

The Cincinnati Veterinary Medical Association

CVMA Newsletter

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President's Report

Welcome to a new year and a new decade!! It's sunny and pretty darned cold here in Cincinnati, but this is the heartland and possibly the center of the universe. The economy is showing signs of recovery, albeit slowly and with caution. But caution and questions are healthy, and may prevent a repeat of some of the disasters of the last decade.

Our profession is traditionally cautionary and slow to embrace dramatic change. Veterinarians always want to know why they should abandon something that has worked well for something that is newer and inherently more complicated and potentially more expensive. After all, we do have to explain increased costs to our clients and our staff, and potentially our families and accountants! On the other hand, we know our diagnostic pitfalls and the difficulties surrounding a lack of a diagnosis (as in the proper treatment). Consequently, the veterinary profession still needs to find ways to push the edge of diagnostics and treatment, not only in companion animal medicine, but in performance and food animal practice. The reasons are clear – better prevention and treatment of diseases at a lower cost to consumers.

As a profession, we have welcomed new members to our fold, and we need to continue to do that. Electronic communication has revolutionized the world and ways to contact people, but has not effectively replaced a phone call or a personal invitation. So, don't hesitate to ask your fellow veterinarian if they belong to the CVMA – if they don't, ask them to join, or to attend a continuing education meeting as your guest. After all, what works better than personal contact? That's also the way we advance our profession. There is power in numbers.

See you at our next continuing education meeting on January 26, 2010!

Sincerely,
Bo Williamson, DVM, President CVMA

Recording Secretary Report, by Dr. Karen Kowalski

The CVMA Board of Directors meeting was held on Jan. 5, 2010, at Slatt's Pub, in Blue Ash. Those in attendance were Drs. Kemper, Brinker, Kuonen, Williamson, LaBourveau, Goode, Goecke, Schwartz, Duggan, Goforth, Merry, Kowalski, and Walkenhorst. Holly Molony, the new CVMA Executive Director was also in attendance. The December meeting minutes were approved. Committee reports were given.

Old Business:: The next Board meeting will be held at Slatt's Pub in Blue Ash.

New Business: Members discussed how the CVMA wishes to be involved with animal rescue groups. Dr. Williamson directed Drs. Diana Cron and Dave LeBourveau to further research the issue to determine how CVMA might proceed. Dr. Williamson also discussed re-establishing the Nominating Committee and the Budget Committee per CVMA's bylaws. Holly Molony provided an update regarding her work, including the fact that in 2009, CVMA has 207 members which represented approximately 44% of eligible veterinarians in the region. Meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

CVMA Board Members:

Dr. Bo Williamson, President
Dr. Gretchen Goode, President –Elect
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, January 26, 2010- Dr. Alice Wolf, from the College of Veterinary Medicine at Texas A&M, will be speaking on the care and maintenance of the senior cat and gingivitis, stomatitis, and oral lesions in cats. Partially sponsored by IAMS.

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.

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.

Location of meetings:

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

SPCA/Animal Welfare Liaison Report by Dr. Diana Cron

Spotlight Animal Welfare Group: Nileydog Rescue Nileydog Rescue was founded by Jenny Walker and Karen Zapkowski. It is named after one of Karen's dogs, Niles, who died from a neurofibrosarcoma in early 2008. Nileydog's mission is to rescue, transport, foster, spay/neuter, and re-home abandoned and abused dogs from high kill shelters. Since the rescue efforts began in 2008, almost 400 dogs have been rescued and placed.

Currently, Nileydog has about 10 foster homes and 20+ volunteers. Nileydog takes ALL breeds of dogs, and has in the past helped to find homes for some cats and horses. They will often take dogs that other rescues turn away due to illness or age. If the dogs are unable to be adopted, they become "permanent fosters." Buddy, 14, and Reese, who was dumped by her breeder when it was found she had cancer, are two dogs that are happily living out the remainder of their lives in permanent foster care. In order to become a foster home, one must fill out an application (visit, www.nileydogrescue.org), provide references from a veterinarian, and have their home evaluated for foster care suitability and safety.



Like all non-profits, Nileydog struggles to find donations wherever possible. Volunteers pay for website and marketing costs, as well as supplying food for the animals that are taken in. Pawprint Animal Hospital helps Nileydog with necessary veterinary care. Dr. Gabe Bercz, owner of Pawprint AH says "It is really neat to see how these young professional people have organized this rescue group, taking time from their personal lives to make a big difference in the lives of these pets." Donations can be made at any National City Bank branch to the Nileydog Rescue account.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

SPCA is having another Pet ID day Jan. 31, 2010, from 12 noon - 4 p.m. at their Sharonville location. They need 4 volunteer veterinarians to assist with rabies vaccines which are offered free with the purchase of a Hamilton County Dog License. Veterinary technician volunteers are also needed. Microchips will be offered for sale for \$15. If you can help, please contact Dave Lebourveau, davelebourveau_679@hotmail.com, or Diana Cron, ddornbuschcron@aol.com.

