



## A Letter from the President

November/December 2016

The end of the year is here, and with it comes the end of my term as KCVMA president. This year has gone by quickly, full of hours of continuing education and a wonderful time together at a Sporting KC match. As we enter the new year, you'll see some changes to *KCVMA News and Notes*. Dr. Joseph is retiring as KCVMA historian, and will no longer write historical articles for the newsletter. We appreciate his years of service; he will be greatly missed. We are also transitioning to a new public relations firm. We want to thank Nadler and Associates for their service, and welcome Brian Ellis, who will take over management of our online presence and membership. Brian graduated from Pittsburg State University in 2001 with a Bachelor of Science degree in technology. He worked for Fox 4 News from 2001-2005, followed by Nadler and Associates from 2005-2013. In 2013, Brian transitioned to freelance work, including the KCVMA newsletter. His work has included doing layout for our print newsletter and website. We look forward to working with him in his new role.

You will also see a change to the format of the newsletter. This will be the last print edition of *KCVMA News and Notes*. Content will continue to be made available online at [kcvma.com](http://kcvma.com) and via social media—so be sure to like us on Facebook! It will be updated more frequently than our current every-other-month newsletter, so that's something to look forward to!

Industry changes will also take effect in January.

Matt Silvius, our MVMA representative, has been keeping tabs on the Veterinary Feed Directive, which will impact how veterinarians work with food animal producers nationwide. The directive will require food animal producers to purchase feed grade and water soluble antimicrobials, as well as feed containing certain antibiotics, through their veterinarian. We'll tell you more about the requirements and anticipated impact on both rural and non-rural veterinarians later in this edition of *News and Notes*.

We had to say good bye to three of our life members – George Gates, Gerald Jacobson, and Gunter Alberti. Dr. Gates died September 1 at the age

of 74 from cancer. He was born on his family's farm in Grant City, MO, and took pride in working with his family's livestock. Dr. Gates earned his DVM from the University of Missouri-Columbia. He founded Prairie Village Animal Hospital, and later opened Land of Paws pet stores with his wife, Pam, and two other partners. He retired July 22, and received his diagnosis just five days later.

Dr. Jacobson, who died August 5 at the age of 84, graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1953, received his DVM in 1955, and earned his Master of Public Health in 1960. He began his career in 1955 as staff veterinarian in the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture Disease Control, and later served in the Army Veterinary Corps and the U.S. Public Health Service. He worked with several state and federal agencies, including those in Kansas City, MO, on radiation control and protection. After retiring, he worked as a consultant for Argonne National Laboratory.

Dr. Alberti died February 11 following a six-month battle with prostate and bone cancer. He was 89. Dr. Alberti was born in Germany and served as a Luftwaffe pilot in the German Air Force during WWII. His unit surrendered to the Americans, and he spent four years in a Russian POW camp. Following his release, he attended the University of Munich, where he received his DVM. He later came to the United States, becoming a U.S. citizen in the late 1950s. He was instrumental in building FMA Animal Hospital in Westwood, KS. Our sympathies go to the families of these KCVMA life members.

Thank you all for your support of KCVMA over the last year—it's been a pleasure to be your president. Our president-elect, Todd Taylor, will take the reins in January. I am confident I will see you at our upcoming continuing education and social events.

### Donna Romanzi, DVM

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## KCVMA 2017 Membership Renewal Reminder

An organization is only as strong as its members, and KCVMA is most certainly going strong! As 2016 ends, we thank you, our members, for giving us the opportunity to support and celebrate Kansas City-area veterinarians through continuing education and networking opportunities, and by advocating on behalf of our members and our profession.

Your KCVMA membership gives you access to high-quality continuing education, the latest information on cutting-edge research and techniques, updates on important legislative actions, and opportunities to connect with your fellow veterinarians!

Renew your membership by January 1 so you don't miss out on anything KCVMA has to offer. Visit <http://members.kcvma.com> and follow the instructions provided to renew your membership for 2017. Life members must complete this process to maintain their complimentary membership.

