

# news & notes

## A Letter From The President

May/June 2011

Spring is here! As the temperatures warm and the breeze is filled with the scent of new blossoms and wet pavement, I find myself wanting to spend more time outdoors. Fortunately for KCVMA members, we are planning a social event in mid-May which will present you, your family and your staff with an opportunity to enjoy springtime together! Mark your calendars for Sunday, May 22 when the Shatto Dairy Farm in Osborn, MO will welcome us for an exclusive tour. Some of you may have participated in the Shatto Dairy Farm tour hosted by the KCVMA last fall, and if so, you know how much fun it was! For those of you who weren't able to go last time, here's your chance—and there will be newborn calves too! See the additional information about this event on the insert page.

In the last newsletter I mentioned a new idea: a "Clinic Hop." What better way to introduce you to this concept, and a few of our board members, than by hosting the inaugural Clinic Hop at the veterinary practices where a few of our board members work! Details will likely need to be filled in, and possibly changed last-minute, so if you are interested in participating please e-mail me as soon as possible. That way I can contact you if the date/time/locations change. Here's what we're tentatively planning:

What: Inaugural Clinic Hop

Where: 1st stop (6:30-6:55pm):

Blackbob Pet Hospital (meet board member Mary Hughes) 15200 S. Blackbob Rd. Olathe, KS 66062 (913) 829-7387 When: Friday, June 3 at 6:30pm

2nd stop (7:05-7:20pm):
Olathe Animal Hospital
(meet board members JC Burcham
and Matt Peuser)
13800 W. 135th St.
Olathe, KS 66062
(913) 764-1415

3rd stop (7:35-8:00pm):

Stanley Veterinary Clinic (meet board members Kathleen Claussen and Melissa Austin-Gundel) 8695 West 151st Street Stanley, KS 66223 (913) 897-2080

**Additional Info:** Each hospital will provide a brief tour and two "pearls" of wisdom: something they do that makes life easier for everyone. We'll also provide appetizer-type snacks or desserts at each location. Visit our Facebook page or our website (http://kcvma.com) for current information.

If you are interested in having your clinic included in a future "Clinic Hop," please e-mail me!

I appreciate hearing from members who have concerns, and there is one particular member concern. I want to share with the KCVMA. A member wrote a letter to me expressing concern about the apparent change in direction taken by No More Homeless Pets KC (NMHPKC). For those unfamiliar with NMHPKC, it is a non-profit low-cost/high-volume spay-neuter clinic in Johnson County. It recently expanded its services to include a wellness clinic (providing vaccines, blood work and other diagnostics, and dentistry and surgical services) for pets of families in financial need. All pet owners are required to fill out a form which asks for the total household income, whether they receive public assistance, whether they have a regular veterinarian and what they would do if low-cost options were not available to them. The clinic does not, however, ask for any proof of income or assistance. As a result, we know that anyone—including clients who can afford care at their regular veterinarian—can receive veterinary care at NMHPKC, thereby potentially hurting the bottom line of community veterinarians who previously believed in supporting NMHPKC's mission. It was suggested that the KCVMA put forth a position statement denouncing this practice; however, after much discussion, the board was unable to reach a consensus. NMHPKC isn't breaking any rules, and they aren't intentionally trying to draw business away from other veterinarians. They have shifted directions, this is true. Will we see more and more examples of this in the future? I think it is likely.

On that note, Wayside Waifs has contacted the KCVMA to request input from area veterinarians on what services they could offer that would help their community. If you have thoughts regarding what you'd like to see Wayside Waifs offer to the Kansas City community, please contact them directly.

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# PART OF THE TEAM: KC VETERINARIANS CARE FOR DOGS ON DUTY

When Police Sergeant Troy Hanenkratt and his dog "Mako" hit the streets of Independence, MO anything can happen. Hanenkratt has been a member of the Independence Police Department for 17 years with "Mako" at his side for nearly five. They are one of five K-9 Units on patrol in the city. It's a strenuous job that requires constant training even before dog and handler become partners. "The dogs undergo roughly three or four months of training then we go through a one-month handler course with the dog to learn how to interact and pick up on each others' cues," says Hanenkratt. Once together, these teams continue to train once a week, three times a month. "We'll do narcotics searches using cars or buildings; we work on tracking for people; we do article searches where we look for items." The dogs, four German Shepherds and a Belgian Malinois, are all dual-purpose dogs, meaning they are trained to sniff out drugs or explosives as well as perform patrol work like finding an item used in a crime.

