



## A Letter From The President

May/June 2014

This letter marks the third installment of my KCVMA President's letter. I'd like to start this one by saying thank you to everyone who has renewed their membership. If this is reaching anyone who has yet to renew, I'd ask you to do so as soon as possible. Membership gets you access to a number of great CE events and speakers. The board is also working on adding additional benefits for KCVMA members.

Speaking of great speakers, the March CE speaker was Margie Scherk, a feline specialist and former president of the American Association of Feline Practitioners (AAFP). She discussed feline care as well as the benefits of being a "cat friendly" practice. The Cat Friendly Practice program was created by the AAFP with the goal of "improving the treatment, handling, and overall healthcare of cats". As a practitioner at a cat friendly practice, I can tell you first hand that this is a great program. There are training programs for the entire staff that provide a great deal of information about feline behavior and care as well as practical guidelines to make your practice less stressful for cats. It has changed the way many cats perceive our practice. Clients remark on a regular basis that their cat has never behaved so well at the vet. Almost none of the changes we have made were difficult, time consuming, or expensive. I'd encourage everyone to find out more information at the AAFP website, [www.catvets.com](http://www.catvets.com).

At our last board meeting we welcomed Geoff Hall, the new president of Wayside Waifs. He has been president of Wayside Waifs for about six months. One of the difficulties he has found in his new role is the adversarial relationship between veterinarians and many rescue/shelter organizations. We discussed some of the reasons for this and he assured us that Wayside Waifs has no intention of competing with local veterinarians. Although they have a veterinary clinic and employ three veterinarians, they only service their own pets. They will also see recent adoptees if they leave with or develop a medical problem within 10 days of adoption, but encourage all of their adopters to seek care with a local veterinarian. Mr. Hall's

main goal for addressing the board was to keep an open dialogue on how we (veterinarians and shelters) can have a mutually beneficial relationship. He discussed Wayside Waifs' adoption program, education programs, and their pet cemetery and cremation services, the last being a way for veterinarians to support Wayside Waifs. Overall, it was a very positive and productive conversation that left us feeling optimistic about the future relationship between Wayside Waifs and local veterinarians.

My previous President's letter mentioned Kansas Senate Bill 278, a bill that would merge the Kansas Board of Veterinary Examiners with the Department of Agriculture. This bill has now been signed into effect by Governor Brownback. As a reminder, this is a trial merger for the next two years. Kansas Animal Health Commissioner Bill Brown, DVM, had this to say: "The intent of the merger is to promote consistency and efficiency in policy-making and administration of the veterinary and animal health industries while allowing the board to continue to retain responsibility and authority in regulating the practice of veterinary medicine. It is important that we provide the utmost service to the working veterinarians in Kansas." I have heard from members who are opposed to this merger and have let your thoughts and concerns be known to the KCVMA. We do not anticipate that anything will change for Kansas veterinarians with this new bill, but only time will tell.

As I have said from my first letter, please feel free to contact me or any other board member at any time with suggestions, concerns, questions, complaints, or just to introduce yourself. I look forward to meeting and visiting with many of you at our social event on May 17th at the T-Bones game. I will be bringing my boys to watch their first live professional baseball game. See you there!

President - [mpeuser@kcvma.com](mailto:mpeuser@kcvma.com)

## MVMA KEEPS TABS ON HOT BUTTON ISSUES

BY: JEN NIGRO

National and state legislative sessions are in full swing, and the outcomes could have a major impact on animal care in Missouri.

On the national front, the MVMA is closely watching HR 4023, introduced in February by Rep. Jim Matheson (D-UT). This bill, also known as the Fairness to Pet Owners Act, would require veterinarians across the country to give their clients written prescriptions that could be filled at any pharmacy. Supporters say it would help pet owners save money.

Currently many states, including Kansas, do not require veterinarians to provide pet owners with a prescription. However, Dr. Cliff Miller, a veterinarian at Green Hills Veterinary Clinic in Moberly and MVMA Committee Chair for Legislative Affairs, says Missouri has its own practice act that requires veterinarians to provide a prescription upon request. "What they're trying to change is to make it mandatory for us to give all clients a prescription," he says. "The nomenclature is a fallacy. It really is, as the nickname would say, a way for big companies to increase their pharmacy income." Dr. Miller says the issue boils down to the federal government telling states how to conduct commerce. Richard Antweiler, Executive Director of the MVMA, agrees. "It's a huge precedent," he says. "This would be the first time that the federal government dipped its toe into veterinary medicine in this way, which is a big red flag. This could be just the beginning of all kinds of blanket legislation that affects the way every practice in the country is regulated." Antweiler fears if HR 4023 passes, it will lead to additional federal regulation of veterinary care. "One more time we're going to put Washington, D.C., in charge, and they're going to come up with blanket rules," he says. "The capability of a practice in Manhattan, N.Y., is going to be much different than the capability of a practice in a small town in Missouri or Kansas. I think most people would agree that allowing states to serve their populations and their needs in their own individual ways is the best way to go," he says.

