



A Letter From The President

May/June 2015

As I sit to write this letter, I have to admit that I am compelled to ask us all to fight for the integrity of our profession. As many of you have recently witnessed on the news and in social media a Texas veterinarian was fired after posting a photo on her Facebook page of a dead cat with an arrow through its skull, titling it "My First Bow Kill" (the full story and updates can be found at <http://www.veterinarypracticenews.com/Vet-Fired-After-Bragging-of-Killing-Cat/>). In doing so, she has single-handedly damaged all of our reputations with the public. While any criminal investigation is still ongoing, the damage is nonetheless already done.

Our reputations are constantly under scrutiny, and this is a prime example of how a careless act can make it all go so horribly wrong. I praise and thank our wonderful spouses, friends and loyal clients who have rallied to our defense, quick to ask the world not to condemn us all (or the clinic where she was employed). We may never know how many people were on the fence (from a perceived bad experience) and, after hearing about this incident, decided the worst was true of our profession. How much has this really cost us, and what is the best course of action for the profession moving forward?

While it may not necessarily be in our private natures, this is an important time to make sure we keep a strong, positive image. We all reflect upon each other, and as we interact positively with the public this will help to maintain that image. In the age of social media and constant news feeds we must reach out, engage our clients and be ever vigilant about our public image. How do we do this? Community involvement for one. I know many of us already do this, but we must double our efforts to be the voice of reason, trust and great patient care. We can also increase our efforts with our websites, Facebook accounts, community outreach or just having a conversation with the other parents at your kids' school activities. If we continue to put our heads in the sand during this time of public doubt we potentially put our profession in grave jeopardy.

While we are discussing the sticky business of veterinary medicine we should also talk about the political side. (I know, groan and mumble, but at times we all need a rally cry!) Did

you know that the KCVMA works closely with both the Kansas Veterinary Medical Association and Missouri Veterinary Medical Association? We maintain a delegate for each from among our current board members, who attends the executive meetings. It was brought to our attention recently that the MVMA has partnered with MWI to provide deeper discounts and rebates if you are a paid MVMA member. They have also partnered with CEVA (makers of Vectra and Feliway) and Boehringer Ingelheim to help fund the MVMA Political Action Committee. The MVMA PAC ensures that we can support keeping a veterinary voice in the Missouri legislature. This is so very important, as it allows us to compete with the deep pockets of the large corporate giants and their lobbyists who want a bigger piece of the pie. These are also the corporations who are loving the negative press we are getting, as it helps them dig in deeper.

Now, leaving business behind, let's end with some fun! When I asked all of you to join me at the beginning of the year in achieving a better work-life balance, did you? If you are looking for ways to get out more, then join us May 16th for the Sporting KC game. Prior to the Sporting game we will socialize at Cabela's at The Legends. There will be food and non-alcoholic beverages there from 5-7 pm. If you missed out on tickets (when I was writing this, a few still remained), but want to join in the pre-game networking, we welcome that too! Please RSVP for this at www.kcvma.com so we have accurate food numbers! We will hand out the Sporting tickets during this tailgate and we have been given permission to stay parked in their lot (bonus, free parking!). We are continuing to work on additional social/networking events for the rest of the year, so stay tuned!

With that, I ask all of you to have a great spring!

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Looking Back, Moving Forward: K-State Dean to Take on New Role

BY: JEN NIGRO

After 17 years, the longtime dean of Kansas State University's College of Veterinary Medicine is preparing to transition to a faculty role. At the end of July he will hand over the reins to the college's newly named dean, Tammy Beckham.

Dr. Richardson, a 1970 graduate of K-State's CVM, became the college's 11th dean in 1998. He says returning to the school was like coming home. "I'm immensely proud of the quality of education that comes out of a Kansas State veterinary degree," he notes. "It's a curriculum that really establishes a firm foundation for the rest of our graduates' career. I think the faculty need to be applauded for their work in making that happen." As for his own role in that success, Dr. Richardson points out he's a support specialist. "Sometimes people ask me, 'What's your job description as dean?'. I'll quickly say my job description is to remove the hurdles so that other people can be successful," he says.

