



A Letter From The President

September/October 2012

Good day to all of you. It is time again for another missive from your humble leader. I hope the start of the school year is going well for everyone. Business has probably slowed from the summer madness, allowing for some deep cleaning to be done. I am sure it will be short-lived and the madness will return, delivering us all from the mundane slow times. I am also looking forward to cooler weather and hopefully some precipitation so my water bill will be lower. The Scottish part of me hates paying money to water dirt (a.k.a foundation). Okay, enough of my complaining.

Our summer social was so much fun. More than 100 people came out on a hot evening to see Sporting Kansas City take on the New England Revolution at Livestrong Sporting Park. Although the match ended in a tie, it was a great game. Not only was it my first time at Livestrong Sporting Park, it was my first professional soccer game. I had a wonderful time watching the match (and the die-hard SKC fans!), and chatting with my colleagues and friends. I want to give a special thank you to Christi Belew. She planned the social from beginning to end, and I think all who attended will agree that it was a wonderful time. Dr. Belew was also in charge of heading up the June Clinic Hop. More of our colleagues attended this clinic hop than any previous. Word has it that Bud Hertzog may have had a role in the increased attendance, but we've had trouble confirming that fact! If you would like to participate in the next clinic hop, either by attending or by hosting a stop, please contact us via email at info@kcvma.com.

Pay special attention to the Continuing Education page in this issue. After a bit of a break we'll finish the year with strong CE opportunities. In just a few weeks Dr. Larry Baker will present on pain management in small animal dentistry. In October, Fritz Wood joins us to discuss ways to make 2013 our "Best Year Ever!". And finally, mark your calendar for Sunday, November 11. Dr. Dennis Chew spends the day presenting on renal disease. You won't want to miss any of these speakers, so register today at www.kcvma.com.

On a sad note, our profession recently lost another member. Dr. Robert Taussig passed away on May 21st, one

week shy of his 89th birthday.

Dr. Bob, as he was known, was an alumnus of Colorado State University's College of Veterinary Medicine. Prior to accepting a teaching position at Kansas State University in 1966 he was a mixed animal practitioner in Sioux City, Iowa for 20 years. While at KSU he lectured, taught students in clinics, earned a Master's Degree in Urology, and was the Director of hospital out-patient services. Dr. Bob and his wife, Mary, spent four years in Nigeria educating the Fulani tribe about their Zebu cattle. While there, they established Navigators of Nigeria, a Christian organization for mentoring and teaching students in the Christian faith. Upon returning to KSU in 1976 Dr. Bob became the section head of the Zoological Medicine department. In 1983 he taught at Ross University for a year. He retired from KSU on April 26, 1988. He and Mary spent their retirement in Manhattan, where they continued to help and educate others. She survives along with their seven children, 35 grandchildren, and 60 great grandchildren. I did not have the pleasure of knowing Dr. Taussig but I am sure he touched many people during his time on this earth. I wish to extend my sympathies to his family and friends on their loss.

I will end this letter with a request. If you are interested in joining the KCVMA Board of Directors, please join us at our next meeting. We will meet on Tuesday, September 11 at 7pm. We haven't decided on a location yet, but please call me if you're interested in attending. Being on the board is fun, rewarding, and a great way to meet our colleagues. I hope to see some of you at our next meeting.



Dr. Robert Taussig

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NBAF: CONSIDERING THE OPTIONS

BY: JEN NIGRO

The National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility proposed for construction in Manhattan, KS is another step closer to reality, though its final form remains up in the air. The National Research Council released a report in June detailing the pros and cons of three options for the NBAF site. The Department of Homeland Security commissioned the study, asking the council to look at three scenarios: 1) constructing NBAF as designed; 2) constructing a scaled-back version; and 3) maintaining the current facility at Plum Island, NY. The study did not consider specific site locations for a new facility.