Officer Krista Huth of the Kansas City, MO Police Department says she knew she wanted to be a canine handler from the time she was in the Police Academy. "I've always had an interest in animals. To watch the working dogs work and see the incredible talents they have and call it your job is a great experience." Huth has been on the force for 15 years, becoming part of the K-9 unit two years ago. She and her dog "Ero," a Czech Shepherd, are part of a 12-team unit. Like in Independence, all of the Kansas City, Missouri dogs are dual purpose, with eight specializing in narcotics patrol and four in explosive patrol.

Like all K-9 Officers, Huth and Hanenkratt take their dogs home with them when their shifts end. "Most of our dogs are social dogs that can interact with family and other people," says Huth, who also has two Shih Tzus in her household. And like all dog owners, quality veterinary care is essential to their dogs' well-being.

Neither Independence nor Kansas City, MO has a veterinarian on staff; however, both units work closely with certain veterinarians who have become familiar with their dogs' needs. While the veterinarians caring for these working dogs have changed over the years, one thing has remained constant: respect and understanding of the special touch it takes to treat a police dog.

Dr. Matthew Wingert of Independence Animal Hospital says his office cares for two or three of the Independence police dogs, including "Mako" (the others receive care from Three Trails Animal Hospital, also in Independence.) Dr. Wingert says his practice has donated its services to the police department for about twenty years. "They do a great service for the community and we like to give back that way," says Wingert.

Dr. Davinne Glenn at the Vet Center of Liberty says she and three other veterinarians at her practice (Doctors Lori Rohlfing, Andrea Grow and Justina Strode) started treating KCPD dogs about two years ago, including "Ero." Crysler Animal Hospital in Independence also treats some of the unit's dogs. While Dr. Glenn says they do charge for services, the privilege of working with these dogs makes the staff proud. "When you hear about these dogs doing wonderful things in the news you can smile and say, 'Aha! I know that dog and treated that dog.""

Much of the treatment these veterinarians provide is similar to what companion dogs get. "We take care of vaccinations, heartworm and flea and tick medicine and any injuries or illnesses they might incur," says Dr. Wingert. Dr. Glenn adds, "We recommend a lot of preventative health for them. We try to always recommend Glucosamine and other joint supplements so those joints can stay nice and healthy." Dr. Glenn says the supple-



ments can help prevent some orthopedic issues in police dogs, like strains and torn ligaments. While most treatment is routine, other problems can occur. "Most of them are Shepherds so you worry quite a bit about gastric torsion or bloats with them," says Dr. Wingert.

Injuries don't just happen on the job. Sergeant Lonnie Stites oversees the Olathe Police Department's K-9 unit. The unit has four German Shepherds used for dual purpose work as well as a Lab that belongs to the department's School Resource Officer. Like other departments, they put their dog through weekly training sessions that can last up to 10 hours. One of their dogs, "Mojo," recently broke a foot during one of those sessions. Dr. Clint Beggs of Best Care Animal Hospital in Olathe treated the dog, and even went one step further when his wound became infected. "Any high energy dog is always messing with the cast and he got saliva in it," says Stites. "Dr. Beggs told the handler to just bring "Mojo" into the clinic every morning and pick him up at night, and they would keep an eye on him."

Both doctors agree the main difference between treating police dogs and companion dogs is their temperament. "They're naturally a little bit more aggressive," says Dr. Wingert. "You have to be a little bit more careful with them." For Dr. Glenn, that means taking a different approach. "With your household dog we're very cuddly and very loving. With the KCPD dogs I think that you do treat them with a little more respect," says Dr. Glenn. "These are big Shepherds and Malinois. You can tell they've been trained and they have a purpose besides being companions." While neither veterinarian has ever felt threatened by the police dogs they treat, they do take extra precautions. "We allow the handlers to assist us along with our vet techs," says Dr. Glenn. "You don't have to be worried because the handler is right there with them." It's something the handlers appreciate as well. "To have that working relationship with the vet and agree that things would go more smoothly with me securing the animal rather than the vet tech is so important," says Huth. "Allowing me to step into their world a little bit so we can work together makes a huge difference." Hanenkratt agrees. "They're always very accommodating. They couldn't be any better than they are to us."

