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- Dr. Jesse Strong, Trustee
- Staff: Holly J. Molony, MPA, Exec. Director

President's Report

Dear Members,
I don't know how it got to be October already. I really don't. All of the sudden, the weather is hitting highs of 70 degrees and lows in the forties. I love the Fall, especially the leaves, the pumpkins and the beautiful weather. My family and I went to the Lebanon Apple fest two weeks ago, and let me tell you, there's nothing better than an Iron's Fruit Farm apple cider donut. If you have kids, pumpkin picking at their farm is a must. Heck, even if you don't, you should go just for the donuts.

I'm coming off a long and taxing weekend on call, one of those where you're up at 3 am every night and no case, no matter how simple it may seem, is simple. After dealing with phone calls all week regarding Kroger's new radio advertising campaign letting our clients know that they now sell veterinary drugs, I saw a dog that had eaten rodenticide. Can you guess the price of one-month (#60) vitamin K 25 mg tablets at Kroger pharmacy? \$975. That's nine hundred--I didn't forget the decimal point. The outrageousness of the cost made me smile almost as much as the donuts. I'm sure they don't sell much of it, as humans aren't likely to be eating rat poison as often as our own clients.

If it seems my letter this month is all over the place, it's because we had a very productive board meeting covering a wide range of topics, including the 2012 CVMA Board slate, new lifetime members, pending federal legislation, a new CE location for 2012, new sponsors, and a proposed SPCA Cincinnati Fix and Foster program. My brain struggles to keep up with it all! Stay tuned for a great Fall, and get yourself some donuts!

Sincerely,
Gretchen Goode, DVM
President, CVMA

Recording Secretary's Report, by Dr. Gwen Steffen

The October Board Meeting was called to order at 7:04p.m. and was held at Slatt's Pub in Blue Ash. Board members present were Drs. Goode, Williamson, Bean, Steffen, Walkenhorst, Kuonen, Goecke, Cron, Baum, Brinker, Kemper, Mohlman, Strong. Executive Director Holly Molony was present as well. Board members absent were Drs. Schwartz and Goforth.

Dr. Goode presented the president's report and the officer/committee reports were given. The September minutes were read and a motion to accept them approved. Dr. Walkenhorst reviewed the financial report through September 30 and there is 1 new member. Dr. Bean noted that Holly has emailed all CVMA members their login information for the website. Dr. Strong informed the Board that the CVMA Facebook page has 30 "likes." The page also contains information about the short course, and product recalls. Holly Molony sent out mailers for the Fall CE and short course registration. The Board discussed the current ad guidelines. Holly will research web only rates but the print rates for the newsletter will remain the same.

Dr. Kuonen stated that the Fall Short Course has 32 registrants and 14 booths for sponsors to date. Sponsorship for CVMA meetings is up more than 15%. The Board discussed having two 1/2 day short courses next year rather than a full day. Topics under consideration for next year include cytology, oncology, and behavioral medicine. The Board also discussed changing the venue for CE events next year. Holly presented the Communications Committee report on behalf of Dr. Schwartz. The Committee will recommend focusing on retaining current membership by showing the value of being a member, maintaining strong CE opportunities, building on the recent success of social events, and promoting the veterinary profession. (Continues on page 6)

Program Committee Report by Dr. Vanessa Kuonen

Sunday, October 23, 2011: 7 CE Available
Fall Short Course: Todd Tams, DVM, DACVIM
Topics in Internal Medicine
 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 22, 2011: 2 CE Available
Dr. Edward Breitschwerdt, DVM, DACVIM
Topic: Bartonella Henselae
Time: Registration opens 6:30, Lecture 7-9 pm

Visit www.cincyvma.com for location and the latest CE program information!

Public Relations Report, By Dr. Susanna Hinkle Schwartz

CVMA is again proud to sponsor the annual Canine Corps Health Fair. The event will be held at the UC Blue Ash College (formerly Raymond Walters) on December 18, 2011 from 8am - 1 pm.

This event provides a valuable free health screening to police, search and rescue, and other working canines in law enforcement. Each dog will receive a general physical exam and bloodwork followed by an exam performed by specialists most likely in internal medicine, surgery-orthopedics, dermatology, ophthalmology, dentistry, and hearing screening.

If you have any canine teams that would like to participate, please go to the CVMA website for registration information or email sschwartz@medvetohio.com or call Susanna Schwartz on her cell 513-633-6150.

Veterinary Technician Report, By Dr. Jane Goecke

The 2011 school year began with an orientation for our incoming veterinary technician students on Tuesday, September 20. We look forward to working with the veterinary community to provide quality educational experiences for our new group of 36 sophomore students.



Above: Vet Tech students and Dr. Jane Goecke visit with a client and his dog at Pet Health Day held Sunday, Oct. 4 at St. Francis Seraph Church.

