

news & notes

A Letter from the President

September/October 2016

Fall is on its way. The kids are back in school. As I look back on the summer I wonder where the time went. I had so much planned this summer, but the months flew by so quickly I don't think I accomplished even half of the items on my to-do list. We did make the time for our family vacation, as I suspect most of you did this summer. The vacation time is great, but it never lasts as long as we want.

Our family will welcome a new member this fall—a new puppy! I am excited, but also apprehensive. We currently have an eight-year-old dog. I can't imagine having a better companion. In addition, the thought of training a puppy is a little overwhelming. Then again, we did it once eight years ago, and met with success; I imagine we'll be able to train a puppy now.

There are also changes ahead professionally. After 13 years, our public relations firm, Nadler & Associates, is retiring from its work on behalf of KCVMA. Our liaison, Darin Nadler, has seen our association grow, change, and develop to where we are today. He has been a great asset for our volunteer board, taking responsibility for our website, newsletter, and continuing education notifications and RSVP coordination. His work behind the scenes has helped increase the visibility of the KCVMA, and educate our membership about important issues relating to veterinary medicine. We want to thank Darin and his team for all the years of service. We, as a board, will miss him, but we are looking forward to creating a

new relationship with a new public relations firm. We will make the transition as smoothly as possible in the months to come.

We are also working on finalizing the rest of this year's continuing education. Dr. Mike Dryden from Kansas State University, also known



as Dr. Flea, will be the presenter for our September continuing education meeting. He is always a wealth of information. Please RSVP early, as space is limited. Our October CE will be on nutrition; November will be our Sunday meeting where we will hold elections. Again, please RSVP early.

In the last issue of News and Notes, we explored the issue of compounding medications and some of the legal pitfalls veterinarians can fall into while dispensing these medications. This month, we continue our look at legal issues veterinarians often face, and share information about ways to avoid such problems. We'll also check in on Kansas State University's mobile surgical unit as it celebrates its first year on the road, and take our usual walk back in time with Dr. Steve Joseph. Enjoy!

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Educational Opportunity for Missouri Veterinary Technicians

Occasionally, the KCVMA learns of opportunities that benefit other members of your practice. While the KCVMA does not officially sponsor these programs, we do like to pass along information when we can. With that in mind, please consider sharing the details below regarding the MVTA Annual Conference, held at the University of Missouri College of Veterinary Medicine.

Sessions: "It's Time for a Gut Check, Digestive Care" Time: 7am: Continental Breakfast / Check In

"Physical Rehabilitation in Small Animal General Practice"

8 – 11:20am: Sessions 11:20am – 12:30pm: Lunch

"Adrenal Disease of the Dog"

12:30 – 2:30pm: Sessions

"Core Elements of Small Animal Anesthesia" "Raptor Rehabilitation: A Selection of Case Studies"

Adams Conference Center, University of Missouri CVM

Date: Saturday, October 15, 2016 1600 E Rollins St

CE: Approved for 5 hours of CE in Missouri Columbia, MO 65201

Visit www.movta.org to register for the conference and sign up for membership by October 1.

Location:

Unique Program Improves Quality of Care for Shelter Animals

BY: JEN NIGRO

When Kansas State University's CVM decided to take its shelter medicine rotation on the road last May, they never imagined how quickly demand would grow—both from students and participating shelters. The Mobile Surgery Unit, a 32-foot pull-behind gooseneck trailer with the Powercat logo on its side, celebrated its first anniversary on May 9. Since hitting the road, it's visited a dozen shelters on a regular basis saving lives and money, and giving fourth-year veterinary students a unique experience.

Dr. Brad Crauer, clinical assistant professor of clinical sciences, runs the program. Each morning at 7 a.m., he, three fourth-year veterinary students, and a licensed tech meet to do rounds and go over a discussion topic. They're on the road by 8 a.m., traveling up to two hours to that day's location. "They can be pretty long days," admits Dr. Crauer. "We have some shorter trips and a couple of different partners in Manhattan, but we drive as far as Beatrice, NE, or Ottawa, KS, and both of those trips are an hour and 45 minutes or so each way." Dr. Kyla Krissek, the program's intern, says once they arrive and set up, each animal gets a basic physical examination. Two students typically perform surgeries while another takes care of anesthetizing and prepping each patient. They rotate through the tasks so each gets a turn. Dr. Crauer says participation in the program gives students ten times more surgeries than typical veterinary students have when they graduate. "The students throughout last year were averaging about 50 surgeries per two-week rotation," he says. "Students without a program like this, or who don't seek additional surgical experiences, would graduate with four to five surgical experiences. Our students are much more confident, and their skills at the surgery table are much better."