Dr. Richardson says program building has been his favorite part of his role as dean. He points to the continued production of outstanding veterinary graduates, the creation of Centers of Excellence specializing in the areas of beef cattle, computational medicine, outcomes research, vector-borne diseases and zoonotic diseases as some of the many successes he has seen come to fruition during his tenure. He is also proud to have been a part of K-State's selection as the site of the National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility (NBAF). "That's a game changer for the livestock industry and veterinary medicine. It's just a real feather in the hat of the profession and of Kansas State University and the state of Kansas.

Dr. Richardson has built relationships with faculty, staff, alumni and the animal health industry as a whole. He sat on the board of directors for the Kansas City Animal Health Corridor where he says he learned a great deal about how animal health corporations do business. The arrival of new students on campus, the graduation of a new class, and the CVM's White Coat ceremony will remain favorite times of year for him. "Welcoming the pre-clinical students into the clinical rotations and seeing that step forward in their veterinary education stands out to me as something I'll always get chills about when I think about it or watch that happen," he says.

K-State's CVM has gone through many changes in Dr. Richardson's 17 years as dean. With the state unable to increase funding for higher education, the CVM has turned to other money sources. "We have more than doubled our budget on the shoulders of revenue generation in our Veterinary Health Center and our diagnostic lab," he says. He notes research grants earned by faculty, gifts from donors and appreciative clients and student tuition have helped the school grow even in tough times. "I think we've been very good stewards of the opportunities we've had to grow the resources and invest them wisely," he says. The college's reach has also grown, thanks in part to the national and

international partners involved in the U.S. China Center for Animal Health. And, Dr. Richardson points out the diagnostic lab and Veterinary Health Center have been brought up to modern standards over the years, making them second to none. The growth continues with the newly-announced Center of Excellence for Vector-Borne Diseases. "I don't think there will be anything like it in the country," he says. "It will be a unique opportunity and a very good fit with the work that's going on with the university's Bio-Security Research Institute, the USDA's Arthropod-Borne Animal Disease Research Unit, and in the future, NBAF."

Dr. Richardson plans to keep the forward momentum going in his new role. He would like to see the college develop a stronger comparative and translational medicine program. "I think we have great opportunities to link the medical schools and research hospitals in Kansas City, the School of Pharmacy in Lawrence, our veterinary college and maybe the Biology division, and maybe reach all the way to Columbia, MO, to partner with the University of Missouri's CVM and see if we can help animals to help people." He is also excited about K-State's new shelter medicine program, which will send a portable surgical suite to work with smaller shelters in the Manhattan area.

Dr. Richardson hopes his new position will also give him some more free time. "My wife Bev tells me if I can learn how to do a 40 hour work week, that will be like I'm on vacation," he jokes. The couple hopes to travel, spend more time developing a property they own near Kansas City, and enjoy more time with their grandchildren. Dr. Richardson also wants to spend more time with his dogs, a German shorthair and a Vizsla. "I love watching working dogs do what they are genetically bred to do. Training them to enhance those instincts is a great joy," he says.

Dr. Richardson has a little bit of advice for the future dean. "Help the faculty and students in any way you can to their success, and their success will be reflected in your leadership ability and the college's success," he says. Above all else, he encourages Dr. Beckham to be a people person. "I've often said if you hire the right people and you take good care of them everything else falls into place. You have great teaching, great research and great service, so it's all about the people."

Dr. Beckham, whose official start date is August 2, is currently the director of the Institute for Infectious Diseases, a Department of Homeland Security Center of Excellence in College Station, TX.



Veterinary Research Takes on Diseases in Animals, Humans

BY: JEN NIGRO

Veterinary researchers in Missouri and Kansas are developing new treatments for a variety of ailments-- and they need your help to find participants.

