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Kansas City Veterinary Medical Association

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Organized over thirty years ago, the Kansas City Association of Veterinarians continues to function for the prevention of animal disease losses and control of animal diseases communicable to man.

Now numbering a membership of some one hundred fifty graduate state-licensed veterinarians, located in Greater Kansas City and vicinity, both in Missouri and Kansas, the organization is active and aggressive.

The purpose of this association of veterinarians is primarily educational. Forum discussions at monthly meetings give opportunity for exchange of ideas for disease control in the Kansas City area which has assisted in making this area profitable for livestock breeding and feeding. At regular monthly sessions prominent speakers present subjects in all branches of veterinary medicine. These speakers are recruited nationally and include outstanding members of teaching staffs at state universities, practitioners, and research workers. Dr. Clyde F. Cairy, specialist in Endocrinology on the staff at Michigan State College, East Lansing, Michigan, presented a paper on Hormone Therapy at the February session, and Dr. N. O. Rasbeck, Assistant Professor at the Royal Veterinary College, Copenhagen, Denmark, will speak at the March meeting to be held March 16. Doctor Rasbeck is now serving as guest lecturer and counselor at the School of Veterinary Medicine, University of Illinois.

From well known and recognized authorities on farm and pet animal health problems, member veterinarians keep abreast of modern developments, and further their training. In this way they are able to perform task assignments more accreditably, and the animal owner ultimately benefits.

The veterinary profession is an old and an honored one. Much of our present basic understanding of diseases and prevention of diseases is the result of studies and observations by veterinarians. The code of ethics of the organization is that of the American Veterinary Medical Association. The preamble of this code is quote:

"The honor and dignity of our profession lies in our obedience to a just and honorable code of ethics set forth as a guide to the members. The object of this code, however, is more far-reaching for exemplary professional conduct not only upholds honor and dignity, but also enlarges our sphere of usefulness, exalts our social standards and promotes the science

we cultivate. Briefly stated, our code of ethics is the foundation of our individual and collective efforts. It is based on the Golden Rule."

Veterinarian's Association officers include Dr. Earl L. Mundell, left in the photograph above, secretary-treasurer, member of professional staff of Jen-Sal Laboratories, and Dr. Robert L. Anderes, 3622 Main Street, president of the association, at right in the photograph.



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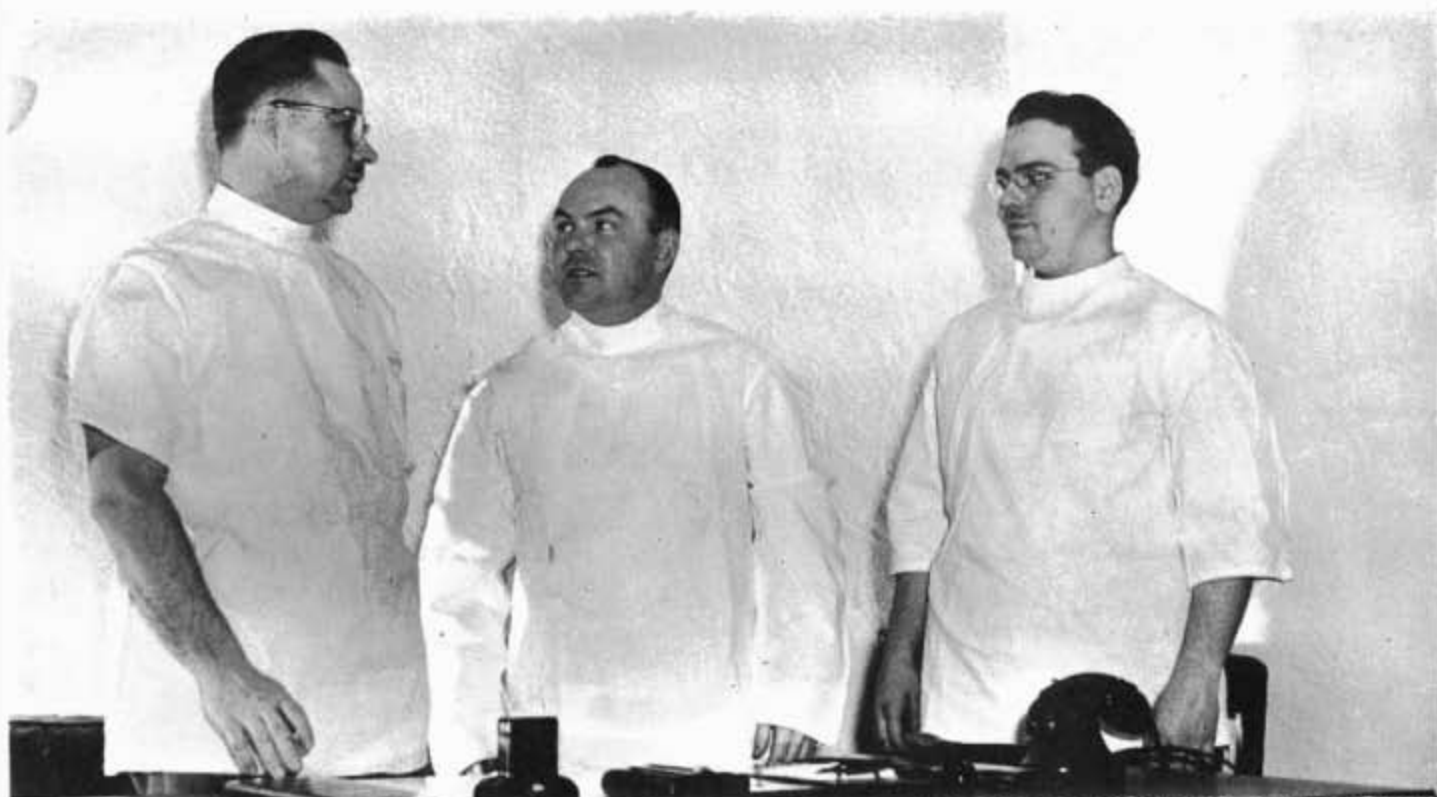
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OFFICERS OF THE KANSAS CITY ASSOCIATION OF SMALL ANIMAL HOSPITALS GUIDE THE ORGANIZATION in its early days. Here are, left to right, Dr. Fred Ogilvie, president; Dr. R. L. Messner, vice-president; and Dr. Richard Buchli, secretary and treasurer.