But surgical experience isn't the only student benefit. Vanessa Cowie is the director of the Salina Animal Shelter, one of the program's beneficiaries. She says in addition to spay/neuter services, the students have an opportunity to learn about the challenges shelters face in a real setting. "At lunch time we meet in our education room. While the students munch away, we play a slideshow describing the challenges we face in code enforcement and animal sheltering, and what some of our successes are. The students are always engaged and ask high-level questions that



The mobile surgery unit was made possible by a generous donor and PetSmart Charities.

lead to truly inspiring discussions." After lunch, Cowie gives a tour of the facility and reinforces the topics discussed at lunch. "It is a means for discussing the role that shelters play in the veterinary community," says Dr. Krissek. "Many of our future patients will be shelter animals, and veterinarians can positively impact



Dr. Brad Crauer and Deb Malick, executive director of Helping Hands Humane Society, solidified the HHHS-College of Veterinary Medicine partnership in the mobile surgery unit program.

their communities by becoming advocates for animal welfare organizations." Dr. Krissek adds that as part of their coursework, students also evaluate each shelter and submit a written evaluation highlighting both positive aspects and targeting areas for improvement. "Unfortunately, much of shelter medicine is cost-based, but many students have been quite creative with economical and practical improvements for these shelters," she says.

Dr. Crauer says the big positive for shelters is the free spay/ neuter services the program provides. "Some shelters were paying to have spays and neuters done, so they're able to take that valuable dollar resource and reinvest that somewhere else, whether that's increased training for staff, increased equipment, improving their facilities, or being able to raise the bar and provide medical care to animals that they otherwise couldn't afford to treat," he explains. Cowie says the Salina Animal Shelter has definitely seen the impact. Though the shelter had enough need to hire at least a part-time veterinarian for spay/neuter services, a hiring freeze prevented Cowie from adding a veterinarian to her staff. She heard about the mobile surgical unit from a colleague at the Lawrence Humane Society, applied, and was accepted. "In the first 12 months the students performed 839 spay/neuter surgeries on our sheltered pets," she notes. "The value of these surgeries is \$53,615. The monetary savings have been re-invested back into animal care, resulting in a higher standard of care for our animals, and a higher quality of service to our citizens," she says. In fact, she notes that conditions like heartworm disease, leg fractures, and dental exams, previously considered "untreatable" because the shelter just didn't have the resources, are now fully funded. "There are also funds to help with post-adoption complications," she adds. "In the past, an adopter would have no financial support after adopting an animal, even if the animal suffered a post-surgical complication. Policy changes have allowed for some post-adoption veterinary care." She says adoptions have increased over the last year, possibly due to the higher quality of service.

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With the program's second year underway, those involved would like to see it expand. "We currently have room for about 70 students, and the graduating class runs between 110-120 students in each class, so not all students can go through," explains Dr. Crauer. "Students have to prioritize this class in order to get in." Dr. Krissek, who plans to pursue a career in shelter medicine, says participation in the program solidified her interest. She'd like to see the addition of another mobile unit, not only so more students can benefit, but so they can reach additional communities. "There are many more animal welfare organizations in the surrounding areas where the program could really make an impact," she notes. Cowie also sees that



Dr. Brad Crauer comforts a dog recovering from surgery on the mobile surgery unit.

need. "Anyone in my position would like to see added visits, and an increase in the types of surgeries offered. That being said, the existing program is hugely successful, and would continue to have a significant impact if no changes were made," she says. Dr. Crauer says an additional unit would help the program grow. "If we were to add a second trailer, we would be able to take care of all the Kansas State veterinary students who want to go through this program, and potentially become a destination for other veterinary colleges that don't have a program like this," he says. And that, he says, could go a long way toward improving veterinary care for all animals.

Avoid These Common Legal Pitfalls

BY: JEN NIGRO

Ensuring your practice is prescribing and documenting medications appropriately can get complicated. Here are some of the common violations seen by the Missouri Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs (BNDD) and how to avoid them.

1. Allowing your registration to expire.

In both Missouri and Kansas, your registration to prescribe controlled substances has to be renewed annually. If you do not have your own DEA number, you can administer and use the drugs in a clinic owned by a primary veterinarian under their number; however, veterinarians need their own in order to write prescriptions. In Missouri, registrations have to be made at the veterinarian's primary practice location, but veterinarians can travel and write prescriptions anywhere. In Kansas, a separate registration is required at each place of business or professional practice. If you practice in two states, you'll need to register in both states.