Dr. Jeffrey Bryan at the University of Missouri's Comparative Oncology Department is seeking dogs for several studies investigating improved cancer treatments for canines that could benefit humans as well. One is a nanoparticle study looking at a taxane drug called Paclitaxel. "This is one of the latest and greatest chemotherapy drugs used in people, but the vehicle used to deliver it in human patients caused significant allergic reactions in animals," says Dr. Bryan. "This nanoparticle form allows it to be suspended essentially in water, which allows it to be non-reactive to dogs." The study, named CTI-52010, is testing the drug in dogs to identify optimal dosing and delivery methods in that species. Researchers hope to wrap the study up by July.

The other nanoparticle study involves an older chemotherapy drug called cisplatin. The drug typically requires a lot of IV fluid and at least a six-hour hospital stay for the patient, and can be toxic to the kidneys. However, MU researchers are testing a new nanoparticle version developed by colleagues at the University of Kansas that can be injected directly into the tumor. This version appears to reach a lower peak dose than the original drug and leaves the kidneys unharmed. For the NHA-cisplatin study, researchers are looking for dogs with oral or digital squamous cell carcinoma. So far the results look promising, and Dr. Bryan hopes the success will translate to human trials. "Their tumors have a lot of the same characteristics as the tumors we get. And, these dogs are much closer to our size, so we're both scaling up the production and using the same kind of imaging they use in people to study these treatments," he says. In some cases, the treatments being studied aren't yet available for humans. Funding for the studies comes from grants, drug companies and the federal government. In many cases, that funding covers the cost of treatment for the study participant.

Veterinary researchers at Kansas State University are also tackling cancer. Dr. Mary Lynn Higginbotham is working with her team to study the pharmacokinetics of rapamycin in dogs with sarcomas and carcinomas. "The goal is potentially to use it as an adjuvant therapy in tumors that we know have a risk for metastasizing," she says. The 28-day study includes four visits,

two of which involve a two-night hospital stay for the patient so researchers can monitor changes in the blood after the drug is administered and better understand how rapamycin is absorbed. Patients who respond well can stay on the study drug for up to six months. There is also a stipend to put toward future treatment. The study is being done as part of the Comparative Oncology Trials Consortium which is associated with the National Cancer Institute and is funded by the Morris Animal Foundation. Researchers hope it will have implications for human patients as well. "One of the reasons osteosarcomas were chosen is because we know they're a good translational research model for osteosarcoma that happens in human adolescents," notes Dr. Higginbotham.

In addition, Dr. Amy Rankin is working to discover whether topical steroidal anti-inflammatory eye medication can affect diabetic control in dogs with cataracts. Also funded by the Morris Animal Foundation, this study requires a one to three day hospital stay at the beginning and end of the month-long study in order to assess beginning and ending blood glucose levels and diabetic control. One group gets a steroidal medication, the other a non-steroidal. "I didn't want to have a group of dogs that were treated with nothing because I would never do that clinically," says Dr. Rankin. "So the control group gets non-steroidal drops because we don't expect that medication to have any effect on diabetic control." At the end of the study owners will receive information about their pet's level of control as well as any changes recommended to better manage their condition.

Meantime, veterinary researchers at Blue Pearl are focusing on several chronic conditions in their research. Meagan Hake, Veterinary Relations Coordinator, says their staff is testing six drugs in the clinical phase. One is a new treatment for canine arthritis. Researchers are looking for dogs with signs of arthritis that have not been on NSAIDs or corticosteroids for at least two months. They are also studying a new drug for canine congestive heart disease in dogs with recently diagnosed pulmonary edema. Drugs for canine seizures and lymphoma as well as feline diabetes are also being tested. As with the other studies listed, much of the treatment is done at no cost to the patient. "They're being seen by some of the best doctors that are in the field," says Hake.

