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The Minnesota Veterinary Medical Association leads the veterinary profession by contributing to the success of veterinarians, public health safety and the care and well-being of animals.

MVMF 4th Annual Shoot for the Future Clay Shoot Event - a Great Success!



All players and sponsors braved the stormy weather forecast and were rewarded with a spectacular sunny afternoon of clay shooting, challenging games and wonderful food with friends. The Shoot for the Future event traveled to Clear Lake, MN to shoot on the beautiful land at Wild Marsh Sporting Clays. 135 shooters and 60 volunteers and industry professionals came out for a great cause-

The Minnesota Veterinary Medical Foundation (MVMF). The day's event raised over \$37,000 for the MVMF to support student scholarships and animal health awareness. The teams of 5 travel from station to station enjoying the company, treats and activities presented by the sponsors. The players try their best to shoot the black and orange clay disks flying through the air or rolling on the ground. The targets imitate pheasants, ducks, grouse or even rabbit movements.

The Shoot for the Future event is fast becoming a popular event. Beginners as well as master shooters are challenged and quickly rewarded for their efforts on the 20 station layout. There are a couple of shooting games available that give away valuable prizes such as a patio heater, hunting trips and Visa gift cards.

The amount of support and donations this year was amazing. Everyone was so generous with their time, sponsorships or participation! Everyone should feel proud that they are helping to secure the future of the veterinary medical profession in Minnesota.



After the shoot everyone gathered in the Club's Pavilion to enjoy a social time with their peers and a delicious prime rib and boursin chicken feast. There were unique games and many many raffle prizes to win, as well as a chance to win a gun at the gun board.

Congratulations to our high scorers-the traveling team trophy was won by the Invisible Fence team of Scott Gensmer, Scott Potter, Matt Robey, Paul Robey and Mike Williams.

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Presidents Message

Winter is coming. I guess winter is always coming in Minnesota but this winter is really close now. Snowflakes on the way home from work the other night and a couple of heavy frosts the last couple of mornings.

Rabies vaccinations and certificates continue to be a matter brought before the board. A recent article in the local newspaper actually did a good job of discussing the problems. The state recognizes a three year vaccine and certificate but many communities around the state require a every two year vaccination. Hopefully, we can get this taken care of to the satisfaction of everyone soon.



Compounding pharmacies and transportation of controlled substances are also important factors and we all need to be paying attention to these areas and contacting legislators and expressing our opinion. These are both on a national and state level. Thanks as usual to Dr. Tom Hagerty for keeping all of us informed. The Board of the MVMA and Dan Tjornehoj continue to work with the Board of Pharmacy in Minnesota to try to address some of the legal and practical issues for all of us to serve our client's interests properly. Look for a session at the 2014 annual convention on this topic.

Dues statements went out late summer and I would like to thank each of you for continuing to support the MVMA and veterinary medicine. We are proposing some changes in membership classifications and will vote on those changes at the next annual meeting. The changes will be referenced in this newsletter to explain the changes we are proposing.

The Minnesota Veterinary Medical Foundation had two important fundraising events completed this summer. The first was the Tee it Up Golf Classic which was held on August 1, 2013 and then the Shoot for the Future Clay Shoot on September 19, 2013. Thanks to everyone who contributed and participated raising money to help secure the future of the veterinary medical profession by funding scholarships, animal health, and professional education, as well as projects and organizations that promote the health and well being of animals in Minnesota. We raised more money this year than previous years during these events. The silent auction at the Annual Meeting is another way for each of us to contribute and participate in fund raising for the MVMF. Please get in contact with the MVMA staff if you have items to donate to the auction. This is a great profession and these are ways that you can pay it forward to veterinary medicine.

There are lots of opportunities to volunteer for the MVMA. There are committees with a variety of areas of responsibility that need volunteers and help all year long. And don't forget the Surgery Suite and the Miracle of Birth at the State Fair which were huge successes this year.

Please feel free to contact me or any board member if you have concerns or comments. Don't forget to go to the MVMA and MVMF websites for information or help.

Sincerely,

John W. Baillie DVM
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FREE MVMA LUNCH 'N LEARN PROGRAMS, At the MVMA office (Noon – 1:00 pm), limited seating is available. Programs are for MVMA members only. Please RSVP at info@mvma.org or call 651-645-7533. Beverages provided, please bring your brown bag lunch.

November 12, 2013 (Lunch 'N Learn)

Estate Planning Topics to include year-end planning, strategic gifting, and other estate planning issues relevant to foundation donors and small business owners. This seminar will be both live and via webinar (limited).

December 10, 2013 (Lunch 'N Learn)

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November 14, 2013

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November 21, 2013

MVMA Fall Staff Seminar on Behavior with Chris Pachel. Held at the CE & Conference Center, 1890 Buford Avenue. Pre-registration deadline is November 8, 2013. Sign up online at www.mvma.org.

November 30, 2013

MVMF Scholarship Applications Due. **Applications for the 12 available MVMF veterinarian scholarships are being taken up until November 30th. This is a great opportunity for students to receive a scholarship!**

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Western Canadian Association of Bovine Practitioners - 2014 Annual Conference. Calgary, AB. Contact: Phyllis Mierau, 1-866-269-8387 e-mail: info@wcabp.com; website: www.wcabp.com.

February 5, 2014

MVI Dentistry Lecure - Tour of Oral Pathology. Hilton Hotel, Minneapolis. Sign up for this individual lecture or series on mnaveterinaryinstitute.org.

February 6-8, 2014

117th MVMA Annual Meeting. Hilton Hotel Minneapolis. Keynote speaker Ron Schara (and Raven) from Minnesota Bound. Friday night Wild Kingdom family event. Save the dates now and check the mvma.org website for convention information being posted soon.

March 19, 2014

MVI Dentistry Lecture and Lab. Pomeroy Learning Center #215. Sign up for MVI 2014 Dentistry and Oral Surgery Series at mnaveterinaryinstitute.org.

