

The Cincinnati Veterinary Medical Association

CVMA Newsletter

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President's Report

It's still cold, in case you hadn't noticed, but some things have begun to change. There are more light hours in the day, more clients are coming into our practices, there are less days to fill with duties we have been putting off. The January CVMA continuing education meeting was a sold out success – almost too successful, if that's possible! The SPCA Pet ID Day was as equally well received.

February is one of those "tweener" months, between the "gray days of January" and the spring we look forward to in March and April. It's a month to buckle down and get some work done. There are no major holidays (excluding Super Bowl Sunday and Valentine's Day, of course) and it's a short month, meaning we have fewer days to meet our monthly goals.

So, encourage your staff to get some continuing education and put that to good use in your practices. Do the same for yourself. Make it a priority to look on the CVMA website for those notes from Dr. Alice Wolf that weren't available at the last meeting, as well as some from other meetings last year. Write down some topics and speakers you'd like to hear in Cincinnati in the next year, and send those to us by e-mail or phone – we're just like you, we need some stimulation occasionally.

There are warm days ahead, and the cold days don't seem so cold any more. The economy will recover, your practice will rebound, and spring is only around the corner. Be thankful for your clients, patients, staff, and colleagues – and root for the Colts or the Saints next weekend. And don't forget your honey on Valentine's Day!!

Sincerely,
Bo Williamson, DVM
President CVMA

Recording Secretary Report, by Dr. Karen Kowalski

The CVMA Board of Directors meeting was held on Feb. 2, 2010, at Slatt's Pub, in Blue Ash. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm. Those in attendance were Drs. Brinker, Goeke, LeBourveau, Cron, Williamson, Merry, Goforth, Duggan, Kemper, Kuonen, Kowalski, and Schwartz. Holly Molony, the CVMA Executive Director, was also in attendance. The January meeting minutes were approved and committee reports were given.

Old Business: Members discussed advertising guidelines for the website and the newsletters.

New Business: CVMA will donate \$500 to the SPCA in support of their work. The Chair shared three draft policies regarding CVMA's work: interaction with rescue groups, how to deal with outside business groups who want access to member information, and sharing information regarding other veterinary groups' CE events. Members will receive the policy drafts via email and are asked to provide feedback. Diana Cron provided information on Ohio House Bill 267, affecting veterinary Rx practices. Gretchen Goode reviewed the new USDA accreditation requirements. (For full information, see page 2). Gretchen presented the opportunity to have a CVMA logo created for electronic and print use. Motion approved to revise the logo at a cost of \$150. Dr. Goode will present three options at the next meeting. Meeting adjourned 8:42 p.m.

CVMA Board Members:

Dr. Bo Williamson, President

Dr. Kathy Mohlman, Immediate Past President

Dr. William Bean, Corresponding Secretary

Dr. Karen Kowalski, Recording Secretary

Dr. Jack Walkenhorst, Treasurer

Dr. Vanessa Kuonen, Program Chair

Dr. Jane Goecke, Vet. Tech Liaison

Dr. Susanna Schwartz, Public Relations

Dr. Diana Cron, SPCA/Animal Welfare Organization Liaison

Dr. Dave LeBourveau, SPCA/Animal Welfare Organization Liaison

Dr. Dave Merry, Trustee

Dr. Paul Brinker, Trustee

Dr. Amy Bringardner, Trustee

Dr. Debra Kemper, Trustee

Dr. Tammy Smith, Trustee

Dr. Tammy Goforth, Trustee

Holly J. Molony, MPA, Exec. Director

Program Report, by Dr. Vanessa Kuonen

Upcoming meetings: Please mark the dates on your calendar!

Tuesday, March 23, 2010- Dr. Gary Lantz from the College of Veterinary Medicine at Purdue University will present the following topics in veterinary dentistry: regional anesthesia for oral and maxillofacial surgery and introducing restorative dentistry to your practice.

Tuesday, May 25, 2010- Dr. Bob Stein will return to our fair city. His topic will be on veterinary anesthesia and pain management.

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

SAVE THE DATE for the 2010 SHORT COURSE

Sunday, October 31, 2010—Dr. Todd R Tams DVM, Dipl. ACVIM (SAIM). Time and topic TBA.

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.

