



A Letter From The President

September/October 2009

Dear KCVMA Members and Honored Guests,

What a great time of year! Autumn means back to school, the changing of the leaves AND the start of football season!!! That of course brings tailgating, half-time shows and the return of Bill Snyder! The holidays will be here before we know it, so let's take some time to enjoy the fall season!

Speaking of sports, I want to remind everyone of the KCVMA Social at the Kansas City Royals game on Saturday, September 26th at 6:10 pm. Come check out the Royals as they take on the Minnesota Twins at the newly updated Kauffman Stadium! The KCVMA will provide 2 view box level tickets in section 431 to paid members until the tickets run out. Extra tickets are available for purchase if you want to bring along the entire clinic staff!!! Be sure to get your request in by the September 11 deadline, and keep in mind you'll need to pay the \$9 parking fee on your own. See the insert for further details, or contact Wanda at wgrindstaff@kcvma.com. Let's make it a sell out!

Back to school also means back to CE for the KCVMA. We have three great events lined up to finish the year's schedule. Dr. Kevin Christensen will instruct us on the diagnostic and therapeutic approaches to cardiac disease later this month. October brings a discussion about canine influenza from Dr. Carol Reiner. We will finish off this year's education with acclaimed Pain Management Guru, Dr. James Gaynor. He will present a comprehensive approach to the challenges of chronic pain. See the insert for all of the specifics as to where and when. Additionally, mark your calendars for the 2010 Missouri Veterinary Medical Association (MVMA) Convention. The event will be held January 29-31 at the Embassy Suites in St. Charles, MO. The convention, in its 118th year, will feature more than 60 exhibitors, an awards banquet plus an opportunity to get to know your fellow veterinarians. You'll also have the chance to tour historic St. Charles and St. Louis, or try your luck at the nearby Ameristar Casino. Watch for more information in the coming months!

Your staff will also find plenty of education and training opportunities this fall. The MVMA is now proud to offer the Online MVMA Certified Veterinary Assistant Program through Animal Care Technologies (ACT). It offers high-quality training on a flexible schedule resulting in a credible certification. For more information, go to <http://www.mvma.us/> and look for the CVA Program.

There's a new tool for veterinarians seeking to purchase prescriptions from credible online pharmacies. The National Association

of Boards of Pharmacy has created the Vet-VIPPS Program. The 2009 program accredits facilities that dispense prescription drugs and devices for companion and non-food producing animals over the Internet. It also assures animal care providers that they are purchasing drugs and devices from a facility that meets the licensing requirements of the state in which the facility is based, as well as in each state to which it dispenses pharmaceuticals. Pharmacies displaying the Vet-VIPPS seal have demonstrated to NABP their compliance with Vet-VIPPS criteria including patient rights to privacy, authentication and security of prescription orders, adherence to a recognized quality assurance policies and provision of meaningful consultation between clients and pharmacists. Go to <http://www.nabp.net/> for more information.

I would like to extend a very big thank-you to Dr. Steve Joseph for presenting a very informative evening of local veterinary history. As Dr. Davinne Glenn put it, it was great to finally be able to put a face with all of the names we have been hearing so much about this year. A full house of "history buffs" was able to preview Dr. Joseph's lecture, which he will give to the veterinary students at Kansas State University later this fall! Thank-you for all of your hard work and dedication to our profession!

We are still looking for a few good volunteers to join the KCVMA Executive Board. It is a good way to network and get involved! Volunteering only takes a few hours a month. If anyone is interested in becoming a 1st year board member, please contact me at kclaussen@kcvma.com.

On a final note, there is a clinical trial underway in Columbia and St. Louis, Missouri for healthcare professionals with opioid dependence. A. E. Daniel, MD, in conjunction with Assisted Recovery Centers of America, LLC (ARCA) is looking for healthcare professionals currently enrolled in an outpatient recovery program and/or receiving regular counseling to participate in an opioid antagonist (Vivitrol) efficacy and tolerability study. Please contact Dr. A. E. Daniel at 573-443-6930 or ARCA at 314-645-6840 for more information.

