



## A Letter From The President

September/October 2010

Hello fellow KCVMA members! I hope this issue of *News and Notes* find you doing well and enjoying the last few days of summer! What a hot summer it has been...I am ready for the cooler days of fall and the amazing changes in the leaves and fields. Speaking of beautiful, my husband and I had the opportunity to travel west during the month of August. We visited Grand Teton National Park, Yellowstone National Park and Glacier National Park. Each area has such unique beauty and wonders. My favorite experience: seeing wolves and bears in their natural, wild habitats and driving the "Road to the Sun" in Glacier National Park. If you ever have the chance, it is a vacation I can highly recommend.

While vacationing, life continues as normal back at our veterinary practices. After almost two weeks of vacation I came home to a newly diagnosed Addisonian dog in our clinic. I have to say Addison's disease is my favorite canine endocrine disorder, so I was a little jealous (and proud) that our 2010 MU graduate had made the diagnosis and already started the dog on therapy. Within two days of being home, one of our technician's dogs had weakness, increased thirst and anorexia. We rechecked some laboratory values to find increased BUN, increased potassium and low sodium. Based on ACTH stimulation results we had yet another Addisonian dog at our facility! What are the chances of finding two primary Addisonians within seven days? I am happy to report both are doing well with their current regimen of DOCP and low low dose prednisone.

The KCVMA executive board has a challenge for all members of the KCVMA. We would like to offer a free 2011 membership to the member who submits the best case study to be published in the January/February 2011 newsletter. Deadline for submission is December 1, 2010. We would like the case study to be about 750 words. Please include history, differential diagnosis, actual diagnosis, treatment and outcome. Of course, images are encouraged. The cases will be reviewed by a sub-committee of the executive board and the winner announced in the Jan/Feb newsletter.

Our historian, Dr. Steve Joseph, has been working diligently over the last nine months to make memoirs written by Dr. F.J. "Mac" McCann available for the membership to read. These memoirs are now available in a PDF format on our website: [www.kcvma.com](http://www.kcvma.com). They are located in the "About" section of the website. I find them very enjoyable to read. It is always refreshing to read about what life was like in the early 1900s. Sadly, as *News and Notes* was going to the printer, Dr. McCann passed away on the morning of Wednesday, September 1st. His death followed a short illness. Our thoughts are with his large family and many friends. Please take a few minutes and read the excerpt inside this issue of *News and Notes*.

I would like to finish with a few words on upcoming dates:

1. **September 16th (Thursday)** at St. Joseph's Hospital, Dr. Fred Wininger will present "Spinal Disorders--When to Refer." We know the speaker will be great, and we are hoping for an improvement in the quality of the food at this meeting.
2. **September 26th (Sunday)** is the 2010 KCVMA social at the Shatto Dairy. I would like to have 100 people in attendance. So far our RSVP numbers aren't as high as I would like. I am hoping the membership will participate in this fun family-friendly event. See page 3 for additional details.
3. **October 21st (Thursday)** CE information coming soon. Check our website for updates!
4. **November 21st (Sunday)** at Bayer Animal Health in Shawnee Mission, Dr. Bonnie Campbell will speak about Wound Management. RSVP information is available on the CE page of this newsletter. For up-to-the-minute details, please watch the website.

I look forward to seeing many of you over the next two months at the CE events and social event. Enjoy the last days of summer and the cooler days of fall!

*Darwin M. Jones, DVM*

## GRADS AT WORK: AGE VERSUS ABILITY

BY: DR. MELISSA AUSTIN-GUNDEL

Saturdays at my clinic, doctors are free to break from the mundane of their weekly dress clothes and delight in the scrub pattern of their choice. Most of the doctors take advantage of the break. That is, all except for me. I make sure to give my polite excuse each week, something like, “When I wear scrubs I have no portion control.” The staff probably interprets my behavior as a superiority complex. The truth is I wear dress clothes and a white coat each day at work because I worry if I do not my abilities might be questioned as a result of my age.

I am what the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) would consider a recent graduate. I have been in professional practice for less than 5 years and I look it. No matter how many times people tell me it is a good thing to appear young I am consistently frustrated by clients’ seeming preference for older, more experienced veterinarians.

Even with my strict adherence to a more professional wardrobe, I have found some clients lack confidence in me because I’m so young. A few examples of conversations I’ve actually experienced:

### Case 1:

Dr. Melissa Gundel (MAG): “Mrs. Smith, I recommend I perform a punch biopsy on your pet’s mass to potentially rule out a malignant cancer.”

Mrs. Smith: “Dr. MAG, how many punch biopsies have you performed?”