April 23, 2014

MVMA Spring Seminar on Feline Medicine. Dr. Tony Buffington on General Cat Behavior and Welfare for Veterinary Caregivers: Feline Nutrition; Pandora Syndrome and Etiopathogenesis, Diagnosis, Treatment, and Follow up. Held at the CE & Conference Center, 1890 Buford Avenue. Call the MVMA for more information.

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The High Overall Score was taken home by Paul Robey. The Leading Lady was Shelly Morin.

A special Thank You to committee chair, Nona Nesseth, who we are so very fortunate to have as a gracious and amazing leader for this event! Also to our dedicated and hard working committee members Dr. Chuck Schwantes, Linda Spengler, Dave Agre, Kris Graham, Jim Friend, Mary Lecy, Dani Akenson, Dr. Richard Reirson and Dr. David Brewer.

The MVMF Shoot for the Future Committee would like to graciously thank all the volunteers, sponsors and participants for fulfilling our dream of succeeding last year's fundraising amount and giving everyone a fun time! Sign up early next year as this event will fill up fast! Look at photos and scores on the MVMFcares website, www.mvmfcares.org/event/shoot-for-the-future-clay-shoot/

4th Annual MVMF Shoot for the Future Clay Shoot

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Ever wonder how the small staff at the MVMA/MVMF office gets all the work done? We do, and one answer we can come up with easily is, with the help of our volunteer committee members. The MVMF has three large fundraisers each year; the annual Golf Classic, the Shoot for the Future Clay Shoot event and the Silent Auction/Drawing held at the Annual Meeting. MVMA member veterinarians and industry representatives put many hours into attending meetings, coordinating details, soliciting sponsors and players, and generally making sure the event comes off without a hitch. The following MVMF Golf Committee members had a record year in sponsorship (\$47,125) and we had our 2nd most successful event ever! Thank you for all your hard work!

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MN VPMN Practice Manager of the Year Congratulations Linda Spengler

Linda Spengler received the 2013 Minnesota Veterinary Practice Managers Network's Practice Manager of the Year award. She was one of the very first Practice Managers in Minnesota to achieve the status of Certified Veterinary Practice Manager, CVPM. She spends her time at Blue Sky Animal Hospital and working with the professionals at Animal Emergency & Referral Center of Minnesota in Oakdale. Linda was the project manager for the complete construction project of this emergency clinic and continues to work with the Board of Directors and the staff to make it a premier emergency facility. Linda was an original member of the first chapter of the MN VPMN and has been instrumental in helping that organization grow to its current size. Additionally, Linda works with the Minnesota Veterinary Medical Foundation as a director on its board, and tirelessly on its Clay Shoot and Silent Auction committees.



Congratulations Linda!

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Capitol Report

by Thomas Hagerty, DVM

The 2014 session of the Minnesota Legislature does not convene until February 25th. This is much later than usual for the second session of the biennium. By statute it must end by the third Monday in May. This means that the legislators have only 12 weeks to introduce bills, to hold hearings and conduct floor sessions in both the House and Senate. With 201 members in the two bodies this does not allow much time to discuss, convince and reach conclusions acceptable to a majority. The MVMA has a number of issues we are following. The Dog and Cat Breeder bill was heard only in the House and in what appeared to be "friendly" committees. This bill still must be heard in the House Agriculture committee which is a large committee with many members and it may be directed to other committees as well. It will also come up in Senate committees. All of this takes time and with a short session this will be a challenge for the legislative leadership and legislators.

A mandatory dog rabies vaccination bill has been developed by the Minnesota Board of Animal Health and proposed in the legislature which has not yet had a hearing in either body but does have some support. Again, in a short session it may be difficult to get this bill a hearing.

The sales tax on veterinary services which was proposed and then withdrawn in the 2013 session is still a possibility and is one of the many issues the MVMA will be monitoring in the 2014 session. Thanks again to the many letters and emails sent by MVMA members to their legislators in fighting off this proposal in 2013.

Scope of practice issues are always a concern for the MVMA. The equine dentistry proposal and the animal chiropractic bill were past concerns that the MVMA spent a great deal of time on over several legislative sessions. There were ultimately agreements arrived at in both of these issues but only after a great deal of time and effort. There probably will always be procedures addressed in the Veterinary Practice Act that will be raised by non-veterinarians and will come before the legislature for clarification or resolution.

The MVMA's Government Affairs Committee will meet on November 21st to discuss and develop the Legislative Agenda for the 2014 session of the legislature. The committee meets with the MVMA's lobbyists as consultants to establish positions on the various issues that may come up in the session. This proposed agenda is brought before the MVMA's board of directors for their approval. This agenda is the directive for the lobbyists, and for MVMA staff and Dr. Tom Hagerty for their discussions with legislators and for their testimony in committee.

The MVMA is planning on sponsoring a Day at the Capital on March 5, 2014. This has been very successful in the past and we would like to see a good turnout again in this session. The legislators are always responsive to their constituents and this is a great opportunity for MVMA members to participate in the legislative process. Please let the MVMA office know if you plan to attend.

Again, the GAC and the MVMA encourage you to set up clinic visits with your legislators. These have continued to be well received. If you have held one in the past consider holding one again. Your legislators may have changed or this may be one more time to meet them and make them aware of what veterinarians do.

Because legislative activity requires funding we encourage you if you have not already done so to make a contribution to VET-PAC. These member contributions are used to support our legislative efforts in St. Paul. This is very much appreciated by your legislative team. If you have any questions about MVMA activities please don't hesitate to contact Dr. Hagerty or Dan Tjornehoj at the MVMA office.

What's New at the U?