Respectfully,

RESEARCH MATTERS

BY: JEN NIGRO

As veterinarians, you know how crucial it is to stay on the cutting edge of new technology. Research matters, and funding can be hard to come by in tough economic times. That's where the Morris Animal Foundation comes in. MAF is the world's largest nonprofit foundation dedicated to funding research studies to protect, treat and cure animals. Since its founding in 1948 by Dr. Mark L. Morris, Sr., MAF has funded research that has led to better detection and treatment of canine cancer, the development of the first parvovirus vaccine and the first feline leukemia vaccine. A partnership between Dr. Morris and Burton Hill also led to a line of prescription diet pet foods from Hill's Pet Nutrition. This development, along with Dr. Morris' work in favor of

federal regulations for pet food, revolutionized the industry.

MAF receives funding through many sources, from private donations to study sponsorships and benefit events. Several companies have also partnered with the organization to donate a portion of their sales to research.

In all, MAF has funded more than 1500 animal health studies using thousands of veterinary scientists. Because nearly every practicing veterinarian of the last three generations has benefited from MAF-funded research, KCVMA feels it is important to keep you up-to-date on the latest breakthroughs. Watch future editions of KCVMA News and Notes for periodic updates on MAF studies and how they can help your patients live longer, healthier lives.

MARKS OF PROGRESS FOR THE MVMA

BY: JEN NIGRO

The Missouri Veterinary Medical Association has something to celebrate after three years pushing for changes to the state's pet ownership laws. As the legislative season ended in May, Governor Jay Nixon signed House Bill 481 into law, which prevents city or county agencies from using the word "guardian" in their animal ordinances instead of "owner."

MVMA says that while the word guardian indicates a deeper concern for animal welfare, the term, when used in legal matters, could actually take away pet owner rights to spay/neuter their pets, and even euthanize suffering animals. MVMA sees the change in terminology as a victory in its effort to protect pet owners from animal rights activists who might deem such practices as not in the best interest of the pet, and try to stop pet owners from following through. MVMA says the term guardianship also implies animals have legal rights that could be recognized in court, opening pet owners up to civil lawsuits filed by third parties on behalf of animals. The use of the word guardian could also have created custody issues, problems with insurance coverage and made the use of work and service animals more difficult.

The legislation survived Governor Nixon's veto pen, which struck down 35 other bills passed by the Missouri legislature.

Missouri leaders are also taking steps to shed the state's reputation as the puppy mill capital of America. Attorney General Chris Koster announced a new initiative in August to stop unlicensed and substandard dog breeding in the state.

Operation Bark Alert is designed to encourage the public to be on the lookout for unlicensed breeders and report them. The Missouri Department of Agriculture has set up a website where people can go to report unlicensed dog breeders, www.mda.mo.gov/animals/ACFA/barkalert. The Department of Agriculture will file suits against the illegal breeders and demand they meet state standards or shut down. Since the initiative started in February, inspectors have found more than 200 unlicensed breeders across the state and rescued more than 1,900 dogs.

In addition to keeping an eye on legislative and legal issues, the MVMA also has an eye on opportunities for continuing education. The Equine Committee will host its annual Fall Equine Dentistry and wet lab September 4-6. The 18.5-hour course involves helping Long Meadow Ranch's rescued horses with their dental problems under the direction of Dennis Rach, DVM of Moore and Company Veterinary Services. Call (573) 638-8612 for more information.

Finally, with the job market still struggling, MVMA is taking steps to keep area veterinarians employed. A new partnership between MVMA and the Veterinary Career Network allows people seeking veterinary jobs to list a resume free of charge. Those searching for employees pay a low monthly fee to list openings at their clinic. You can visit <http://careers.mvma.us/> to see available jobs and post your resume.