# GOVERNOR APPROVES CHANGES TO PROPOSITION B

Missouri lawmakers and special interest groups have reason to celebrate after Missouri Governor Jay Nixon gave his approval to two bills that will change key provisions to Proposition B. Voters approved the original proposition by just 51.6% last November. Lawmakers, seeing the low margin, took that as an indication the proposition could be better. After months of work, they sent Senate Bill 113 to Governor Jay Nixon on April 13. Nixon signed the changes into law on April 27. Then, hours later, lawmakers passed Senate Bill 161, brokered by the Department of Agriculture. Nixon signed it immediately.

Called the "Missouri Solution," the new provisions give breeders time to gradually increase cage sizes from 6 inches bigger than the dog on each side to 12 inches by January of next year. They will then have until January 2016 to add another six inches of space. In addition, the "Missouri Solution" requires constant access to an outdoor run and lifts the 50 dog cap on breeding dogs. Governor Nixon also asked the legislature to earmark more than \$1 million to hire four more dog breeding inspectors and three veterinarians. The Missouri Attorney General's office says it will devote one full-time attorney to focus on prosecuting breeders in violation of the new standards.

Richard Antweiler, Executive Director of the Missouri Veterinary Medical Association, says, "The Missouri Solution makes the substantive welfare of our dogs a priority by supporting good and reasonable standards for their care. Additionally, this measure protects the future of Missouri's farmers." The Humane Society of Missouri, the Missouri Federation of Animal Owners, the Missouri Alliance for Animal Legislation and the Pet Breeders Association also support the solution. Says Antweiler, "We are happy this issue came to a swift and decisive conclusion that immediately puts measures in place to protect our dogs."

## KSU CVM Awards Banquet

BY: DR. STEVE JOSEPH, KCVMA HISTORIAN



Two veterinary seniors received KCVMA Awards in April. Receiving the Compassionate Animal Care citation was Eryn Forbes, whose parents live in Dodge City. She plans to work in a mixed practice after graduation. Richard Brooksby of Manteca, CA received the Radiology Award. Richard will be stationed in Fort Lewis, WA with the Army and hopes to work toward a residency and radiology board certification.

## More of What You Want, More of What You Need

**BY: JEN NIGRO** 

Looking for a place to get ahead on your continuing education requirements? Look no further than St. Louis, host to this year's American Veterinary Medical Association Convention. This year's convention will be held July 16-19, allowing you to earn up to 42 hours of continuing education in just four days. "Everything we offer delivers on our promise of making our annual meeting more of what you want: more of what you need," says AVMA Convention Management and Program Committee Chair Dr. Ron Banks. In addition, convention attendees will celebrate World Veterinary Year, the 250th anniversary of the founding of the world's first veterinary school in Lyon, France. So pack your bags and take a trip down Route 66 for a long weekend of learning, celebration and fun. For registration information visit www.avmaconvention.org.

# 250 YEARS OF VETERINARY MEDICINE BY: DR. STEVE JOSEPH, KCVMA HISTORIAN

In recognition of the 250th anniversary of our profession, AVMA is joining veterinary leaders worldwide to celebrate 2011 as World Veterinary Year. Events and activities are scheduled throughout the year around the globe.

The first school dedicated solely to veterinary medicine was founded in Lyon, France in 1761.

A one day symposium is planned during the annual AVMA conference in St. Louis during July to celebrate the anniversary. Included will be a Presidential and Congressional resolution. Worldwide events will conclude at the 30th World Veterinary Conference in Cape Town, South Africa in October.

Visit the AVMA web site and click on *Vet2011* on the home page for more information.

## SOMETHING TO TWEET ABOUT BY: JEN NIGRO

Veterinarians seeking employment have been able to turn to the American Veterinary Medical Association for many years for help. But the AVMA is taking their job board to the next level by reaching out to the social networking crowd. Visitors have only to check out Twitter to receive the latest job listings straight from employers looking to hire. You can sign up to follow the AVMA job board at @AVMAvetjobs. Not a Twitter user and not sure you want to be? You can still access the listings by visiting http://twitter.com/AVMAVetJobs. No matter how you choose to follow you can click the jobs posted there to find out information about location, qualifications and salary. In addition, the AVMA has six other Twitter feeds designed to keep you abreast of medical advancements, changes in regulations, even disaster preparedness. You can find a complete list of AVMA Twitter feeds at www.avma.org. Simply click on the Twitter icon on the right-hand side of the page.

