



A Letter From The President

March/April 2010

Fellow KCVMA Members,

I hope this issue of *KCVMA news & notes* finds you and your practice doing well. We have been fortunate to have a busy start to 2010 at our practice. I find every day interesting, as there is always a chance to learn something new. Two cases I've learned from recently include ventricular tachycardia in a Boxer and lymphangectasia in a Pug. As you read future newsletters look for case presentations by some of our colleagues. This month, our own Dr. J.C. Burcham of Olathe Animal Hospital tells us about her use of stem cells to manage pain in her dog. Dr. Burcham's work was featured in both television and newspaper reports recently, and we are pleased to have her success story included in *KCVMA news & notes*. If you have an interesting case you would like to share with other KCVMA members please feel free to email a summary and photos to info@kcvma.com.

You have the chance to learn something new during our upcoming continuing education events. On March 25, Dr. Michael Dryden will talk about external parasites and the best ways to prevent infestations. This meeting will be at the Matt Ross Community Center in Old Overland Park. Then on April 15, Dr. Paul Cleland will talk about the management of osteoarthritis in dogs and cats. This meeting will be held at Maple Woods Community College. Dr. Byron Blagburn visits the KCVMA on May 20 to discuss new strategies for the control of fleas, ticks and vector borne diseases.

Now is also the time to learn about the latest legislative action affecting our profession. In this issue of *news & notes*, you'll learn about issues facing veterinarians on both sides of the state line. On the Missouri side, the Puppy Mill Cruelty Prevention Act is a real hot button topic. On the Kansas side:

- The Board of Veterinary Examiners adopted the KVMA language on pain management.
- Efforts are underway to protect veterinarians from government streamlining and lawsuits in which apologies are used as evidence.

- An amendment exempting fully fee-funded agencies from government streamlining efforts was adopted.

And, be sure to visit www.kcvma.com to learn more about the effort to expand the Veterinary Technology Program at Colby County Community College through a series of satellite programs throughout the state of Kansas. Also exclusively on the KCVMA website, you'll find additional information about the legislative work of the KVMA.

One important announcement: Rabies titers are available through the MVMA. The titers are provided by Clinical Reference Laboratory through a mail-in kit. The kits for MVMA members are currently \$60, non-member DVM kits are \$110 and practice staff kits are \$70. If you find you need a rabies booster you can contact Steve Thompson at Concentra at (816) 842-1146 at least 24 hours before you want the vaccine. The cost is about \$275. You can also submit human blood samples to the Kansas State Rabies lab for titers. Visit <http://www.vet.kstate.edu/depts/dmp/service/rabies/> for more information. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends testing every two years.

To close on a couple of lighter topics: the KCVMA board is looking into a couple of ideas for a 2010 social event. We hope to find an event and venue to interest a large number of our membership. Popular ideas from the survey included an evening at the rodeo, an afternoon at one of Kansas City's museums followed by a reception or a sporting event! Also watch for a new group on Facebook for the KCVMA by the first of April. We feel this will be another means for communication and member interaction.

Until next issue,

Darwin M. Jones, DVM

KVMA FIGHTS EFFORT TO COMBINE OVERSIGHT OF STATE AGENCIES

BY: JEN NIGRO

The Kansas Veterinary Medical Association has succeeded in its efforts to amend legislation that would streamline state government through the creation of a commission to oversee all fully fee-funded state agencies. KVMA Executive Vice President Gary Reser says prior to the KVMA's amendment, the bill included a wide range of agencies, from those relating to physicians and veterinarians to those regulating accountants, barbers and tattoo artists. The commission would have had sweeping authority to merge, downsize or even eliminate any of the agencies under its authority. Reser says the KVMA was concerned that kind of authority might lead to a mega-commission with little or no expertise in any one area. "In states where that has happened it just has not worked and the public has suffered because there's nobody in an agency like that who can know everything." Reser also feared

the change could lead to fewer or less thorough inspections, thereby impacting quality and service.

Reser says he contacted around 90 House members in hopes of garnering their support. The effort paid off, and though the amendment must still pass the Senate, it has House approval.

Also on the KVMA's radar screen is a Senate bill that could help protect veterinarians and their staff from lawsuits. Senate Bill 374 states that any expression of apology, sympathy, compassion or benevolent act by a health care provider is not admissible as evidence in a malpractice lawsuit. The KVMA supported the legislation early on when veterinarians and other professionals were included; veterinarians have since been removed. Reser says KVMA intends to lobby in favor of returning veterinarians to the list of protected professionals once the bill reaches the House.