2. Moving without notifying the BNDD in Missouri, or Board of Pharmacy in Kansas.

If your primary practice location changes, you need to update your registration prior to moving. Failing to do so makes your registration invalid.

3. Failing to maintain an annual drug inventory or document controlled substances prescriptions in patient charts.

Drug inventories should be done annually. The BNDD recommends keeping a continuous inventory as each drug is dispensed, and reconciling that inventory with products on the shelf every so often. Patient charts should also be updated on an ongoing basis. If you store controlled substances in more than one location, you should keep a master list of the drugs on the premises in each place. In addition, if veterinarians have separate registrations, each registrant's drugs have to be kept physically separate from the others as well as inventoried separately.

4. Failing to document invoices used for tracking the receipt of drugs.

Always keep records documenting the receipt of controlled substances, such as invoices, DEA Official Order Forms, receipts for samples, or transfer records. Veterinarians with separate registrations need to keep their receipts separate as well.

5. Disposing of drugs without a witness and proper documentation.

Patient-contaminated drugs can be destroyed on-site with two people present. You need to document the date, drug name, form, quantity destroyed, reason for waste, and the names of those who destroyed the medications. Uncontaminated drugs can be destroyed with DEA permission, transferred to another DEA registrant, or transferred to a reverse distributor for destruction. (The latter option is the one preferred by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment). Regardless of the option chosen, proper documentation must be kept, and DEA forms 41 and/or 22 must be submitted.

6. Dispensing drugs in unapproved containers or without proper labeling.

All controlled substances must be in child-proof containers, unless they are samples provided to practitioners in FDA-approved, pre-packaged containers. Labels should include the date the prescription is dispensed, name and address of the pharmacy, patient's name, drug name, strength, dosage form and quantity, and directions for administration. All controlled substances also need a warning label telling the patient transferring the medication is illegal.



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She Wasn't a Horse – She Was a Marine!

Her fellow Marines called her "Sergeant Reckless" for good reason. She joined the service in 1952 to carry ammunition for a 75mm Recoilless Rifle.

During one battle she made 51 trips and carried five tons of ammunition over 35 miles, all in a single day! She walked through rice paddies and up steep mountains in the face of enemy fire. Although wounded twice, she didn't stop, and she didn't slow down. For her remarkable achievements she was promoted to sergeant and proudly wore numerous citations. It was said there had never been another horse like Reckless.

A Dog Saves the Day

A 1902 issue of the *Star* reported a Newfoundland dog fought off a burglar and prevented a robbery in the home of J.S. Hynes in Kansas City, KS. Before Mr. Hynes left the home to attend a social meeting, he left Sport on watch in the front hall. About midnight, Mrs. Hynes heard the front door open followed by Sport attacking the intruder. Five minutes passed, filled with numerous calls for help, before the burglar crashed through the front door glass followed by Sport in close pursuit.

When Mr. Hynes returned he found disorder in the front hall. His family, including Sport, were hiding in an upstairs bedroom trembling in fear. The article ended by reporting, "There is one dog in KCK which no amount of money can buy...."

Inflatable Tires and Veterinary Medicine

Ten years after receiving his degree in 1859, a Scottish veterinary surgeon established a successful practice in Belfast. However, he found rough Irish roads unnerving when traveling on wheels made from metal and wood.

After many attempts to develop a more suitable ride, the veterinarian nearly gave up. Then came a solution in the form of a rubber tube encased in a solid disc, inflated with a football pump. By 1890, he joined forces with a firm in England to produce inflatable rubber tires. Within 10 years, nearly all vehicles had pneumatic tires as standard equipment.

But, that's not where the story ends. After filing his patent, he learned a similar patent had been filed for a carriage tire called the Thomson tire. The tire was never developed due to the cost of production and declining demand for horse-drawn carriages. Nonetheless, market conditions were peaking, road transportation was expanding, and automobiles were on the horizon.

However, his interest in pneumatic tires had decline and he sold his patents without receiving much financial gain except for trademarks for his invention.

Dr. John Dunlop (1840 – 1921) is credited with inventing and manufacturing the first pneumatic rubber tire for modern transportation. The Dunlop Tire and Rubber Company bears his name and is still in operation today.



