

The Cincinnati Veterinary Medical Association

CVMA Newsletter

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President's Report

Well, it's spring – the birds and bees are out, the grass is growing, the trees and shrubs and jonquils are blooming, and it's 80 degrees. With spring comes rain to wash the winter salt away and sunshine to warm the land and your soul.

I've just returned from a week long trip to the annual AAHA meeting in Long Beach, California. It was sunny and warm there, but it's always sunny and warm. The conference was great – a cornucopia of wonderful speakers (some from Cincinnati and OSU) and topics, networking with thousands of veterinarians and staff, management as well as scientific sessions, many vendors, plenty of food and plenty to do outside of the conference. Overall, the number of attendees was down from last year. I'm guessing that means more veterinarians are getting their continuing education closer to home.

That got me thinking about the value of an association like the CVMA. After all, for \$125.00 per year you receive 10 hours of continuing education, networking with your colleagues and competitors, great speakers and topics, exposure to your favorite vendors, plenty of food, and who could ever say there is not plenty to do in Cincinnati outside of the meetings. For another \$125.00, you get 7 more hours of C.E. in a day long seminar. That's a whole year's worth of C.E. for \$250.00, and that's not all you get.

I just spent over \$2000.00 to go to Long Beach for a week. So, let's make the most of your time and hard earned money – the CVMA is a bargain! See you at the May meeting. Bring your colleagues and associates.

Sincerely,
Bo Williamson, DVM, President CVMA

Recording Secretary Report, by Dr. Karen Kowalski

The CVMA Board of Directors meeting was held on April 6, 2010, at Slatt's Pub, in Blue Ash. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm. Those in attendance were Drs. Brinker, Cron, Goecke, Williamson, Merry, Goforth, Duggan, Kuonen, Kowalski, Goode, LeBourveau, Bean, and Walkenhorst. Holly Molony, the CVMA Executive Director, was also in attendance. The March meeting minutes were approved and committee reports were given.

Old Business: Motion to approve protocols for CVMA relations with business and rescue groups approved. President Bo Williamson will send a letter to the Ohio State Board of Pharmacy on behalf of CVMA to express members' concern regarding recent regulatory interpretation requiring vets to be onsite to dispense medications. The letter and a link to the interpretation will be available on the CVMA website. Dr. Cron reported that HB 267, which currently includes veterinarians in its new requirements for pharmacy operations, remains in the House Health Committee. Dr. Cron noted that OVMA's Legislative Day is April 21, 2010. Dr. Williamson requested input on increasing attendance at CE meetings and membership. Several suggestions were shared including inviting potential members to attend upcoming CE meetings as guests.

New Business: Motion to approve two vet tech scholarships of \$500 each. Dr. Goecke will submit scholarship nominees. Dr. Williamson has asked Emily Eilers, a 4th year veterinary medicine student from OSU to serve as an "ambassador" and promote CVMA membership among new graduates returning to Cincinnati. Board members agreed with Dr. Williamson's proposal to re-establish recognition program and certificates for life members. Meeting adjourned at 8:25PM.

Program Report, by Dr. Vanessa Kuonen

Thank you to *Dr. Tom Klein* who filled in last minute for Dr. Gary Lantz last month. Check the website in the next few weeks for a link to Dr. Klein's lecture notes.

Upcoming meetings:

Tuesday, May 25, 2010- Dr. Bob Stein will return to our fair city. His topic will be on veterinary anesthesia and pain management. Partially sponsored by *Faithful Companion, Inc.*

Tuesday, September 28, 2010- Dr. Lynette Cole from the Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine will be speaking about otitis in dogs and cats.

Tuesday, November 23, 2010- Dr. Craig Tockman from Abaxis will speak on a practitioner's approach to wellness testing. This meeting is sponsored by Abaxis and is open to staff as well.

If anyone has some suggestions for speakers or topics please contact Vanessa Kuonen at ykuonen@medvetohio.com or 513-683-7703. The goal is to provide continuing education hours that fulfill the state requirements with high quality topics and speakers.

Location of meetings: Kingsgate Marriott Hotel and Conference Center at the University of Cincinnati : 151 Goodman Drive, Cincinnati Ohio 45219, 513-487-3800.

2010 SHORT COURSE: SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, October 31, 2010-Dr. Todd Tams, VCA Chief Medical Officer, will speak on a variety of topics in internal medicine.

SPCA Liaison Report, Dr. Dave LeBourveau



SPCA Cincinnati represents the epitome of efforts to guard the human-animal bond in Hamilton County, Ohio. They believe how a community treats its animals is a reflection of how its members treat each other. Staff and volunteers provide the best in humane treatment, as well as offering programs to support those who own and care for animals. This will be the first of many short informational pieces about an organization with which we are proud to be associated.