In addition to concerns about the federal government stepping into state matters, Dr. Matt Silvius, a veterinarian with Eagle Animal Hospital in Riverside and the KCVMA's representative to the MVMA, says allowing human pharmacies to fill animal prescriptions is not in the pet's best interest. "We're basically putting veterinary decisions in human pharmacists' hands. They don't have the knowledge to make some of the pharmacological decisions that need to be made with medications," he says. "I think it puts extra liability on the veterinarian if there's a reaction or changes made by the pharmacist." The MVMA, KVMA and AVMA are all advocating against the legislation. But Dr. Miller says the battle is far from won. "It's David versus Goliath as far as the amount of resources available. We fought it as the AVMA a couple of years ago and thought it was dead. Obviously there are enough lobbying dollars elsewhere that it resurfaced with different representatives bringing it forward again."

Meanwhile, Missouri lawmakers are considering a small change to current state law that is causing big concern. Right now, state law allows a person's full-time employees to provide care for their animals with or without consultation from a licensed veterinarian. House Bill 2175, introduced by Rep. Sonya Anderson (R-Springfield), would change the law to allow such care to be provided by part-time employees or an appointed agent. "It would basically negate the veterinary license," says Antweiler. "You could say that anyone could be your agent so it would take away all of the protections that licensure has for veterinarians." In addition, Dr. Silvius says it could be dangerous for animals. "Obviously, if we have untrained people doing procedures they shouldn't be, it can be a very big detriment to animals," he says. "I think we realize, being the experts on the situation, we're going to potentially have to correct some problems that people are going to cause to those animals." In addition to animal welfare, Dr. Miller is concerned about food safety and potential impact on malpractice insurance for veterinarians. While the current legislation does not appear to pose such a threat, similar past legislation has. "We had a bill last year that said certain procedures were not considered veterinary medicine," Dr. Miller says. "That bill in particular could have nullified our malpractice insurance. I think it's a pretty big can of worms that we really don't want to open."

Antweiler says the MVMA has met with Rep. Anderson to voice concern. "She feels it's reasonable that if you help your neighbor and charge them to de-worm cattle or something like that, you should be able to charge them to do that. She's thinking of large animal applications for this, but the legislation would totally open it up for anyone wanting to practice or do any kind of veterinary medicine." Even though the bill seems unlikely to pass, Dr. Silvius says the MVMA is lobbying representatives in Jefferson City. "So far they are very receptive," he says. The bill, which was introduced on March 25, is not yet on the House calendar.

Finally, the MVMA is urging veterinarians to support an amendment to the Missouri Constitution in the November election. Passed by the Missouri legislature in 2013, the Farming Rights Amendment asks Missouri voters to add a section to the Right to Farm Act allowing people to raise livestock in a humane manner without the state imposing an undue economic burden on animal owners. One such group, the Humane Society of the United States, is already speaking out against the measure. "They're trying to paint farmers as people who don't care for their animals, and that's not the case," says Dr. Miller.

Dr. Silvius adds that veterinarians need to get involved in legislative issues now more than ever. "As times change and more bills come about in the legislature that directly affect our profession, we need to be able to stand together against or in support of a bill that affects our profession."

## RESEARCH PINPOINTS GEOSPATIAL INFLUENCES ON ZONOTIC FELINE TULAREMIA

BY: JEN NIGRO

Urban growth and climate change have led to loss of wildlife habitat and fluctuations in our weather. But an epidemiologist at Kansas State University says they also impact the prevalence of diseases like zoonotic feline tularemia.