CONTINUING EDUCATION EVENTS

September CE

Speaker: Dr. Michael Dryden, University Distinguished

Professor, Veterinary Parasitology, Kansas State

University College of Veterinary Medicine CE: 2 hours (tentative)

The 180 Room Tampa 2014: The science and art of flea control Topic: Location: Thursday, September 15, 2016 11944 S. Strang Line Road Date:

Time: 6:30pm - Dinner & Registration Olathe, KS 66062

> 7pm – Presentation Sponsor: Merial



Please register by Monday, September 12 at http://bit.ly/Sept2016KCVMA

Fee:



Michael Dryden, DVM, MS, PhD is a professor of veterinary parasitology in the Department of Diagnostic Medicine and Pathobiology at Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas. He received his DVM from Kansas State University College of Veterinary Medicine, and MS and PhD in veterinary parasitology from Purdue University. He is active in several professional associations, including the American Association of Veterinary Parasitologists, the Entomological Society of America, and the American Veterinary Medical Association. He is a founding member of the Companion Animal Parasite Council. Dr. Dryden is the author or co-author of over 130 journal articles and 12 book chapters. He has lectured in 22 countries, presenting more than 850 seminars at national and international meetings. His current research efforts are directed towards flea and tick biology and control, and he performs laboratory and in-home evaluations of products to that end. He also conducts field studies at the Konza Prairie Biologic Station.

In 2015, Dr. Dryden was awarded the American Association of Veterinary Parisitologist of the Year. In 2011, he was honored with the designation of "University Distinguished Professor" at Kansas State University. The UDP designation represents the highest honor Kansas State University can bestow on its faculty, an award that recognizes those making outstanding

contributions to teaching, research, and service to their professions and communities. Also in 2011, Dr. Dryden was designated a Charter Diplomate in Parasitology in the American College of Veterinary Microbiology.

October CE

TBD

Topic:

Topic:

Time:

TBD Speaker: Fee: No fee to attend this event, but RSVP is required by Friday, October 7.

Current membership dues cover all CE

No fee to attend this event, but RSVP is required by

Monday, Sept. 12. Current membership dues cover all CE.

Date: Thursday, October 20, 2016 CE: 1.5 hours Time:

The 180 Room 6:30pm - Dinner & Registration Location: 7pm - Presentation

11944 S. Strang Line Road

Olathe, KS 66062

Sponsor: Hill's



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November CE

TBD

Speaker: Dr. Andrew Rosenberg Bayer Animal Health, Location:

12707 Shawnee Mission Parkway

Owner, Riverdale Veterinary Dermatology Shawnee Mission, KS 66216 Dermatology

No fee to attend this event, but RSVP is required. Date: Sunday, November 13, 2016 Fee:

Current membership dues cover all CE.

CE: 6 hours (tentative) Sponsor: Bayer

Please register at http://bit_ly/Nov2016KCVMA



Dr. Andrew Rosenberg earned both his Bachelor of Science in animal sciences and Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine from Cornell University in 2005 and 2009 respectively. After veterinary school, Dr. Rosenberg completed a one-year rotating internship at Long Island Veterinary Specialists in New York. He completed his dermatology residency with Animal Dermatology Clinic in 2013 and achieved Diplomate status with the American College of Veterinary Dermatology in the same year. He received the American College of Veterinary Dermatology Clinical Science Residents Research Award for his work in cyclosporine associated gingival overgrowth in dogs. He is an active member of the College of Veterinary Dermatology and currently sits on their education committee. He has multiple publications and lectures throughout the country. Dr. Rosenberg has a strong interest in both allergies and autoimmune skin diseases. He is the owner of Riverdale Veterinary Dermatology in northern New Jersey.

CLASSIFIED ADS

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Stanley Veterinary Clinic has recently upgraded their laboratory equipment and we have the following Idexx laboratory equipment for sale: Vet Lab Station, Procyte DX Hematology Analyzer, Catalyst DX Chemistry Analyzer, UA Strip Reader, Vet Stat, SNAPshot DX Reader, and a Stat Spin. All equipment is in great condition and all have service contracts. If bought new this equipment retails for over \$65,000. We are asking \$20,000, but will consider all reasonable offers. Please contact Pam or Dr. Pefrey at 913-897-2080.

Full-time faculty position to teach a variety of veterinary technology and biology courses. Courses may be taught day, evening, and/or weekends at multiple locations or online.