The NRC determined the first two plans were the strongest; however, both had drawbacks. NBAF as currently designed would create the nation's first Level 4 facility equipped to study highly contagious foreign animal diseases in livestock. Currently, such facilities are only available on a limited basis in Canada, Australia, and soon, Germany. Still, money was the overarching concern. The current design would have a total cost estimated at \$1.14 billion including all funds appropriated to date. But Dr. Ron Trewyn, Vice President of Research at Kansas State University, believes the project should move forward as-is. "It wasn't that the designers included everything every scientist wanted," he says. "They really did look at needs, and I think the design team really believes this is right-sized for the NBAF mission."

Dr. Trewyn notes design changes recommended to improve safety have added to the cost. Inflation has also led to increases. But, because the facility is completely designed, he believes making changes to build a smaller NBAF could end up costing more than the estimated savings. "If you look at some of the details in the report, their suggested reductions add up to about \$110 million, but because everything interrelates so much inside the building, it would cost about \$180 million to make those changes," he says. The NRC report notes that the full costs associated with downsizing the project as detailed in option two are unknown, and would have to be studied further. Dr. Trewyn says that could lead to further delays for a time-sensitive project already six years in the making. "Because of the urgency to get this moved along and the fact that the infrastructure at Plum Island is tenuous at best, getting started as soon as possible seems to be the most important aspect," he says.

According to the NRC report, option three is the least desirable, in part because Plum Island, though a Level 3 facility, fails to meet the current Level 3 code that every other facility must meet. Even if Plum Island was brought up to code, it would not be involved in Level 4 research. To



NBAF Artist Rendering

accomplish the NBAF mission the U.S. would have to rely on foreign laboratories for such work, which the study notes, creates logistical problems, especially in an emergency. "I think the bottom line is, they confirmed that NBAF as designed, or NBAF perhaps slightly smaller, is vitally important," says Trewyn. "You can't get by just using the Plum Island facility. It's past its useful life, so it's time to get going."

In addition to making recommendations about the three options, the NRC encouraged the Department of Homeland Security and USDA to focus on developing a national system for addressing zoonotic threats, with a national laboratory just one key component. Dr. Trewyn says he expects homeland security and the USDA to abide by that recommendation, but says they won't have to start from scratch. "The original submissions in 2006 were all done by consortia," he says. "I think the reason for that was to create a network of institutions with appropriate expertise to be involved in the process from the very beginning." Dr. Trewyn hopes that in addition to all of the research universities, not-for-profits, and businesses in the region and across the country that have agreed to partner with the NBAF project, the National Institutes of Health and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention will become more involved.

No matter which option the Department of Homeland Security chooses securing funding will be the next step. Dr. Trewyn says K-State is working with the Kansas delegation and others to make sure everyone is on board with the project when the time comes to appropriate funds. He says the government will need to fund \$824 million over the next five years, and the state of Kansas is currently sharing a portion of the cost. Money has already been appropriated for the central utility plant. Additional monies must become available in 2013 and 2014.

GIVING BACK: THE SERVICE DOG ORAL HEALTH PROGRAM

BY: JEN NIGRO

Dogs can be a source of love and companionship in any household. But many of these animals are more than man's best friend- they are a vital part of their owner's ability to live a full, productive life. That's why one group of veterinarians started a program designed to give back to the dogs that dedicate their lives to serving others.

The American Veterinary Dental College held a Service Dog Oral Health Program during the month of August. It gave service dog owners the chance to sign up for free dental screenings. These dogs were then referred to participating veterinary dentists, who are now completing those screenings. Dr. Susan Crowder of Companion Animal Dentistry of Kansas City is an AVDC diplomate and KCVMA member. She was excited to join other AVDC veterinarians in supporting the program. "They give so much of themselves and so much of their work has to do with retrieving and picking things up for their disabled owners, we want to make sure their teeth aren't painful and they can continue their service."

