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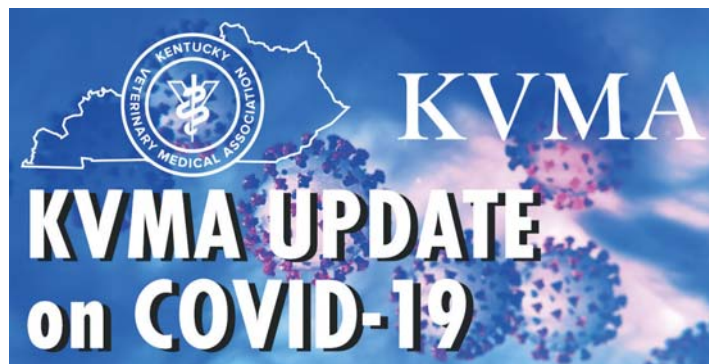
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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR KVMA TEAM ABOUT COVID-19

Dear KVMA Member,

During this unparalleled public health crisis, we are working hard to fulfill our organizational mission: To promote, protect and improve the veterinary profession. Our goal is to keep you updated with the information you need to protect your health, the health of your families and practice team, and the health of your patients and clients.

How we're sharing information

- **Website:** We've created a KVMA COVID-19 Resource Center on the KVMA website (KVMA.org). This is located on the home page and under the COVID NEWS tab at the top where we will be sharing regular updates on KVMA events, ways you can help, and other suggestions and resources for Kentucky veterinary professionals. Please bookmark this page and check back regularly for updates. (<https://www.kvma.org/covid-19/>)
- **Social media:** We'll be sharing updates on the KVMA Facebook page. This is also a great way to connect and share ideas with local veterinarians in your community.
- **Email:** We'll share updates via email when the situation warrants it.

How you can reach us

To do our part in helping to protect public health, KVMA will be available to all membership via e-mail, and phone. Please be patient as we are trying to get back to everyone in a timely manner. We'd love to hear from you and stay connected during this time:

- **Email:** info@kvma.org
- **Text:** 502-382-0701
- **Call:** 502-226-5862 (Please leave a voicemail, we will return your call if we miss you.)

*Visit the KVMA COVID-19 Resource Page
on our website www.KVMA.org*

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello KVMA Members,

The threat that COVID-19 virus poses is impacting each of our lives daily. KVMA is actively communicating with local, state and national organizations to provide information you need to protect the health of you, your staff, your families, your patients and your clients. For a list of avenues as to how we are sharing this information please refer to the front page of the newsletter.

During this stressful time please remember to take care of yourself. Take a break from social outlets, take care of your body, eat healthy and exercise. Also communicate with family or friends regarding anxiety or stress. There are many resources available on the CDC website and AMVA website regarding mental health in time of uncertainty.

Additional happenings with your association include the following.

- The oxygen mask outreach program is in full swing with kits being delivered to fire departments and EMTs throughout the commonwealth. The oxygen masks will help save the lives of pets in emergency situations. Thank you to members who have helped with this community outreach effort and I encourage those who have not ordered masks to take advantage of this opportunity.
- During the 2020 state legislative session the governmental relations committee and executive board monitored legislation that pertains to veterinary medicine and animal well being. A bill (HB214) establishing funding for a Veterinary Contract Spaces Program passed. An additional bill that gained momentum was one pertaining to reporting of animal abuse by veterinarians (SB 21). Both bills are significant for veterinary medicine in the state of Kentucky.
- The program for the 2020 Mid-America Veterinary Conference has been finalized so mark your calendars. The conference will be held on September 18-20 at Belterra Resort in Florence, Indiana. Topics include small animal and equine ophthalmology, small animal dermatology, equine neurology, small animal behavior and critical care. The line-up of speakers is top notch including Dr. David Pugh (ruminant and equine nutrition), Dr. Chance Armstrong (ruminant theriogenology), Brenda Tassava (practice management) and Dr. Sheila Robertson (Geriatric Pets). Plenty of additional activities will be available.
- Regional educational meetings are being planned for 2020. The goal of these meetings is to reach out to members and non-members in each region to discuss important and emerging issues. It is also an opportunity for members to let the KVMA executive board know what they would like from their organization. Please keep a look out for more information regarding dates/times/locations for these meetings.