Dr. MAG: “I have performed one punch biopsy in school and have not had the opportunity yet in private practice.”

Mrs. Smith: “Not to be rude, but I would prefer an experienced surgeon perform my pet’s punch biopsy.”

### Case 2:

Dr. MAG: “Mrs.

Brown, the abdominal X-rays appear normal.

I see no evidence of a foreign body obstruction.”

Mrs. Brown: “That’s good news but did you discuss your findings with any of the other doctors? I would feel better if you did.”

### Case 3:

Dr. MAG: “Mrs. Taylor, I am sorry to tell you that the aspirate of your pet’s lymph nodes revealed cells strongly suspicious of cancer. Your cat needs to see an oncologist.”

Mrs. Taylor: “That’s terrible news Dr. MAG. Would you mind if Dr. Senior Associate (previous practice owner that has been at the clinic for at least 20 years) reviews my pet’s medical record and calls me with what he thinks I should do?”

I know each and every client has the right to ask for a second opinion. But in all of the situations listed above, internally I felt disappointed. Still, on the outside, I strove to display poise and humility. It was imperative I did not let my pride get in the way of making sure my client’s experience was top notch.

Don’t get me wrong, it is not easy, and at one point I had reached my boiling point. I asked a close friend and mentor, “Why does this keep happening to me? Am I not displaying confidence in my recommendations? Should I stop applying anti-wrinkle cream and color my hair grey?” My mentor quickly reassured me that I was not alone. She has gone through similar experiences and believes it is simply part of the learning curve. I felt encouraged by her advice and was pleasantly surprised when recently a new client to our practice requested her pet be seen by “the youngest veterinarian, because they oftentimes have the most up-to-date knowledge and techniques.” Well, at least one of my clients has a perceived value in youth.

Here’s a shout out to all the Kansas City Recent Graduates. Stay fresh and persevere, rest assured I empathize with you all and find comfort in the fact that we have the rest of our lives to be old... I mean experienced. Why rush it?

## LEGISLATIVE SEASON PROMISES TO BE BUSY FOR VETERINARY ADVOCATES

BY: JEN NIGRO

When state lawmakers reconvene following summer recess, they’ll have several issues to consider that could affect the practices of veterinarians on both sides of the state line. Gary Reser, Executive Vice President of the Kansas Veterinary Medical Association, says the KVMA will continue its efforts to include veterinarians in a proposed apology law. The bill, introduced and discussed last year, would prevent a doctor’s expression of apology, sympathy, compassion or other benevolent act from being used as evidence in the event of a lawsuit. The KVMA believes veterinarians should receive the same protections. “We think that the fear of those kinds of expressions being used in a lawsuit creates an obstacle to effective communications with patients or vet clients at a time they might need it most,” says

*(Legislative Season Continued)*

Reser. "Those expressions can also relieve frustration and reduce the level of emotion over the death of an animal." The Senate Health and Welfare Committee will have an interim hearing on the issue in October.

Additional legal protections for Missouri veterinarians will also take center stage. Richard Antweiler, Executive Director of the Missouri Veterinary Medical Association, says the MVMA will work toward reducing the statute of limitations on malpractice lawsuits against veterinarians. Currently, veterinarians can be sued for malpractice up to five years after an alleged incident. Medical doctors, on the other hand, only have a two-year statute of limitations. "Several years ago they wanted to promote doctors coming to or staying in Missouri, and that was done to reduce the number of court cases against doctors," says Antweiler. "Veterinarians were not included in that, and the MVMA believes they should have been."

Antweiler says the regulation of veterinary prescriptions may also move forward this session. The MVMA is supporting a bill that would return oversight of veterinary prescriptions to the Missouri Pharmacy Board. Currently, there are no regulations for veterinary prescriptions in the state thanks to a Missouri Supreme Court ruling. The MVMA has been working for several years to remedy the problem.

Finally, Missouri voters will go to the polls in November to vote on Proposition B, which would, among other things, limit breeders to no more than 50 breeding dogs. The initiative is the work of Missourians for the Protection of Dogs. The MVMA is speaking out against the proposal, saying it would do nothing to shut down unlicensed breeders. "What it's going to do is penalize those who are good and make people think that there's not a problem anymore," says Antweiler. "It has nothing to do with animal welfare. It has everything to do with controlling commercial agriculture." Instead, the MVMA would like to see legislation that improves inspection procedures for unlicensed breeders and adds more inspectors to enforce the 22 pages of current regulations.

For more information on legislative issues on both sides of the state line, visit [www.ksvma.org](http://www.ksvma.org) or [www.mvma.us](http://www.mvma.us).

