



A Letter From The President

November/December 2009

Dear KCVMA Members and Honored Guests,

I can't believe this year is almost over! It seems like I was just writing my first President's letter and now you are reading my last letter. I have enjoyed my five years on the board: meeting new people, participating in activities and working hard on KCVMA projects. I am not sure what I will do with myself as I move into "retirement" and take on the role of past President! I am glad for the opportunities, experiences and friendships that have come from being involved with the KCVMA. Thank you!

I will soon leave you in very capable hands. Dr. Davinne Glenn of Liberty, Missouri will take over leadership duties in January, with assistance from Dr. J.C. Burcham of Olathe, Kansas. We will vote on the full slate of next year's officers at the November 15th meeting, so please make a point to attend the upcoming conference. If you are still interested in being a member of the Executive Board, please contact Dr. Glenn or myself.

Speaking of the November meeting, you still have a few days to sign up to attend. We need the list of attendees in advance due to security policies at the Bayer Headquarters in Shawnee Mission, Kansas. We would like to extend a huge thank you to Bayer Animal Health as well as Dr. Cary Christensen and Deidre McClellan for making this meeting possible!! Dr. Gaynor will speak on a variety of pain management topics. It should be a very enjoyable and educational event! I hope everyone can attend, even if only for just a few hours!

Please be on the lookout for a survey from the KCVMA coming by email this month or check it out at www.kcvma.com. The survey will be available online from November 1st to December 20th. We would like to get your opinions on upcoming

continuing education meetings, the newsletter and social events (check out the pics below from this year's social event at Kauffman Stadium!). We would welcome any recommendations you may have so we may serve you better. Please take a few minutes to answer the questions as completely as you can so we can improve the KCVMA and make sure you get the full worth out of your membership dues! We will have some paper copies of the survey available at the November meeting as well, but would encourage you to fill out the survey form online if possible. We thank you in advance for your time and suggestions!

Also be on the lookout for the KCVMA membership renewal notice in your mailbox in January. Dues will still be the very affordable \$100 for the calendar year! When you consider all of the continuing education and social events these dues support, it is easy to see it is still one of the best deals around! There has been a request that life members fill out the form and return it so we may update our records! Don't make me send Dr. Joseph looking for you!

I end my last letter on a very sad note. Our veterinary community lost a long-time member Wednesday, October 14, 2009. Dr. Garry Rokey passed away unexpectedly. He was a very proud 1970 graduate of the Kansas State University College of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Rokey founded the Foxwood Animal Hospital in Kansas City, Missouri in 1991. He practiced for 39 years. Please keep his family in your thoughts during this difficult time. Dr. Rokey will be missed!

Respectfully,

Kathleen M. Clanton DVM

KCVMA SOCIAL EVENT: TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME!



READY TO RESPOND

BY: JEN NIGRO

When dark clouds roll across the sky, many eyes turn upward, searching for signs of danger. Meteorologists send out the warning. Families take cover. And when it's all over, people are ready to help those devastated by the disaster. They set up shelters, they tend to the injured, they search for the missing and they provide food and water. But we're not talking about the Red Cross, or even the National Guard. We're talking about State and County Animal Response Teams.

Like human aide agencies, State Animal Response Teams (SARTs) and County Animal Response Teams (CARTs) are ready to mobilize volunteers in the event of any disaster, natural or man-made, to help protect and care for the animals involved until they are reunited with their owners. The size of the disaster makes no difference—it can be something as small as an overturned chemical truck that forces an evacuation, or as large as a tornado or hurricane.

According to Christen Skaer, DVM, there are 20 SART teams nationwide, with several other groups working under different titles. The concept began after Hurricane Floyd slammed the East Coast and the Bahamas in 1999, forcing the third largest evacuation in U.S. History. The 12-day storm was among the largest Atlantic hurricanes of its strength ever recorded. According to North Carolina's SART website, more than 3 million domestic and farm animals were lost. A few short years later, in 2003, the American Veterinary Medical Foundation approved a partnership with North Carolina's SART to begin implementing the response teams nationwide. In April 2003, Colorado became the first state outside North Carolina to adopt a SART.