Dr. Ram Raghavan, assistant professor of diagnostic medicine and pathology, is working with researchers from KSU's geography department and the Public Health Department of Fort Riley Medical Activity to map confirmed cases of tularemia and determine what factors contribute to its presence. The group started working about a year ago, screening data from NASA, U.S. Geological Survey, USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service, and U.S. Census Bureau for climate, physical environment, socio-economic conditions and other potential risk factors for clues. Using a supercomputing facility called Beocat they were able to narrow down the prime conditions for tularemia. "Certain climatic conditions, particularly higher humidity conditions during spring and summer months, and living in newly urbanized areas and in areas surrounded by grassland vegetation are risk factors for tularemia in cats, and potentially also for humans," Dr. Raghavan says. "Many of these risk factors point to the presence and increased activity of ticks and intermediate hosts like rabbits and other wildlife in such places." Dr. Eliza Sundahl of the KC Cat Clinic says Dr. Raghavan's research supports what she sees in her own clinic. "With urban spread encroaching on habitat, we are seeing more diseases in highly populated areas that have previously been associated with rural areas," she says.

Tularemia is a disease that exhibits in cats as lethargy, anorexia and fever. It can be spread to humans through cat bites, tick and insect bites, eating undercooked rabbit meat or through the air. It is treated with antibiotics, but can be fatal. The Federation of American Scientists notes there are approximately 200 human cases of tularemia reported in the United States each year, with fewer than two-percent being fatal. Still, Dr. Raghavan says more than half of those cases occur in Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Arkansas. The numbers are similar in cats.

Those numbers may not seem like much to worry about, but Dr. Raghavan says the nature of the disease makes it a potential bioterrorism tool. "Any time you have a biological agent that is relatively easy to pack, takes a very small amount to cause clinical infection in a short amount of time, and that can be dispersed fairly easily and still be infectious, we have a potential bioterrorism agent. *F. tularensis* fits these criteria squarely." He notes the disease was used in European warfare many centuries ago, and Dr. Kenneth Alibek suggests in his book *Biohazard* that the Soviet Red Army used it during the battle of Stalingrad during World War II. "Given the infectious potential and a low general public awareness, several lives can be lost in a short amount of time," adds Dr. Raghavan.

Dr. Raghavan says past research in this area has focused on pathogen level studies, leaving a lack of information about geographical influences on tularemia. "Knowing risk factors is important for preventing diseases from a public health standpoint," he notes. Dr. Sundahl concurs. "The KSU work sounds like it may be able to help clinicians become more aware of an increase in the likelihood of a spike in the prevalence of tularemia," she says.

Dr. Raghavan says the information gathered on geospatial factors will allow researchers to look at other issues surrounding vector mediated diseases like tularemia as well. "Knowing these risk factors allows us to gain a holistic viewpoint of disease mechanisms and how they evolve over time due to natural ecological pressures," he says. He also wants to explore what role climate change might play in vector mediated diseases like tularemia. "There are multiple levels of this problem," he says. "Perhaps starting at different ways climate could be affecting vector-pathogen interactions and working all the way up to the dynamics of human exposure to the disease. We are looking at these one piece at a time."

The team's research was funded by the National Science Foundation Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR). It was recently published in the *Journal of Vector Borne and Zoonotic Diseases*.

## LOCAL VET TECH PROGRAM EARNS NATIONAL HONORS

BY: JEN NIGRO

The Maple Woods Veterinary Technology Program at Metropolitan Community College has received national recognition from the National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America. The group won NAVTA's student chapter of the year award thanks to their organization of several special events. The group reached out to the community by organizing the college's Haunted Barn as well as adoption days, Gladstone Walk and Wag, and the Heart of America Kennel Club's microchip and CERF clinics. Internally, they put together a retirement party for outgoing director Dr. Carole Maltby, an oath and pinning ceremony, a welcome luncheon for new students, a new student summer social, and Vet Tech Week activities.

NAVTA also recognized Joan Gorman, R.V.T., as SCNAVTA advisor of the year for supporting the group in their many activities.



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## BUILT ON THE SHOULDERS OF VETERINARY GIANTS: MISSOURI MULES

BY: DR. STEVE JOSEPH, KCVMA HISTORIAN

“The mule is the embodiment of a living - breathing - kicking - connection with a rich cultural heritage and a bridge that spans centuries.” Let’s explore this statement that can be found on the Missouri Mule Club website.

Seen at events throughout the state, the Missouri Mule Team is cared for by the Mule Club at the CVM. Veterinary students exercise, groom, feed and otherwise proudly care for these special animals. The club is advised by Dr. John Dodam, who is pleased to discuss the mules and the club.

The mules of Missouri date back to 1822 when William Bucknell of Howard County led the first trading party over the Santa Fe Trail and returned with a herd of Mexican mules and donkeys.

