

news & notes

A Letter From The President

May/June 2012

Hello everyone. It is time for another one of my riveting letters. In all seriousness though, I do hope they do not put anyone to sleep. This spring has started off with crazy warm weather one day and then cold the next. We have already had some wonderful CE offerings this year and we have more to come. Please join us for the remaining educational offerings. We also have a couple of fun activities to look forward to this summer. The first is the next clinic hop. It is scheduled for June 7th. The second is a Sporting KC soccer game on July 21st. Details for both events can be found inside this newsletter.

Now on to something of a more serious nature. I am speaking about Heartland Animal Clinic's/ Dr. Sandler's lawsuit to keep a name that they have had for 16 years. On March 16, 2012, a judge ordered Heartland SPCA to stop using the name Heartland. The judge found that Heartland SPCA had not done due diligence when choosing a name and that the name Heartland belonged to Heartland Animal Clinic. This has not made Heartland SPCA happy as they spent thousands of dollars (\$200,000 per the KC Star) on branding and advertising. This ruling has also led, in my opinion, to a very biased article in the Kansas City Star and a rumor of picketing Dr. Sandler's clinic. I felt the article made veterinarians appear to be more concerned about making money than caring about animals. In my opinion, it portrayed Dr. Sandler as the bad guy in this case and Heartland SPCA the victim. This is definitely not the case. Dr. Sandler has received negative e-mails, mail and phone calls. Heartland SPCA had two perfectly good names to choose from, No More Homeless Pets and Animal Haven. However, they chose a name that had been taken for 16 years by another animal clinic. The name Heartland Animal Clinic should have been familiar to Ms. Thomas (CEO of Heartland SPCA), as it was on a list of veterinary clinics that offered free exams to animals adopted from No More Homeless Pets. I think that Ms. Thomas and her organization need to move on and encourage their supporters to cease and desist from any further calls, emails and snail mailings to Dr. Sandler. I think we need to stand behind Dr. Sandler and let Ms. Thomas know that we do not condone any subversion of our colleagues.

The next aspect related to Heartland SPCA that I wanted to address is the low cost clinic. We all know that No More Homeless Pets started as a low cost spay/neuter clinic. I think most veterinarians supported this mission until the mission changed. Once the low cost clinic was added, the KCVMA board members started fielding concerns regarding the low cost clinic. Members were concerned the clinic may be providing services to owners who could truly afford care from their own veterinarians. Thus, veterinarians now had a not-for-profit competing, at an advantage, for clients. I personally called and spoke with Ms. Thomas about the income verification process and was told they simply ask for the owner's income. The other area of concern was the fact that the playing field is not even. Not-for-profits do not have the same tax burdens as private practitioners, receive grants, and they also may receive equipment and supplies at a lower cost or no cost in some cases. Therefore, the not-for-profit has an unfair advantage over the private practitioner. We all know private practitioners must make a profit so they can pay their expenses and continue to help patients and owners. I think everyone just wants a level playing field.

A couple of final notes: I would like to congratulate Dr. Whitehair on becoming our new AVMA delegate.

I would also like to take this chance to say goodbye to fellow board member, Dr. Melissa Austin and thank her for her support and help. We will miss you as your family leaves Kansas City for new and exciting adventures.

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Mary Hughes

MAKING A DIFFERENCE: MISSOURI VETERINARIAN TURNS POLITICIAN BY: JEN NIGRO

Dr. Dan Brown could use some help. No, he's not hiring (though he wishes he was). Rather, he's recruiting. You see, Dr. Brown is also known as Senator Brown. He's halfway through a four-year term as a Missouri State Senator, representing the 16th district. Politics began calling his name in 2008 when he was elected to the House of Representatives in the 149th district. He served there for two years before deciding to give the Senate a try, and he'd like more veterinarians to take on the role of politician.

During his time in the legislature, Dr. Brown has helped influence proposals that led to better regulation within the veterinary industry. His efforts have given the state veterinarian the ability to extend quarantine time for animals experiencing the neurological effects of ingesting some insecticides and herbicides during feeding. They have led to more sanitary feeding conditions for livestock. He backed an amendment last year that led to better oversight of legend drugs. This year, he's backing a parity bill that would reduce the statute of limitations on veterinary malpractice claims from five years to two years, the same criteria by which medical doctors abide. He's also sponsoring a bill that would institute a statewide rabies vaccination law. Right now, rabies regulations are covered under city and county ordinances. But Dr. Brown's proposal would expand that coverage to areas that aren't covered by local laws and clarify the issue of ownership in bite cases. The measure has made it through the Senate and is on its way to the House. Dr. Brown has also been able to protect the Veterinarian Large Animal Student Loan Program. He says Governor Nixon has cut it from the budget for three years running, but Dr. Brown has been successful in reestablishing the funding. "I will fight for that money every year," he says.