## 2010 FAMILY SOCIAL WITH THE KCVMA Shatto Dairy in Osborn Missouri

Date: Sunday, September 26 (the dairy is usually closed on Sundays, but will open especially for KCVMA members!)

Time: 10:30 a.m. until noon

Cost: Free to you, your staff, your family and even your friends! Where: 9406 Missouri 33, Osborn, MO

Directions: Take I-35 North to Exit 40, Highway 116. Turn West (Left) on Highway 116, go through Lathrop and head towards Plattsburg. About 4 miles West of Lathrop turn North on 33 Highway. Continue on 33 Highway about 8 miles until you see our farm on the East (Right) side of the road. Visit Shatto Dairy's website ([www.shattomilk.com](http://www.shattomilk.com)) for a map.



**Please Note: The directions provided by Mapquest and Yahoo Maps are incorrect. Please use these directions only.**

The Shatto Milk Company had its beginnings three generations ago. George and Minnie (Porter) Winstead purchased the land north of Kansas City in the 1800s following their marriage and began farming it. It passed down through the generations, and 60 years ago, the family started a dairy farm. In 2003, following several years of uncertainty over the farm's future, Barbara and Leroy Shatto found a solution. Their lengthy investigation into the feasibility of bottling their own milk showed good potential for success. On June 4, 2003, the Shatto Milk Company came into being, delivering fresh milk to less than ten stores in the Kansas City area. Today their milk is available at nearly 70 stores in Kansas and Missouri.

The Shatto Milk Company has many products to choose from, including the traditional white and chocolate milks, but you will also find Orange Cream, Strawberry, Root Beer, Eggnog and Banana milk flavors. In addition, Shatto Milk Company produces tea, lemonade, fruit punch and orange drink. And of course you'll find cream, butter and ice cream!

Join us for the KCVMA social at Shatto Dairy on September 26 and get a look behind the scenes of this family operation and get a taste of the success this homegrown business has cultivated over the years. Remember to RSVP to [wgeis@kcvma.com](mailto:wgeis@kcvma.com) to reserve your place on the tour!

**Events:** Pet a calf, Milk a cow, Learn about Milk Processing, Taste the flavors of Shatto Milk, Visit with your fellow KCVMA colleagues

**Please RSVP by September 19th to [wgeis@kcvma.com](mailto:wgeis@kcvma.com)**

# BUILT ON THE SHOULDERS OF VETERINARY GIANTS

## Veterinary Leaders in Kansas City (Part Five of Six)

### Family of Veterinarians

BY: DR. STEVE JOSEPH, KCVMA HISTORIAN

This year's historical articles consider veterinary leaders who have made their marks both in Kansas City and nationally. These leaders were successful in private practice, academia, government, military service and/or industry and veterinary associations. All were AVMA Presidents.

The fifth President in our series is Dr. Joseph F.

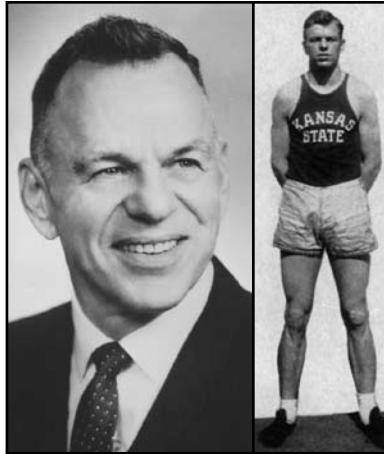
Knappenberger (1912-1992), a 1935 graduate of Kansas State University's College of Veterinary Medicine. He was born during the mid summer of 1912 in Penasola, located in the south central part of Kansas. It is said the area is covered by red sand and a rich growth of grassland.

During his years at KSU Dr. Knappenberger was active in student government, serving as student body president and in other campus organizations. He was also a member of the varsity track squad.

Following graduation he practiced briefly in Ohio, then returned to his alma mater to join the CVM faculty for one year. Another move took the Knappenberger family from Manhattan to Hutchinson where he reentered private practice for over a decade. He is described by friends and clients as a "loved and revered man".

When industry called, Dr. Knappenberger became a vice president with Ashe Lockhart, a pharmaceutical company in the Kansas City area. As the company grew and merged with others he was named President of Haver-Lockhart (today Bayer Animal Health). He held that position until 1968.

During his life Dr. Knappenberger received many honors, including the KSU Distinguished Service Award in 1961. Later he was named Kansas Veterinarian of the Year in 1967. He was one of 18 veterinarians invited by President Lyndon Johnson to participate in the 1965 White House Conference on Health.