Breeders were quick to recognize the need for hardy animals to pull wagons west, and they developed the big and intelligent draft mule. By the mid 1800s mules flourished as pioneers headed toward the great frontier.

The mule played a pivotal role in the development of several industries that grew the state and the national economy. This included the expanding cotton market as well as the lead, coal and logging industries.

By 1870 Missouri emerged as the nation’s leading mule provider for these industries, and remained a leader through the end of the century. More fame came when a mule team belonging to W.A. Elgin of Platte County swept the competition at the St. Louis Exposition.

When World Wars came, the Lathrop firm of Guyton and Harrington received a contract from the British to provide 350,000 mules and horses for service.

At one time, nearly 50 percent of Missouri farms used or bred mules. The average farm income was about \$700. A pair of foals could add as much as \$500.

Harry Truman was quick to remind fellow countrymen about the superior qualities of Missouri Mules. The President was the son of a mule dealer. He invited a four-mule hitch from Lamar to drive in his 1948 inaugural parade up Pennsylvania Avenue.

Although the mule has been replaced by modern farm equipment and technology, they are not gone. Professor Melvin Bradley speaks about their legacy. He says, “They farmed our land, hauled our lumber, drained our swamps and took us to church. Now we’re having fun with them.”



*Private donations are essential to the existence and operation of the Missouri Mule Team. Consider supporting the team with a tax deductible donation. Contact Connie Sievert at sievertc@missouri.edu.*

## May CE

Speaker:	John Ellis, DVM, Ph.D. Professor, Veterinary Microbiology, Western College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Saskatchewan	Location:	Plaza III - The Steakhouse (www.plazaiisteakhouse.com) Country Club Plaza 4749 Pennsylvania Avenue Kansas City, MO 64112 816-753-0000
Topic:	Canine Respiratory Disease	CE:	2 hours
Date:	Thursday, May 15, 2014	Sponsor:	Zoetis
Time:	Check-in: 6:30pm, Dinner and Presentation: 7pm		
Fee:	No fee to attend this event, but RSVP is required by Monday, May 12th. Current membership dues cover all CE.		



**Please RSVP by Monday, May 12th by registering at KCVMA.com. Note: Maximum capacity is 75**

### Academic Credentials

- DVM, University of Illinois
- Ph.D, Colorado State University
- Post Doctoral Fellowship, International Laboratory for Research on Animal Diseases, Nairobi, Kenya
- Diplomate, American College of Veterinary Pathologists
- Diplomate, American College of Veterinary Microbiologists (Immunology, Virology)

### Teaching and Clinical Areas

Dr. Ellis's area of practice is Diagnostic Virology.

### Research Interests

Areas of special interest and research are vaccine safety and efficacy.



## June CE

Speaker:	Mason Reichard, M.S., Ph.D. Associate Professor of Veterinary Parasitology Oklahoma State University	Time:	Check-in: 6:30pm, Dinner and Presentation: 7pm
Topic:	Controlling Arthropod Vectors on Dog and Cats in the United States	Fee:	No fee to attend this event, but RSVP is required by Friday, June 6th. Current membership dues cover all CE.
Date:	Wednesday, June 11, 2014	Location:	TBD
		CE:	2 hours
		Sponsor:	Bayer



**Please RSVP by Friday, June 6th by registering at KCVMA.com**

Mason Reichard, M.S., Ph.D. is an associate professor of Veterinary Parasitology at Oklahoma State University. Dr. Reichard is active in teaching veterinary parasitology and maintains a research program that focuses on zoonotic and tick-borne diseases of wild and domestic animals. He received a B.S. in Biology from Central Michigan University, M.S. in Biology from Northern Michigan University, and a Ph.D. in Veterinary Biomedical Science from Oklahoma State University.

**Program Details:** Both dogs and cats are hosts for various arthropods that vector disease agents. In addition to their ability to transmit infectious agents, arthropod vectors have painful bites that annoy their hosts and infestations can result in pruritus, dermatitis, anemia, secondary bacterial infection, and possibly death. Some of these same arthropod vectors of dogs and cats also infest humans and are capable of transmitting zoonotic disease agents. The purpose of this lecture will be to review the most common arthropod vectors and the disease agents they transmit to dogs and cats. Integrated management strategies will be discussed that can be used to control and prevent arthropod vectors and the infectious disease agents they transmit.