If you would prefer to renew via email please feel free to contact Brian Ellis ([bellis@kcvma.com](mailto:bellis@kcvma.com)) or Wanda Geis ([wgeis@kcvma.com](mailto:wgeis@kcvma.com)).

# Telling the Stories of Veterinary Giants: Dr. Steve Joseph

BY: JEN NIGRO

As KCVMA historian and regular contributor to *KCVMA News and Notes*, Dr. Steve Joseph has been telling the stories of veterinary giants for eight of his 25 years on the board. As he prepares to retire from his role as KCVMA historian, he reflects back on the evolution of the newsletter, the association, and his favorite articles.

Dr. Joseph comes by storytelling naturally. He began his career as a reporter, and had his eye on the big radio networks in Philadelphia and New York. But after returning from Vietnam, he was becoming disillusioned by the leanings of the media. During a visit to Kansas for his parents' 50th wedding anniversary, he made a side trip to Kansas State University and took a tour of the veterinary college. He decided to apply, and to his surprise, was accepted on his first try. "I had never worked in a veterinary practice doing things that people should be doing, like cleaning up cages and taking care of animals," he recalls. "I didn't know a caprine from a bovine from an equine. I had to learn all of that from scratch. I had a big row to hoe, but I made it." Dr. Joseph graduated from KSU-CVM in 1978 and went on to work for the USDA as a veterinary medical officer for the northwest corner of Missouri. For five years, he ran federal and state programs for cattle, equine, and porcine disease. From there, he went to work at Haver-Lockhart (now Bayer) for 13 years and Royal Canin for 10, working in university relations and technical support for both companies. He retired about 10 years ago.

Throughout his career, Dr. Joseph's roots as a reporter stayed with him. While working at Haver-Lockhart, his boss, Jerry Johnson, became president of the AVMA. In 1991, he asked Dr. Joseph and his wife, Linda, to help him out by getting involved in the KCVMA. The two had been members since 1978, but agreed to take on leadership roles; Linda as the executive secretary, Dr. Joseph as treasurer. Both agreed to produce a newsletter. "He was the best boss I ever had," Dr. Joseph remembers about Johnson. "We couldn't say no, because he did so many things for us. He was just a great guy."

The couple had their work cut out for them. At the time, the newsletter wasn't really a newsletter; rather, it was a one-page announcement detailing that month's continuing education. The Josephs set out to make it a true newsletter. "One of the things that I really championed was news events," says Dr. Joseph. "They were all really short. Maybe that second page would have 15 little headlines, and it would talk about people who had a baby and other life events. Readers really liked what we were doing." The Josephs would collect content and send it to someone else for layout before getting it printed at Shawnee Copy Center. "Then, Linda had to come home, fold all of these, stuff them into envelopes, put on the

addresses, and stamp all of them, so it was a humble beginning," recalls Dr. Joseph.

"But as it grew, it took on an entirely different flavor, and it got better every year."

Dr. Joseph points to the addition of Darin Nadler as editor, and a regular feature

writer as improvements. "I'm just really proud of the way the newsletter has evolved," he notes.

Eventually, Dr. Joseph was ready for a change. He stepped down from his role as treasurer and was asked to become the KCVMA historian. Before long, his role led him to create a historical column for *News and Notes*. "Just before I started doing articles, a lady from Webb City, MO, contacted me. Her grandfather had been a 1904 graduate of the Kansas City Veterinary College. She sent me his diploma, his composite picture, his license, and other items." These materials led Dr. Joseph to write his first article in the series, "Built on the Shoulders of Veterinary Giants", a name gleaned from a conversation with Dr. Ralph Richardson, dean of KSU-CVM at the time. "I was just a reporter about veterinarians and the animals they served; it was really these giants who did it all, veterinarians in the past and well-known animals."