SPCA Cincinnati CEO Harold Dates and other SPCA staff appear on Local Channel 12, WKRC, three times a week (Tuesday evening, Wednesday morning, and Saturday morning) and on local radio station, WGRR, every Wednesday. Their purpose is to encourage the humane treatment of our domestic pets and to urge the viewing public to seek the services of veterinarians in their community.

Please contact the SPCA to add your name to the list of veterinary practices in Hamilton County willing to donate a newly adopted pet exam. Misty Hale at the SPCA, mhale@spcacincinnati.org, will be glad to add you to that list.

Veterinary Technology Liaison Report, By Dr. Jane Goecke

Thanks to area practices, humane organizations and research facilities for continuing to welcome RWC vet tech students into their facilities over the year. During the Spring, students continue to go out into the local veterinary community for invaluable experiences. Students are also making final plans for their summer preceptorships. Brown Mackie College is opening a new vet tech program in Troy, Ohio.

The advertisement for Faithful Companion Pet Cremation Services features a black and white photograph of a golden retriever sitting with three children (two boys and one girl). Above the photo, the company name "FAITHFUL Companion" is written in a mix of serif and script fonts, with "PET CREMATION SERVICES" in a smaller serif font below it. A dog collar with a tag is positioned between the name and the photo. Below the photo, the tagline "DIGNIFIED, INDIVIDUAL PET CREMATION SERVICES" is enclosed in quotes. To the right of the photo, the address "11815 Highway Dr., Suite 700 Sharonville, OH 45241" and phone number "(513) 733-1900" are listed. At the bottom of the photo, the website "www.faithfulcompanion.com" and email "ohcontact@faithfulcompanion.com" are provided.

Treasurer's Report, by Dr. Jack Walkenhorst *As of March 2010*

Checking Account – US Bank	
Balance as of 2/28/10	\$13,956.29
Deposits (3/1-3/31/10)	
Dues	1,475.00
Ads	30.00
Total Deposits	\$1,505.00
Expenditures (3/1-3/31/10)	
Executive Director	1000.00
Printing/Postage	136.40
Board Meeting (February)	229.73
Board Meeting (March)	249.31
Donation – SPCA Telethon	500.00
SPCA – Fur Ball	300.00
Flowers in memory of Tom Clarke	84.67
CVMA Electronic Logo (Becca Tabor)	150.00
Dr. Tom Klein (March speaker)	750.00
Dr. Gary Lantz (cancelled March speaker)	(750.00)
Dr. Stein (May speaker – honorarium and flight)	1115.90
Dr. Tom Klein (mileage)	116.89
Yahoo website hosting	35.85
Bank Fees	25.00
Total Expenditures (3/1-3/31/10)	\$ 3,943.75
Balance on 3/31/10	\$11,517.54
Other Account Balances (as of 2/28/10)	
General Fund (M/Lynch)	\$77,168.98
Elizabeth Jones (M/Lynch)	\$97,464.47
Madden fund (M/Lynch)	\$61,860.01
Total	\$236,493.46

Spotlight Animal Rescue Group, By Dr. Diana Cron



Founded in 1949, the League for Animal Welfare is dedicated to bettering the lives of companion animals in the Greater Cincinnati area by providing shelter, adoption, public education and spay/neuter programs. The League is a no-kill, non-profit organization funded primarily by (tax-deductible) donations, membership dues, contributions, and fundraisers. The League houses about 40 dogs and 100 cats in its shelter located in Batavia Township near the Clermont County airport. LFAW has a small paid staff and over 250 active volunteers. A Behavior Manager provides training and programs to make animals more adoptable.

League animals are spayed or neutered prior to adoption to help reduce the number of homeless animals. LFAW also provides spay/neuter assistance to the public. A supply of spay/neuter vouchers is made available each month. These vouchers can be redeemed at clinics and any vet office that accepts them.

The League's *My Last Hope* is a special program, begun in 1997, for animals that are older, have ongoing medical conditions, or who have been with the League for a long time. MLH provides post-adoption veterinary expenses for the remainder of the animal's life. Adoption fees are also waived. Animals that may not have been adopted ordinarily have an increased chance of going home with a new owner.

This year, LFAW received a 4-star rating for sound fiscal management from Charity Navigator. It is one of only two animal welfare organizations in Ohio receiving this rating.

LFAW is always looking for dedicated volunteers. They are currently seeking Shelter Maintenance Team Members as well as someone to help advertise League events, as well as donations of cash and/or goods that can be used at the shelter. Currently, LFAW is running a special campaign to fund Kuranda cat towers for their shelter cats. Learn more about LFAW at www.lfaw.org.