Kansas started organizing its team in 2004 when it received an AVMA grant. Dr. Skaer soon took over as President of KS SART, but it was a long road to get the team up and running. When an EF 5 tornado wiped out the town of Greensburg, KS in May 2007, the KS SART team was ready to respond. "It was that disaster that really spurred us to action," says Skaer.

However, Dr. Skaer knew she couldn't do it alone. "I do two full time jobs basically. I run a practice and I do this as a volunteer." So, Dr. Skaer started expanding the program to develop response teams in Kansas counties. Starting from zero, she and other KS SART volunteers were able to get 20 counties involved in just two years. The move allowed KS SART to start the Kansas Veterinary Medical Reserve Corp as a way for veterinarians to train together on medical specific issues. It also allowed the organization to focus training and coordinating response teams statewide, and facilitate the development of new CARTs.

One of those CART volunteers is J.C. Burcham, DVM, of Olathe Animal Hospital. Dr. Burcham, a KCVMA board member

since 2006, had read about disaster response in Greensburg. She asked what role the KCVMA played in that response. "I thought, gosh, what on Earth would we do? So it was really a personal interest, wanting to be able to help," says Burcham. She was put in touch with Dr. Skaer, and soon agreed to head a CART in Johnson County, KS.

Dr. Burcham quickly began the process of learning everything she could about disaster response. Both KS SART and the CARTs follow the Incident Command System, or ICS, which is a disaster management structure that follows FEMA guidelines. The system helps response teams designate people to oversee all aspects of the response and delegate responsibilities to those most qualified to carry them out. Dr. Burcham says without the system, a response would be chaos. "Everyone wants to help but nobody knows what they're doing. And then you end up with all these people, and they're doing their own thing and they're going to make problems for us." Dr. Burcham says volunteers don't need a background in veterinary medicine or disaster response to help, but they do need to go through ICS training, which is free and can be done online. However, she says volunteers without veterinary training need be aware that their role likely won't be on the front lines. "They want to go out and rescue the animals. But realistically, that's not what they're going to be doing because they don't have the training." Instead, Dr. Burcham says they're more likely to help set up and run a shelter.

So how do KS SART and CARTs work together to respond in disaster situations? KS SART serves in more of an advisory role. It trains volunteers on the county and regional level using tabletop exercises and annual exercises. It facilitates the creation of new CARTs by providing information and support and helping gain approval for non-profit (501c3) status. KS SART rarely responds to a disaster unless volunteers are working with the team in their county or region.

CARTs on the other hand are on the front lines. They work closely with local Emergency Management Agencies to coordinate their responses to benefit both human and animal victims. In fact, the Pets Evacuation and Transportation Standards Act, enacted in 2006 following Hurricane Katrina, requires Emergency Management teams to include animals in their disaster response plans. Emergency Managers often make direct contact with CART leaders when they need to bring them in on a situation. In cases where there is no CART, or the CART is not fully operational, they can contact KS SART, which will request mutual aid from a neighboring county.

The Johnson County CART is one of those teams that

aren't yet fully operational. While Dr. Burcham expects that to happen soon, she says she hasn't yet been on a disaster response. However, she envisions her team working closely with the Red Cross in the case of a major disaster like a tornado, setting up a pet shelter right next to the Red Cross shelter. "That way people aren't saying if you don't let me take my pet I'm not going. People can go to the shelter and right next door is their pet and they can come over and walk it and feed it." Right now, Dr. Burcham is focusing on setting up her CART's board and recruiting volunteers. "I've kind of got the road laid out for me and now I have to pave the road to make it official and get it going," she says. "This is something I really want to see be successful.

Dr. Skaer would like to see more people involved as well, no matter what county they live in. "I think it's so important that veterinarians step up and get involved with this. I know we're all busy in our day jobs and doing one more thing seems overwhelming, but veterinarians WILL be involved in a disaster." Dr. Skaer's commitment says a lot about how strongly she feels about the effort. She spends many evenings and weekends working with KS SART, and even traveled 2,000 miles last year

on the organization's behalf. All of this is done on top of running her practice. "It's somewhat exhausting but I'm doing it because I saw what happened in Greensburg and to animals that were displaced from their families because well-meaning people didn't know any better. They never were reunited and it's absolutely tragic to watch that. I feel like if I don't do it or if it wasn't being done then I'd never forgive myself."

