



A Letter from the President

January/February 2017

Happy New Year KCVMA members! My name is Todd Taylor, and I am your 2017 KCVMA President. I hope this newsletter finds you all well, and that life is calming down a little bit after the hectic travel and social schedules that come with the holiday season.

I'll start with sharing a little bit about myself and of my veterinary career path that has led me to where I am today. My wife, Christina, and I have been blessed with the three children that you can see in the attached picture (I really am a dad now; I'm even making you all look at pictures of my kids in the KCVMA Newsletter!!!) Most of the time I have away from work is spent with my wife and kids or hauling them around to and from their busy social schedules and activities (I don't remember what I liked to do before kids, it seems like so long ago).

I received my undergraduate degree in Biology locally from William Jewell College and am a 2007 graduate from the University of Missouri Veterinary School. After graduation, I worked in two different mixed animal practices in the greater Kansas City area, and then in 2012 I accepted a role here with Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica as a Technical Services Veterinarian. There really are so many different jobs and opportunities for us as veterinarians that we really didn't hear about while we were in school. There can be a big difference in what we envisioned our veterinary careers to be like while in veterinary school, and what exciting opportunities we experience throughout our careers.

I have been a member of the KCVMA board since 2012 and have really enjoyed this foray into organized veterinary medicine. The networking and continuing education opportunities that we as KCVMA members have can be very instrumental in our growth as veterinarians as well as our job opportunities.

And finally, as we have noted throughout the year, the KCVMA is transitioning away from the paper version of the newsletter, and moving towards all online content. This will be our final newsletter that we mail out to our membership. We are upgrading our website to make it more user friendly on mobile devices, and will be continuing to improve and increase our presence on both Facebook and Twitter. Give us a follow to stay up to date on what is happening here in our veterinary community.

Thank you and I hope you all have a great 2017!

Todd Taylor, DVM

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KCVMA 2017 Membership Renewal Reminder

An organization is only as strong as its members, and KCVMA is most certainly going strong! As 2016 has ended, we thank you, our members, for giving us the opportunity to support and celebrate Kansas City-area veterinarians through continuing education and networking opportunities, and by advocating on behalf of our members and our profession.

Your KCVMA membership gives you access to high-quality continuing education, the latest information on cutting-edge research and techniques, updates on important legislative actions, and opportunities to connect with your fellow veterinarians!

Renew your membership now so you don't miss out on anything KCVMA has to offer. Visit <http://members.kcvma.com> and follow the instructions provided to renew your membership for 2017. Life members must complete this process to maintain their complimentary membership.

If you would prefer to renew via email, please feel free to contact Brian Ellis (bellis@kcvma.com).

Global Efforts Take Dead Aim at Rabies

BY: STEVEN BUCKNER & GREG TAMMEN

Could rabies be eradicated by 2030, much as polio was for humans in the 1950s?

“Globally, the big push is for elimination of rabies worldwide by 2030, an ambitious but possible achievement,” said Susan Moore, Assistant Professor, Rabies Laboratory Director, Kansas State Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory (KSVDL)/Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kan.

The World Health Organization (WHO), World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE), Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), and the Global Alliance for Rabies Control (GARC) are leading the rabies elimination efforts. The campaign was announced in 2015 in Geneva, Switzerland, Susan Moore said, who attended the meeting.

“This joint effort is important because it marks the first time these agencies have come together to tackle rabies elimination in a One Health approach,” she said. “It is particularly important to us in Kansas because Dr. Deborah Briggs, Adjunct Professor and former Rabies Laboratory Director at KSU, was instrumental in starting GARC and has worked closely with the WHO advocating for rabies research, awareness, and education.”

National Developments, Local Research

In the United States, the newest development is the change in March 2016 to the Compendium for Animal Rabies Control and Prevention. Many states follow the Compendium in writing the rabies regulations, Susan Moore noted. The Compendium allows pets out of date for their routine rabies vaccination to be treated as a currently vaccinated pet when exposed to rabies.