Small Animal Hospital Association Formed

Photography by Nick Powell

The Kansas City Small Animal Hospital has been organized for the purpose of practicing and applying modern veterinarian medicine in the hospitalization and treatment of small animals.

Standardization assuring the best equipment, facilities, medicines and professional care is one of the aims of the group.

Members are also members of the Veterinarians' Association and each is a licensed and registered D.V.M. Formation of the new group will enable them to concentrate more fully on the problem of caring for the pets of the community.

Still in its infancy, the organization has twenty members and anticipates full membership of the accredited small animal hospitals of the city. Qualifications for membership include licensing, preceded by six years of college work, and ethical

conduct of the hospitals.

Officers of the association are Dr. Fred B. Ogilvie, president; Dr. R. L. Messner, vice-president; and Dr. Richard Buchli, secretary-treasurer. Other active members are Drs. J. A. Bradbury, Charles S. Cassias, Thomas M. Eagle, J. A. Farney, Paul Gatzoulis, Heinz Goldman, Samuel H. Laws, A. R. McLaughlin, W. H. Mowder, B. F. Pfister, Deets Pickett and R. C. Wright.

Honorary members are Dr. C. E. Bowers, past president of the American Veterinary Medicine Association; Dr. R. R. Dykstra, dean of Veterinary Medicine at Kansas State College; Dr. H. E. Young, retired Kansas City veterinarian; and Dr. J. C. Flynn, retired, who started the first "Dog and Cat" hospital in the world at Kansas City in 1910.



ESSENTIALLY CLEAN AND MODERN is this small animal hospital reception room.



X-RAY PLATES are valuable in the diagnosis of pets' injuries and illnesses. Too late in this particular case, that of a chinchilla which swallowed a coil of wire and died, these modern facilities are frequently used to guide the veterinarian in emergency surgery and treatment.



EMBLEM OF THE ASSOCIATION

FLUOROSCOPIC examinations for pets have become part of the X-ray services rendered by modern small animals hospitals. These examinations make possible immediate determination of injuries, as in the case of this hit-and-run victim whose life may be saved by prompt action.



TYPICAL OF THE MODERN SMALL ANIMAL HOSPITAL are these scenes from one of the new buildings provided for the care of pets. At the top, the drug room contains all of those medicines essential to maintaining health and giving emergency treatment, from inoculations to anaesthetics. In the center is an operating room where dogs and cats receive care comparable to that given humans when surgery is indicated. Cleanliness and comfort are essential in the housing of the pets when they are hospitalized, as shown in the lower photograph.