Dr. Knappenberger's son Tom (a 1962 KSU CVM graduate) and grandson Todd (a 1999 KSU CVM graduate) are veterinarians at the Knappenberger Veterinary Clinic in Olathe. Additionally, four other Knappenbergers are veterinarians, including Joseph's brother Jack, a 1939 KSU CVM graduate. Jack was a President of Norden Laboratories in Lincoln, NE. Several other Knappenbergers have graduated in various disciplines from KSU.

Prior to serving as the AVMA's 89th President (1968 – 1969), Joseph was President of the KVMA and the KCVMA. He was the first KCVMA President to serve as leader of our national organization. Additionally, he was selected for the AVMA Board of Governors and he served in the House of Delegates.

It's easy to see that KSU and veterinary practice are long-standing traditions for the Knappenberger family. The family received the Alumni Recognition Award during the KVMA Annual Conference in 2004.

## September Continuing Education Event

Speaker: Dr. Fred A. Wininger  
Assistant Professor Neurology/Neurosurgery,  
Small Animal Medicine and Surgery  
University of Missouri College of Veterinary Medicine

CE: 2 hours

Location: Saint Joseph Health Center, Classroom B  
**Classroom B is located in the basement of the Carondelet Medical Building (Building A)**  
**PLEASE NOTE NEW ROOM**

Topic: Spinal Disorders - When to Refer

Date: Thursday, Sept. 16, 2010 (3rd Thursday of the month)

Fee: No fee to attend this event. Current membership dues cover all CE

Time: 6:30pm, Seminar: 7pm

**PLEASE NOTE THE NEW ROOM (CLASSROOM B) AT ST. JOSEPH HEALTH CENTER FOR OUR SEPTEMBER CE.**



A New Jersey native, Dr. Fred Wininger attended veterinary school at the University of Pennsylvania and undertook an internship at the University of Georgia. He then went on to complete a residency in neurology and neurosurgery while simultaneously earning a Master of Science at Washington State University. He is a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine.

Dr. Wininger was drawn to a career as a veterinary neurologist because the field combines medicine, surgery, imaging and pathology.

(Source: [http://www.cvm.missouri.edu/news/newfaculty\\_9\\_09.htm](http://www.cvm.missouri.edu/news/newfaculty_9_09.htm))

## October Continuing Education Event

We look forward to presenting an exciting continuing education opportunity for October. We're finalizing all the details, but the complete information will be available on our website, [www.kcvma.com](http://www.kcvma.com), as well as our two social media outlets. You can find us on Twitter (@kcvma) and on Facebook (Search 'KCVMA').

## November Continuing Education Event

Speaker: Bonnie Campbell BS, DVM, PhD, Diplomate ACVS  
Clinical Assistant Professor of Small Animal Soft  
Tissue Surgery, College of Veterinary Medicine,  
Washington State University

Date: Sunday, November 21, 2010

Location: Bayer Animal Health Headquarters  
12707 Shawnee Mission Parkway  
Shawnee Mission, KS 66216

Topic: Wound Management

CE: 6 hours

Time: Check-in & breakfast: 7:30 - 8:30am  
Lecture: 8:30am - 3:30pm  
Lunch (provided): 12:15 - 1pm

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

Sponsor: Bayer Animal Health



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.

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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## CLASSIFIED ADS

Send your classified ads to: Wanda Geis, 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 10/13/10.

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# A MUST READ... MEMOIRS OF A COUNTRY VET

BY: DR. STEVE JOSEPH, KCVMA HISTORIAN

In recent months, we've been working on bringing you Memoirs of a Country Vet by Dr. F.J. "Mac" McCann. Dr. McCann was a 1947 graduate of Iowa State University CVM. Until his passing on Wednesday morning, September 1st, he was the oldest and last living member of his class.

KCVMA is proud to bring this poignant and beautifully written literature to you. Originally, Dr. McCann planned this for his family. However, we saw it as something that needs to be shared with our Membership.

His memoirs are about veterinary medicine and more. They talk about his life and "travels on the rails" as well as a philosophy that is far different from today's. Please enjoy an excerpt from Dr. McCann's memoirs.

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*"Graduates of veterinary schools in the forties probably recall those years on campus as among some of the best of treasured memories. 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 long hours of study, the amazing experiences 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. He created this impressive art during the depression years...while he was employed at ISU. Dr. Ralph R. Dykstra's 'Veterinarian's Creed' 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 decades in practice".*

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For more stories like this, go to [www.kcvma.com](http://www.kcvma.com) and click on the 'about' button. You'll find Dr. McCann's Memoirs at the bottom of the page.