News from the University of Minnesota
College of Veterinary Medicine Fall 2013



Research Day celebrates outstanding researchers and research partners

The college's annual Points of Pride Research Day event on October 2 celebrated outstanding research, researchers, and research partners. The 2013 Distinguished Research Alumnus Award was presented to Dr. M. Suresh, professor in the Department of Pathobiological Sciences at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, who earned his PhD at the University of Minnesota. Dr. Alvin Beitz, professor and chair, Veterinary Biomedical Sciences Department, received the Zoetis Award for Excellence in Research, and the Distinguished Research Partner Award went to the AKC Canine Health Foundation, which was represented by Dr. Shila Nordone, chief scientific officer. Dr. Alice Larson, professor in the Veterinary and Biomedical Sciences Department, was presented with the Mark of Excellence Award. Graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, and summer scholars were also recognized for excellence in research posters at the event.

Students return to class

On August 28, the college welcomed 102 new students into the first-year class from an applicant pool of 1,031. Hundreds more were welcomed back on September 3, when students found a variety of improvements in CVM classrooms and other facilities. The active learning classroom, a multipurpose, technology-enhanced space located in the Animal Science/Veterinary Medicine building, and a major renovation of the small animal surgery and clinical skills lab in Veterinary Medical Center South were complete. Other renovations to teaching facilities included a refinished floor in the Gross Anatomy Lab and an upgrade to the instructor's platform in 135 Animal Science/Veterinary Medicine.

Leman Swine Conference draws veterinarians and producers from around the world

The college's annual Leman Swine Conference, held at Saint Paul RiverCentre September 14-17, drew hundreds of veterinarians and producers from around the world. The hot topic: porcine epidemic diarrhea virus, which was the subject of the keynote address by Dr. Bong Kyun Park of Seoul, South Korea. Dr. Lisa Tokach of Abilene, Kansas, was the recipient of the 2013 Allen D. Leman Science in Practice Award.

Study uncovers gene's contribution to asthma susceptibility

New research by Drs. Srirama Rao, Sung Gil Ha, and their colleagues has uncovered the role gene ORMDL3 plays in asthma. Recently linked to asthma susceptibility, ORMDL3 has now been connected to the body's ability to recruit inflammatory cells during an airway allergic reaction. Study findings were published September 23 in the journal www.nature.com. Nature Communications. Srirama Rao is associate dean for research and professor in the Veterinary and Biomedical Sciences Department, as well as professor in the U of M Medical School's Division of Pulmonary, Allergy, Critical Care, and Sleep Medicine. Sung Gil Ha, the study's lead author, is a post-doctoral associate in the Veterinary and Biomedical Sciences Department.

Researchers develop test for porcine epidemic diarrhea virus

University of Minnesota researchers developed a rapid diagnostic test for porcine epidemic diarrhea virus (PEDV), a virus that migrated to the United States in April, infecting pigs in 17 states. The first-of-its-kind test provides a way to quickly and cost-effectively identify the presence of U.S. PEDV strains. Characterized by acute diarrhea and vomiting, PEDV wipes out an average of 50 percent of young swine at newly affected farms. PEDV poses no risk to other animals or humans and no risk to food safety. Should PEDV become widespread, however, the pork industry could suffer significant losses. There is currently no vaccine or treatment for the virus, but thanks to the new test, samples from animals suspected of carrying PEDV can be submitted to the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory for testing. Test results are known within 24 hours, allowing swine producers and farmers to take necessary precautions to prevent further spread. Genetic material is also extracted from the samples, which can be tested and tracked to monitor the spread of PEDV.

RESPOND team coordinates One Health University Network faculty exchange

The RESPOND team supported by the U.S. Agency for International Development successfully planned and implemented its third annual One Health University Network faculty exchange in May and June, hosting 17 faculty members from 10 countries.

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Representing the fields of veterinary medicine, medicine, public health, and nursing, the participants took part in a One Health case-based teaching and case development workshop, taught at the University's Public Health Institute, visited the Minnesota Departments of Health, Agriculture, and Natural Resources, and more. Meanwhile, the first three One Health residents from Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda, met with Scott DeLisi, the U.S. Ambassador to Uganda, in August. They were accompanied by Mac Farnham, assistant professor.

Canine health research funded by AKC

The AKC Canine Health Foundation (CHF) announced an award of \$130,572 to the college for an oncology study led by Dr. Elizabeth Pluhar that is working to develop a therapeutic brain tumor vaccine. The CHF and Golden Retriever Foundation also provided nearly \$1.5 million for canine cancer research earlier this year. Dr. Jaime Modiano is a principal investigator on one of the two grants awarded, which looks to develop markers to diagnose and guide cancer treatment in golden retrievers based on newly discovered heritable and acquired mutations. Since 1995, the CHF has awarded more than \$3.4 million in research grants to the college, for a total of 45 grants. The \$3.4 million represents the most funding of all of the universities and other research institutions supported by the CHF over the years.

Veterinary Medical Center opens Web portals for clients and referring veterinarians

The Veterinary Medical Center (VMC) has expanded MyVMC, the portal that gives referring veterinarians online access to their referred patient's records: It now offers a client portal, too. Clients can register for access to their pet's medical record and the ability to view their accounts and pay online at myvmc.umn.edu. Referring veterinarians have direct access to digital images, including radiography, CT, and MRI scans, and are able to complete and submit their direct referral forms online at www.vmcrefer.umn.edu. Meanwhile, the VMC's annual Pet of the Game contest began in August. Participants submit online photos of their pets in Minnesota Gopher gear, and three finalists are voted to have their photos displayed at the next Gopher Football home game, where fans determine the Pet of the Game.

New study links sycamore tree to atypical myopathy

Dr. Stephanie Valberg, professor and director of the Equine Center, reported that a study published in the Equine Veterinary Journal found that toxins from the seeds of the tree *Acer pseudoplatanus* are the likely cause of atypical myopathy in Europe. The new research comes on the heels of a study earlier this year that linked toxins from the box elder tree with seasonal pasture myopathy, the U.S. equivalent of atypical myopathy. The discovery marks an important step for the prevention of atypical myopathy, a highly fatal muscle disease in the United Kingdom and Northern Europe.