For a complete list of current studies or to seek enrollment for a patient, the following resources are available:

University of Missouri:

www.vetcancertrials.org
(573) 882-7821

Kansas State University:

http://www.vet.k-state.edu/education/clinical-sciences/research/clinical_trials.html
(785) 532-5690

Blue Pearl

<http://bluepearlvet.com/kansas/veterinary-community/newsletters/2015-spring/#trials>
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Built on the Shoulders of Veterinary Giants: St. Joseph Veterinary College (SJVC)

BY: DR. STEVE JOSEPH, KCVMA HISTORIAN

From 1875 through 1924 Missouri was home to five private veterinary colleges. Of the 41 institutions offering veterinary education in the US, three were in Kansas City, one in St. Louis and the other in St. Joseph. Missouri and New York had more private colleges than any other state.

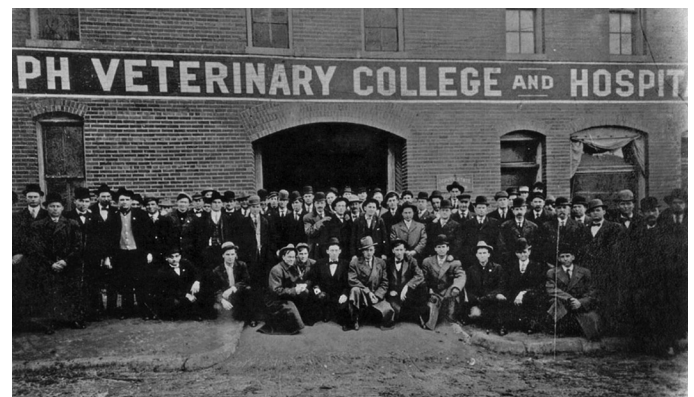
Evolving from a fur trading post, St. Joseph was founded in the mid 1800s by Joseph Robidoux, whose name remains prominent to this day. St. Joseph, like Kansas City, occupied a favorable location on the Missouri River. Both are historically significant in the development of veterinary medicine, animal health products, livestock centers and today's veterinary corridor, producing nearly one-third of the world's animal health business.

The St. Joseph Veterinary College (SJVC) was established in 1905. Thirteen students graduated three years later with a Doctor of Veterinary Science degree. Later, a four year program was established with a DVM degree. The first location of the college was on the south side of the city. As it grew it required expanded facilities and a larger faculty. The college moved to 7th and Sylvania Streets and later to 9th and Mary Streets.

Drs. SESCO Stewart and R.C. Moore each served as president of the Kansas City Veterinary College (KCVC), and then later of the SJVC. Dr. Stewart was the first president of the AVMA from the Kansas City area in 1902.

As the college grew and moved to new locations more classrooms, dissection rooms and laboratories were built. A large recreation hall housed a basketball court and a location for social gatherings. A ladies auxiliary was formed and planned dances and picnics in nearby Krug Park.

The faculty grew to 21 members by 1914 and included physicians and a lawyer. Subjects included anatomy, chemistry,



St. Joseph Veterinary College

histology, language of medicine, parasitology, pathology and physiology.

Administration and faculty members contributed to the success and excellent education of students, including Dr. Joseph Weinman, who later taught at KCVC and MU. His son, Dr. Donald Weinman, taught microanatomy at KSU CVM. Dr. Hans Jensen, a founder of JenSal Laboratories in Kansas City, was also on the SJVC faculty. A star graduate was Dr. Clarence McElroy (1919), the first dean at Oklahoma State (1948 – 1953).

During WWI, there was a large need for veterinarians. Students of draft age were required to sign an agreement to serve within 24 hours of call during the war and following graduation. They served where horses and mules were used by the US and other free world allies and as food inspectors.

Following the war, private veterinary colleges closed and public institutions were established to conduct veterinary education. After graduating 421 students the SJVC closed in 1924 following 19 years of service. All records were transferred to KSU.