Dr. Joseph soon became fascinated by the history of organized veterinary medicine. Through his research, he learned that seven veterinarians from the Kansas City area have served as presidents of the AVMA, where previously it was thought there were only two. Expand the area to the states of Kansas and Missouri, and that number grows to 23, a fact Dr. Joseph finds amazing. He also discovered Kansas City had not one, but three veterinary colleges. "None of these colleges aside from the KCVC really had a long life," he notes, "but the KCVC produced more veterinarians than any veterinary college in the country. It started humbly with three students in two rooms. The college was believed to be the finest in the U.S. at that time." He says their demise came about around 1918 due to the loss of manpower caused by World War I. "There weren't very many women being sought out for veterinary medicine at that time. Now, there are more women attending veterinary schools than men," he says.

In addition to learning about the history of the profession, Dr. Joseph wrote articles about fascinating and unusual animals in veterinary history. One he recalls fondly



was about Jim the Wonder Dog. “It was said that Jim was a clairvoyant. He could predict the outcome of the World Series, he predicted the winners of horse races, he could even pick out a car with Mississippi plates from a full parking lot,” laughs Dr. Joseph. He also remembers an article he wrote about a racehorse buried near Corinth Square in Overland Park. The horse, Lawrin, was an 8:1 underdog at Churchill Downs, but went on to become the only Kentucky Derby winner from Kansas. “I always wanted to tie the story back to a local veterinarian,” Dr. Joseph says of his articles. In this case, he was able to connect Lawrin to Wolford Farms, named after the owners of Wolf Brothers Clothiers. “Sometimes I just came upon these stories, sometimes people suggested them,” he says.

Dr. Joseph’s favorite article, however, was one titled “We Always Had Fun”, published in the January/February 2016 issue of *News and Notes* (<http://www.kcvma.com/januaryfebruary.html>). It highlights many of the social events held by KCVMA over the years. “One of the things we did was to have a barbecue out at the Roy Davis farm south of Kansas City. Roy Davis and Ken Huggins were the chefs, and they always did a super job,” Dr. Joseph recalls fondly. “They used to draw in a lot of veterinarians for those kinds of social events. Davis and Huggins would cook all day, and the barbecue would go on as long as people were there.” Dr. Joseph also recalled square dances, big parties, and dinner meetings, many planned by his wife, Linda. “That article was so much fun to write,” he says.

Though Dr. Joseph’s time as KCVMA historian and *News and Notes* contributor is coming to an end, he hopes veterinarians will continue to learn about the history of the profession. He encourages those who want to dig into the past to visit the historical archive on the KCVMA website (<http://kcvma.com/historical-archive.html>). As for his final article, Dr. Joseph says he’s brought his contributions full circle. “The articles all started with Dr. Frederick Cater. I revisit that in this issue. It ended where it began.”

## Feed Label Changes to Impact Veterinarians

BY: JEN NIGRO

Veterinarians will take on a greater role in food safety starting in January. In an effort to promote judicious use of medically-important antibiotics in feed or water for food-producing animals, antibiotic label changes are going into effect at the beginning of the year. With these changes, the use of feed grade and water soluble antimicrobials will no longer be permissible for production purposes. Additionally, veterinarians will have to oversee the purchase of feed containing certain antibiotics by issuing a Veterinary Feed Directive, or VFD, to animal owners. The VFD will be required for feed grade antibiotics, while water soluble antibiotics will require a prescription. In order to issue either one, veterinarians must have a relationship with the veterinary patient and client. In other words, you need to visit the farm and have seen the animals, and have a familiarity with the operation requesting the VFD.

Dr. Craig Payne, director of veterinary extension and continuing education at the University of Missouri’s College of Veterinary Medicine, says the requirement could impact any veterinarian, not just those in mixed or food animal practice. “The requirement for a VFD and prescription applies regardless of what species the antibiotics are used in,” he says. “For example, I have received several inquiries from companion animal practitioners who have clients with backyard bee hives. Their clients use oxytetracycline to prevent a particular disease, and the clients are wondering if these changes will impact them. The answer is yes, because tetracyclines are considered medically important antimicrobials by the FDA.” Others on the list include penicillins, macrolides, lincosamides, streptogramins, aminoglycosides, and sulfonamides.