Student news

Five University of Minnesota veterinary students were recognized at the annual conference of the American Association of Bovine Practitioners in Milwaukee September 19-21. An Amstutz Scholarship was awarded to **Lee Michels**; **Andy Kryzer** received first prize for best research project in the Student Case Competition; the Cargill Animal Nutrition Award went to Brett Boyum; and AABP Bovine Veterinary Student Recognition Awards were presented to **Amy Dahlke**, **Andy Kryzer**, and **Abbie Wirt**.

PhD candidates **Kevin Lang** and **Carlos Andres Diaz** have been selected by their peers as the 2013 Vaughn Larson awardees. This award honors Dr. Vaughn Larson, who earned his DVM and PhD degrees from the CVM. A CVM faculty member for more than 20 years, Larson conducted research on animal cancers. The award recognizes scholarly achievement and community leadership.

Alumni news

Members of the **class of 1963** and their spouses visited the college on September 27-29 for a 50-year reunion.

Dr. Kevin Barcus, class of 1986, was presented with an Alumni Service Award at the University of Minnesota Alumni Association's Alumni Awards Celebration at McNamara Alumni Center on September 26. A longtime volunteer for the college, Kevin served on the Alumni Friends and Society Board from 1988 to 2013. He also led the college's mentor program for 24 years, fostering mentor relationships for an estimated 500 students. He continues to offer counsel for improving the mentor program to benefit the students, the college, and the practice of veterinary medicine. Kevin is the owner of Mounds View Animal Hospital, which he cofounded in 1988.

Dr. Peter Poss, class of 1957, and other Siehl Prize winners were honored at TCF Bank Stadium during "Celebrate Ag and Food Day" at the Gopher Football game September 14. The Siehl Prize for Excellence in Agriculture recognizes individuals who have made extraordinary contributions to the production of food and alleviation of hunger in three categories: production, agribusiness, and knowledge. A poultry consultant with an extensive background in turkey production management, Peter was awarded the Siehl Prize in Agribusiness in 2002. He is currently president of the Minnesota Veterinary Historical Museum.

The American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) named **Dr. Benjamin Hart**, class of 1960, as Bustad Companion Animal Veterinarian of the Year. A distinguished professor emeritus at the University of California, Davis, Ben developed the school's first program in veterinary behavior and helped establish the Center for Animals in Society. The award recognizes a veterinarian's work "in preserving and protecting human-animal relationship." Ben's research includes a study released in February that found that early neutering of golden retrievers affects the animals' risk for developing certain cancers and joint diseases.

The AVMA House of Delegates elected two CVM alumni to AVMA councils during its annual business meeting on July 19: **Dr. Steve Barghusen**, class of 1994, was elected to the Judicial Council as an at-large member. A full-time practitioner for nearly 18 years, he is a board-certified diplomate of the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners. **Dr. Michael Hodgman**, class of 1990, was reelected to the Council on Biologic and Therapeutic Agents as an at-large member. Michael works for Elanco Animal Health providing technical support to veterinarians, nutritionists, and dairy farmers throughout the Midwest.

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AVMA Celebrates 150 Years with Symposium

Notes from the Minnesota Veterinary Historical Museum

by Paul Maravelas



Dr. Howard Erickson helped to organize the Smithcors history symposium at the AVMA convention, and spoke on the history of the AVMA.

The AVMA convention in July was called the “Sesquicentennial Convention,” and there were several exhibits and events, as well as a publication, to mark the 150th anniversary of the founding of the organization. Chief among these was a full day of lectures on the history of veterinary medicine called the Smithcors History of Veterinary Medicine Symposium, sponsored by the American Veterinary Medical History Society. Paul Maravelas, one of the curators of the Minnesota Veterinary Historical Museum, attended the Symposium and wrote this summary.

Eleven talks were given at the history symposium, and I was fortunate to hear all of them. Dr. Howard H. Erickson, Professor at Kansas State University, spoke on the history of the AVMA, and noted that the American Veterinary Association was “founded in 1854 with the intent to be a national organization, but the AVMA did not recognize the American Veterinary Association.” Thus, we are celebrating the 150th year of our national organization, though there was a predecessor organization which began nine years earlier. The American Veterinary Association, which “did not amount to much,” operated from 1854 to 1863. It was followed by the United States Veterinary Medical Association from 1863 to 1898. In 1898, the USVMA changed its name to the American Veterinary Medical Association.

Dr. Michael Blackwell, the former Dean of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Tennessee, gave an interesting talk titled “How Did African-Americans, Women and Minorities Enter Veterinary Medicine?” Dr. Blackwell, the son of a black Tuskegee-trained veterinarian whose practice was patronized largely by whites, described his own path to the profession. He suggested that the lack of access to veterinary medicine among many African-Americans was one reason for the small number of black veterinarians.

C. Trenton Boyd, Curator and Librarian at the University of Missouri, spoke on his extensive personal collection of postcards related to veterinary history. Some of Boyd’s postcards reveal images that are not available in any other form; his collection includes a card showing a Fergus Falls veterinarian, for example, that is not a part of any known Minnesota museum collection. Michael North, the Head of Rare Books & Early Manuscripts, at the National Library of Medicine in Bethesda, Maryland, spoke on the collection there, and on the “transition from horse farrier to professional veterinarian.”

Dr. Russell Currier, former Iowa Public Health Veterinarian, reviewed the history of milk pasteurization.

Professor Kimberly Porter, of the University of North Dakota, read an entertaining paper titled The Cedar County Cow War, which describes a troublesome episode of tuberculosis testing in eastern Iowa during 1931. Mobs of farmers prevented government veterinarians from testing cattle during the Cow War, energized in part by the rhetoric of a popular Iowa radio personality. It ended only after the Iowa National Guard was deployed to escort veterinarians on to farms.