## Built on the Shoulders of Veterinary Giants

"A Stout Heart at the Finish"
BY: DR. STEVE JOSEPH, KCVMA HISTORIAN

A May 7, 1938 newspaper account says Kentucky and Maryland thoroughbred owners "...looked down their rosy noses at the big rugged..." horse from Kansas. In fact, Lawrin made a fuss at the Derby gate that didn't improve their smirks and delayed the race by several minutes.

But, the following day the description changed. "There was no finer looking horse.... Big and powerful, he moved with poise that moved the hearts of the crowd as he won them with his

brilliant ride over the mile and a quarter distance...."

Lawrin (1935 – 1955) is the only Kansas horse to win the prestigious Kentucky Derby. The owner of the horse was Herbert Woolf of the legendary Woolf Brothers Clothiers. Woolf also owned Woolford Farms where Lawrin was raised. The farm spread from what is now Mission Road to Roe Avenue and from 79th to 83rd Streets.

The copper brown stallion was jockeyed by 22-year-old Hall of Famer Eddie Arcaro (1916 – 1997). Arcaro went on to win six "Run for the Roses" races, including those on Whirlaway and Citation, tying

him for the most Derby victories. Ben Jones was Lawrin's trainer. Jones' record of six Derby wins has not been surpassed.

Arcaro planned to ride the frontrunner until the horse was scratched hours before the race. Woolf convinced the jockey to ride Lawrin. Later, Arcaro would say the Kansas horse was better than War Admiral, who won the Derby the year before. According to Arcaro, Lawrin won because he had "...a stout heart at the finish..."

Only a New York City crystal ball gazer and a Kansas City sportswriter picked the 8-1 underdog to win. The party that followed included such local celebrities as Barney Allis.

Lawrin is buried alongside his father Insco (1928 – 1939) in

the attractive neighborhood north of Cornith Square. Insco was the injured son of Galahad III who sired the 1930 Triple Crown winner Gallant Fox. Galahad III sired a record total of three Derby winners.

Dr. Thomas Fowler (1913 graduate of KCVC) was the local veterinarian at Woolford Farms. Fowler is recognized as a premier equine veterinarian and advised Woolf to "...take care of your clothing business and I will tend to Lawrin." Dr. Fowler was the father—in—law of the now retired Dr. Gunter Alberti, a KCVMA Life Member.

A 1949 article described Woolford Farms as "...bits of old Kentucky with its blue grass, shade

trees, clear streams and white wooden fences...."

Today, one wonders if cheering stablemen and pounding hooves were heard as ghosts from the past during this year's "Two Minutes to Glory."



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## **May 2011 Continuing Education Event**

Speaker: Dunbar Gram, DVM, DACVD, MRCVS Location: DoubleTree Hotel at Corporate Woods

Topic: Canine Otitis Externa – What's Your Treatment Plan? 10100 College Boulevard, Overland Park, KS 66210-1462

Date: Thursday May 19th, 2011 (913) 451-6100

Time: Dinner: 6:30pm, Presentation: 7-9pm Sponsor: Intervet/Schering-Plough Animal Health

CE: 2 hours

Fee: No fee to attend this event. Current

membership dues cover all CE.



Otitis externa is a frequent disease in dogs, which is difficult to manage and therefore often is frustrating for veterinarians and dog owners. Although the clinical signs are easy to recognize, the diagnosis of the underlying cause is often difficult and requires a diagnostic plan, which then has to be used to form a treatment plan. Despite efforts to educate veterinarians about the disease, dermatologists as well as companies providing solutions in this field agree upon the need for further education particularly in the establishment of diagnostic and treatment plans to improve the treatment success rate.

#### Please register for the May CE event at kcvma.com or http://conta.cc/m1cQdO

### **This & That**

- Final details about the June CE event are still being finalized. Once our terrific lineup is determined, we'll post the schedule on our website.
- For updates and the most recent information, please visit kcvma.com, follow us on Twitter (@kcvma), and like us on Facebook (Search for 'KCVMA').
- If you're not receiving our CE reminders via e-mail, please send your e-mail address to dnadler@kcvma.com, and we'll be sure to get you on the list!