CONTINUING EDUCATION EVENTS

May CE

Speaker:	Joe Holzhauer, DVM, MBA, MPM Managing Area Veterinarian, Zoetis	Location:	Plaza III Steakhouse 816-753-0000 4749 Pennsylvania Ave. Kansas City, MO 64112 (Maximum Capacity: 65)
Topic:	Another Itchy Dog	Fee:	No fee to attend this event, but RSVP is required by Monday, May 18th. Current membership dues cover all CE.
Date:	Thursday, May 21, 2015	Sponsor:	Zoetis
Time:	6:30pm – Registration and Dinner, 7pm – Presentation		
CE:	Pre-approved for 1 hour of CE from RACE		



Please register by Monday, May 18th at KCVMA.com

Originally from Milwaukee and then Green Bay, WI, Dr. Holzhauer says that he has wanted to be a veterinarian since working in a veterinary hospital at age 15. Now that he is a veterinarian he says he enjoys everything about it: “The medicine, such as figuring out the medical puzzles, the connections I make with clients, and the thrill of helping pets.”

For his undergraduate studies, Dr. Holzhauer first attended the University of Southern California and then the University of Missouri – Columbia. After being granted early admission to veterinary school he left his undergraduate studies to attend the University of Missouri – Columbia College of Veterinary Medicine. He received his Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine in 2000. During his time in veterinary school he received the Iams/VECCS Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care Award and the University of Missouri – Columbia Veterinary Cardiology Award.

His areas of special professional interest include cardiology, emergency and critical care and surgery. Dr. Holzhauer is a member of the American Veterinary Medical Association, American Animal Hospital Association, American Association of Corporate and Public Practice Veterinarians, Missouri Veterinary Medical Association, Missouri Academy of Veterinary Practice and the Greater Saint Louis Veterinary Medical Association, and the Society of Critical Care Medicine.

In addition to his medical degree, Dr. Holzhauer holds a Master's of Business Administration and a Master's of Project Management. He also is a member of Stray Rescue of Saint Louis, Humane Society of the United States and the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.



June CE

Speaker:	Dr. Brian Patrick	Location:	Plaza III Steakhouse (816-753-0000) 4749 Pennsylvania Ave., Kansas City, MO 64112 (Max Capacity 55)
Topic:	Increasing the value of the physical exam, building trust with clients and making a solid recommendation	Fee:	No fee to attend this event, but RSVP is required by Monday, June 15th. Current membership dues cover all CE.
Date:	Thursday, June 18, 2015	Sponsor:	Bayer
Time:	6:30pm – Dinner and Registration, 7pm – Presentation		
CE:	2 Hours		



Please register by Monday, June 15th at KCVMA.com

July CE

Speaker:	Catherine Lenox, DVM, CVA, Diplomate ACVN Scientific Affairs Manager, Royal Canin	Location:	Brio Tuscan Grille – Country Club Plaza 502 Nichols Drive Kansas City, MO 64112 (816) 561-5888 www.brioitalian.com
Topic:	Nutritional Approach to Managing Lower Urinary Tract Disease in Cats & Dogs	Fee:	No fee to attend this event, but RSVP is required by Monday, July 13th. Current membership dues cover all CE.
Date:	Thursday, July 16, 2015	Sponsor:	Royal Canin
Time:	6:30pm – Dinner and Registration, 7pm – Presentation		
CE:	1.5 Hours		



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

SOCIAL EVENTS

KCVMA Summer Social Event at Sporting Kansas City

Date:	Saturday, May 16, 2015	Fee:	• Two match tickets are provided FREE OF CHARGE for each KCVMA member.
Time:	Tailgate at Cabela's: 5pm -7pm, Match: 7:30pm		• Additional tickets are available for \$19 each. Payment available online through PayPal. NOTE: A PayPal account is NOT required. Simply choose "Pay as Guest"
Location:	Sporting Park: One Sporting Way Kansas City, KS 66111		

RSVP by Friday, May 8th at KCVMA.com



Join your KCVMA colleagues as we enjoy watching Sporting Kansas City take on the Colorado Rapids at Sporting Park. We will hand out the Sporting tickets during this tailgate and we have been given permission to stay parked in their lot (bonus, free parking!). Full details are still being worked out, so watch your email and the KCVMA website for announcements!