MISSOURI PUPPY WELFARE BALLOT INITIATIVE

BY: MELISSA AUSTIN, DVM

Recently, you may have received an urgent memo via email (2/4/2010) from the KCVMA executive board regarding the Missouri ballot initiative, Puppy Mill Cruelty Prevention Act, targeted for the November 2010 statewide election. If you are a veterinarian practicing in Missouri, you may also have received a letter from the Humane Society of Missouri or a solicitation for petition signatures at your clinic. All forms of communication aforementioned find their common denominator in the desire to prevent animal cruelty in Missouri but differ in their methodology.

The Puppy Mill Cruelty Prevention Act is spearheaded by Missourians for the Protection of Dogs, a coalition comprised by the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), the Humane Society of Missouri and others. They wish to require each dog at a large-scale breeding facility be given (1) sufficient food and clean water; (2) necessary veterinary care; (3) sufficient housing, including protection from the elements; (4) sufficient space to turn and stretch freely, lie down and fully extend his or her limbs; (5) regular exercise; and (6) adequate rest between breeding cycles. The measure would limit the number of breeding dogs to 50 per facility, and would not apply to breeders with 10 or fewer intact female dogs.

The Missouri Veterinary Medical Association (MVMA), as a part of the coalition Missourians for Animal Care, believes the proposed statute to add more rules and regulations against dog breeding in Missouri helps illuminate an animal welfare issue that is very important to all Missourians: the existence of

'puppy mills'. They believe the proposed statute, unfortunately, fails to address the reasons why puppy mills exist in Missouri, including the unlicensed and unregulated dog breeders that run them, the lack of resources necessary to find these facilities and the lack of funds to enforce current Missouri dog breeder laws (over 22 pages of rules and regulations). The MVMA believes the solution to ending puppy mills in Missouri – and in other states - is not to make more laws, but rather to enforce current laws and educate Missouri citizens to the point where they will not support puppy mills (so the demand for these puppies will stop). The MVMA is encouraging Missouri veterinarians to urge their elected officials to provide the necessary resources to find and regulate unlicensed dog breeders in their state.

To assist in educating Missouri citizens about puppy mills, the MVMA will be providing to Missouri member clinics, without charge, posters for clinic display including the slogan "**Report Them, Don't Support Them!**" MVMA will also provide brochures titled "*How to Choose a Puppy.*" For more information or a copy of the brochure, "*How to Choose a Puppy*" log onto www.mvma.us/puppy.

Regardless of which solution to the 'puppy mill' problem in Missouri you support, it is important that Kansas City area veterinarians actively participate in the debate. Your medical background, expertise on the human-animal bond, and membership within one of America's most trusted professions enables you to provide a perspective on this issue that is vital.

TAKING THE NEXT STEP: OFFERING STEM CELL THERAPY IN PRIVATE PRACTICE

BY: J.C. BURCHAM, DVM

Last November, the KCVMA hosted a wonderful educational seminar presented by Dr. James Gaynor on the topic of pain management. In his lecture, Dr. Gaynor explained the process of stem cell therapy and how it can be used for the treatment of chronic pain due to osteoarthritis. My associate at Olathe Animal Hospital, Dr. Matt Peuser, and I were so excited about the applications and potential for this treatment, we both pursued certification in the Vet-Stem regenerative medicine process.

Wanting to take our new knowledge to the next level, I elected to perform stem cell therapy on my own dog, a senior mixed-breed that I adopted from Animal Haven in 2003. Monty was found tied to the shelter gates, so his age is unknown, but I estimated him to be between five and seven years old when I adopted him, which makes him, well, old! He'd been showing signs of his age too: reluctance to get up, stiffness and a slightly irregular gait due to unilateral hip dysplasia in his left hip. I had treated him successfully with Adequan in the past, but when I became inconsistent in administering it to him regularly, he regressed into an old, slow dog, unable to jump into the back of my car without assistance.

On Dec. 23, 2009, I collected fat from behind Monty's left shoulder and shipped it overnight to the Vet-Stem laboratory in California. Forty-eight hours later, Dr. Peuser injected the stem cells that had been isolated from Monty's fat into his painful hip. The stem cells were also administered intravenously. We learned soon after the procedure that Monty was the first

patient in the state of Kansas and in the greater Kansas City area to undergo stem cell therapy for treatment of arthritis. Monty made history!

Results can take 30 to 60 days to become apparent. When I brought Monty back to the clinic for his

30-day recheck, he leaped into the back of my car without any assistance or encouragement. Each day, I continue to see progress. Instead of acting his age, he acts like a doofus at mealtimes, leaping into the air with excitement.