## July CE

Speaker:	Craig Datz, DVM, MS, DABVP (Canine/Feline), DACVN Nutrition and Scientific Affairs Manager Royal Canin USA	Fee:	No fee to attend this event, but RSVP is required by Monday, July 14th. Current membership dues cover all CE.
Topic:	Clinical Nutrition	Location:	TBD
Date:	Thursday, July 17, 2014	CE:	2 hours
Time:	Check-in: 6:30pm, Dinner and Presentation: 7pm	Sponsor:	Royal Canin USA



**Please RSVP by Monday, July 14th by registering at KCVMA.com**

Dr. Datz is a 1987 graduate of the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine. He was in private companion animal practice in Virginia and Arkansas until 2001, when he joined the faculty at the University of Missouri College Of Veterinary Medicine working in the areas of Community Practice and Clinical Nutrition. In 2012, he moved to Royal Canin USA as the Nutrition and Scientific Affairs Manager. Dr. Datz is a Diplomate of the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners and is certified in both Canine/Feline and Feline Practice. He currently serves as the Residency Chair and Symposium Chair for ABVP and as the Vice President for the American Academy of Veterinary Nutrition. He is also board-certified by the American College of Veterinary Nutrition and has a master's degree in biomedical sciences.



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Westwood Animal Hospital is seeking a part-time, temporary veterinary technician July 1st-September (date unknown) to cover maternity leave. Unfortunately, this will not turn into an opportunity for long-term employment. Competitive pay. Days and hours will vary but Saturdays are required. Please send letter of interest and resume to : westwoodanimalhospital@gmail.com Attn: Carey Hoff RVT.

Looking for a part-time veterinarian and vet tech to join our team. Lots of great diagnostic equipment. Fun, helpful group that is always willing to help staff. Best Staff Members EVER!!! Raytown/KC area. Pay is based on experience. To start as soon as possible. Please email resume to kklmnorris@yahoo.com.

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Kennedy's Animal Clinic in Raytown is seeking an exceptional RVT or new grad to join our team. This will be a part-time position. Salary will be \$10-\$15/hour depending on experience. Must be able to work Saturdays. We are a fairly new, fast-paced clinic that is growing by the day. Email resume to kennedysanimalclinic@gmail.com.

Great Plains SPCA is seeking an energetic, compassionate, and innovative veterinarian to join our six-doctor team at our Merriam, KS campus. Responsibilities include: providing quality care and determining the best treatment options for low-income clients, dentistry, spay/neuter/other surgeries and assistance with shelter medicine. Candidates must excel working in a high-paced environment and effectively manage stressful situations. Requirements: licensure to practice veterinary medicine in Kansas (licensure in Missouri or willingness to attain also preferred), eligibility for a DEA license. Some evening/weekend hours may be required. Interested candidates should submit a cover letter and resume to Courtney Thomas at cthomas@greatplainspca.org or call 816-590-3060.

Oxford Animal Hospital is seeking a FT veterinarian, FT receptionist and FT veterinary assistant to join our experienced team. We are a busy practice with lots of opportunity for growth. Successful candidates must have the ability to multitask, work independently and as part of a team, be computer literate and a self-starter. We have a great facility with state-of-the-art equipment and cornerstone software. Experience is preferred. Please send your resume to oah@oxfordanimalhospital.com.

Maple Woods Veterinary Technology program has openings for adjunct instructors starting this August. If you have an interest in teaching the next generation of veterinary technicians, please send your resume to Chris Morrow, DVM, at chris.morrow@mckck.edu.

Great Plains SPCA is seeking an energetic and upbeat veterinary technician to join our six-doctor-team at our Merriam, KS, campus. Responsibilities include assisting doctors with providing quality care and offering the best treatment options for low-income clients, dentistry, digital x-rays, running in-house blood work, etc. This is a high-volume and fast paced environment, positive and friendly attitude a must. Frequent short deadlines, hectic work schedules with occasional periods of high stress, rotating shifts, evenings and weekends. Current certification as a Veterinary Technician and/or at least 3 years equivalent experience required. Email your resume to jphythian@greatplainspca.org or fax to 913-825-6836.

Turner Animal Hospital is looking for a part-time (20-30 hours a week) veterinary tech/receptionist. Duties would include: running in-house labs, taking x-rays, setting up rooms for patients, general tech work, checking clients in and out, answering multi-line phone system, using practice management software, handling payments, and general office work. Experience is preferred. If interested, please e-mail Tara at turneranimalhospital@gmail.com with your resume and three references.

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