EOE/M/F/Vet/Disabled, Master's Degree in biology OR, Master's Degree in a related discipline with a minimum of 45 credit hours in biology, including a minimum of 18 credit hours at the graduate level. Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) preferred. Please apply online at: http://jobs.mcckc.edu/postings/12116.

An established mixed animal practice north of Kansas City, MO, is looking to hire a full-time associate veterinarian. We have moved into a new facility within the past year and have room for another veterinarian with experience in small and large animals, although new graduates will be considered. Duties will be split between in-clinic small animal and equine work, farm calls, and possibly some sale barn work. This is a great opportunity to work in a team-based environment with lots of opportunity to do the things you went to school for. We have digital x-ray units in-clinic as well as in the field, endoscopy, new dental equipment, ultrasound, in-clinic laboratory, etc. Prefer someone with initiative and a desire to work the hours it takes to be successful. Generous salary and benefits. Email resume to Brisbanevet@gmail.com.

A growing, mixed animal practice just north of Kansas City, MO, is looking to hire a small animal associate. This position could be full or part-time. Would like someone with experience but would consider a confident new graduate with a willingness to learn. We have in-house diagnostics, digital x-rays, ultrasound, endoscopy, and a great team of support staff to work with. We recently moved to a new facility and are growing tremendously! Salary and benefits negotiable. Send resume to brisbanevet@gmail.com for consideration.

Mill Creek Animal Hospital is seeking a registered veterinary technician to join our growing team. We have added new doctors and new equipment and must have additional technicians to implement our high standard of care. We are an AAHA-accredited small animal hospital in Shawnee, KS. Applicant must be eligible to be registered in Kansas, and ideally have two years clinical experience. We offer a progressive wage and benefit package. Interested applicants can call (913) 268-0900, or email mcac@att.net, and ask for Wendy.

Spay & Neuter Kansas City is seeking a full time or part time Veterinarian to join our team. SNKC is a nonprofit, continually growing organization that is making a difference in the Kansas City area with our innovative programs. We believe what we do is important, but how we do it is what makes us different. We are focused on maintaining a people-focused culture to make our community a better place for the pets and people who love them. We offer a rewarding work environment with an incredible support team and competitive salary and benefits. For more information on our organization, visit www.snkc.net. Please send resume and cover letter to Michelle Rivera michelle@snkc.net.

Ironhorse Veterinary Care is looking for a part-time registered veterinary technician to join our team. Ironhorse Veterinary Care opened in the fall of 2015 and built their practice philosophy around Fear-Free and have already achieved AAHA accreditation. Interested applicants are welcome to send resumes to Info@ironhorseveterinarycare.com.

Full or part-time small animal OR mixed animal veterinary associate needed for a two-practice (same owner) animal hospital in mid & eastern Jackson County, MO. If you like to work hard, actually enjoy being a vet, and relish the freedom of combining both the art AND science of our wonderful profession to provide outstanding yet affordable health care to pet owners and their furry companions then you are welcome here! Pay is generous and commensurate with experience. Low pressure, great job satisfaction, and I guarantee you will smile alot during the day! Contact D. Nelson at cdogcrac@yahoo.com for details.

Union Hill Animal Hospital, a rapidly growing and dynamic practice in the heart of downtown Kansas City, is seeking a new full or part time associate DVM to join our expanding team! We currently serve a rapidly growing community with two veterinarians and a wonderful support staff. If you're looking for an opportunity to be a part of something special with increasing career advancement potential, Union Hill is great place for you. We offer state-of-the-art equipment and procedures, including tonopen, full digital radiography, digital dental radiography, in-house IDEXX lab equipment, and full surgical and dental suite. Please send resume to uhahemployment@gmail.com.

Great Plains SPCA is seeking a skilled, energetic, compassionate, fun-loving, team-oriented, and innovative veterinarian to join the nine-doctor-team at our Merriam, KS, campus. Veterinarians with Great Plains SPCA have the unique responsibility to interact with a variety of clients and pets both from the public and shelter sectors. The current position availability is within our public wellness clinic tending to our diverse client base from routine vaccines to critical emergencies. The ability to perform surgeries, dentals, ultrasounds, and/or shelter medicine is preferred. Email resume to: sscott@greatplainsspca.org.

Full-time or part-time veterinary associate. Crest Animal Hospital is looking for one full-time or two part-time associates to join our team. Salary and benefit package are negotiable, dependent upon experience. We are looking for someone who is personable with a sincere love of our profession and the pets and people we take care of. If interested, contact John Lyle at 816-763-1313, or email johnrlyle@gmail.com.

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