“For the pet owner, this means not having to face the decision of euthanasia or costly quarantine for their pet,” she said.

Pets with out-of-date vaccinations that are exposed to the rabies virus are required to either stay in observed quarantine for six months — which can cost owners \$5,000-\$7,000 — or to be euthanized.

The change was partly due to published research by a group at KSU, Susan Moore explained. In 2015, the findings appeared in the Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association study, “Comparison of anamnestic responses to rabies vaccination in dogs

and cats with current and out-of-date vaccination status.” It was the first study to present scientific data for animals with out-of-date rabies vaccinations.

“Our hope is that now dogs and cats with an out-of-date vaccination status that are exposed to rabies will be allowed to be handled the same as dogs and cats with up-to-date vaccinations,” said Michael Moore, a project manager in the Kansas State University Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory. “They will be given a booster and a 45-day observation at home.”

Michael Moore conducted the study with Rolan Davis, reference diagnostician of the Veterinary Diagnostic Lab; Derek Mosier, professor of diagnostic medicine and pathobiology; Christopher Vahl, assistant professor of statistics; and colleagues at the Statistical Intelligence Group LLC and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The study looked at 74 dogs and 33 cats with current and out-of-date rabies vaccinations. Most of the animals were one to two years out-of-date on their vaccines. A smaller segment was three to four years out-of-date.

Researchers studied the anamnestic antibody responses of the animals. They found that when an animal with an out-of-date vaccination was given a booster vaccination, the neutralizing antibodies in the animal’s blood rose, protecting the animal against exposure to the rabies virus.

Each year the U.S. has around 6,000 documented cases of rabies, mostly in raccoons, skunks, bats and foxes. The disease is usually fatal for animals.

This research also lines up with a growing concern regarding the over-vaccination of pets and a push by some veterinarians and pet owners to recognize rabies titer results as proof of vaccination to eliminate routine vaccination. For nearly two years, KSU’s KSVDL has offered a core vaccine titer panel to provide a means to check titers and use them to evaluate reasonable vaccination schedules.

Regarding treatment, Susan Moore said growing evidence exists that though rabies is still considered nearly 100 percent fatal, some survivors have been identified, which has brought more information to researchers looking for possible treatments.

“The information so far is pretty sparse but interesting,” she said.

Join Us Online

Changes are in the works for the Kansas City Veterinary Medicine Association’s communications efforts. Our website, www.kcvma.com is being revamped and is mobile compatible. Also, this is the last paper newsletter you will receive. Starting this year, you will receive all news and events on the website. Please follow us on Facebook and Twitter to stay up to date.



January Continuing Education Event

Speaker: Dr. Brian Lucas Hamm
 Topic: Osteoarthritis: It doesn't Have to be This Painful!
 Date: Thursday, January 12, 2017
 Time: 6:30pm – Dinner & Registration
 7pm – Presentation
 CE: 2 hours

Location: 7015 College Boulevard Level 6
 Overland Park, KS 66211
 Fee: No fee to attend this event, but RSVP is required.
 Current membership dues cover all CE.
 Sponsor: Parnell



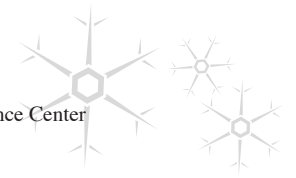
Dr. Brian Lucas Hamm graduated from the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine in 2003. He pursued a career in general veterinary practice for three years before enrolling in a general rotating internship and internal medicine residency with BluePearl Kansas City. He became officially boarded in 2012. Brian was on staff at BluePearl Kansas City for nearly 10 years as an Internal Medicine Specialist. In June 2016, Brian left specialty practice to pursue a career in veterinary pharmaceuticals with Parnell. He has three small children at home and enjoys fishing, gardening and vacationing.

PLEASE NOTE: Only dues-paying members are able to register for CE events. Please be sure to renew your membership at <http://members.kcvma.com> prior to registering for the January CE.

11th Annual Frostbite Continuing Education Symposium

Date: Sunday February 19, 2017
 Time: 8am - 3pm
 Fee: Seminar and parking are complimentary, thanks to several generous partners.