Richard Antweiler, executive director of the Missouri Veterinary Medical Association (MVMA), says the new rule is a double-edged sword for veterinarians. “They might have some clients come in they haven’t seen before and maybe build some business,” he says, “but, a lot of clients are going to come in never having seen a veterinarian before and demand that this VFD be signed.” Antweiler also points to the additional recordkeeping veterinarians will have to perform under the directive, as veterinarians will have to fill out a form specifying the drug being issued and the reason for issuing it. The MVMA will have a mobile app in place by December to simplify the process.

Those interested in learning more about the Veterinary Feed Directive and its impact on practice operations can access an online webinar through the MVMA website starting in November. Kansas State University has put together a series of online modules as well, covering frequently asked questions ([www.beefcattleinstitute.org/veterinary-feed-directive](http://www.beefcattleinstitute.org/veterinary-feed-directive)). The Department of Agriculture is also holding a series of presentations about the directive. Information is available on the events page at [www.mvma.org](http://www.mvma.org). For more information about the VFD, visit <http://www.fda.gov/AnimalVeterinary/DevelopmentApprovalProcess/ucm071807.htm>.

This is the last article in the historical series spanning 47 stories over eight years. I need to thank several folks whom you know. My wife, Linda, always came up with unique ideas when I was stumped. Don Dinges accompanied me when we visited the former locations of three former private veterinary colleges in Kansas City and the home site of Dr. and Mrs. Cater. Drs. Vern Otte, Howard Erickson, and PR consultant Darin Nadler have been an inspiration with encouraging comments. Drs. Bud Hertzog and the late Gunter Alberti have been valued historical resources. Thanks to all and to you for reading.



## November CE

Speaker: Dr. Andrew Rosenberg  
 Owner, Riverdale Veterinary Dermatology  
 Topic: Dermatology  
 Date: Sunday, November 20, 2016 (previously Nov. 13)  
 Time: Registration: 7:15 - 8am | Presentation: 8am - 1pm  
 Breakfast and lunch provided  
 CE: 5 hours

Location: Bayer Animal Health  
 12707 Shawnee Mission Parkway  
 Shawnee Mission, KS 66216  
 Fee: No fee to attend this event, but RSVP is required.  
 Current membership dues cover all CE.  
 Sponsor: Bayer



### REGISTRATION CLOSED – FINAL DETAILS FOR THOSE ATTENDING THE NOVEMBER CE MEETING

## January CE

Speaker: TBD  
 Topic: TBD  
 Date: Thursday, January 12, 2017 (tentative)  
 Time: 6:30pm – Dinner & Registration  
 7pm – Presentation  
 CE: 2 hours (tentative)

Location: TBD  
 Fee: No fee to attend this event, but RSVP is required.  
 Current membership dues cover all CE.  
 Sponsor: Parnell



**PLEASE NOTE: Only dues-paying members are able to register for CE events. Please be sure to renew your membership at <http://members.kcvma.com> prior to registering for the January CE.**