Richard Antweiler, Executive Director of the Missouri Veterinary Medical Association, agrees it's helpful to have a veterinarian in the legislature. "Before Dr. Brown entered the Senate, it was extremely difficult to get things done," he says. "It's hard to find a champion who will actually do what it takes to get things through. Dr. Brown has been an absolutely wonderful asset for us." Dr. Brown says there's definitely a benefit to working with groups like the MVMA. "If I've got a bill coming

forward or an idea that I need help with they can hotline just about every one of their members and have them call their representative or senator," he says. "I rely on that."

But Dr. Brown says being a veterinarian in the Senate means walking a fine line. "As a veterinarian I have to be careful about some of the legislation I handle because it does get misconstrued that I'm self-serving for my profession," he says. He works mostly on regulatory issues, but isn't afraid to ask for support from other lawmakers when legislation with a more direct impact on veterinarians arises. "You try to bring someone up to speed who has the ability to pass that issue," he says. "I would be a source of information." Dr. Brown believes it's important for the veterinarian's voice to be heard. "We're such a small group that nobody really cares what we think. Even though we're influential in the community, we don't have any numbers." That, he says, is where more politically-minded veterinarians could come in handy. "You can't influence the table if you're not sitting at the table," he says. "If I had a couple of veterinarians in the House we could really compliment each other."

But political activism is no easy task. Dr. Brown says serving in the state legislature has meant cutting back his time at Brown Veterinary Clinic in Rolla where he has worked for more than 30 years. He has a trusted associate who carries the work load during the week. He returns home on weekends, spending most of Friday and Saturday morning at the clinic. He then takes emergency calls the rest of the weekend before putting in a half-day of surgery on Monday and heading back to the statehouse. "Financially your practice suffers," he says. But he says the outcome is worth it. "Not only do you affect things that are directly important to veterinarians, but maybe you can have some influence on the economy," he says. Despite the difficulties it poses, Dr. Brown says the best way for veterinarians to protect their futures is to get involved. "It doesn't make a lot of sense financially," he says. "However, with the issues affecting our profession, it's extremely important that someone put themselves out there and take this fight forward." Dr. Brown says when his term is up in 2014 he'll be back on the campaign trail. He only hopes he can find some other veterinarians to join him.

RABIES ON THE RISE

Rabies appears to be on the rise in both Kansas and Missouri. The Kansas Department of Health and Environment reports 13 animals tested positive for the disease between January 1 and March 31. Only four cases were reported during the same period last year. Missouri's Department of Health and Senior Services also reports an increase, with nine cases in the first three months of 2012 compared to two cases during that time last year. The Missouri cases include seven skunks and two bats. Animals affected in Kansas were mostly wild animals, but two horses, two cows and a cat were among the cases. None of the animals had been vaccinated against rabies.

BLOGGING BENEFITS BY: JEN NIGRO

Blogging is on the rise as businesses try to increase their visibility and credibility online. When Social Media Examiner surveyed marketers about their social media goals for 2011, they found 73% planned to increase their blogging activities in the coming year. According to SME's 2011 Social Media Marketing Report, blogs are among the top four social media tools in use by businesses.

Dr. Christi Belew of Amity Woods Animal Hospital in Kansas City, MO and Dr. J.C. Burcham of Olathe Animal Hospital are among those taking on the blogosphere. Dr. Burcham has an established blog on her website, www. olatheanimalhospital.com. Dr. Belew's is a brand new addition to www.amitywoods.com. Both veterinarians say their web designers encouraged them to blog. "There was a lot of information I wanted to post on the website," says Dr. Belew. "They suggested it might be easier to do in a blog form." She goes on to say the blog is one way to attract clients to their website. Dr. Burcham adds blogging can lead to a higher ranking in Google searches. "Google wants to see that a website is constantly being updated with information that's useful and relevant, and that people are going to it," she says. "If Google detects that we have a page that will answer the question the searcher asks, it will come up higher in the search."

Before starting a blog, you need to decide what you want to accomplish, who your target reader will be and how much time you are able to spend on it each week. One of the biggest mistakes bloggers can make is failing to keep their blog current. Social media experts recommend blogging daily or weekly, but Dr. Burcham admits that's a tall order. She and her staff have come up with a plan to keep things current while keeping the project from overwhelming the staff. "We have four doctors and we asked each of them to write a blog post

so there would be a new one each month," she says. Dr. Belew is trying to stay ahead by scheduling weekly posts at least a month in advance. That way, if she falls behind, her blog will stay current. "It's all about follow through," she says. "So many of them sit for months and months with no activity, and I think that's just as harmful as not having it at all."

