



A Letter From The President

November/December 2010

Hello fellow KCVMA members! I hope this issue of *News and Notes* finds you doing well. The fall colors are here and the weather is beautiful! If only there were not so many allergens in the air it would be a perfect season! If your practice is anything like our practice in Liberty, you are seeing lots of itchy dogs suffering from atopy or fleas. It is good to have new tips from our continuing education meetings to manage both problems.

It has been a busy few months for our clinic. We are currently managing the post-operative care of a primary hyperparathyroid (from a parathyroid adenoma tumor) dog. So far the patient is responding well. Look in future issues of *News and Notes* for a case study on this dog. It has been a bit of an adventure. Another interesting case: 3rd degree AV block in a nine-year-old German Shepherd. He presented for an ear infection but somehow it just didn't seem normal for his heart rate to register at 45 BPM in the exam room. Hopefully he will be visiting with our local cardiologist soon for a pacemaker. Interestingly, he is non-clinical at home. He occasionally will have a dazed look but at this time no syncopal episodes. Our most recent "laceration repair" was presented by a Good Samaritan. While we always hope for that simple laceration repair, this one ended up being a laceration as well as a fractured femur head. The good news is the owner has now presented to the clinic. The bad news...they have no money to provide care. So I still say, "Please give me a simple laceration with no strings attached!"

As November is upon us please check your calendars and RSVP for the big CE meeting on the 21st of the month. You can find details inside the newsletter. I do encourage you to attend the November meeting. It is not only a great CE opportunity, but this is also the meeting during which we vote on the 2011 Slate of Officers. Page two of this issue lists the local veterinarians who have volunteered their time to serve the KCVMA in leadership roles. If you are interested in joining the KCVMA board, please send me an e-mail (dglenn@kevma.com).

We will also have a short business meeting to discuss, and vote on, a small increase in annual dues. The

increase in dues will go towards changes the executive board plans to implement for 2011. Plans include changes to our website, upgraded communications and improvements in your ability to manage your KCVMA membership online: you will be able to pay using a credit card. The KCVMA is entering the year 2011 with updated technology!

We want to thank everyone who participated in the 2010 social visit to Shatto Milk Company. There were over 80 individuals present to enjoy the history of Shatto, a tour of the ever-growing facility and a sample tasting. Personally I loved all five flavors of milk we tasted. We have purchased the strawberry milk and have used it with cereal! It was wonderful! We look forward to 2011's social gathering. If you have any ideas for an event please let us know.

I have found quite a few veterinary-related articles in the *Kansas City Star* over the last few weeks. Copious amounts of information have been available regarding Missouri's Proposition B, the Puppy Mill Cruelty Initiative. By the time this newsletter reaches your mailbox elections may be done. I have very passionate feelings about this bill...I guarantee I will be voting. Another interesting article: did you know the Rinderpest virus has been eradicated globally? It will officially be listed as such in 2011 by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization. The only other viral disease to have such a status is smallpox. I find it amazing that it is possible to eradicate a contagious disease globally!

As I sign off on my last newsletter as President of the KCVMA I want to thank the other members of the executive board for a great year. I feel we have had a productive year! I also want to thank all of the membership for your feedback and support. I look forward to 2011 as your Past President.

Sincerely,

READY FOR ANYTHING: COUNTY ANIMAL RESPONSE TEAM MAKING PREPARATIONS

BY: JEN NIGRO

The time to prepare for disaster is long before it strikes. And that's just what Dr. J.C. Burcham of Olathe Animal Hospital is doing. Dr. Burcham is head of JoCART—the Johnson County Animal Response Team—and it's designed to make sure volunteers are at the ready to help animals in need following a natural or manmade disaster. “The Pets Act of 2006 mandates that every county-level emergency management office has plans in place to address the needs of household pets and service animals in the event of a disaster,” says Burcham. In Johnson County, the CART will work with emergency management, law enforcement, firefighters and the Red Cross to rescue, shelter and reunite animals with their owners following an emergency situation.