All meetings are hosted at the *Kingsgate Marriott Hotel and Conference Center at the University of Cincinnati: 151 Goodman Drive, Cinti., OH 45219, 513-487-3800*. If you have suggestions on speakers or topics, please contact me at vkouonen@gmail.com or 513-683-7703. CVMA's goal is to provide continuing education hours with high quality topics and speakers that fulfill the state requirements.

SPCA/Animal Welfare Liaison Report by Dr. Diana Cron

The Pet ID Days event at the Sharonville SPCA was a big success. On January 31st, 247 dog licenses were sold, 211 rabies vaccines given and 164 microchips implanted. Many thanks to our volunteer vet tech students and Raymond Walters staff (see Vet Tech report), and our volunteer veterinarians Drs. Dave Bauman, Paul Brinker, Jane Goecke, Tami Goforth, Rebecca Naas, and Bo Williamson.

The CVMA Board voted to make a \$500 donation to SPCA Cincinnati. Dr. Dave Leborveau will present the check at the Adopt-A-Pet Telethon on February 13, which will be televised on Local 12 from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.

The Fur Ball is coming April 10th at the Duke Energy Center. For more information, contact Carol Ferris at 480-7392 or visit the SPCA website at www.spcacincinnati.org.

If you wish to have your information updated for the list of veterinarians that offer free initial exams for pets adopted from SPCA Cincinnati, please contact Misty Hale at mhale@cincinnati.spcapca.org.

Veterinary Technology Liaison Report, By Dr. Jane Goecke

The following veterinary technician students volunteered Sunday, Jan. 31 at the Hamilton County SPCA Pet ID Day from 2-4 PM: Loran Condo, Pam Craft, Nicole Tebbe, Hannah Spencer, Cindy Stark, Frankie Wagschal, Amy Goldman, Ciara Curlis. This was a great experience for our students. Thanks to Dr. Bauman, Dr. Goforth, Kim Myers, and the other veterinarians and volunteers who made this a great day!

Public Relations Report, By Dr. Gretchen Goode

Dr. Gretchen Goode reported on legislative and regulatory initiatives that impact 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.

The full bill is available for you to read online. To view it, navigate 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.

Please go to <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/nvap> - click on the 3rd link, in all caps that says INSTRUCTIONS FOR CURRENTLY ACCREDITED VETERINARIANS. There is also information for veterinarians who would like to become accredited.

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



CVMA Chairman, Dr. Bo Williamson, receives assistance from students in UC's Vet Tech Program during the SPCA's Pet ID days in January. Picture provided by Kim Myers.

Treasurer's Report by Dr. Jack Walkenhorst

Checking Account – US Bank	
Balance as of 12/31/10	\$5,271.98
Deposits (1/1/10-1/31/10)	
Dues	11,175.00
Total Deposits	\$11,175.00
Expenditures (1/1/10-1/31/10)	
Executive Director	1000.00
Newsletter – Printing, Postage, Mailing	352.69
Alice Wolf (CE Speaker)	1000.00
December Board Meeting	237.85
Website	35.85
Additional Mailings/Postage/Stationary	115.21
Committee Meetings	21.04
Bank Fees	25.00
Total Expenditures (12/1/09-12/31/09)	\$ 2,787.74
Balance on 1/31/10	\$13,659.24
Other Account Balances (as of 12/31/10)	
General Fund (MLynch)	\$79,424.73
Elizabeth Jones (MLynch)	\$97,086.58
Madden fund (MLynch)	\$62,276.48
Total	\$238,787.79

CVMA Members as of February 8, 2010

The following individuals have renewed or joined as new members :

A-D

Ronald Abrams, Cameron Adams, Mark Applebaum, David Argus, James Auvil, Kristi Baker, Lawrence Baum, Dan Baum, Dave Bauman, William Bean, Sharon Bennett, GabeBercz Colleen Black, Karla Blackmore, Patrick Breen, Paul Brinker, Joseph Bruner, Stephanie Bruner, Thomas Buckley, Rebecca Burket, Bruce Butler, Donna Carey, Donald Clinger, John Cole, Brian Cron, Diana Cron, Jennifer Dehnbostel, Julia Delikat, Jodi Duff, Cassie Duggan, Lisa Dulaney,