### RECORD OF KCVMA CONTINUING EDUCATION SEMINARS FOR 2016

DATE	SPEAKER/TOPIC	C.E. CREDIT
January 21	<b>Brian J. Huber, DVM, ABVP</b> Utilization of Ultrasound in Everyday Veterinary Practice	2 Hours
February 21	<b>Various Speakers</b> 10th Annual Frostbite Continuing Education Symposium	5 Hours
March 14	<b>Carrie White, DVM, DACVIM</b> Leptospirosis and Lyme Disease	2 Hours
March 24	<b>James R. Kallman, DVM   Midwest Technical Services Manager, Merck Animal Health</b> Canine Infectious Respiratory Disease Complex with an Emphasis on the Current Trends in CIV	2 Hours
April 21	<b>Dr. John W. McCall</b> Repellency: Does it really prevent HW transmission?	2 Hours
May 19	<b>Dr. Elizabeth Martinez</b> Advancements in Anesthesia	2 Hours
June 16	<b>David C. Twedt, DVM, Diplomate ACVIM   Professor, Department of Clinical Sciences College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, Colorado State University</b> Latest Update on Canine Pancreatitis	2 Hours
July 21	<b>Craig Datz, DVM, MS, DABVP, DACVN   Senior Scientific Affairs Manager, Royal Canin USA</b> 1. Nutritional Approaches to Managing Atopic and Food Allergy Patients 2. Unconventional Diets: Are Grain-Free, Raw, and Holistic Diets Really Better?	2 Hours
August 18	<b>Donna Raditic, DVM, DACVN, CVA</b> <b>Assistant Clinical Professor, University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine</b> Supplement Your Thinking: Nutritional Support for Canine Health	1.5 Hours
September 15	<b>Dr. Michael Dryden, University Distinguished Professor, Veterinary Parasitology, Kansas State University College of Veterinary Medicine</b> Parasitology Update	2 Hours
October 20	<b>Dr. David Senter</b> Cases That Will Make Your Skin Crawl: A Case-based Discussion of a Dermatologist	1.5 Hours
November 20	<b>Dr. Andrew Rosenberg   Owner, Riverdale Veterinary Dermatology</b> Dermatology	5 Hours

## CLASSIFIED ADS

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Independence Animal Hospital is currently looking for 1-2 associates to join a very busy, rapidly growing small animal practice. We are located near historic downtown Independence, Missouri. We offer great benefits, and salary is negotiable dependent on experience. Ownership possibilities would be available for the right individual(s). The clinic has excellent support staff with in-house lab, digital radiography, and dental equipment. We strive to offer excellent veterinary care at a reasonable price. This position is open immediately and is a great opportunity both professionally and financially. New graduates considered. Contact Dr. Matthew Wingert @ 816-682-3685 or email at [independencianimalhospital@hotmail.com](mailto:independencianimalhospital@hotmail.com).

Spring Hill Veterinary Clinic is in need of a full-time or part-time veterinary technician for our busy, growing four doctor small animal practice. RVT not required. Will need experience with education of clients, restraint of animals, anesthesia, dentals, x-rays, etc. Must be willing to cross-train with other staff positions. Weekdays and rotating Saturdays required. Resumes should be emailed to [springhillvetmanager@yahoo.com](mailto:springhillvetmanager@yahoo.com).

Spring Hill Veterinary Clinic is seeking a part-time or full-time small animal veterinarian. We are looking for someone with at least three years of experience for our growing four doctor practice. We have digital x-ray, an ultrasound, in-house blood machine, and lots of opportunity. Please contact Erin or Ryan Miller at 913-592-2770 for further information or to schedule a time to come by and visit.

Full-time veterinarian position available. Practice quality medicine in a busy, four doctor practice with superb support staff and excellent benefit package. We have quality staff, digital radiology and a full in-house laboratory. Located in Independence, MO. Potential for ownership. Contact: Richard Schrock or Vicki Dressler at [vicki@threetrailsah.com](mailto:vicki@threetrailsah.com) or 816-252-5105.

Three Trails Animal Hospital, located in Independence, MO, is seeking a full-time veterinarian to join our busy four-doctor practice. This position to practice high-quality small animal medicine is open immediately and offers a competitive salary and benefits package. Future ownership possibilities would be available for the right individual. Mentoring is available for recent graduates. We have an excellent team committed to our core values of communication, compassion, respect, excellence, and integrity. We are housed in a newer hospital featuring digital radiology, laser therapy, and a full in-house laboratory. For more information visit our website or contact Rick Schrock, DVM or Vicki Dressler, office manager, at [vicki@threetrailsah.com](mailto:vicki@threetrailsah.com) or 816-252-5105.

Maple Woods Veterinary Technician Program is now accepting students into the program twice a year. Students who wish to start attending the program in January 2017 will need to submit their applications by October 1, 2016. Students who wish to start the program in August 2017 should submit their applications by April 1, 2017. Applications and information about the program can be found at [www.mckc.edu/vettech](http://www.mckc.edu/vettech). If you have questions, please call 816-604-3235.