SEPTEMBER CONTINUING EDUCATION EVENT

Speakers: Kevin Christiansen, DVM, ACVIM
 Topic: Diagnostic & Therapeutic Approaches to All Heart Disease
 Date: Thursday, September 17, 2009
 (Third 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: Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica

Dr. Christiansen is a board certified Diplomate (Cardiology) in the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine. He graduated from Kansas State University College of Veterinary Medicine. He spent 4 years in general practice prior to completing his residency in cardiology at the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Christiansen joined VSEC in 2006.



OCTOBER CONTINUING EDUCATION EVENT

Speakers: Carol Reinero, DVM, DACVIM (Internal Medicine), PhD
 Assistant Professor, Columbia College of Veterinary Medicine University of Missouri
 Topic: Canine Influenza
 Date: Thursday, October 15, 2009
 (Third Thursday of the Month)
 Time: Dinner: 6:30pm, Seminar: 7pm

CE: 2 hours
 Location: The Golden Ox, 1600 Genessee St, Kansas City, MO 64102, (816) 842-2866
 Fee: No fee to attend this event. Current membership dues cover all CE.
 Sponsor: MWI
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Dr. Reinero received her DVM in 1995 from the University of California-Davis. She completed a Small Animal Medicine and Surgery Rotating Internship from 1995-1996 at Texas A&M University and returned to UC Davis to complete a Small Animal Internal Medicine Residency from 1996-1998. She was a clinical instructor on the Internal Medicine Service at UC Davis over the following 3 years, and then enrolled in a PhD program. She received her PhD in Immunology in 2004 from UC Davis.



Dr. Reinero has spoken on respiratory diseases both nationally and internationally. She has published over 20 peer reviewed articles and 10 book chapters on respiratory diseases over the past 7 years. Her current basic science research focuses on allergic asthma, with an emphasis on immunomodulation, clinical drug trials, and mechanisms of tolerance; and her clinical research focuses on airway and interstitial lung diseases in dogs and cats.

2010 Sneak Peak

Mark your calendar for Thursday, March 25. Dr. Michael Dryden will present on flea and ticks in cats and dogs. Don't miss out!

DR. STEVE JOSEPH'S KCVMA HISTORICAL PRESENTATION



BUILT ON THE SHOULDERS OF VETERINARY GIANTS

KCVMA's Senior Life Member

BY: STEVE JOSEPH, DVM

Graduating from KSU CVM in 1943, Dr. Richard I. Buchli is our Senior Life Member. He graduated at the age of 21 and is believed to be the youngest veterinary graduate from the CVM.

A proud accomplishment is his PhD in the field of acupuncture at a time when the discipline was considered at best controversial. He appeared at a veterinary meeting regarding acupuncture conducted by a large animal veterinarian from Purdue. The speaker deferred to Dr. Buchli as the local expert and encouraged attendees to contact him with questions or cases.

Dr. Buchli graduated in the first class of the International Veterinary Acupuncture Society. In 1975, he addressed the World Acupuncture Congress in Grenada.

Dr. Buchli established the Ace Veterinary Hospital (now Animal Medical Center) at Wyandotte and 75th

streets in Kansas City, MO in January 1947. He and his wife Dorothy retired from practice in 1982. Dorothy was a huge part of his veterinary career working beside him daily and attending CE meetings with him.

Over the years, Dr. Buchli has been a supporter of veterinary history donating items to the Missouri Veterinary Museum including a microscope over 100 years old, various books, articles and pictures related to KCVMA.

Dr. Buchli was a leader in organized veterinary medicine in Kansas City as evidenced by his picture in a 1948 article about the Association featured in *Town Pictorial Kansas City* (See the article at kcvma.com. Click on "About" and *Town Pictorial Kansas City*.)

In May, Dr. Buchli and Dorothy celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary. Over those years, they have been apart only 21 days.