E-M

Julia Esposito, Verne Fairhurst, Richard Feldman, John Baird Foree, Michelle Foster, Michael Frederick, Stacey Frick, Robert Gaston, Jean Gladis, Jane Goecke, Tamara Goforth, Gretchen Goode, Jeff Grady, Joe Grossi, Jennifer Groszek, David Haeussler, Brady Hall, Jennifer Harrison, James Harvey, Linda Hays, James Hearst, Jodi Heekin, Michelle Hendricks, Timothy Henehan, Terrence Henehan, J. Peter Hill, Doug Hoffman, Michael Holmes, Lisa Johnson, Amy Johnstone, Mel Kattelman, Mary Kelley, Debra Kemper, Karen Kowalski, Vanessa Kuonen, David LaRoy, Doris Lawrence, Dave LeBourveau, Roberto Legoretta, Peter Linko, Mike Manheim, Joseph Matu, Deborah McArthur, Gabrielle McBride, Teresa McCarty, Lewis McLaren, Lisa McMahan, Daniel Meakin, David Merry, Kimberly Moulton, Michelle Muldoon,

N-Z

Rebecca Naas, Robert Outzs, Todd Phillips, Les Polaski, Debra Quiles, Adriana Ragazzo, Tracy Rauf, Robert Rosing, Carolyn Russell, James Ryan, Cynthia Sagel, Mary Sallee, Elizabeth Sandfoss, Wendy Sawdai, Steven Sawdai, Lauren Schlasinger, Gary Schroeder, Susanna Schwartz, Richard Seaman, Jack Shepherd, Ingrid Geer Shick, Gary Smith, Stewart Smith, Amy Snyder, Nicole Steinbeck, Douglas Stone, Steven Stratemeyer, David Stricker, James Swinney, Stanley Szostek, Abby Teuschler, Karina Valerius, Jack Walkenhorst, Ellen Warm, James Weickert, JohnWeiss, James Westerfield, Lori Whitacre, Bo Williamson, Timothy Wolf, Brenda Wynn, Kelly Zilli

*Underlined italics indicates a new CVMA member

Spotlight Animal Welfare Group: Precious Secrets Sheltie Rescue



Since its beginning in December 1998, Precious Secrets Sheltie Rescue (PSSR) has made it their mission to rescue, foster, and adopt Shelties in need. PSSR is named after the first dogs of founders Pam Lindner and Cathy Tucker. Each year they have managed to rescue more Shelties than the year before. In 2009, 40 dogs were adopted. The shelter is located on a 5 acre farm in Middletown, Ohio. There, foster dogs reside in rooms as large as a standard bedroom and get to frolic in three large fenced in yards. Adoptable dogs can be viewed on their website, www.pssr.org, which includes a "Save a Senior" page spotlighting the older Shelties. Introductions are made by appointment only after a detailed application process. PSSR is a 501(c)3 organization and relies strictly on donations. They work with the National Sheltie Rescue when dogs are rescued from puppy mill and overcrowding situations. This summer PSSR will take part in the Westchester Dog Fest in June. Each year, they host a reunion picnic at the farm that is open to any dog lover and their well-behaved dog. Says Pam, "Some days we wonder why we do dog rescue, and this day every year we get to see why. It is so rewarding to see the dogs come back with more confidence, healthy coats, and in better condition overall. The stories that are told by the new families give us the desire to keep on doing rescue work. " "Shelties are like potato chips," she notes, "nobody can have just one."

Corresponding Secretary's Report, Dr. William Bean

The website has been updated to include the CE notes from the recent lecture by Dr. Alice Wolf. Notes from previous lectures are also available. There have not been a significant number of replies from members regarding Canine Influenza. Based on our current website set-up, I believe the website can be useful for disseminating information, but is poor for collecting information. As such, I have removed the inquiry from the website. I still encourage members to submit suggestions for the website. If there is relevant information that can be dispersed to membership, the website can be used for this purpose.

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

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CONTINUING EDUCATION ARCHIVE

2010

- JANUARY 26, 2010– DR. ALICE WOLF—GINGIVITIS, STOMATITIS, AND ORAL LESIONS IN CATS-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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**Northern Kentucky VMA CE Opportunity:
Sunday, April 11, 2010 at the Cincinnati Airport Marriott
*Topics in Small Animal Toxicology, 6 hours of CE***

Presented by: Eric Dunayer, MS, VMD, DABT, DABVT from
the ASPCA

For more information: contact Dr. David LaRoy, dalroy95@fuse.net.