I encourage you to share any ideas, thoughts or feedback as to how KVMA can serve you better. Remember this is your organization.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bonnie A Barr". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Bonnie Barr, VMD, DACVIM
KVMA President

FROM THE KVMA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear KVMA Members,

I hope each and every one of you are taking care of yourselves, families, and your staff through these troubling times. We recognize that with the constantly changing COVID-19 situation around the world, this is an unprecedented time for everyone — a time that, for many, is filled with uncertainty. We have delayed this newsletter for about a week in order to have the most up to date information from several different sources.

The KVMA is constantly in communication with our State Veterinarian Dr. Robert Stout, KY Public Health Veterinarian Dr. Kelly Giesbrecht, KY Board of Veterinary Examiners Dr. Steven Wills, the KY Department of Agriculture, the AVMA as well as other state VMA Directors. We are continually updating our website with current information and resources. Please click COVID-19 News tab at the top on the home page for the current news and a comprehensive list of website resources. I will begin e-mailing each KVMA member via MailChimp as this will be a consistent way to stay in touch with membership. Please be sure your e-mail is up to date, and feel free to send me your office manager's e-mail so they may disseminate KVMA news information to your entire staff.

On a lighter note, the KVMA is very proud of the positive accomplishments we have made this spring, from getting H.B.214 signed by the governor to ensure our state's veterinary contract spaces to S.B.21 which hopefully will pass through the House by the time you receive this newsletter.. Thank you for reaching out to your legislators for this very important bill, your efforts have not gone unnoticed. The oxygen mask program has been very well received and I urge you to please continue supporting your first responders and pets with this program. The plan is to continue this program indefinitely. We are also very excited about having our Mid America dates locked in through 2023. There is a flyer detailing these dates in this newsletter. The Mid America for 2020 is shaping up very nicely and we believe you will be happy to see what the KVMA has planned for you. Please mark your calendars for September 18-20!

On a personal note, I would like to thank our KVMA Board. Each of you have been extremely supportive and responsive to all the veterinary needs and demands. To our KVMA membership, I also want to thank you. The membership has been incredible to work with and I truly enjoy working and talking with each one of you. I understand your concerns and urge you to continue calling or e-mailing your questions to the KVMA office and I will respond as quickly as I am able.

Warmly,



Debra Hamelback
KVMA Executive Director



Update your contact for the Kentucky Board of Veterinary Examiners

The Kentucky Board of Veterinary Examiners (KBVE) has launched a new website. Please update your personal bookmark(s), and any links located on your organization's website to

kybve.com.



Kentucky Public Health
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2019 Novel Coronavirus Veterinarian Clinic Guidance

**Kentucky Department for Public Health
3-20-20**

What if a Veterinary staff member is diagnosed with COVID-19?

- No one should work while ill
- The local health department (LHD) will be given the results
- The LHD will follow up with the positive patient
- The patient will be either:
 1. Be hospitalized
 2. Isolated at home if not ill enough to be hospitalized
 3. To be released from isolation:
 - a. A minimum of 7 days since onset of symptoms
 - b. Have all symptoms resolved
 - c. Be 72 hours fever free (without antipyretics)
- Contacts will be investigated and a risk assessment done to determine risk of each employee
- LHD will determine if anyone is at high risk and needs a 14 days quarantine
- Different LHD's have different capacity for monitoring, so some may be monitored daily and some may not
- Staff should consider:
 1. Practice social distancing during work hours to minimize risk
 2. Take temperatures of employees at the beginning of the work day, send anyone home with a fever to prevent exposures
- Maintain Social distancing with clients
 1. Curbside pick-up and drop off for pets
 2. Consider telemedicine, as appropriate, with clients with established vet-client-patient relationship

What if a client is diagnosed with COVID-19?