Ronnie Elmore, Associate Dean at Kansas State University, spoke on presidential pets, a subject which ranged from horses to dogs. By about 1930, Elmore said, advisors were encouraging U.S. presidents to augment their public image by making a public show of fancying dogs. Bill Clinton was one president who was not fond of animals, but accepted his advisors’ advice and was often photographed with a dog.

The Minnesota Veterinary Historical Museum was founded in 1985 to collect and exhibit the history of veterinary medicine in Minnesota. Dr. Peter Poss of Willmar (320-235-5838) is the current museum president.

Last Call to Nominate a Colleague for an MVMA Award!

The December 1st deadline is fast approaching to submit your nomination for one of the MVMA awards to be presented at the February 7, 2014 MVMA Annual Business Meeting. The awards presented are for: Veterinarian of the Year, Distinguished Service, Outstanding Faculty at the University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine, Outstanding Industry Representative, and Veterinary Service.

Nomination forms and award descriptions are available on the MVMA website (www.mvma.org) or by calling the MVMA office at 651-645-7533 to have a form emailed, mailed or faxed to you. There are many wonderful individuals deserving of one of these awards, so please recognize someone by nominating them for an award.

Minnesota Veterinary Institute (MVI) Launches 2014 Dentistry & Oral Surgery CE Series at MVMA Annual Meeting

The Minnesota Veterinary Institute (MVI) is a new and unique collaboration of the Minnesota Veterinary Medical Association (MVMA), the University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine, and the Veterinary Hospitals Association (VHA). MVI's goals are to offer unique and more in-depth continuing education programs available to Minnesota veterinary practitioners, while supporting and enhancing the individual organization's existing CE programs.

MVI's strategic course design will enable veterinarians to immediately apply their newly learned lecture material by participating in a hands-on wet lab. The inaugural MVI 2014 program will feature a comprehensive advanced dentistry series featuring lectures, wet labs, and online content designed and coordinated by Gary Goldstein, DVM, Fellow AVD, Dipl. AVDC and Kevin Stepaniuk, DVM, Fellow AVD, Dipl. AVDC. The new series will launch February 5th with a tour of Oral Pathology

lecture at the MVMA Annual Meeting. Registration options now available for veterinarians, clinics, and veterinary technicians.

2014 Program:

MVI Veterinary Dentistry & Oral Surgery Series
 February 5 – Tour of Oral Pathology (lecture only)
 March 19 – Feline Dentistry (lecture & lab)
 May 21 – Canine Oral Surgery (lecture & lab)
 June 18 – Dentistry for the Veterinary Technician (lecture & lab)
 July 16 – Oral Maxillofacial Trauma and Emergency Dentistry (lecture & lab)
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Are You Well-Balanced?

Marceen Hammer, DVM, Co-chair Chemical Impairments and Addictions Committee

The Chemical Impairment and Addictions committee sponsored Dr. Dan Reidenberg at the MVMA Meeting last February. He increased our awareness on the issue of suicide. Dr. Reidenberg is the Executive director of the organization SAVE. You can learn more at SAVE.org. We hope you found this information helpful or informative.

This year the Chemical Impairment and Addictions Committee will be sponsoring Dr. Marc Myers, a speaker from Hazelden at the February MVMA Meeting for our Veterinary Practice Plus Program on Thursday, February 6, 10:45 am to 12:00 noon, speaking on "Are You Well-Balanced?". Our goal continues to be to help veterinarians who are dealing with substance abuse, and we can do this by increasing awareness of all the issues that affect our lives that might push us toward destructive behaviors.

As veterinarians we are a group of problem solvers, and some individuals may find it difficult to accept there are problems in life that are not solvable. This is an observation of Dr. Raj Persaud, author of *The Motivated Mind*. If stress is not able to be resolved by problem solving or emotionally-focused coping; then addictions or suicide may become a viable alternative. Awareness of our limitations, acceptance of our limitations, and asking others to help are good ways to balance our work life, and our non-work life.

Rabies Vaccination Review

by the Minnesota Board of Veterinary Medicine

Rabies vaccination of domesticated animals by Minnesota's licensed veterinarians is an important and effective practice to assist in providing public health and safety. Controversy has arisen regarding the practice of issuing two year expiration dates for small animals that have been vaccinated with a vaccine labeled for a 3-year duration of immunity.

In September 2011, the Minnesota Board of Veterinary Medicine conducted a study to gather information on the rabies vaccination practices of Minnesota licensed veterinarians in companion animals. With input from the Board of Animal Health and practicing veterinarians, the Rabies Vaccination Guidance Document was created.

The Minnesota Board of Animal Health recently published an article in their monthly newsletter, *Animal Bytes*, regarding rabies vaccination certificates.

The article provided a review of the Compendium of Animal Rabies Prevention and Control and the information on approved rabies vaccines and their durations of immunity.

The BAH also noted that there are currently no approved two-year vaccines. Rabies certificates that have inaccurately listed a two-year duration of immunity can be corrected two different ways.

1. The veterinarian that administered or oversaw the administration of the vaccine and issued the certificate can correct the information on the certificate, and initial and date the change.
2. The veterinarian can issue the animal owner a letter indicating the error and what the actual vaccine duration of immunity is.

The Board of Veterinary Medicine and Board of Animal Health recently joined forces in writing a letter to the League of Minnesota Cities encouraging them to change the wording on local rabies ordinances to help fit the duration of immunity in rabies vaccines. Please check the BAH website (www.bah.state.mn.us) for updates on rabies information.

Rabies Vaccination Certificates – Who can sign them? Rabies vaccination certificates should be signed by the veterinarian who administered or oversaw the administration of the rabies vaccine. However, if that veterinarian is unavailable, any veterinarian within the clinic may interpret a patient record to verify the receipt of the rabies vaccine and sign duplicate certificates as requested by a client.