Part-time associate needed for a small animal hospital in North Kansas City, MO. Please call Antioch Dog & Cat Hospital at 816-453-7272 or email your resume to [adch@kc.rr.com](mailto:adch@kc.rr.com).

Lionsgate Pet Hospital is growing again!! We've recently expanded our practice and added state-of-the-art equipment. Great location with excellent support staff. Seeking an enthusiastic veterinarian to join our three doctor small animal practice in southern Johnson County. Competitive salary and generous benefit package. Experience preferred but will consider new graduates. Please send resumes to: [lionsgatepet@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lionsgatepet@sbcglobal.net).

Our busy small animal practice located in western Shawnee is seeking a registered veterinary technician. Candidates must have RVT certification and veterinary clinic experience. We are looking for technicians who possess compassion for both patients and their people, and who have excellent communication skills and confidence. This position does require being available to work at least two Saturdays per month. Full-time or part-time flexibility. Resumes will be accepted by email at [accoakvalley@att.net](mailto:accoakvalley@att.net) or in person at: Animal Care Clinic - 5576 Hedge Lane Terrace, Shawnee, KS 66226.

Items for Sale: hydraulic surgery table, Idexx catalyst/lasercyte analyzer, anesthetic machine, surgery light, many stainless steel kennels, 5 T-kennels 30" X 5 feet, radiosurgical unit, and much more. Call 913 451-9555 or 913 908-9457.

Noah's Ark Animal Clinic is a full-service, small animal, veterinary clinic located in the heart of Brookside. We are a well-established three doctor practice seeking a permanent full-time or part-time associate veterinarian to join our team. Candidates must practice exceptional medicine and have excellent communication skills. We are looking for someone interested in surgery as well as diagnostic and wellness medicine. Experience is preferred but new graduates are encouraged to apply. Salary and benefits are negotiable. Send resume with cover letter to [jobs@noahsarkanimalclinic.com](mailto:jobs@noahsarkanimalclinic.com) or mail to 6305 Main St., Kansas City, MO 64113.

Founded in 1944, Wayside Waifs is Kansas City's largest and most comprehensive no-kill animal shelter and pet adoption campus. We are seeking an experienced, team-focused, innovative, and compassionate veterinarian for the newly-created position of chief veterinarian. This critical role will be directly responsible for the leadership and daily operations of the entire veterinary services department. Please view the entire job description at [www.waysidewaifs.org](http://www.waysidewaifs.org). To apply in confidence, please send your resume, cover letter and three professional references to Geoff Hall, President, Wayside Waifs 3901Martha Truman Road Kansas City, MO 64137 or via email at [ghall@waysidewaifs.org](mailto:ghall@waysidewaifs.org).

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Full-time small animal veterinarian wanted for our well-established, centrally located veterinary practice in Kansas City, MO. We are interested in someone with good communication skills, and a strong work ethic who is interested in providing a high level of care while enjoying their job and moving forward with our practice. Our practice has significantly grown over the past year, and is in need of a well-qualified veterinarian who wants to join our committed team. An experienced practitioner is preferred, but not opposed to new graduate. We provide full-service veterinary care for our clients and patients. Contact: [jason@plazaanimalclinic.com](mailto:jason@plazaanimalclinic.com). Additional details at: <http://jobs.avma.org/jobs/8554894/full-time-veterinarian-wanted-for-plaza-animal-clinic>.

Full-time registered veterinary technician or experienced veterinary assistant wanted for our well-established centrally located veterinary practice in Kansas City, MO. We are interested in someone with good communication skills, and a strong work ethic who is interested in providing a high level of care while enjoying their job and moving forward with our practice. Our practice has significantly grown over the past year, and is in need of a well-qualified individual who wants to join our committed team. A registered veterinary technician is preferred, but veterinary assistants are welcome to apply. We provide full-service veterinary care for our clients and patients. Contact: [jason@plazaanimalclinic.com](mailto:jason@plazaanimalclinic.com).

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