Deciding what to write about is also an important step. This is your chance to let your expertise shine. Dr. Belew and Dr. Burcham are both using their blogs to keep clients up-to-date on health issues, pet care tips, behavior issues and events happening at their practices. Current events and questions from clients can also provide ideas. Keep your posts conversational, avoid over-promotion and be sure to have someone proof read before posting. Then, spread the word about your blog. Posting them to other social media outlets like Facebook and Twitter can help your posts go viral and drive more traffic back to your website. Social media experts also recommend including a variety of technology in your blogs to increase interest. Embed videos, use pictures and link to news articles and other blogs. It can also be helpful to see what other bloggers are doing. You'll find a listing of the top 50 veterinary blogs at www. veterinarytechnicianschoolsonline.com/?page id=3.

Despite the time it takes, both Dr. Belew and Dr. Burcham feel it's in their practices' best interests to blog. "I think this is going to be one of the prime ways of communicating with clients," says Dr. Belew. "We're going to catch the wave now so we're not struggling to keep up with the changes." Dr. Burcham adds, "I know clients have found us through our website and our blog. I think having our own original articles and blog posts adds a very personal touch to our website."

KANSAS VETERINARIAN ELECTED TO AVMA EXECUTIVE BOARD BY: JEN NIGRO

Kansas veterinarians have a new representative on the executive board of the American Veterinary Medical Association. Dr. Michael Whitehair of Abilene was elected to represent District IX, which covers Kansas, Oklahoma, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona and Utah. Dr. Whitehair, who is a 14-year member of the AVMA's House of Delegates, has already been active with the AVMA's 2020 Vision Committee. He says he will continue to emphasize the support of sound public policy that benefits AVMA members, the public and the animals who receive veterinary care. "I invite any and all comments that will make me better informed in the decision making process," he says. "We will continue to be relevant if we work with dedication and clarity of purpose."

Dr. Whitehair has been with Abilene Animal Hospital since 1975. He can be reached at (785) 263-2301 or mwhitehair@aahpa.com.

Built on the Shoulders of Veterinary Giants Maxine (1919 – 2011)

BY: DR. STEVE JOSEPH, KCVMA HISTORIAN

Maxine was as important to veterinary medicine as other notable individuals are to their professions. She was more than Secretary and later President of the AVMA Auxiliary – she was the essence of our profession. She died at age 91 in Manhattan last June.

She was one of few women of her age we called by her first name. At first, we called her Mrs. Caley. She

brushed us aside with a flick of her wrist and a wry smile. After that she was always "Maxine".

Maxine was clear and definite in her conversation. You always knew where you stood with her. As an example, one would never say "vet" in her presence. She strongly objected to the abbreviated word. It had to be "veterinarian" or it got no response.

A couple of years ago Maxine spoke at the Annual Conference for Veterinarians at KSU. She had been invited to speak during a day-long series of historical pre-

sentations hosted by Dr. Howard Erickson, who at the time was President of the American Veterinary Medical History Society. She talked about the history of the AVMA Auxiliary. Her remarks went beyond her time limit. No one cared. She was poignant and skilled in her well-organized remarks.

She told the attendees the AVMA Auxiliary was the first and the last auxiliary of the healing arts. She said when the Auxiliary was first established during a meeting in Kansas City in 1917 it didn't go well. The profession was maledominated by large animal practitioners. They didn't want interference from spouses. The face of veterinary medicine has changed dramatically.

During her leadership a scholarship fund was developed to help students with their academic and personal expenses. National Pet Week was another event

she helped to establish.

Maxine was an administrative aide to Deans Ralph Dykstra and Elden Leasure -- both veterinary icons. This is when she met Homer. He was a student. Later, Homer was a KSU extension veterinarian and Executive Director of the KVMA. They were a remarkable couple who worked together and accomplished much on behalf of veterinarians in Kansas and beyond.

The AVMA Auxiliary remains strong and plans for the future will be unveiled during the 2012 Conference in San Diego.

However, only eight state auxiliaries exist. The Kansas Auxiliary will disband in June. Missouri has not had an auxiliary for several years.

A friend who preceded Maxine at the AVMA Auxiliary may have said it best: "I know that the ever-efficient, knowledgeable and congenial Maxine was certainly not only an asset to the Auxiliary from the time she was elected as Secretary, but throughout the years of her Presidency."





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CONTINUING EDUCATION EVENTS

Overland Park, KS 66210

May CE

Speaker: Lesa Lewis Date: Thursday, May 24, 2012 (3rd Thursday of the Month)

Topic: The Formula for Compliance Time: Dinner: 6:30pm, Presentation: 7pm

Location: BluePearl Veterinary Partners CE: 1 hour

11950 West 110th St Fee: No fee to attend this event, but RSVP is required.

Current membership dues cover all CE.