SPCA also wishes to update their list of veterinarians that offer free initial exams to animals adopted from SPCA Cincinnati. If you wish to add your name to the list, or change your information, please contact Misty Hale at mhale@spscacinncinati.org.



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Treasurer's Report by Dr. Jack Walkenhorst

CVMA Treasurer's Report January 5, 2010
Report for December 2009
Submitted by Jack Walkenhorst

Checking Account – US Bank	
Balance as of 11/30/09	\$5,201.26
Deposits (12/1/09-12/31/09)	
Dues	3,000.00
Total Deposits	\$3,000.00
Expenditures (12/1/09-12/31/09)	
Past Executive Director (Nov. and Dec.)	1926.00
Printing/Postage (Newsletter/Brochures)	490.81
Past President Plaques	63.26
Web site (Yahoo)	35.85
Guide Dog Clinic/K9 Corps Health Fair	388.36
Bank Fees	25.00
Total Expenditures (12/1/09-12/31/09)	\$ 2,929.28
Balance on 12/31/09	\$5,271.98
Other Account Balances (as of 11/30/09)	
General Fund (M/Lynch)	\$77,146.15
Elizabeth Jones (M/Lynch)	\$95,422.61
Madden fund (M/Lynch)	\$60,734.77
Total	\$233,303.53

Veterinary Technology Liaison Report, By Dr. Jane Goecke

We have successfully finished one quarter of the school year and look forward to Winter quarter. We have 34 students continuing in the program. The students will begin spending time in area practices and research facilities as part of their technical practicums. Thanks to everyone involved in providing them with this invaluable experience!



CVMA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL: due Jan. 31, 2010!

Return the enclosed membership renewal form
OR

visit www.cincyma.com to renew your
membership today.

New Member Report, By Dr. Gretchen Goode

Please join us in welcoming the following new members to the CVMA, as of January 9, 2010:

- Dr. Kristi Baker, Veterinary Medical Center of Independence
- Dr. Robert Gaston, Veterinary Wellness Center
- Dr. Joseph O. Matu, UC Laboratory Animal Medical Services
- Dr. Douglas Stone, UC Laboratory Animal Medical Services

Public Relations Report, By Dr. Gretchen Goode

On December 6th, 2009, the Cincinnati Veterinary Medical Association hosted its annual Canine Corps Health Clinic. Police canines and their handlers from the surrounding communities were invited to participate in this event.

Local veterinarians specializing in surgery, internal medicine, dermatology, ophthalmology, and dentistry were present to perform exams in their respective disciplines. Drs. Vanessa Kuonen, Cheryl Harris, Susanna Hinkle-Schwartz, Pat Breen, and James Auvil graciously agreed to donate their time for this event. Blood work (CBC/Profile) was donated by Antech Diagnostics.

These exams and tests are free of charge to all working police dogs, the results of which will be forwarded to their regular veterinarians. This year's clinic was held at VCA College Hill at 957 North Bend Road. CVMA feels this is a valuable service to our local community and those working to serve it. Any questions should be directed to Dr. Gretchen Goode at 513-528-0700.

Corresponding Secretary's Report, Dr. William Bean

The CVMA website at www.cincyma.com is up and running. Members are encouraged to submit additions or ideas for items they would like to see posted. Information can be submitted by email to contact@cincyma.com.



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2010 CVMA TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES:

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CVMA 2009 CONTINUING EDUCATION ARCHIVE

- 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 MYCOPLASMA-2 CE CREDITS
- OCTOBER 4, 2009— DR. WENDY WARE- CARDIOLOGY-7 CE CREDITS
- NOVEMBER 24, 2009— DR. LYNN BUZHARDT- FELINE HEARTWORM DISEASE- 2 CE CREDITS

CVMA 2008 CONTINUING EDUCATION ARCHIVE

- JANUARY 22, 2008 —DR. BILL ROGERS- TOPICS ON INTERNAL MEDICINE-2 CE CREDITS
- MARCH 25, 2008 —DR. DENNIS CHEW -RENAL DISEASE- 2 CE CREDITS
- MAY 27, 2008—DR. SUSAN JOHNSON -LIVER DISEASE- 2 CE CREDITS
- SEPTEMBER 23, 2008 —DR. DANIEL BAKER -DENTISTRY TOPICS – 2 CE CREDITS
- NOVEMBER 25, 2008—DR. BILL FENNER- NEUROLOGY ENCEPHALITIS- 2 CE CREDITS
- OCTOBER 19, 2008—DR. STEPHEN BIRCHARD- SOFT TISSUE SURGERY- 7 CE CREDITS

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