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Friday, Feb. 7

Behavior

Dr. Gary Landsberg

Dentistry

Dr. Fraser Hale

Vaccine & Wellness

Drs. Karen Faunt

Jeff Klausner

Kate Knutson

Saturday, Feb. 8

Gastroenterology

Dr. David Twedt

Dermatology

Dr. Paul Bloom

Infectious Diseases

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Visit www.mvma.org for complete hotel room registration link.

Don't miss Thursday Lunch on "Partners for Healthy Pets" and Saturday Keynote speaker Ron Schara and Raven.



MVMA Board Candidates for 2014 Announced

President

Alan Sletten, DVM



Dr. Sletten went to high school in Wells, MN and then to Gustavus Adolphus College for his undergraduate degree. He then taught high school biology in New Prague, MN before going to the University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine. Upon graduation in 1988 he practiced in Cornell, WI before going to work for Lake Region Veterinary Center in Elbow Lake, MN, where he currently

practices large animal medicine. Dr. Sletten is married to Nancy, and they have two children, Anna and Andrew. He is a member of AABP and National Mastitis Council.

President-elect

Nicole Neeser, DVM, MPH



Dr. Nicole Neeser is currently the Program Manager for the Minnesota Department of Agriculture's Dairy, Meat, Poultry and Egg inspection programs. She received her DVM from the University of Minnesota, College of Veterinary Medicine in 1999 and her MPH from the University of Minnesota, School of Public Health in 2004 after completing a residency in Veterinary Preventive Medicine and Public Health. She has been with the MDA for 9 years. In her

current position, she routinely works with dairy producers and processors, and meat, poultry and egg processors in preventing foodborne disease through implementation of both pre and post harvest food safety systems. Her work activities include managing field inspectors and supervisors, providing training and veterinary expertise, developing policy and organizing day to day program activities. She is also responsible for ensuring these food safety programs meet Federal regulatory requirements and that dairy and meat products can be marketed freely within and outside of the State.

Dr. Neeser also has worked as an instructor with the University of Minnesota, College of Veterinary Medicine and the Center for Animal Health and Food Safety. She also spent 4 years in private veterinary practice in Zumbrota, MN doing mixed animal practice focusing on swine medicine and working with a wide variety of other species ranging from exotics to food animals. She lives with her husband, Karl, who is also a bovine veterinarian, and three children on a small farm near Red Wing, MN. Hobbies include playing volleyball, biking, gardening and just spending time with the kids and family.

Vice President

Ginger Garlie, DVM



Dr. Ginger Garlie, owner of Rivertown Animal Hospital located in Stillwater, Minnesota, is a 1985 graduate of the University Of Minnesota College Of Veterinary Medicine.

Her career path has led her to work in a variety of settings; a mixed animal practice, emergency medicine, a small animal and equine practice, industry veterinarian, a relief veterinarian and to establishing

her own small animal hospital. In 2009, Rivertown Animal Hospital was recognized by Veterinary Economics Magazine's Design competition as a Hospital Design Merit Award Winner. Her special interests in veterinary practice include; dentistry, internal medicine, ultrasound, marketing and management.

Dr. Garlie served on the MVMA Board from 2005-2007. She is a past president of the University Of Minnesota College Of Veterinary Medicine Alumni Association. She is a member of several veterinary associations including VHA, AEC, AVMA, and AAFP.

Dr. Garlie is grateful to her late father Dr. A.O. Garlie for sparking her interest in veterinary medicine and his support through her educational journey. Her brother Dr. David Garlie is a veterinarian in Northfield and her niece Dr. Sally Moe is a Captain in the Army Veterinary Corps. In her practice, Dr. Garlie mentors pre-veterinary and veterinary students and encourages future veterinarians through Rivertown's unique Mini-Vet School Program. Outside of work, Dr. Garlie enjoys her Miniature Schnauzers Gigi and Holly, traveling, friends, the arts, biking, swimming, and Pilates.

Treasurer

James S. Winsor, DVM



Dr. Jim Winsor is native of St. Paul, Minnesota. He currently lives in Inver Grove Heights and owns Inver Grove Heights Animal Hospital. He attended Colorado State for Pre-Vet and the University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Winsor is married to Annie Daskaloff Winsor, also a University of Minnesota DVM graduate. They have two

daughters, Stephanie (21) and Laurel (19), who are both attending the University of Denver currently.

Dr. Winsor has been on the River Heights Chamber of Commerce as a Chair of the Board. He has been on the MVMA Board and was MVMA President from 2004 to 2005. He has received the MVMA Veterinarian of the Year award in 2010. He currently serves on VET-PAC, MVMA Governmental Affairs and Small Animal Welfare Committees.

In his spare time, Dr. Winsor enjoys golfing, sailing and skiing.

PineRidge Pet Care Hospital and Wellness Center and Doggie Daycare

by Kelly Andrews

Still visiting clinics and continuing to be impressed by our MVMA members and their hearts and souls poured into the hospitals they have built. PineRidge Pet Care Hospital and Wellness Center is no exception. It is exceptional though and actually a dream that became reality for owners Drs. Daryl Hartman, Michael Cook, and Amy Bear in 2001. They dreamed big and produced a facility that does all it should in a beautiful well laid out setting and so much more with the additional services of: rehabilitation (complete with therapy room and underwater treadmill), grooming, boarding, obedience training, PetLife Preventive Health Care Plans and Doggie Daycare!



Back to Front Dr. Daryl Hartman, Dr. Michael Cook, Dr. Amy Bear with Apple, Dr. Stacey York with LuLu Belle

During this clinic visit I checked out the happy and playful dogs at their Doggie Daycare that happened to be “small dog” day on the day of my visit. The dogs are happy, the owners are happy and their dogs are happy, even the animals brought in for procedures probably wish they could stay when they see the fun their friends are having at Doggie Daycare.