CVMA Treasurer's Report October 4, 2011
 Report for September 2011
 Submitted by Jack Walkenhorst

Checking Account – US Bank	
Balance as of 8/31/11	\$4,832.46
Deposits (9/1/11-9/30/11)	
Dues	31.50
Transfer from M/L Account	4,000.00
Sponsorships	3,700.00
Advertising	250.00
Total Deposits	\$7,981.50
Expenditures (9/1/11-9/30/11)	
Executive Director (May)	1,000.00
Printing/Postage	79.20
Accountant	1,025.00
Committee Meeting	43.58
September Board Meeting	275.78
United Way Print Shop	213.65
Web Site Maintenance	35.85
Governance Committee Meeting	83.54
September CE Speaker (Brian Scansen)	860.00
Bank Fees	27.00
Total Expenditures (9/1/11-9/30/11)	\$3,643.60
Balance on 9/30/11	\$8,720.36
Other Account Balances (as of 8/31/11)	
General Fund (M/Lynch)	\$81,838.50
Elizabeth Jones (M/Lynch)	\$97,237.37
Madden fund (M/Lynch)	\$63,365.13
Total	\$242,441.00

Please note that Raymond Walters College will be converting to semesters next year as well as changing its name to UC Blue Ash. The incoming 2012 students will be starting in the Summer rather than the Fall but will still graduate in the Spring of 2013.

In addition, thank you to the CVMA for their generous donation to AVTE (American Veterinary Technician Educators) Biennial Symposium hosted by RWC Vet Tech program this summer. It was a grand success!

Finally, Dr. Goecke and 4 sophomore students volunteered Sunday October 4th at Pet Health Day / St. Francis Seraph church in OTR! Along with many other volunteers we saw 94 dogs and 17 cats that belonged to 91 families from an economically disadvantaged area of town.



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Spotlight Animal Welfare Group: Circle Tail, Inc. By Dr. Diana Cron

Circle Tail provides service and hearing dogs for people with disabilities at no cost to the individual. They also provide dogs for adoption, as well as dog obedience training, behavior management, educational programs, and boarding/grooming services. Dog daycare is offered one day a week on Wednesdays. Circle Tail is an Assistance Dogs International Accredited facility.

Since 1997, this 501©3 non-profit organization located on the Warren and Clermont County border has obtained dogs from other shelters, as well as private surrenders for adoption and service/hearing dog training. They work with 2 Ohio prisons and at any given time have up to 30 dogs training with inmates. A volunteer veterinarian performs spays and neuters on site, as all must be altered before being eligible for adoption.

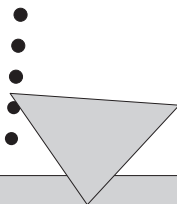
Marlys Staley, Executive Director and founder of Circle Tail, describes their current shelter facility as “rustic” and their growth as “slow, but steady.” “Two years ago we were fortunate to be able to build a really nice training center with a large training floor, a grooming area, a store, as well as a conference area where the Board of Directors conducts their business meetings.” Staley hopes that an ongoing capital campaign will soon allow them to build separate kennels for service dogs in training and the new arrivals to their program.

For more information or to make a donation to Circle Tail, go to www.circletail.org.



Corresponding Secretary's Report, Dr. William Bean

Please take a moment to check out CVMA's new website at www.cincyma.com and don't forget to *friend CVMA* on Facebook!



Don't Miss Out!

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

November 6, 2011

Taming the Beast of Running a Non-Profit Animal Organization

To register: www.unitedpetfund.org

Sponsored by United Pet Fund

December 4, 2011

Pet ID Day

If you wish to volunteer, please contact Diana Cron via email at drdianacron@gmail.com.

December 10, 2011

Reindog Parade in Mt. Adams

Hill's Compounding Pharmacy

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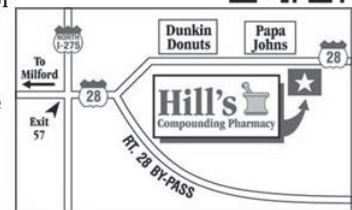
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CVMA is pleased to present *Todd Tams, DVM, DACVIM*, as the featured speaker for the 2011 CVMA Fall Short Course. *Cost includes 7 CE credits, lecture notes, continental breakfast, lunch and beverages.*



Topic: *Update on Clinical Gastroenterology in Dogs and Cats*

The seminar sessions will include a straightforward diagnostic and management approach to the problems of vomiting and diarrhea in dogs and cats.

The following will receive emphasis: Diagnosis and management of gastric hypomotility, update on antiemetic drugs, esophagitis, best tests for accurate diagnosis of diarrhea, diagnosis and management of Giardia, IBD, GI lymphoma in cats (how do you know if a cat has IBD vs. intestinal lymphoma?), parvoviral enteritis, and pain control in patients with GI disease. Many case examples will be presented.