The program targeted owners of service dogs, including Seeing Eye dogs, hearing dogs, handicapped assistance dogs, detection dogs, search and rescue dogs, and certified therapy dogs. Word went out to various groups that support pet owners in these situations, encouraging them to participate. Dr. Crowder has seen three service dogs so far, but says more than 1,000 dog owners signed up nationwide during the August registration period.

Each service dog that takes part receives an "awake exam" to check for visible problems. The veterinary dentist generates a report and refers the dog back to their primary veterinarian, who can provide a more comprehensive exam under anesthesia if necessary, as well as treatment and future preventative care. "Part of the aim is to enhance referral relationships with our primary care veterinarians," she says. "We're trying to reinforce what the veterinarians are saying, that dental care is important and dental disease can be painful. It's much better to prevent

it than to have to treat it."

The primary veterinarian will also receive a copy of the report so they can follow up with their patients. Dr. Crowder says the AVDC screenings are designed to supplement care service animals receive from their regular veterinarian. "The working and military dogs are cared for very well, but sometimes an extra examination, a little bit of extra care, or spending a little extra time with the handler to show them how to brush teeth and how they can look for problems in the future can make all the difference," she says.

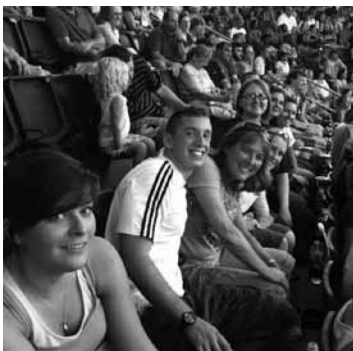
Though there's no decision yet on whether the program will return next year, Dr. Crowder anticipates it will provide a great deal of data for veterinary dentists. "They're trying to keep some information about what we're finding," she says. "How many dogs have broken teeth, pulp exposure, or advanced periodontal disease. I'll be interested to see how the data comes back, just to get an idea of how we can better improve the health of these animals."

Dr. Crowder says in addition to identifying dental disease early, the Service Dog Oral Health Program is a great way to reach out to pet owners at-large. "I think it's great as far as community awareness that veterinary dentistry is important," she says. "It makes us feel good. We like to be involved in the community and help some animals that might not otherwise be helped."



Dr. Susan Crowder, DAVDC

KCVMA SOCIAL EVENTS



Sporting KC Social Event



June Clinic Hop

BUILT ON THE SHOULDERS OF VETERINARY GIANTS VETERINARY ART (PART TWO OF TWO)

BY: DR. STEVE JOSEPH, KCVMA HISTORIAN

Veterinary Art can be seen in Manhattan and Columbia.

Two stained glass works are located in the University of Missouri College of Veterinary Medicine large and small animal hospitals. Both are creations by Tom Lenz, DVM. The black and white depictions shown here do not do them justice. They must be seen in color to be fully appreciated. Color versions of these pictures are available at www.kcvma.com.



The piece showing a variety of companion animals was featured on the covers of the JAVMA and later the Veterinary Directory.

Dr. Lenz, a 1975 graduate of the MU CVM, has worked in private practice as well as in executive positions at Bayer, Fort Dodge, and Pfizer. In 2010, the AVMA recognized his efforts in equine welfare by honoring him with its Animal Welfare Award.

Another impressive piece of veterinary art can be found between Coles and Mosier Halls on the Kansas

State University College of Veterinary Medicine campus. "A Kind Touch" shows Dr. Robert Kind (1933 – 1998) sharing a special moment with a young client and his pet. Dr. Kind was a 1957 graduate of the KSU CVM.

The statue was commissioned by Dr. Kind's wife and was unveiled in October 1999. The work was completed by sculptor David Spellerberg.

During a ceremony to dedicate the work, it was said the statue honors Dr. Kind's life and commitment to veterinary medicine. Dr. Kind considered every animal and human a child of God.

