when World War I required manpower to win the war and publicly funded state institutions began to surface. Later, the DVS degree was replaced with DVM – except at UP SVM where the designation is VMD.

AVMHS Secretary/Treasurer Susanne Whitaker reports the first DVM degree from a U.S. university was awarded to Daniel Elmer Salmon in 1876 by Cornell CVM.

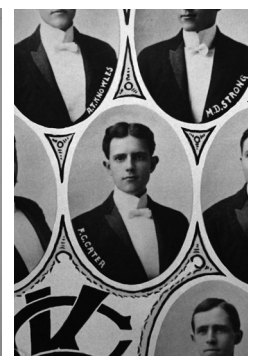
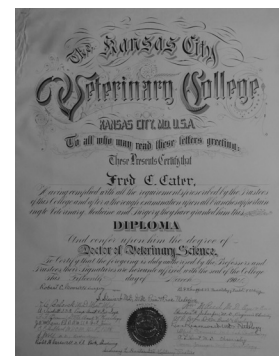
Dr. Whitaker added, "...during the period of growth of the profession there was a struggle for recognition and respect away from being called simply a 'horse doctor'. Those individuals would likely have wanted to use 'doctor' in front of their name, as would the quacks and semi – educated individuals who lacked credentials but wanted acknowledgment."

AVMA librarian and veterinary historian Diane Fagen has found doctor references regarding veterinarians in newspapers from the 1870s. The first President of the AVMA, founded in 1863, was Josiah Henry

Stickney. He was addressed as doctor because he was an MD. Later he attended and graduated from the veterinary college in London.

According to veterinary historian Dr. Howard Erickson at KSU CVM, H.J. Detmers was referred to as doctor when he served the college in the 1870s. He was the founding dean at The Ohio State University CVM.

As students we recall the writings of anatomist Septimus Sisson. He was a herdsman in Manhattan before joining the KSU faculty. Later he would be another member of the OSU faculty.



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CONTINUING EDUCATION EVENTS

July CE

Speaker: Catherine Lenox, DVM, CVA, Diplomate ACVN
Scientific Affairs Manager, Royal Canin

Topic: Nutritional Approach to Managing Lower Urinary Tract
Disease in Cats & Dogs

Date: Thursday, July 16, 2015

Time: 6:30pm – Dinner and Registration, 7pm – Presentation

CE: 1.5 Hours

Location: Brio Tuscan Grille – Country Club Plaza
502 Nichols Drive
Kansas City, MO 64112
(816) 561-5888 | www.brioitalian.com

Fee: No fee to attend this event, but RSVP is required by
Monday, July 13th. Current membership dues
cover all CE.

Sponsor: Royal Canin



Please register by Monday, July 13th at KCVMA.com



Dr. Catherine Lenox received her BS from Duke University and her DVM from the University of Missouri. After graduating from veterinary school in 2007, she completed a small animal rotating internship at Colorado State University and a residency in veterinary nutrition at the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine. She was board certified by the American College of Veterinary Nutrition in 2011. After completing her residency, she spent three years in clinical practice prior to joining the Royal Canin team in August 2014. She is also certified in veterinary acupuncture. Dr. Lenox currently lives in Houston, TX with her husband, rescued Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, and two cats.

September CE

Speaker: Nora Grant, DVM
Veterinary Services Manager, Ceva Animal Health

Topic: Skin is on the Outside

Date: Thursday, September 17, 2015

Time: 6:30pm – Dinner and Registration, 7pm – Presentation

CE: 1 hour RACE approved

Location: Ya Ya's Euro Bistro
7021 W 135th St.
Overland Park, KS

Fee: No fee to attend this event, but RSVP is required by
Monday, September 14th. Current membership dues
cover all CE.

Sponsor: Ceva Animal Health



Dr. Grant graduated from Auburn University College of Veterinary Medicine and completed a preceptorship in a mixed practice in Colorado. For the next few years she worked as associate in another mixed practice in northeast Texas, small animal general in Birmingham, AL and then relief and emergency work in the same area. For the next 20 years she started, owned and managed a feline exclusive practice in Birmingham also. Her next venture was 5 years in industry with Bayer Animal Health, various teaching experiences, and small animal general relief work. She is currently with Ceva Animal Health as Veterinary Services Manager in the South Central region.

Dr. Grant was past president of the Emergency Animal Clinic of Birmingham, currently is member of AAFP and on the Cat Friendly Task Force, American Heartworm Society, and AVMA. She is an adjunct professor at Tuskegee CVM and also a guest lecturer at Auburn CVM.

Her areas of interest are communications within veterinary medicine, ectoparasites of small animals and the changing face of the veterinary profession.

Please register by Monday, September 14th at KCVMA.com

IMPORTANT: November CE Announcement

Due to a scheduling conflict, Bayer will be unable to host our annual November CE this fall. We know many members take advantage of the full-day offering to complete continuing education requirements for the year. The KCVMA Board is working diligently to secure quality speakers for the remainder of 2015 to help our members fulfill their CE requirements. These education opportunities will likely take place over several months instead of on one, day-long event in the fall. Please keep a close eye on the KCVMA website as you plan your CE attendance for the rest of the year.