When:

Sun., October 23, 2011
 7:30 am to 5 p.m.

Where:

Kingsgate Marriott at the Univ. of Cincinnati,
 151 Goodman Dr., Cinti., OH 45219
 Hotel Ph: 513-487-3800

Cost:

\$125 for CVMA members or
 \$175 for nonmembers.



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Questions? Call 513-368-6105
 or email hjmolony@gmail.com

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Secretary's Report, continued from page 1

This year's Canine Corps will be held on Dec. 18th from 8am - 1 pm at UC Blue Ash College (formerly Raymond Walters). Dr. Goecke reported that four vet tech students volunteered at the United Pet Fund's Annual Pet Health Day on Sunday, Oct. 2nd. Dr. Cron is generating a new SPCA reference list for new adoptees so please contact her if you or your practice would like to participate.

Dr. Williamson discussed the Governance Committee recommendations. Motion to accept the stated revisions to the bylaws as written and to submit them to the CVMA Membership for approval at the November Membership meeting approved.

Old Business: Chairman Goode drafted a letter regarding HR1406, the Fairness to Pet Owners Act of 2011. The letter will be available for members to review prior to sending to the local Congressional delegation.

New Business: The Board reviewed recent recalls including Purina's limited voluntary recall on Purina Vibrant Maturity 7+ Dry Cat Food. Pfizer also announced a recall on Dexdomitor/Antisedan. Full information is available on the CVMA website.

The next meeting is at Slatt's on November 1st at 7pm. The meeting was adjourned at 9:04pm.

ADDITIONAL CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES:

- **OVMA: Record Keeping and OSHA: Easing the Pain**

Nov. 16, 2011, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Register at <http://ohiovma.workshops.osha.html>

- **Miami Valley Veterinary Medical Association**

Sunday, November 13, 2011

Fall Meeting—For registration information, email Dr. Valerie White at drwhite@amcmiamisburg.com

- **Northern Kentucky Veterinary Medical Association**

NKVMA will hold a business meeting on Thurs., Oct 20., 7:00 p.m. at Buffalo Bobs in Independence, KY followed by a presentation by Dr. Karl Maritato. For more information or driving directions, contact Dr. Greg Bach at 859-356-8883 or Dr. Mona Vickery at 859-512-0188.

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Governance Committee Report by Dr. Bo Williamson

The Governance Committee, consisting of Gretchen Good, Kathy Mohlman, and Bo Williamson, met on September 12, 2011.

After careful review of the CVMA Constitution and Bylaws, the Committee recommends the following changes to the bylaws:

1. Combine the positions of Corresponding and Recording Secretaries into one position, and call that the Communications Secretary.
2. Make the Animal Welfare Liaison a Trustee position so as to make it a voting position and reduce the size of the CVMA Board.
3. Add the Governance Committee as a standing committee to the Bylaws.

These recommendations require a three fourths vote by the members present at a regular scientific meeting after the proposed amendments are mailed to members at least 2 weeks in advance of the meeting.



Congressional Update: H.R. 1406 Fairness to Pet Owners Act

H.R. 1406, the “Fairness to Pet Owners Act”, is currently in the House Energy and Commerce Committee for review before being reintroduced to Congress for vote.



This bill, if passed, would require veterinarians to:

1. Write a prescription whether or not he/she will dispense the product.
2. Provide a written disclosure notifying clients that they may fill prescriptions at the veterinary clinic or at an off-site pharmacy.
3. Verify a prescription electronically or by other means consistent with applicable State law.

The AVMA opposes passage of this bill for the following reasons:

- It is redundant and will cause undue regulatory and administrative burdens on veterinary practices.
- The provision requiring verification of prescriptions, regardless of whether the pharmacy is accredited or licensed, places the veterinarian in both a legal and ethical dilemma. At the same time, it puts consumers at risk
- It encroaches on state jurisdiction, which already governs compliance by veterinarians.
- Clients already have the flexibility to fill a prescription at their veterinary clinic or any off-site pharmacy.
- Veterinarians are uniquely trained to provide the best professional guidance and education to pet owners when dispensing prescription products.

For more information, please visit the AVMA Website: http://www.avma.org/advocacy/federal/legislative/112th/issue_briefs/HR-1406-Fairness-to-Pet-Owners-Act-of-2011.asp

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

Encourage them to join the CVMA! A new graduates' CVMA membership is free through the end of the calendar year. Applications can be downloaded at www.cincyma.com or contact Holly Molony for further information, 513.368.6105 or hjmolony@gmail.com.

Above left: Drs. Bo Williamson (left) and Bill Bean (right) enjoy conversation at the September CVMA social event held at Take 5.

Left: Drs Brian Cron and Paul Brinker catch up at Take 5.

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