- To date, there is no evidence that domestic animals can get sick or are able to transmit COVID 19
- Recommend a healthy person bring the animal in but avoid unnecessary procedures or visits
- Staff that brings the animal into the clinic, should wear gloves, eye and respiratory protection
- Notification to the State Public Health Veterinarian is not required, but is available if you have questions: 502-682-4048
- Cleaning is accomplished with standard cleaning and disinfecting products. Follow instructions, especially contact time. Focus on high touch areas.



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MEMO

TO: Licensees and Certificate Holders of the Board
FROM: Chairman Steven Wills
DATE: March 20, 2020
RE: SARS-CoV-2 / COVID-19 Response Efforts

Dear Colleagues:

The Board is working diligently to alert you to the significant issues surrounding the pandemic of [SARS-CoV-2 \(novel coronavirus\)](#) and [COVID-19 \(disease\)](#). As a result, the Board has recommended some of the best practices to put in place going forward in an effort to limit inter-personal exposure to yourself, your staff, and your clients. To date, these are only recommendations – however, these recommendations are based on sound scientific principles to limit exposure during this serious threat to our community.

Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear is making [daily announcements](#) in the effort to combat this threat. Just yesterday, he announced an [Executive Order banning all gatherings -- statewide](#). The Board implores you to rethink how you are conducting business, and asks you to consider how a coronavirus exposure that occurs in your office or place of business could bring detrimental consequences. For instance,

- Would the Health Department close your business while you and your staff undergo self-quarantine?
- Could the virus's exposure to an elderly client or one with pre-existing medical condition lead to serious medical complications or even death?
 - Note that a [Nov 2011 study conducted by the Department of Health and Human Services](#) determined that 50 to 129 million (19 to 50 percent of) non-elderly Americans have some type of pre-existing health condition, and as much as 86 percent of older American do as well.
- Is there a potential liability issue if you are conducting business in the usual manner, without making any efforts to rethink your procedures in the face of this new threat?

Of course, no one can anticipate each and every contingency that could befall you and or your business. However, we are trying to provide tools to practice in a safe manner that is consistent with what is currently being employed in the medical community at-large.

There is no way to predict shortages of surgical supplies, but we must assume that such shortages are possible – and, if we base an analysis off [reporting from the World Health Organization](#), very probable. Currently that supply list includes gloves, medical masks, respirators, goggles, face shields, gowns, and aprons. **The Board continues to recommend the suspension of non-essential surgeries so necessary surgical procedures can continue to be performed at the standards of practice today.**

Finally, a comment on elective procedures as there have been many questions regarding this issue. Now is not time to have the philosophical discussion on the elective nature of spays and neuters. The larger concern is whether or not the veterinary community will be able to replenish existing stock in order to continue providing the necessary surgical procedures in everyday practice.

All of us have to make decisions on a daily basis in the best interest of those we serve, to this end the Board will continue to provide you with the tools to navigate these uncertain times. Thank you for your professionalism and conscientious service to the public.



KBVE GUIDELINES IN RESPONSE TO SARS-CoV-2 / COVID-19

The Kentucky Board of Veterinary Examiners (KBVE) is providing the following additional guidance during the rapidly evolving national response to SARS-CoV-2 / COVID-19. You are receiving this message as an active or pending licensee or certificate holder of the Board.

- Cancel all non-essential procedures. This includes delaying spays and neuters. Conservation of medical supplies is critical during this time. In a recent notice from the American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB), the association noted the following:

Of utmost importance at this critical time is the conservation of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). Federal and state officials are urging healthcare providers and others who use PPE to take actions that will help conserve supplies to increase their availability on the human health side. The veterinary profession will need to do its part, so it is critical that veterinarians think strategically about how to conserve.

As an example, because of the need to conserve PPE, and within the context of professional judgement, veterinarians should consider postponing elective surgical procedures as long as doing so is medically appropriate.

To help veterinarians respond to this critical need to conserve PPE, while continuing to protect their patients and their teams, the AVMA is preparing a guidance document that will be based on recommendations from the FDA, but with some additional commentary to identify those recommendations that may be more directly applicable to veterinary medicine. That document will be posted to the AVMA website... when it is completed.