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VetTv of Lewisprises LLC, launched in August 2010 and is owned by Dwight and Lesa Lewis of Jonesboro, Arkansas. Dwight obtained a BS in Radio/ TV from Arkansas State University in 1990. Lesa obtained a BS in Accounting from Arkansas State University in 1991. Lesa worked for 12 years as an accountant and controller in private industry and business development. She then joined the animal health industry in 2003 where she worked for seven years with Merial, Boehringer Ingelheim and Elanco Animal Health. Her combined experience in business development and the veterinary industry created a strong desire to change animal health and improve business for veterinary hospitals. Their education, work experience and life led to VetTv – tv with a twist. A team of international network developers worked with Dwight and Lesa for a year to develop the Veterinary Television Network which currently includes channel owners in nine states that are growing and changing animal health with VetTv each day. Please visit www.VetTv.net to see "tv with a twist".

SOCIAL EVENTS

Clinic Hop: Lee's Summit

Please join your fellow Kansas City veterinarians on Thursday, June 7th for an evening of learning, networking and a little bit of eating as we tour three animal hospitals in the Lee's Summit area. This is a wonderful way to learn tips and tricks your colleagues are using in their practice to make their lives a little easier (and maybe yours, too!).

Please register for this unique opportunity by May 31st by visiting KCVMA.com or by reading the QR code to the right with your smartphone. We want to be sure the clinics have an accurate head count for food.



The schedule appears below:

Lee's Summit Animal Hospital

411 SW Market St.
Lee's Summit, MO 64063
816-524-0464
http://leessummitanimalhospital.
vetsfirstchoice.com/about-us
7:00-7:30 Appetizers

7:30-7:45 Travel time

Animal Emergency Referral Hospital / Blue Pearl Veterinary Partners

3495 NE Ralph Powell Rd Lee's Summit, MO 64064

816-554-4990

http://missouri.bluepearlvet.com/

overview/lees-summit/7:45-8:15 Dinner

8:15-8:30 Travel time

Lakewood Animal Health Center

5001 NE Lakewood Way Lee's Summit, MO 64064 816-373-1098 www.lakewoodanimal.com 8:30-9:00 Dessert

Summer Social Event: Sporting Kansas City

Join your KCVMA colleagues as we enjoy watching Sporting Kansas City take on the New England Revolution in the new, state-of-the-art LIVESTRONG Sporting Park. We have 60 seats reserved in the East Stands, so get your tickets today! The KCVMA Board is providing two tickets per KCVMA member at no cost. If you wish to purchase extra tickets they are \$19 each. Online payments will be accepted through PayPal at KCVMA.com. To be a part of the action, you must register online for tickets by June 25th. Once the registration deadline has passed, we will send an email with instructions for picking up your tickets on game day.





What: Sporting Kansas City vs. New England Revolution soccer match

Date: Saturday July 21st

Fee: Two tickets provided at no cost. Each additional ticket is \$19.00

Time: 7:30pm

RSVP: RSVP is required. Please register online at KCVMA.com or with the QR code to the left by June 25th.

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Northland Animal Welfare Society (NAWS) is looking for a volunteer veterinarian who would donate two hours of their time on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month for vaccinations. NAWS is a 501(c)3, offering services to those who qualify for low cost services. Our clinic is located in Riverside, MO.

Wayside Waifs seeks FT Registered Veterinary Technician. Work at Wayside Waifs' Veterinary Clinic assisting in the care of the animals temporarily residing here. This position starts at the end of May. See www.waysidewaifs.org/Job_Openings for more details, including schedule, and to apply. EOE.

The City of Olathe, KS, is seeking a KS licensed veterinarian to consult regarding alternatives for providing veterinary services for the City animal shelter with the option to partake in a bid process to provide veterinary services. Contact Jeri Graniewski at jgraniewski@olatheks.org for additional information.

Small animal clinic in the beautiful northland seeks part/full time registered technician. Would prefer at least 3-4 years of experience but will consider new grad. Position requires every other Saturday. Salary commensurate with experience. Please send resumes and references to: Willow Hill Animal Clinic, 9339 N. Oak, Kansas City, MO. 64155.

AAHA accredited, full service, small animal veterinary hospital in Johnson County, Kansas looking for an energetic, enthusiastic part-time associate who will mirror our commitment to progressive, quality medicine through education and care. An interest in exotics would be welcomed. If you are committed to hard work and can bring a positive attitude, this position could become full-time. To apply, send a cover letter and resume or curriculum vitae to vetdocs2@gmail.com.

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