The effort will take many volunteers, all of whom will need special training. “In the event of a disaster you don't want people just saying ‘I'll help, I'll help’ and not have them understand the need for cohesive organization and structure,” says Burcham. “That's just a chaotic mess and you can end up with a bigger problem than what you started with.” All volunteers, including Burcham, have to be trained according to the Incident Command Structure, or ICS. Burcham just returned from the State Animal Response Team (SART) conference in Wichita where she took some of the classes necessary for her certification. These include everything from human first aid to psychological first aid. She also had a chance to talk with other team leaders about their organizations as well as fundraising. Burcham is currently working on acquiring 501c3 status for JoCART so donations will be tax deductible. She hopes once things get up and running and contributions start coming in, JoCART will not only be able to help when disaster strikes, but be able to provide educational materials to the public about emergency preparedness and evacuation.

In addition to her own training, Burcham is working with volunteers in Johnson County to make sure they get the training



they need. She says many are going through ICS training with an eye toward helping in other places as well. “One of the volunteers who came to our last organizational meeting said, ‘I'm really interested in this because I've been to disaster sites where ICS training was required. I want to have that training so I can go anywhere in the country.’”

If you're interested in becoming a JoCART volunteer, Burcham encourages you to attend one of two informational meetings at the Sunset Drive Office Building, 18111 South Sunset Drive in Olathe. She'll talk about the required training as well as some of the volunteer positions available. “I need people who can have a leadership role in the event of a disaster, people who have experience with public communication and the media and anyone with experience with emergency management.”

Meetings will be will Thursday, November 4 at 6:30pm in Rm. 2015 and Monday, November 8 at 7pm in Rm. 1060. You can also find out about future meetings by contacting Burcham at burcham@olatheanimalhospital.com or by searching for JoCART on Facebook.

POTENTIAL 2011 SLATE OF OFFICERS

A ballot will be available allowing the KCVMA Membership to vote on the proposed 2011 Slate of Officers at the November CE Meeting. **If you are interested in serving on the Board of Directors for the KCVMA, please contact any of the current board members.** (Contact information can be found on the reverse of the insert page.) Alternately, you may e-mail info@kcvma.com.

President: J.C. Burcham (Voted on and approved last ballot)

President Elect: Mary Hughes

Vice President: Melissa Austin-Gundel

Secretary/Treasurer: Keith Placke

Missouri State Rep: Mel Falk

Kansas State Rep: Kathleen Claussen (Two-year term began in 2010)

2nd Year Board Member: Open

2nd Year Board Member: Open

1st Year Board Member: Open

1st Year Board Member: Open

Historian: Steven Joseph (Non-voting member)

PET-FRIENDLY LICENSE PLATE TO PAVE WAY FOR VET STUDENTS STUDYING SHELTER MEDICINE

BY: JEN NIGRO

Kansans will soon be able to show they love their pets while supporting K-State veterinary students and shelter spay/neuter services. The Kansas legislature recently passed a bill creating the Kansas Pet-Friendly license plate. The plates will help raise money for spay/neuter education and create veterinary student externships in shelter medicine with a focus on spay/neuter services.

Those involved with the legislation say the journey to this point has been a long one, full of twists and turns. When the Leavenworth County Humane Society proposed the plate to 40th District Representative Melanie Meier, efforts began to push the bill through the legislature. According to Kansas Veterinary Medical Association Executive Vice-President Gary Reser, the bill in its original form would have given proceeds from the plate to the Kansas Humane Legislative Network. But those working toward passage soon discovered information that made them change paths.

Dr. Ralph Richardson, Dean of K-State's College of Veterinary Medicine, was one of those concerned. "On the surface of things it looked like it was going for shelter care. I did a little bit of inquiry on the Internet to learn a little bit about the Humane Legislative Network." Richardson discovered the organization is an arm of the Humane Society of the United States, which is different from the Humane Society of America. "There's been a lot of controversy about HSUS and how much of their funds actually go for animal care," he says. Richardson shared his concerns with Reser and Representative Meier. "We were working with the shelter in Leavenworth. We started talking about the fact that maybe we could foster a relationship between shelters and veterinary medicine that would be enhancing to everybody. They agreed," says Richardson. Reser adds, "The bill was rewritten and reworded so the logo would be developed by and the proceeds would go to the Kansas State University College of Veterinary

Medicine for additional training for students in spaying and neutering and for providing spaying and neutering assistance to local humane shelters across the state."

Now, work is underway to get the program rolling. Chris Gruber, Director of Development for K-State's College of Veterinary Medicine, says his office will oversee the funds generated from the plates. "Those who want the Pet Friendly plate will pay an additional \$50 annually when they renew their county tag. That money will then be sent to K-State." Richardson says from the financial side, the framework for processing money from the new plate is already in place. "The KSU Alumni Association already has this in place for the K-State plate and they are available to help manage this."