- Per CDC distancing guidelines for medical professionals as well as the Commonwealth's COVID-19 Healthcare Providers resources, consider implementing the following:
 - Screen your employees, and if you are still allowing clients in your clinic or hospital, consider screening clients.
 - o Scan their temperature. Do they have a fever?
 - o Do they have a cough?
 - o Have they traveled on a cruise ship or to a high-density outbreak area since the outbreak started?
 - o Have they been in contact with anyone who has been confirmed with SARS-CoV-2?
 - Consider shift work for employees over lengthened hours to allow for appropriate distancing of at least 6-feet between all staff, and staff and clients.
 - Please remember, if one employee tests positive for SARS-CoV-2 and that employee had been working regularly without precautions in place, it is likely you and your whole staff will need to self-isolate, shutting down your business.
 - When keeping your clinic or hospital open, ensure the highest precautionary practices are in place.
 - Sanitize all surfaces between client visits.
 - Space your appointments so that there is ample distance (at least 6-feet) between clients, and between clients and staff.
 - Consider allowing your clients to remain in their vehicles during the examination / procedures, rather than entering the building. Have them call upon arrival for staff pickup of the patient.
 - See the below example protocol put together from what some other veterinarians in Kentucky are currently implementing.
- 1) Staff are screened each day before entering the building.
 - 2) Scheduling is done to accommodate for extra time required and to limit excess waiting.
 - 3) Be sure to inform all clients in advance:
 - a. If they are concerned about the health of their animals they should call and discuss any concerns with staff before arriving at the clinic.
 - b. All small animals must be in carriers.
 - c. All larger animals must be securely leashed with a well-fitting collar or harness.
 - d. All payments are restricted to credit or debit cards over the phone.

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- 4) Client entrance doors are locked; sign on door says “Please return to your vehicle and call the office to alert staff you have arrived.”
 - 5) A vet tech speaks with the client over the phone to obtain history and all pertinent information.
 - 6) Vet tech or assistant goes to car and retrieves pet and brings into office. Client stays in car.
 - 7) Exam is performed by veterinarian.
 - 8) The veterinarian calls the client to relay findings and treatment plan.
 - 9) Receptionist calls client to check out and payment is done over the phone.
 - 10) Tech or assistant returns animal to car and delivers any required medications.
- Keep checking with the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) for timely updates at [avma.org/coronavirus](https://www.avma.org/coronavirus).

The KBVE will continue to update the veterinary community as information becomes available.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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WELCOME NEW KVMA MEMBERS

Dr. Kristen Dill – Midway Veterinary Hospital – Somerset, KY
Dr. Milja Greene – Harrison Veterinary Clinic – Cynthiana, KY
Dr. Robyn Hayes – Seneca Animal Hospital – Louisville, KY
Dr. Ryan Olexia – Olexia Veterinary Services – Park Hills, KY
Dr. Lisa Paulsen – USDA FSIS – Calhoun, KY
Dr. Rachel Proffitt – All Creatures Animal Hospital - Bowling Green, KY
Dr. Kylie Roberts – Gailor Animal Hospital – Louisville, KY
Dr. Amanda Satterly – Self Employed – Glasgow, KY
Dr. Mary Stewart – Pet Wellness Veterinary Center – Cynthiana, KY
Dr. Allison Stofferahn-Webb – Self Employed – Louisville, KY
Dr. Julie C. Reynolds – Dixie Animal Hospital – Louisville, KY
Dr. Amanda Windham – Student – Auburn CVM, Auburn, AL
Dr. Colton Oakes – Student – Auburn CVM, Auburn, AL
Dr. Hailey Reichenbach – Student – Mississippi State CVM, Starkville, MS
Dr. Jeremy Shirel – Union County Animal Clinic - Morganfield, KY
Dr. Melissa Marsili – Shelbyville Road Animal Clinic - Louisville, KY

KENTUCKY VETERINARIANS HOST LUNCHEON FOR LEGISLATORS AND ADVOCATE FOR ABILITY TO REPORT SUSPECTED ANIMAL ABUSE

(Frankfort, Kentucky) February 18, 2020 -- Kentucky Veterinary Medical Association members hosted a luncheon for legislators and staff at the State Capitol Annex on Wednesday, February 12. The luncheon provided veterinarians the opportunity to stress the importance of veterinarians being able to report suspected animal abuse. Currently, by state statute, they are in violation of their veterinarian-client-patient relationship if they report suspected abuse of animals under their care unless they have a client waiver or a court order or subpoena. Kentucky is the only state with this restriction on veterinarians.