CLASSIFIED ADS

Send your classified ads to: Wanda Geis, PO Box 12468, Shawnee Mission, KS 66282-2468, 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 6/13/15.

Well-established small animal practice south of Kansas City grossing over \$630,000 in 2013. This is well-equipped with everything you need to practice a high level of veterinary medicine. The focus of this practice is quality medicine while striving to educate the clientele on taking good care of their pet. This is an outstanding opportunity. You can buy it all, be your own boss, work for yourself, enjoy the lifestyle you want and deserve. Call (803-951-2755) or email (Jebvet@aol.com) for more information on this practice.

Quivira Crossing Veterinary Clinic is a small animal practice in south Johnson County. We are looking for an experienced veterinary technician. Must be able to set IV catheters, take X-rays, restrain pets and more. If interested please email resume to quiviracrossingvetclinic@gmail.com.

Spring Hill Veterinary Clinic in Spring Hill, KS seeks an experienced veterinary technician to join our fast-paced four doctor practice. Degree/certification not required, but must have at least two years experience in a veterinary clinic, may consider new RVT grads with animal experience. Must be able to restrain dogs/cats, understand basic medical terminology and veterinary medicine, fill prescriptions, set-up/read fecals and urinalysis. Customer service skills a must, ability to handle high stress and fast-paced environment is crucial. Availability to work 7am to 7pm Monday-Friday and Saturdays required. Please send your resume to springhillvetmanager@yahoo.com.

Spring Hill Veterinary Clinic in Spring Hill, KS, is looking for evening/weekend kennel help. Position includes caring for up to 40+ animals (dogs and cats), some of which may need medications administered, and assisting in the clinic with clients and other duties as needed. Interested candidates should have a love of animals, prefer a candidate that has previous animal care/handling experience. Resumes can be emailed to springhillvetmanager@yahoo.com.

Martin City Animal Hospital, a growing 1 1/2 doctor practice in south Kansas City is looking for a registered veterinary technician (MO) for 30 - 40 hours a week. No Weekends! We practice high-quality medicine and are looking for a hardworking tech who loves their job and would like to have fun at work! We have great clients, a fantastic staff and doctors who are constantly learning. Send your resume to mcah@mcahvet.net or come by and introduce yourself!

Wayside Waifs, Kansas City's largest pet adoption center, is seeking a full-time veterinarian to join our team. Responsibilities include medical assessments, spay/neuter surgery, and emergency medical treatment. Requirements: must be licensed to practice veterinary medicine in the state of Missouri, excellent leadership skills, thrive in a fast-paced environment and ability to mentor clinic staff and veterinary interns. If you are interested in joining our team, please view the entire job description via our website at www.waysidewaifs.org, and to apply online. You may also send your letter of interest, resume, and references to Melissa Crites, Office Manager, to mccrites@waysidewaifs.org.

Hawthorne Animal Hospital, a 1 & 1/2 doctor practice in south OP, is seeking an experienced veterinary technician to join our team. Full-time position ideal but will consider part-time too. Some Saturdays required. Must work well with others, be reliable and be willing to cross-train in other parts of the clinic (eg reception). Please fax resume to 913-345-0801 or stop by in person to meet us and fill out an application: 11966 Roe on the southwest corner of 119th and Roe in the Hawthorne Plaza Shopping Center. Call with questions: 913-345-8147.

AAHA accredited, full service, small animal veterinary hospital in Johnson County, KS looking for an energetic, enthusiastic part-time associate who will mirror our commitment to progressive, quality medicine through education and care. Our two location practice has served this community for over 50 years with its great facilities, team approach and terrific support staff. If you are committed to hard work and can bring a positive attitude along with great communication skills, this position could become full-time. An interest in exotics would be welcomed. To apply, send a cover letter and resume or curriculum vitae to vetdocs2@gmail.com.

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