To those who would rather wait until disaster strikes to take action, Dr. Skaer says this: "The days of just showing up at a disaster site and saying 'I'm here to help the puppies and kitties,' they're over. We need to be trained prior to a disaster." Dr. Burcham couldn't agree more. "By having all our ducks in a row before the disaster, when we're called upon to help, we fit right into the flow of things."

If you would like to learn more about how you can help KS SART or any of the CARTs in Kansas, you can visit their website at www.kssart.org, or call (316) 619-1723. You can also find KS SART on Facebook. Across the state line, the Missouri Humane Society has created Standard Operating Guidelines for disaster responses involving animals. Visit their website at www.hsmo.org to learn more about their plans.

RECORD OF KCVMA CONTINUING EDUCATION SEMINARS FOR 2009

DATE	SPEAKER / TOPIC	C.E. CREDIT
February 22	Various Speakers Specialists in Kansas City 3rd Annual Frostbite Seminar	7 Hours
March 19	Stacey Holz, DVM How to Manage Allergic Skin Disease - It's Everywhere	2 Hours
April 16	Timothy Allen, D.V.M., DACVIM (SAIM) What's New in the Treatment of Endocrine Diseases	2 Hours
May 14	Nancy S. Taylor DVM Chronic Renal Disease - Review and Treatment	2 Hours
June 18	Drs. Susan Crowder and Gary Modrcin Dentistry: More than Meets the Eye	2 Hours
July 12	Various Speakers 1st Annual Heatstroke Seminar (Provided for Technicians Only)	5 Hours
September 17	Kevin Christiansen, DVM, ACVIM Diagnostic & Therapeutic Approaches to All Heart Disease	2 Hours
October 15	Carol Reiner, DVM, DACVIM (Internal Medicine), PhD Canine Influenza	2 Hours
November 15	James Gaynor, DVM, MS, Diplomate American College of Veterinary Anesthesiologists, Diplomate American Academy of Pain Management Chronic Arthritis Pain: The Quandary and The Solutions, Small Animal Acute Pain Control: Rationale for Specific Therapy	6 Hours

BUILT ON THE SHOULDERS OF VETERINARY GIANTS

Memoirs of a 93 Year Old Retired Vet

BY: STEVE JOSEPH DVM – HISTORIAN

Dr. F.J. “Mac” McCann has written his about life, family, community and professional experiences. The 1947 graduate of Iowa State University CVM settled in California, MO and today lives in Leawood. In this issue he shares thoughts about two giants.

“Graduates of veterinary schools in the forties probably recall those years on campus as among some of the best of treasured memories. There were nine such schools in the country. The one in Ames was considered near the top. Being admitted to study and attend was, to paraphrase the words of Charles Dickens, ‘The best of times and the worst of times’. One recalls the words of others -- the unbelievable long hours of study, the amazing new experiences, the new and lasting friendships as a time for tears and a time for laughter --- all crammed together, culminating with the heady anticipation of graduation into practice. Christian Petersen’s statue of The Gentle Doctor may exemplify it all.

“Peterson created this impressive piece of art during the depression years of the 20th Century while he was employed at ISU. The statue is not as mammoth as Michelangelo’s David. However, it was an attention getter nonetheless and he had clothes on too.

“Dr. Ralph R. Dykstra, a distinguished ISU CVM professor and Dean of the KSU CVM (1919 – 1948), was well known for his many articles published in veterinary journals. His “Veterinarian’s Creed” I believe is as poignant today as when it was written years ago. It represents standards, perhaps a tad high for some practitioners; but, for achievement of goals --- it is peerless.

“I’ve kept a framed combination of The Gentle Doctor and the Veterinarian’s Creed in the office for years. I believe it served not only as an inspiration, but a reminder of responsibility for this country vet during those three plus decades in practice”

Dr. McCann is one of three living graduates in his class. He is the senior among them.

The Veterinarian’s Creed

To regard my profession as something more than a means of livelihood;

To value character more highly than reputation and truth above popularity;

To be merciful and humane, preventing needless suffering among dumb beasts;

To be faithful and zealous, preventing needless loss to those I am called on to serve;

To guide my conduct by sober judgement and my judgement by a never-sleeping conscience;

To be modest and open-minded and thankful for every opportunity to increase my knowledge and my usefulness;

To be a co-worker with my fellow practitioners by the mutual interchange of counsel and assistance;

To be true to myself, measuring my success by the value of the service I render rather than the fee I receive.