As for the externship program, the college is still working out the details. "We will probably develop a list of shelters in Kansas that will be an approved list, shelters that we are very familiar with," says Gruber. "They'll apply to get on that list, and those are the shelters the students can go out to." Both Gruber and Richardson hope the externship program will lead to better care. "I think there's a misunderstanding by a lot of veterinarians about what modern shelter care is," says Richardson. "This gives us an opportunity to teach students best practices while they're in school rather than relying on what they experience when they first get out on the job." Gruber adds, "It will help the shelters because they'll have care coming in for free, basically." He hopes there will also be enough funding to bring in speakers and educators to speak to all veterinary students about the importance of shelter medicine.

The plates will be available for purchase starting in January 2012. In the meantime, K-State's graphic design department is working on the logo. They hope to unveil it in the coming months.

KCVMA SOCIAL EVENT: SHATTO DAIRY



1. Group before the tour 2. Milking a cow 3. Milk tasting 4. Stories at the end of the tour

BUILT ON THE SHOULDERS OF VETERINARY GIANTS

Veterinary Leaders in Kansas City (Part Six of Six)

The Best Boss We Ever Had

BY: DR. STEVE JOSEPH, KCVMA HISTORIAN

We've come to the end of our six part series on veterinary leaders in Kansas City during the 19th and 20th Centuries. Although all of them were vastly different they shared a common thread. They were successful in private practice, academia, government, military and/or industry and veterinary associations. All were AVMA Presidents.

Our final feature focuses on Dr. Gerald L. Johnson. Following his death in March 1994, Dr. Amanda Donnelly, the KCVMA President at the time, wrote the following words in her regular letter to the Association:

"I don't ever remember seeing Dr. Johnson when he wasn't smiling and offering words of encouragement. Like so many other people, I have fond memories of Dr. Johnson and saw him as a source of inspiration both personally and professionally."

Dr. Johnson's enthusiasm for veterinary medicine, family, friends and life was always evident. Two memorable moments come to mind when I think of Dr. Johnson. The first was listening to him sing his AVMA Presidential acceptance speech. The second came two years later when he proudly paraded through the Boston convention hall in his Uncle Sam costume, his wife Judy in tow, as his term as AVMA President came to an end. You just never knew what Jerry would do next!

Dr. Johnson served the KCVMA as an officer for 25 years. His positions included President and Secretary – Treasurer.

When he was AVMA President – Elect he ask my wife Linda and I if we would take his place with the KCVMA while he attended to other duties. We have never been more honored, but we knew his were big shoes to fill.

Dr. Johnson was a President of MVMA and the 1971 Missouri Veterinarian of the Year. Additionally, the American Association of Industrial Veterinarians (today the American Association of Corporate and Public Practice Veterinarians) named him their 1985 Veterinarian of the Year.

He retired from Miles Animal Health (today Bayer Animal Health) in August 1993 after 26 years but even then continued as President of the University of Missouri Alumni Association. This was another challenge he accepted with the same enthusiasm that dominated other areas of his life.

In 1992, Dr. Johnson spoke to veterinarians at the Central Veterinary Conference. During that speech he read one of his favorite quotes:

"Enthusiasm is the yeast that makes your hopes rise to the stars. Enthusiasm is the sparkle in your eyes, the swing in your gait, the grip of your hand, the irresistible surge of will and energy to execute your ideas."

He added that enthusiasm makes things happen. **"We can make things happen. We can make our veterinary associations better. If we spread enthusiasm we cannot fail."**

It was often said, he was "the Best Boss we ever had".