CLASSIFIED ADS

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Jackson County Animal Hospital located in Independence, Missouri, and established in 1913, seeks an associate veterinarian. We are open 8-6 Monday through Friday and 8-1 on Saturdays, and we are looking for a candidate willing to work Saturdays. We do not see emergencies outside of office hours. We are a friendly practice with an in-house Idexx lab, digital x-ray, tonometry, ultrasound, and a supportive approach. We are flexible and accommodating and see a variety of medical and surgical cases. We have low staff turnover and work well together. If you are interested, please email us at jcah11@hotmail.com.

Office Manager needed for a busy vet practice. Experience required. Only serious offers please apply as time is important. Duties will include but not limited to organization of invoices, checks to write out, QuickBooks, customer communication. Guide employees throughout the day, collections, etc.... Also seeking a qualified veterinarian to join our practice. Also looking for more receptionists and vet techs/vet assistants. Also looking for another kennel attendant to join our team. Business is growing fast and the demand for more help is here. Only serious and qualified people please apply. Pay will be based on position and experience kklmnorris@yahoo.com.

Burlingame Road Animal Hospital in Topeka Kansas is looking to add another full time RVT to their multi doctor small animal practice. Experienced and new graduates are welcome to apply. Employee and employee pet benefits available. We have digital radiography, ultrasound, Abaxis in house lab equipment, three fully equipped dental stations and much more! Contact person is Emily Zens at 785-267-1012 or contact@brahvet.com.

Allcare Animal Hospital, Shawnee, Kansas looking for veterinarian to work Wednesdays, 2-3 Saturdays per month and days when one of the other 3 veterinarians take vacation. Contact Dr. Chaffin 1-913-683-0525.

Crysler Animal Hospital in Independence, MO, is seeking a full-time associate veterinarian. Experience preferred but new graduates will be considered. We are a five doctor practice with two locations. The position is available at the Independence location. We are a state of the art practice with 5 registered veterinary technicians. Salary based on experience. Send inquiries or application to Jay Schweizer, aschweizer@sbcglobal.net.

Small animal veterinary clinic in Kansas City North area looking for full time Associate Veterinarian that is wanting buy in opportunities. Fully staffed, fully equipped clinic with boarding and grooming facilities. Experience preferred but will consider the right new graduate. Please send resume to vetlary@aol.com

Rapidly growing small animal practice in Lees Summit seeks another registered veterinary technician to assist in a 5 doctor/4 technician practice. Applicant must be capable of IV injections and catheterization, administration and monitoring of anesthetics, assisting in surgery and radiology, and calculating drug dosages. The practice has digital radiology, ultrasound, dental equipment, anesthesia monitors, etc. Please send resume to kelbel@lsanimalhospital.com or 411 s.w. Market, Lees Summit, mo. 64063

Small animal veterinary clinic in northeast Johnson County seeking a full-time registered veterinary technician. Must be willing to work most Saturdays (8 am – 2 pm). Both experienced techs and new graduates will be considered. Salary dependent on experience; position is eligible for employee benefits. If interested, please send resume to missionanimalclinic@planetkc.com.

Raytown Gregory Animal Health Center is seeking a part-time associate veterinarian. Schedule would be 2 days per week plus every other Saturday. We are looking for someone who is experienced and has excellent client communication skills. Interest in surgery a plus! No on call or after hours emergencies. We are a 3 doctor practice with 4 registered veterinary technicians. Salary based on experience. Send inquiries or resume to Tim Chirpich at info@raytowngregory.com

Spay and Neuter Kansas City is a non profit organization and is currently seeking candidates to fill positions for our growing program. SNKC provides high volume spaying and neutering, wellness and education as a primary means of decreasing the surplus of unwanted and homeless pets in our community. Our programs are expanding and we currently have a variety of positions open including Part Time Veterinarians, Veterinary Assistants, Customer Service and Outreach Specialists. Visit www.snkc.net for more information on the positions available.

Great Plains SPCA is seeking an energetic, compassionate, and innovative veterinarian to join our eight-doctor-team at our Merriam, KS campus. Veterinarians with Great Plains SPCA interact with a variety of clients and pets both from the public sector and shelter pets. Additionally over 22,000 pets were served at our public, affordable Veterinary Care Center in 2014 and demand for services continues to grow for general wellness and surgery. Please visit our website at <http://www.greatplainspca.org/about/employment-opportunities/> for more information regarding the position and how to apply.

Hidden Valley Animal Hospital is in need of a Customer Care Representative, part time to full time. HVAH is a progressive, two-doctor, AAHA accredited practice in Independence. Competitive salary and benefits are being offered for the right individual. Check out our website at www.hvahpets.com. Call (816.795.7387, ask for Carolyn), come by the clinic for an application or email your resume to carolynvill@gmail.com.

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