CVMA Members: Will you have a new grad in your office this year?

Encourage them to join the CVMA! New Graduates' Membership is free through the end of the calendar year. Applications can be downloaded at www.cincvma.com or contact Holly Molony for further information, 513.368.6105 or hjmolony@gmail.com.



Corresponding Secretary's Report, Dr. William Bean

Dr. Bean requests that any members who have ideas and suggestions for the website send him an email at beandvm@aol.com.

Public Relations Report, By Dr. Susanna Schwartz

CVMA Hosting Guide Dog Clinic: May 16, 2010

The Guide Dog Ophthalmic Examination Clinic is scheduled for May 16, 2010, from 9 am to 1 p.m. The event will be held at the MedVet Eye Center on 11913 Montgomery Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45249-2019.

Truie is contacting previous attendees and letters have been sent to supporting organizations such as Cincinnati Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Pilot Dog, Leader Dogs, and Seeing Eye so they may share this opportunity with their members and clients and so we may plan for transportation needs as necessary. Dr. Goecke is coordinating six volunteer vet tech students to attend. For more information, please contact Dr. Susanna Schwartz, susannahinkle@hotmail.com.

Legislation/Regulations Affecting Veterinary Practices: Ohio House Bill 267

Ohio HB 267 affects all health professionals licensed to prescribe drugs, requires them to enroll in this new program, and to use the newly created official prescription form. As currently proposed, HB 267 includes veterinarians. You would be required to pay a \$250 annual fee to enroll in the program and obtain the new secure prescription pads. OVMA opposes the bill. Currently, the bill has been assigned to the House Health Committee. Full bill text is available online. To view it, go to www.legislature.state.oh.us. Under "Current Legislation," click on "House" and enter "267." You can also find contact information for your legislators by visiting the Legislative Action Center page of the OVMA Web site at www.ohiovma.org.

Revised USDA Accreditation Requirements

The USDA is changing their accreditation policies. Veterinarians previously accredited will **NOT** be accredited after August 2, 2010, unless he or she reapplies. For more information, please visit, <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/nvap> - click on the 3rd link, in all caps that says INSTRUCTIONS FOR CURRENTLY ACCREDITED VETERINARIANS. Questions and concerns should be directed to: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, The United States Department of Agriculture, Telephone: 301-734-NVAP (6827) or Fax: 301-734-3641 or Email: NVAP@aphis.usda.gov.

Volunteer!

The SPCA is updating its list of veterinarians that offer free initial exams for animals adopted from SPCA Cincinnati. If you wish to add your name or make changes to the list, please contact Misty Hale at mhale@spcacinncincinnati.org.

CLASSIFIEDS:

Tom Miller DVM, MS available for relief/part time work – Cincinnati
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Time to Resolution (% of placebo)

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Ohio Veterinary Medical Licensing Board News: Filling & Dispensing Prescriptions:

In October 2009, the Ohio Veterinary Licensing Board considered the issue of who can handle the drugs in a veterinary office. Additionally, can a receptionist hand a prescription to a client that the veterinarian has filled previously, but is out to lunch when the client arrives? OVMLB Director Winsley specified that his answer applies to all prescription drugs. It does not apply to over-the-counter medications.

After reviewing pertinent sections of the law, the basic answer is as follows:

The Veterinarian can assign someone (not necessarily an RVT) to pull out the drug, count it and label it. However, the veterinarian must do a final check of the finished product for verification purposes. There must be a mechanism in place to show that the veterinarian has "approved" the finished product. Section 4729.29 ORC permits the veterinarian to "personally furnish" a prescription drug. Therefore, the veterinarian MUST be on the premises when the prescription drug is furnished to a client.

The CVMA Board, on behalf of its membership, has sent a response objecting to this interpretation of the regulations. The letter will be available on the CVMA website, www.cincyma.com for members to use in contacting the Ohio State Board of Pharmacy. Please take a moment to share your thoughts with regulators on how this interpretation affects your business.



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Ohio News:

Governor announces Ohio Livestock Care Standards Board appointments

Ohio Governor Ted Strickland announced yesterday the appointments to the Ohio Livestock Care Standards Board. In addition to the Governor's 10 appointments, Ohio Department of Agriculture Director Robert Boggs serves on the 13-member board, as well a selection from both the House Speaker and Senate President.

Of interest to CVMA members, Harold Dates, CEO of the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals of Cincinnati has been appointed to serve. Serving as CEO since 1986, Dates previously served as the assistant general manager from 1975-1986. He received the Glenn Summerlin Award from the Society of Animal Welfare Administrators in 2009. Dates received a bachelor's degree from the University of Cincinnati in 1969. Other new Board appointees include: Tony Forshey, Leon Weaver, Jeff Wuebker, Bobby Moser, Jeffrey Lejeune, Jerry Lahmers, Lisa Hamler-Fugitt, Robert Cole, Stacey Atherton.