Eager to share this technology with our clients and the pets we know can benefit from this procedure, Dr. Matt Peuser and I presented an in-house seminar on the topic of non-NSAID treatment of arthritis in dogs at Olathe Animal Hospital on Sunday, February 7. Clients and non-clients alike attended with great interest, and they were all grateful to have this information shared with them. We are now in the process of scheduling some of our patients to receive stem cell therapy for treatment of painful arthritic conditions.

We at Olathe Animal Hospital are excited to follow this technology into the future and provide the highest level of pain management available for our patients.



USDA BEEFS UP VETERINARY ACCREDITATION PROGRAM

BY: JEN NIGRO

Private veterinarians will soon be better equipped to handle animal health emergencies thanks to new regulations now in place to strengthen the National Veterinary Accreditation Program, or NVAP. The U.S. Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service made changes to the program in December 2009 in an effort to improve disease preparedness and response to animal health emergencies. The federal government does not mandate accreditation; however, the USDA hopes the changes will help ease global concerns about the incidence of emerging disease, and stop new diseases from spreading in the U.S. more quickly.

Under the new NVAP guidelines, veterinarians who wish to maintain accreditation will have to renew every three years and participate in supplemental training. The revised program also has two species-based accreditation categories instead of one.

Veterinarians accredited prior to February 1, 2010 must apply to continue their accreditation. Veterinarians seeking accreditation for the first time can visit http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/vet_accreditation/ for more information about the process and how to get started.

BUILT ON THE SHOULDERS OF VETERINARY GIANTS

Veterinary Leaders in Kansas City (Part Two of Six)

BY: STEVE JOSEPH DVM – HISTORIAN

This year's historical articles consider six veterinary leaders who made their marks in Kansas City and nationally. All of them were Presidents of the AVMA.

Second to be considered is Dr. Albert Thomas Kinsley (1877 – 1941). He graduated from the Kansas City Veterinary College (KCVC) in 1904, the same year Dr. Fredrick Cleveland Cater graduated. An article about Dr. Cater appeared in this series last year (see our archives at kcvma.com under the “about” button). The Class of 1904 started with 225 students and 153 graduated.

Dr. Kinsley was born in Independence, IA during the late winter of 1877. He earned a B.S. degree from the Kansas State Agricultural College in 1899 and an M.S. degree from the same institution in 1901. He continued his education in Chicago and studied pathology which suited him well in his later life. Returning to our area, he earned his Doctor of Veterinary Science (DVS) degree. The DVS designation was changed to DVM in 1912. As a student and a veterinary graduate, he taught pathology, bacteriology and parasitology from 1902 through 1918 when the KCVC closed its doors. During those years and the years that followed, he enjoyed a busy and successful professional and private life.

He purchased an interest in the private veterinary college in 1912 and was selected its President the following year. He

served in other administrative positions including Dean. After the KCVC closed, Dr. Kinsley founded Kinsley Laboratories and conducted an extensive consultation practice. He authored a textbook on pathology and two on diseases of swine. He was a frequent contributor to veterinary periodicals and pioneered

a section on swine practice in *Veterinary Medicine* at a time when little was known about the species outside the Midwest.

Many administrative and faculty members of the KCVC did not accept compensation to teach future veterinarians. They earned their livelihoods from other enterprises. Their dedication and sacrifices continue to affect our Professional lives today.


Dr. Kinsley was the second veterinary leader from Kansas City to serve the prestigious position of AVMA President in 1921 – 1922.

It is interesting to note that both Drs. Kinsley and Cater are pictured in the composite picture of the 1904 KCVC class. At that time, graduates appeared in

order of their academic ranking rather than alphabetically as they are today. PC? Both successful veterinarians graduated toward the top of their class and are pictured side by side in the composite. The composite is the oldest picture of KCVC graduates and is housed in the KSU archives.




March 2010 Continuing Education Event

Speaker:	Dr. Michael Dryden, Professor of Veterinary Parasitology, College of Veterinary Medicine, Kansas State University	CE:	2 hours
Topic:	Update on Flea and Tick Control	Location:	Matt Ross Community Center (Note location change) 8101 Marty, Overland Park, KS 66204 (913-895-6350)
Date:	Thursday, March 25, 2010 (*Please note, this is the Fourth Thursday of the Month)	Fee:	No fee to attend this event. Current membership dues cover all CE
Time:	Dinner: 6:30pm, Seminar: 7pm	Sponsor:	Novartis 

Michael Dryden, DVM, MS, PhD is a Professor of Veterinary Parasitology, in the Department of Diagnostic Medicine and Pathobiology at Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas. He received his DVM from Kansas State University College of Veterinary Medicine, and MS and PhD in Veterinary Parasitology from Purdue University.