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During mid March, Dr. Don Dinges and I went on a search for historic veterinary buildings in Kansas City. In the wake of St. Patrick's Day we started our journey at Brownes Irish Market Store and Deli on Pennsylvania. Green beer was only considered.

Armed with little more than obscure addresses and a map we made our way across the city. Along the way we stopped by the address of Dr. Fred and Alma Cater on Woodland discussed in the first article in this series.

During our adventure we didn't find much other than an empty building that might have housed the Kansas City Veterinary College (KVCV), the bottom of the intercity viaduct where the College was once located and empty lots one of which was home to a lonely portapotty.

The KVCV buildings and those of University and Western Veterinary Colleges may be gone, but the dedication of the veterinary giants who studied there and helped to build our Profession in Kansas City lives on.



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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: 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 Monday, November 2nd.** 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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KCVMA Social Event: Take Me Out To The Ball Game!

Come join the KCVMA Board for a night at the “new” Kauffman Stadium to watch your Kansas City Royals take on their division rival Minnesota Twins. Mark your calendar for a 6:10 start on Saturday, September 26th for the final homestand of the regular season and fan appreciation weekend. Two view box tickets will be provided for members at no charge, and additional tickets can be purchased for \$10 each through the KCVMA. First come, first served, and parking is on your own (\$9.00). Fax this form to 913-341-4225 or mail to Wanda Grindstaff, PO Box 12468, Shawnee Mission, KS 66282-2468 before **Sept. 11th**. If purchasing additional tickets, please make checks payable to KCVMA. Tickets will be sent via mail once your fax/payment has been received, so please be sure to fill out the form in its entirety.



Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

of Complimentary Tickets (Max. 2): _____ # of Additional Tickets (@\$10/each): _____ Total Amount Due = \$ _____

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 10/13/09.

Part time *associate or relief veterinarian* needed for small animal practices in Belton and Raymore, MO. We are looking for Wednesday and some Thursdays and Saturdays. Please contact Dr. Gary Miller at 816-331-0661 or email at beltonvet@aol.com

Vet test, snap reader, vet lyte, autoclave, and portable x-ray and supplies for sale. Please contact Dr. Deanna Post, 620-255-2211. drdeannapost@sbcglobal.net

Associate S/A Veterinarian needed for a well equipped, modern small animal practice in the Kansas City metro area. We practice quality medicine and surgery and emphasize client communication. No Sundays, no emergencies. 1 to 2 years experience preferred but not mandatory for the right candidate. Contact Dr. Wayne Hunthausen, Westwood Animal Hospital, 4820 Rainbow Blvd, Westwood, KS 66205, 913.362.2512, wayneh42@aol.com

Do you desire a personalized care approach for the patients you serve? Companion Animal Dentistry of Kansas City is seeking a *full time veterinary technician* for a referral dental practice serving the Greater Kansas City Area. Responsibilities include primary patient care with attention to pre-operative care, monitoring of anesthesia, assisting with oral surgery and other advanced dental procedures, post-operative care, equipment and instrument care. At least one year of experience with small animal practice required. Salary commensurate with experience. Please email cover letter and resume to questions@kcpetdental.com For more information about CAD of KC visit www.kcpetdental.com.

Westwood Animal Hospital currently has an open position for a *Full Time Veterinary Technician*. Registered Tech preferred, experience a must. If interested, please call 913-362-2512, or visit the clinic at 4820 Rainbow Blvd, Westwood, KS 66205 for more information/application. Resumes may be faxed to 913-677-0203 or e-mailed to Dr. Wayne Hunthausen at wayneh42@aol.com

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Immense opportunity to begin *your own veterinary practice* or establish a satellite location. One man practice, owner wishes to retire but would assist through transition if necessary. Fully capable staff already in place. Great location not far from Plaza area. Sale would include building and equipment. New furnace, air conditioner, roof and parking lot. Contact 913-706-9336 or 913-236-7202.

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