November Continuing Education Event

Speakers: James Gaynor, DVM, MS,
Diplomate American College of Veterinary
Anesthesiologists, Diplomate American Academy of
Pain Management

Topic: Pain Management (details below)

Date: Sunday, November 15th, 2009

CE: 6 hours

Time: Check-in & breakfast: 7:30 - 8:30am

Lecture: 8:30am - 3:30pm

Lunch (provided): 12:15 - 1pm

Location: Bayer Animal Health Headquarters

12707 Shawnee Mission Parkway

Shawnee Mission, KS 66216

Fee: No fee for this event, but RSVP required.

Sponsor: Bayer Animal Health



SESSION OUTLINE:

Morning: Chronic Arthritis Pain: The Quandary and The Solutions

This session will describe the difference between acute pain and chronic pain. It will then go on to describe a multimodal approach to chronic pain control, concentrating on the alleviation of pain associated with osteoarthritis. The following techniques for pain controlled will be described:

- Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs
- NMDA antagonists
- Weight loss
- Exercise
- Regenerative stem cell therapy
- Hyaluronic acid
- Polysulfated glycosaminoglycans
- Elk Velvet Antler
- Microlactin
- Opioids and opioid-like drugs
- Anticonvulsants
- Acupuncture
- Therapeutic laser
- Pulsed – electromagnetic field therapy

Using a combination of therapies allows the control of osteoarthritis pain in over 99% of dogs and cats. Specific real world cases of arthritis in dogs and cats will be presented to help clarify the use of the above techniques.

Afternoon: Small Animal Acute Pain Control: Rationale for Specific Therapy

This session will briefly describe the mechanisms of acute pain, pain related to medical problems, surgical procedures, and trauma incidents. It will then go on to describe a multimodal approach to controlling acute pain. The following techniques will be detailed for the control of acute pain:

- Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs
- NMDA antagonists
- Alpha -2 agonists
- Opioids and opioid-like drugs
- Local anesthetics and techniques for local and regional blockade
- Acupuncture
- Therapeutic laser

Specific cases of acute pain in dogs and cats with medical, surgical, and traumatic problems will be presented to better define how to use the above techniques.

Due to enhanced security at the Bayer plant in Shawnee Mission, the KCVMA is required to provide a list of attendees to Bayer security. **If you plan to attend, please fill out the form below, and fax it back to Wanda Grindstaff at (913) 341-4225 no later than Friday, November 6th.** Only your name and clinic will be shared.

Clinic Name: _____ Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Email: _____

Attendee Name: _____ Attendee Name: _____

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Specialists in Kansas City 4th Annual Frostbite Seminar

Date: Sunday, February 21, 2010

Location: Overland Park Convention Center

6000 College Blvd

Overland Park, KS 66211

March 2010 Continuing Education Event

Speaker: Dr. Michael Dryden

Topic: Update on Flea and Tick Control

Date: Thursday, March 25, 2010

(*Please note, this is the Fourth Thursday of the Month)

Time: Dinner: 6:30pm, Seminar: 7pm

CE: 2 hours

Location: Saint Joseph Health Center's Community Center for Health
& Education, Community Meeting Room

I-435 & State Line Rd., Kansas City, MO

Fee: No fee to attend this event. Current membership

dues cover all CE

Sponsor: Novartis



CLASSIFIED ADS

Send your classified ads to: Wanda Grindstaff, PO Box 12468, Shawnee Mission, KS 66282-2468 or fax them to her attention at 913-341-4225. Ads must not be over 100 words in length. Classified ads will be run at the sole discretion of the editor and may be edited for content. Deadline for the next newsletter is 12/13/09.

Wanted: *Associate Veterinarian* for AAHA accredited small animal clinic in Kearney, Missouri. Full-time or part-time considered. Send resume to the attention of Wayne Morris, DVM at The Animal Clinic of Kearney, LLC. PO Box 562, Kearney, MO 64060 or email to Animalclinickearney@uniteone.net

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