He is active in several professional associations, including the American Association of Veterinary Parasitologists, the Entomological Society of America, the American Veterinary Medical Association and a founding member of the Companion Animal Parasite Council. Dr. Dryden is the author or co-author of over 100 journal articles and book chapters. He has lectured in 21 countries, presenting over 750 seminars at national and international meetings. His current research efforts are directed towards flea and tick biology and control, investigating urban wildlife as vectors of parasitic diseases and diagnosis & control of gastrointestinal parasites. In 2005, Dr. Dryden was awarded the Kansas Veterinary Medical Association's "KSU-Distinguished Service Award". In 2006 he earned the Teaching Excellence Award in recognition of outstanding instruction of second year veterinary students. In 2007 he received the Recognition Award in Urban Entomology from the North Central Branch of the Entomological Society of America.


April 2010 Continuing Education Event

Speaker:	Dr. Paul Cleland Veterinary Affairs Manager, Hill's Pet Nutrition	Location:	Maple Woods Community College 2601 NE Barry Rd. Kansas City, MO 64156
Topic:	Nutritional Management of Osteoarthritis in Dogs and Cats	Fee:	No fee to attend this event. Current membership dues cover all CE.
Date:	Thursday, April 15, 2010 (Third Thursday of the Month)	Sponsor:	Hill's Pet Nutrition 
Time:	Dinner: 6:30pm, Seminar: 7pm		
CE:	2 hours		



Dr. Paul Cleland received his DVM degree from the University of Georgia. He is a Diplomate of the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners (canine and feline) and a Diplomate of the American Veterinary Dental College. He has an MBA. He co-owned an AAHA accredited small animal hospital near Atlanta with his wife for 21 years. Now, he is a Veterinary Affairs Manager for Hill's Pet Nutrition. He has taught as an adjunct instructor at the University of Georgia, Colorado State University, and Kansas State University. He has presented throughout North America and in Great Britain and Australia. Whether his audience consists of sleepy students, spirited technicians, or seasoned veterinarians, he uses humor and audience participation to provide a fun learning experience.

May 2010 Continuing Education Event

Speaker:	Dr. Byron Blagburn, Distinguished University Professor at the Auburn University College of Veterinary Medicine	Location:	Figlio Tower, 209 W. 46th Terrace Kansas City, MO 64112 816-753-0054
Topic:	Update on Vector Borne Diseases	Fee:	No fee to attend this event. Current membership dues cover all CE.
Date:	Thursday, May 20, 2010 (Third Thursday of the Month)	Sponsor:	Summit VetPharm 
Time:	Dinner: 6:30pm, Seminar: 7pm		
CE:	2 hours		

Byron Blagburn holds the appointment of Distinguished University Professor at the Auburn University College of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Blagburn directs graduate students, research, serves as director of the clinical parasitology diagnostic laboratory and oversees a research program which focuses on parasite induced diseases of food and companion animals. Dr. Blagburn is currently President of the Companion Animal Parasite Council (CAPC) and is the author of over 300 publications in scientific journals and has served as a speaker at more than 600 national or international meetings.

The presentation will update what we know about Borreliosis (Lyme Disease), Ehrlichiosis, Anaplasmosis, Bartonellosis, Babesiosis, Cytauxzoonosis and Hepatozoonosis. Topics of discussion include increasing prevalence and expanding geographic ranges of vectors and diseases, zoonotic potential, new diagnostic strategies, and new options for control of vector-borne diseases.

CLASSIFIED ADS

Send your classified ads to: Wanda Geis, PO Box 12468, Shawnee Mission, KS 66282-2468 or fax them to her attention at 913-341-4225. Ads must not be over 100 words in length. Classified ads will be run at the sole discretion of the editor and may be edited for content. Deadline for the next newsletter is 4/13/10.

Associate veterinarian needed for new clinic in Eastern Jackson County . New grads welcome to apply. Nice, new facility with unlimited growth and income potential. Compensation negotiable, flexible hours. Please contact Dr. Michael O'Brien at 816-252-7111, or fax resume to 816-252-3294.

No More Homeless Pets KC (Merriam , KS) seeks **Full Time Veterinary Medical Director** for HIGH QUALITY, low cost spay/neuter clinic. Responsible for supervising and providing high quality medical care to our patients in a humane and professional manner. Minimum 4 years hands on practical experience. Prior managerial experience preferred. Requires solid surgical skills (35 spay/neuters per day). Experience with juvenile spay/neuter and feral cats. Will come in contact with unsocialized animals. Must be level headed in a crisis and work in a fast paced environment. Strong multi-tasking and organizational skills. Will be expected to carry DEA and Facility Licenses.

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