The Ohio Livestock Care Standards Board is charged with establishing standards governing the care and well-being of livestock and poultry in Ohio. The board will strive to maintain food safety, encourage locally grown and raised food, and protect Ohio farms and families.

Next CVMA CE Meeting: May 25, 2010 with Dr. Bob Stein

Join your fellow CVMA members on Tuesday May 26, 2010 from 6-9 p.m. at the Kingsgate Marriott, 151 Goodman Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45219 when we will be joined by Dr. Bob Stein. Dr. Stein will be speaking on veterinary anesthesia and pain management issues.

Dr. Stein is a 1980 graduate of Michigan State University where he was awarded the AAHA Senior Student Award for best overall clinical proficiency and the Phi Zeta Achievement Award. He completed a surgical internship at the University of Minnesota before entering private practice in Buffalo in 1981. Dr Stein developed a deep interest in anesthesia and pain management. In this pursuit, he attended 7 anesthesia clerkships at MSU and at the University of Florida spent four weeks on Anesthesia and Pain Management service in early 2006. Dr. Stein is a graduate of the TCVM small animal Acupuncture program and is one of a handful of veterinarians credentialed by the American Academy of Pain Management.

CVMA Membership

The following individuals are members as of April 6, 2010 :

Ronald C. Abrams
Cameron P. Adams
Donald E. Alford
Mark Applebaum
David Argus
James Auvil
David Averbeck
Kristi Baker
Jennie J. Bard
Daniel Baum
Lawrence L. Baum
Dave Bauman
William Bean
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Gabe Louis Bercz
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Colleen Black
Karla Blackmore
Patrick Breen
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Paul Brinker
Joseph Bruner
Stephanie Bruner
Rebecca B. Burket
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Karen Collins
Merrie Cord
Brian Cron
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Michael Frederick
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Gretchen Goode
Jeff Grady
Joseph Grossi
Jennifer Lynn Groszek

David Haeussler
Brady Joseph Hall
Cheryl Harris
Jennifer Ann Harrison
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Lisa Heller
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David W. Merry
Jerry W. Miller
Thomas Miller
Mike Moeller
Kelly Moore
Kimberly Moulton
Michele M. Muldoon
Rebecca Naas
Julie M. O'Connell
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Todd Phillips
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William Rueger Jr.
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Sharmila M. Ruparel
Carolyn J. Russell
James E. Ryan
Cynthia Sagel
Mary Sallee
Elizabeth Anne Sandfoss
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Wendy Sawdai
Pamela E. Sawyer
Alayne Schmogrow
Gary L. Schroeder
Susanna Schwartz
Laurena K. Schlasinger
Richard Seaman
Jack Shepherd
Ingrid Geer Shick
Siegfried Sieber
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Joseph Smith
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Gwendolyn Steffen
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Stanley Szostek
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Suzanne Elaine Thompson
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Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this list. If you feel an error has been made, please contact CVMA Executive Director, Holly Molony at 513-368-6105 or via email at hjmolony@gmail.com.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!
NEXT CVMA TRAINING OPPORTUNITY:**

Tuesday, May 25, 2010- DR. BOB STEIN--VETERINARY ANESTHESIA AND PAIN MANAGEMENT.

CONTINUING EDUCATION ARCHIVE

2010

- JANUARY 26, 2010- DR. ALICE WOLF—GINGIVITIS, STOMATITIS, AND ORAL LESIONS IN CATS-2 CE CREDITS
- MARCH 23, 2010- DR. TOM KLEIN—REGIONAL ANESTHESIA AND DENTAL EXTRACTIONS—2 CE CREDITS

2009

- JANUARY 27, 2009 DR. BOB STEIN PAIN MANAGEMENT-2 CE CREDITS
- MARCH 24, 2009 DR. GUILLERMO COUTO- ONCOLOGY-2 CE CREDITS
- MAY 26, 2009 -DR. KENT STAUFFER- TOPICS IN ORTHOPEDIC SURGERY- 2 CE CREDITS
- SEPTEMBER 22, 2009- DR. JOANNE MESSICK- HEMOTROPIC MYOPLASMA-2 CE CREDIT
- OCTOBER 4, 2009- DR. WENDY WARE- CARDIOLOGY-7 CE CREDITS
- NOVEMBER 24, 2009 DR. LYNN BUZHARDT- FELINE HEARTWORM DISEASE- 2 CE CREDITS

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