RECORD OF KCVMA CONTINUING EDUCATION SEMINARS FOR 2010

DATE	SPEAKER / TOPIC	C.E. CREDIT
February 21	Various Speakers Specialists in Kansas City 4th Annual Frostbite Seminar	7 Hours
March 25	Dr. Michael Dryden Update on Flea and Tick Control	2 Hours
April 15	Dr. Paul Cleland Nutritional Management of Osteoarthritis in Dogs and Cats	2 Hours
May 20	Dr. Byron Blagburn Update on Vector Borne Diseases	2 Hours
June 17	Dr. Fred A. Winger Neurology for General Practice	2 Hours
August 19	Dr. James Marshall Heartworm Disease: Separating Fact from Fiction	2 Hours
September 16	Dr. Fred A. Winger Spinal Disorders - When to Refer	2 Hours
October 21	Sanjay Kapil, DVM, MVSc, PhD, Diplomate ACVM (Virology & Immunology) Canine Parvovirus	2 Hours
November 15	Bonnie Campbell BS, DVM, PhD, Diplomate ACVS Wound Management	6 Hours

CONTINUING EDUCATION EVENTS

November Continuing Education Event: RSVP by Friday, November 5th

<p>Speaker: Bonnie Campbell BS, DVM, PhD, Diplomate ACVS Clinical Assistant Professor of Small Animal Soft Tissue Surgery, College of Veterinary Medicine, Washington State University</p> <p>Topic: Wound Management</p> <p>Time: Check-in & breakfast: 7:30 - 8:30am Lecture: 8:30am - 3:30pm Lunch (provided): 12:15 - 1pm</p>	<p>Date: Sunday, November 21, 2010</p> <p>Location: Bayer Animal Health Headquarters 12707 Shawnee Mission Parkway Shawnee Mission, KS 66216</p> <p>CE: 6 hours</p> <p>Fee: No fee for this event, but RSVP required.</p> <p>Sponsor: Bayer Animal Health</p>
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Dr. Bonnie Campbell is a small animal soft tissue surgeon. Special clinical interests include moist wound healing, reconstructive surgery, wound bandaging techniques, and laparoscopic and thoracoscopic surgery. Dr. Campbell's current research investigates the role of trefoil peptides in protection and repair of the gastrointestinal tract and the aberrant expression of trefoil peptides in a variety of carcinomas. Dr. Campbell lectures on wound healing and reconstructive surgery to veterinary students and in continuing education programs, and has authored a number of papers in this field. Dr. Campbell is also the current president of the Veterinary Wound Management Society.

For more detailed information, visit <http://www.kcvma.com>.

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 Geis at (913) 341-4225 no later than Friday, November 5th.** 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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CLASSIFIED ADS

Send your classified ads to: Wanda Geis, PO Box 12468, Shawnee Mission, KS 66282-2468, fax them to her attention at 913-341-4225 or email them to classifieds@kcvma.com. Ads must not be over 100 words in length. Classified ads will be run at the sole discretion of the editor and may be edited for content. Deadline for the next newsletter is 12/13/10.

Immediate opening available. **Associate Veterinarian** needed for satellite practice in Grain Valley, Missouri. We are seeing a consistent growth in clients and revenues. Great opportunity to manage your own practice. Possibilities for partnership/ownership in the future. New graduates welcome. Please fax resume to 816-252-3294 or call Dr. O'Brien at 816-252-7111.

Experienced, licensed vet. technician wanted at the Veterinary Allergy Dermatology Clinic, LLC, a referral dermatology clinic located within VSEC in Overland Park. We provide the highest level of dermatology care for our patients. Candidate must have excellent client communication and interpersonal skills. Competitive salary, benefits, paid vacation, no weekend or emergency duty, 30-40 hour week. For more information about our practice, visit www.vetallerderm.com. For more information about the position or to submit a resume, please email dsenter@everestkc.net.

Veterinary Technician, full-time position available at Lakewood Animal Health Center, a progressive 4-doctor AAHA accredited practice in Lee's Summit. We focus on quality, thorough medicine rather than high volume. Excellent clientele and support staff. Check us out at www.lakewoodanimal.com. Fax or e-mail resume and application to (816) 373-5176 or lakewoodanimal@sbcglobal.net, subject line: RVT position.

Registered or experienced veterinary technicians needed for a fast paced 24 hour emergency and specialty practice in Overland Park, KS. We are hiring for a number of positions in the emergency and internal medicine departments. First, second and third shifts are needed. Some weekends and holidays are required in any department. Pay and benefits are comparable to experience. Your job duties will include IV catheterization in all vessels including central lines. Blood collection, urine collection via cystocentesis, anesthesia, digital radiography, assisting in surgery, triage, and all types of patient care will be required for these positions. Your skills as a technician will be utilized and challenged every day. If you are interested please fax or email resume to Melissa Andrasik at 913-381-0421 or mandrasik@vseck.com

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