KCVMA Social Events

# 2011 FAMILY SOCIAL WITH THE KCVMA Shatto Dairy in Osborn, Missouri

Date: Sunday, May 22 (the dairy is usually closed on Sundays, but will open especially for KCVMA members!)

Time: 10:30 a.m. until noon

Cost: Free to you, your staff, your family and even your friends!

Where: 9406 Missouri 33, Osborn, MO

Directions: Take I-35 North to Exit 40, Highway 116. Turn West (Left) on Highway 116, go through Lathrop and head towards Plattsburg. About

4 miles West of Lathrop turn North on 33 Highway. Continue on 33 Highway about 8 miles until you see our farm on the East (Right)

side of the road. Visit Shatto Dairy's website (www.shattomilk.com) for a map.

RSVP: Please register online so we can provide an estimated head count for our hosts.

#### Please Note: The directions provided by Mapquest and Yahoo Maps are incorrect. Please use these directions only.

The Shatto Milk Company had its beginnings three generations ago. George and Minnie (Porter) Winstead purchased the land north of Kansas City in the 1800s following their marriage and began farming it. It passed down through the generations, and 60 years ago, the family started a dairy farm. In 2003, following several years of uncertainty over the farm's future, Barbara and Leroy Shatto found a solution. Their lengthy investigation into the feasibility of bottling their own milk showed good potential for success. On June 4, 2003, the Shatto Milk Company came into being, delivering fresh milk to less than ten stores in the Kansas City area. Today their milk is available at nearly 70 stores in Kansas and Missouri.

The Shatto Milk Company has many products to choose from, including the traditional white and chocolate milks, but you will also find Orange Cream, Strawberry, Root Beer, Eggnog and Banana milk flavors. In addition, Shatto Milk Company produces tea, lemonade, fruit punch and orange drink. And of course you'll find cream, butter and ice cream! Don't forget to bring a cooler, because you WILL want to buy some of these great tasting products!

Join us for the KCVMA social at Shatto Dairy on May 22nd and get a look behind the scenes of this family operation and get a taste of the success this homegrown business has cultivated over the years. Remember to register for this event by May 15th to reserve your place on the tour!

**Events:** Pet a calf, Milk a cow, Learn about Milk Processing, Taste the flavors of Shatto Milk, Visit with your fellow KCVMA colleagues

#### CLASSIFIED ADS

Send your classified ads to: Wanda Geis, PO Box 12468, Shawnee Mission, KS 66282-2468, fax them to her attention at 913-341-4225 or email them to classifieds@kcvma.com. 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 6/13/11.

1981 Missouri graduate with 30 years of experience seeking *part time employment* in KC Metro area. KS/MO licenses. Please call Lucy Hirsch at 816-830-8816.

*Veterinary Technician* wanted for small animal practice in Independence, Missouri. Competitive salary and benefits package. This is an excellent opportunity to build a solid future and become established in a good practice in a good community. Please send resume to Farview Veterinary Hospital, 17710 Susquehanna Ridge, Independence, MO 64056, or contact Dr. Jack Mauck by phone 816-257-5454, or via email @ FVHINC@aol.com.

Stanley Veterinary Clinic is looking for a *full time experienced Receptionist* for our busy 6 doctor practice. Previous experience is necessary. Fax resumes to 913.897.2025 or email to admin@stanleyvet.com.

Cavanaugh Pet Hospital in Blue Springs, MO is a small animal practice looking to fill the position of a *Registered Veterinary Technician*. This is a full time position that requires working every other Saturday. The hourly wage is based on experience. Please e-mail your resume to: donna@cavanaughpet.com or you can fax it to: 816-220-2238 attn. Donna.

**Veterinary technician** position available at a one-doctor, progressive, small animal practice in south Kansas City, MO. We strive to offer excellent customer service to our clients and top-notch care for their pets. Position is Monday through Friday with an occasional weekend shift. Job duties include taking exam room history, catheter placement, running lab work, reading cytology, client services, inventory control, equipment maintenance, quality control, anesthesia monitoring, and entering charges.

Applicants: Registered technician preferred (experienced assistants may apply), AVImark knowledge helpful (not necessary), Inventory management experience helpful. Must be able to lift 40 pounds and walk a 120 pound dog.

Please e-mail resume to mcah@martincityanimalhospital.com or fax to 816-941-0072.

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