September CE

Speaker: Larry Baker, DVM, FAVD, Diplomate AVDC
 Topic: Pain Management in Small Animal Dentistry
 Date: Thursday, Sept. 20th
 Location: Saint Joseph Health Center
 1000 Carondelet Drive
 Kansas City, MO 64114

Time: Dinner: 6:30pm, Presentation: 7pm
 CE: 2 hours (Tentative)
 Fee: No fee to attend this event, but RSVP is required.
 Current membership dues cover all CE.
 Sponsor: Novartis
 Register: Please register online at www.kcvma.com
 or by scanning the QR code.



Dr. Baker graduated from the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine in 1969. He practiced in Little Rock, Arkansas, for one year. In 1970 he returned to the Decatur area and built Northgate Pet Clinic. His initial staff consisted of himself and one assistant. Northgate has grown to a staff of almost thirty people. Dr Baker is a Fellow in the Academy of Veterinary Dentistry. In March of 2005, he became a Diplomate in the American Veterinary Dental College, one of about 100 board-certified veterinary dentists in the world today.

October CE

Speaker: Fritz Wood
 Topic: "2013: Make It Your Best Year Ever!"
 Date: Thursday, Oct. 18th
 Location: TBD
 Time: Dinner: 6:30pm, Presentation: 7pm

CE: 2 hours
 Fee: No fee to attend this event, but RSVP is required.
 Current membership dues cover all CE.
 Sponsor: Merial
 Register: Please register online at www.kcvma.com
 or by scanning the QR code.



H.F. "Fritz" Wood is a Certified Financial Planner™ who has been fully engaged in the veterinary industry for over 18 years. He has conducted important research into the business of veterinary medicine, including pet owner research and identifying the attributes of high-performing veterinary practices. Other research compared and contrasted the business of veterinary medicine with other medical professions.

Fritz holds Bachelor of Science degrees in Accounting and Business Administration from the University of Kansas (1986). His professional affiliations include the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Kansas Society of Certified Public Accountants and the Association of Veterinary Practice Management Consultants & Advisors. His previous experience included 10 years as a profit management consultant with a major global consulting firm.

Fritz and his wife of 21 years, Cathy, have four children (aged 8 to 18) and a beloved 11-year-old Labrador retriever named "Rascal".

November CE

Speaker: Dennis Chew, DVM, Diplomate ACVIM,
 Professor Emeritus, Department of Veterinary
 Clinical Sciences, The Ohio State University
 Topic: Renal Disease
 Date: Sunday, Nov. 11
 Time: Breakfast / registration: 7:30 – 8:30am
 (tentative) Presentation: 8:30am – 12:30pm
 Lunch: 12:30 – 1pm
 Presentation: 1 – 3pm

Location: Bayer
 12707 Shawnee Mission Parkway,
 Shawnee Mission, KS
 Sponsor: Bayer
 CE: 6 Hours
 Fee: No fee to attend this event, but RSVP is required.
 Current membership dues cover all CE.
 Register: Please register online at www.kcvma.com
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Due to enhanced security at the Bayer plant in Shawnee Mission, the KCVMA is required to provide a list of attendees to Bayer security. Please register for this event by October 26.



Dr. Dennis Chew is a 1972 graduate of the College of Veterinary Medicine at Michigan State University. He did a one-year internship at South Weymouth Veterinary Associates (Massachusetts) and a two-year residency in internal medicine and nephrology at the Animal Medical Center (NY, NY). He became a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (Internal Medicine specialty) in 1977. Dr. Chew has been an attending veterinarian at The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine Teaching Hospital since 1975 and has been a Full Professor in the Department of Clinical Sciences since 1989. Most of his work in clinics, research, and publications involves urology/nephrology in small animals. He has special interest in disorders of calcium metabolism (idiopathic hypercalcemia in cats), treatment of renal secondary hyperparathyroidism (especially calcitriol and PTH dynamics), acute renal failure, and disorders of the feline lower urinary tract (idiopathic/interstitial cystitis and urolithiasis). He has pioneered many of the diagnostic procedures for urinary endoscopy in dogs and cats.

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