The team that PineRidge PetCare has built works well together, and one reason is obvious -- the vision and leadership of the owners who value staff and appreciate the unique gifts they bring to the practice. PineRidge PetCare also offers the community additional unique services like well-visits to homebound animals of elderly people living in assisted-living facilities and pet care education seminar in the same facilities. It was fun to visit the next level of pet health care that PineRidge Pet Care Hospital and Wellness Center offers.

MVMA staff enjoy learning about their members and our members hopefully learn more about the MVMA when we visit your hospitals and clinics. Can we visit your clinic? Please contact info@mvma.org if you would like to arrange a staff clinic visit.



Vetinary Students Volunteer in Costa Rica

by Lukas Wallerich class of 2015 and MVMA/MVMF Student Representative

This past August, a group of 20 veterinary students from the University of Minnesota traveled to Costa Rica as part of a volunteer trip with VIDA (Volunteers for Intercultural and Definitive Adventures). The students—along with surgical residents Justin Uhl and Jeff Biskup, and other doctors from Central America—spent twelve days travelling around and providing veterinary care to underserved villages in Turrialba, Cartago, and Limón. A total of 307 patients were seen, ranging from dogs and cats to horses and pigs (they even cared for a pet water buffalo named Benson!). In addition to learning their way around basic medical and surgical procedures, the students found some time to take in the sites and engage in the culture around them. Whether learning to salsa or white water rafting, there was never a dull moment in Costa Rica.

Trips like this have been extremely valuable learning experiences for students over the years, and this one was no different. Many MVMA members and veterinary practices throughout the state made generous contributions to help make our trip happen. Without your generosity, many students would have to miss out on this opportunity. So from all the students who participated in this year's trip to Costa Rica: Thank You!!



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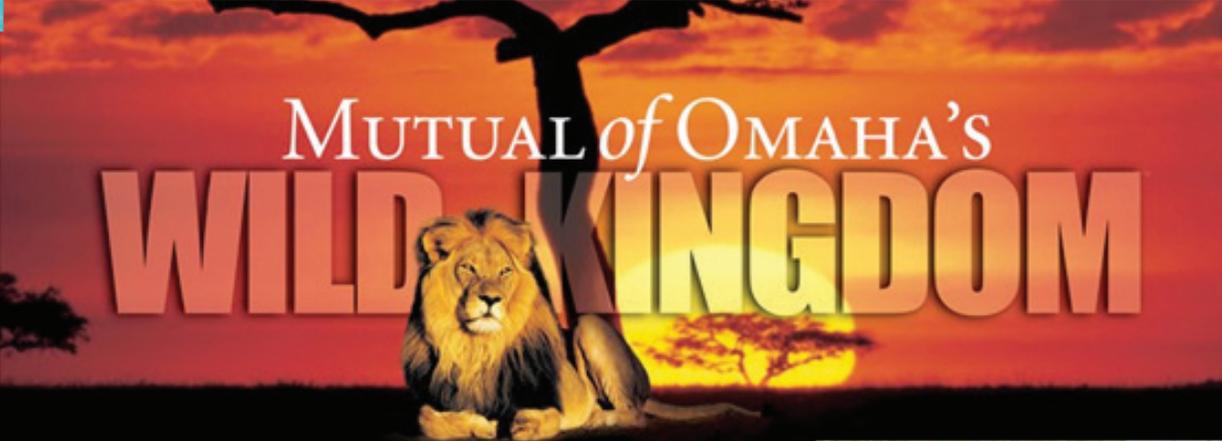
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MVMA Board Approves Changes to Membership Classifications

The MVMA Board recommended changes to its membership classifications that will be presented to MVMA members at its annual business meeting during the 2014 Annual Meeting in Minneapolis on February 6-8. The business meeting is held on Friday, February 7th of the convention. Members wanting to see the current as well as the proposed membership classification documents can go to the MVMA website link <http://www.mvma.org/members/constitution.asp> or they can contact the MVMA office to have a copy sent or emailed to them. Copies will also be available for review during the MVMA convention. The changes made include expanding the Affiliate Member category to include not only non-DVM teachers of veterinary medicine, but also "other non-DVM professionals of veterinary medicine, animal science, research or veterinary practice of veterinary medicine". A new Academic Member category was created to specifically

recognize those members in the academic field and hopefully attract other non-members who currently work in an academic setting. The Associate Member category was clarified to apply to those members who reside and practice outside the state. Associate members would need to meet both criteria (residence and practice location) in order to be an associate member. Life Members will continue to be those members who have been Active members for 40 years but will no longer offer life membership for those who reach 72 years of age without meeting the 40 years of membership mark. If the membership approves of these changes they would go into effect following the 2014 convention in the subsequent dues period. If you have any questions about these proposed changes please contact the MVMA office info@mvma.org or MVMA President Dr. John Baillie (drjbaillie@aol.com).



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PROCEEDINGS (NEW - An online link to the Convention Proceedings, instead of a CD, is included in the registration fee.)

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Pre-Registration by January 10 **Registration after January 10 or Onsite**

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REGISTRATION FORMS - Please complete for both Veterinarians and /or Student, Staff, Spouse & Guest
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In Memoriam

Dr. Joan Parent passed away on October 4th, 2013. She described herself as more of an athlete than a scholar, participating in swimming (competitive and synchronized), field hockey and ice hockey. Despite her disclaimer, Dr. Parent had advanced several grades during her secondary years and she attended the Ontario Veterinary College at Guelph where she was granted the degree of DVM in 1945. After graduation, she married her classmate, Murray Xavier Parent and they moved back to his hometown of Foley, Minnesota where they joined his father, Joseph Xavier Parent, in the practice of veterinary medicine. She passed the Minnesota licensing exam in 1946, becoming the first woman licensed veterinarian in Minnesota. She was elected to the Minnesota School Boards Association Board of Directors in 1971, serving in all officer positions, culminating in president in 1978. During that time, she also served on the Minnesota State High School League Board of Directors, where she was elected as the president; the first woman in the country to serve as the head of a state athletic association organization. She was a strong proponent of the effective implementation of Title IX, giving opportunities to girls and women to equally participate in sports. Dr. Parent was elected to the Board of Directors of the National School Boards Association in 1977, again serving in all officer positions culminating in the presidency in 1983. Joan was preceded in death by her parents and her sister, Dorothy Bennett of Toronto; her husband Murray, and sons Sean and Seth. She is survived by Samuel Xavier (Barb) of Winona and Joellen Johnson of Shoreview.