CE: TBA
 Location: Stoney Creek Hotel and Conference Center
 18011 Bass Pro Drive
 Independence, MO 64055



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Veterinary Technician Wanted. Allcare Animal Hospital 7252 Renner Rd. Shawnee, KS 66217. Full time position. 4 days a week and every other Saturday. Please send resume or apply in person.

Registered Veterinary Technician wanted for small animal practice in the northland. This is a full-time position. Barry Road Animal Hospital, 3911 NW Barry Road Kansas City, MO 64154. (816)436-6700. Please e-mail resume to barryroadvet@att.net.

Founded in 1944, Wayside Waifs is Kansas City's largest and most comprehensive no-kill animal shelter and pet adoption campus. We are currently seeking a Veterinary Technician Manager to supervise and manage the technicians in our state-of-the-art veterinary clinic. This position works closely with our team of veterinarians, and reports directly to the Chief Veterinarian. Please view the entire job description at www.waysidewaifs.org where you will also find instructions on how to apply.

Associate Veterinarian; Looking for Ownership opportunity. AAHA accredited small animal hospital in Lee's Summit. Practice in a beautiful 7,000 square foot facility; Excellent clientele, knowledgeable and caring support staff. Three owner- doctors are looking for the right person to join them as fourth partner. Candidate must be dedicated to highest quality veterinary care with superior client/patient/team communication skills. Candidate must have at least 3 years of practice experience with a strong interest in business, human resources and marketing. Three to four day work week with rotating Saturdays. We have a team oriented approach to practice management. We value our quality of life with a positive work/life balance. Mail resume to: Julie Dyer, DVM, Lakewood Animal Health Center, 5001 NE Lakewood Way, Lee's Summit MO, 64064.

Vintage Plaza Veterinary Hospital, Vintage Plaza Veterinary Hospital in Excelsior Springs, MO is now accepting applications for a full or part time veterinary technician. Competitive pay. Clean modern facility with digital radiography, in house lab equipment, and much more to allow the applicant to practice high quality medicine. Contact Rachael Sarna, RVT or Clint Watkins, DVM if interested. drwatkins@vintagevet.com or 816-630-3960.

Platte Woods Animal Hospital is a family owned and operated small animal clinic in the Northland looking for a full or part time Registered Veterinary Technician. If interested please email pwah5901@gmail.com, call 816-741-8600 and ask for KateLynn, or come in to the clinic at 5901 NW 72nd St, Kansas City Mo, 64151.

Eagle Animal Hospital is looking to add a full-time associate veterinarian to our 5 doctor team. We strive to offer the best customer experience possible in our newly built 10k sq.ft facility. Well established clientele in place. Newly updated equipment and great support staff make for a great work environment. Great benefits and competitive pay available. Check us out at eagleanimalhospital.com Please send resume to eaglevet4@yahoo.com.

Part-time Veterinary Receptionist in Overland Park, KS. Busy, fast paced veterinary clinic is seeking to fill a permanent part-time receptionist position. Work schedule is Monday, Thursday and Friday 7:45 am to 5:45 pm with a 90 minute lunch and 2 Saturdays per month 7:45 am to 12:30 pm. Duties include but not limited to: Greeting clients and their pets, checking in and out appointments, surgeries and boarders, scheduling appointments, answering phones, inputting information in computer, filing and light janitorial. Interested applicants please apply in person Monday thru Friday at Nall Hills Animal Hospital, 9544 Nall, Overland Park KS.

Veterinary Partners is looking for a full time technician with 3-5 years experience for the evening emergency service in Lee's Summit. Applicant must be comfortable with venipuncture and have multi-parameter anesthesia monitoring experience. We are a busy 24/7 practice with advanced diagnostic and treatment methodologies. Technicians work four, ten hour shifts and are required to be on-call two days per month. Generous benefit package. Please call Scott Henderson or Amanda Dobson for more information at (816) 554-4990.

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