Dr. Jerry Carl Ahrendt, age 71 of Independence passed away on Saturday, September 7, 2013. He was born December 16, 1941 in Luverne, Minnesota. Dr. Ahrendt was a longtime veterinarian in the Delano area. He loved to care for his animals and to spend time herding his sheep with his herding dog, Suta.

He is survived by his wife Robi; children Chris (Carolina), Kara (Paul) Richter, Katari; grandchildren Josef and Jack Richter; as well as many other family members.

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Are you or a colleague interested in applying for a volunteer opportunity with the AVMA? We invite you explore the positions available this year and in 2014. Please visit the updated Volunteer Opportunities section of the AVMA website www.avma.org to learn more.

Opportunities include positions on the Convention Management and Program Committee, the Committee on Disaster and Emergency Issues, the Council on Biologic and Therapeutic Agents, and many more! There are even a few particularly unique volunteer positions open, including serving as the AVMA Liaison to the One Health Commission.

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Medical Waste Handling in Minnesota Vet Clinics Updated

by Ron Gaskin, DVM

Is your veterinary clinic accumulating a pile of pharmaceutical waste? Do you have a pharmaceutical waste hauler contract renewal coming up? Do you feel like you cannot afford a vacation from what you paid for your last pharmaceutical waste disposal? Well then, we have just the solution to these practice management problems for you that will be presented at the MVMA Annual Convention, Veterinary Practice Plus program, Thursday, February 6, 2:00 pm – 3:15 pm. Teaming up with a veteran qualified reverse distribution waste handler, Main Street Veterinary Service has utilized a reverse distribution system that is legal, economical, and feasible for even out state Minnesota veterinary clinics to utilize.

The entire method of reverse distribution of pharmaceuticals will be gone over in great detail in a presentation provided by myself and the PharmWaste Technologies owner operator, Jeff Hollar. Jeff has been involved in pharmaceutical reverse distribution industry for at least 20 years. In collaboration with Minnesota Pollution Control Agency input and MPCA online documentation, Jeff has worked out an economical and legal method of pharmaceutical waste disposal for Minnesota veterinary clinics that has already been used by the human medical profession for many years. While the MPCA does not and cannot endorse any single waste handler, they acknowledge finding no deficiencies in the waste drug and expired vaccine handling process that has had its first successful run in my Minnesota veterinary clinic in October.

The reverse distribution process does require very thorough record-keeping to be able to utilize this option. As the Metropolitan Environmental Health County Departments upgrade their ordinances to adhere more closely to the State waste handling rules there may be time limits imposed on how long you can store these wastes at your clinic. For example, Scott County Environmental Health is proposing 6 years as a maximum facility storage time. All the required paperwork and the step-by-step directions will be covered in a presentation at the MVMA annual convention. We will see you there.

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The Miracle of Birth Center celebrated its 13th year at the fair in 2013. A total of 207 births – 13 calves, 157 piglets, and 37 lambs – were reported during the twelve day fair. A special thank you goes out to MOBC Committee Co-Chairs, Dr. Florian Ledermann, Dr. Mary Olson, Dr. Holly Neaton, Dr. David Wright and Dr. Gala Beckendorf, for giving their time and energy to continuously making this exhibit a huge hit with the public. The “Nursery of Knowledge” which is located just inside the Miracle of Birth Center exhibit, is becoming more popular with presentations by veterinary students informing on VetCamp and tours of an ambulatory veterinary truck. There were also presentations on “Equine Dentistry”, “Veterinary Chiropractic” and several presentations on “Urban Chicken Farming”.

2013 was the Surgery Suite’s 22nd year aimed at educating the public about health and behavior benefits of spay-neuter, and reducing pet overpopulation. 48 veterinarian surgeons donate their time to the exhibit; many vendors donate supplies/equipment, and 12 rescue organizations provide the patients for surgery. A special thank you to long time Surgery Suite co-chairs who have recently stepped down - Dr. Mike Strecker and Dr. Kim Culbertson! Dr. Strecker was instrumental in updating the exhibit this year with new flat screen monitors for audience viewing. Welcome new co-chairs, Dr. Victori Ribeiro and Dr. Krista Walkowiak! Thank you for stepping in and continuing the success of the Surgery Suite. Also, many thanks to our many volunteers and long-time technician, Shelley Harpster, CVT. Both exhibits are also appreciative of the MVMA and MVMF financial support.

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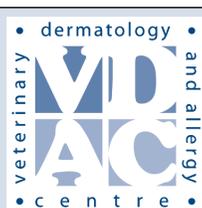
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New GHLIT Medical Insurance Exchange

The AVMA Group Health and Life Insurance Trust (GHLIT) has launched a new insurance exchange for AVMA members. The new exchange provides members with the tools to shop for, compare costs, and benefits, and enroll in a medical plan that best meets your needs. There is an array of insurance options available from a growing list of top carriers, all of which have been chosen specifically for veterinarians. These plans create an exclusive line of insurance products to protect you, your family and your business through every stage of your life. The exchange also includes access to other AVMA GHLIT non-medical insurance products, and live customer support is available to answer questions regarding your coverage needs.

Current GHLIT medical insurance coverage will end on December 31, 2013. To ensure that you are covered on Jan. 1, 2014, you must enroll between Oct. 1 and Dec. 15, 2013. For further information about the exchange and your insurance needs, please contact a GHLIT member service representative at 800-621-6360, by email at info@ghlit.com or visit their website at avmaghlit.org.

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