The veterinarians provided to legislators and staff multiple reasons why they need the option to use their professional judgment to decide if and when to report suspected abuse to appropriate authorities. One of these reasons is that veterinarians take an oath to prevent and relieve animal suffering. Also, the link between some animal abusers and domestic violence is well documented. The FBI has been collecting data on animal cruelty since 2016. In addition, abuse of opiate drugs is a major problem in Kentucky and elsewhere. There are cases where animals are being deliberately abused and then being presented to veterinarians in order to obtain opiates.

There have been several bills introduced in the 2020 legislative session that would allow veterinarians to report suspected abuse. One of those bills, Senate Bill 21, passed unanimously through the Senate floor and is now on the House floor with hopes of being passed through. The two bills filed in the House are HB 60 and HB 108.

While visiting with legislators, the veterinarians also thanked them for their support of House Bill 214. House Bill 214 has now been signed by Governor Beshear. Please see Senator Givens speech that he so eloquently made on the Senate Floor on behalf of HB214 on page 9. This legislation places in statute a program to purchase enrollment spaces for Kentucky residents at participating veterinary schools, establishes a trust fund for the program, and affirms the General Assembly's intent that Kentucky continue the relationship with Auburn and Tuskegee's veterinary schools. This bill has officially been signed by Governor Beshear. ♦



KVMA board members and the Power of 10 class of 2020 represented Kentucky veterinarians in Frankfort, Kentucky as they presented the importance of allowing veterinarians to report suspected animal abuse.

Senator David Givens
Senate Floor Speech, HB 214
2/27/2020

Mr. President, thank you and I want to start my remarks about House Bill 214 with a word of thanks. A word of thanks to all the citizens of the Commonwealth that help us fund this very vital program. In a time when we talk a lot about the rural/urban divide this is a unique program that unifies all Kentuckians because whether you're in the animal agriculture space or whether you enjoy a companion animal at home in an urban setting, we benefit from veterinarians across Kentucky. These veterinarians provide vital and life-saving services in lots of cases for animals that we care a lot about and this program helps us maintain that talent and maintain those veterinary services in Kentucky. In the 2018 budget, we provided as was typical, funding for contract spaces for veterinarians to be trained at Auburn University and at Tuskegee. As we had that conversation it also became apparent that we have nothing in statute to provide a framework for the continued funding of these vital contract spaces where veterinarians are trained. The result of that was a work group that came together in the interim of 2018 ... the result of that 2018 interim work group was to review Kentucky's contract spaces related to veterinarian programs and to assure in statute the future stability of this vital program.

House Bill 214 that we have before us came over unanimously from the House. We had great conversation in committee about it and we have it now before us. Briefly what it does, it moves the administration of the veterinary contract spaces program from CPE over to KIA beginning in FY 21-22. It creates a veterinary contract spaces program trust fund in the state treasury thereby shielding these monies from those moments when sadly enough we have to make budget adjustments involving cuts. This will prevent those funds from being cut. It continues to provide for 164 spaces of enrollment for Kentucky students to attend participating veterinary schools. And that's the substance of the bill. We do have a Senate Committee Substitute that I'll speak to but I would first ask that we report SCS 1.

-SCS 1 reported

Mr. President, in my earlier remarks I mentioned Auburn and Tuskegee, the SCS in non-codified language recognizes and acknowledges how KY has benefitted from this relationship with Auburn and Tuskegee. That's largely what the SCS does and I would now move for adoption of SCS 1 to HB 214.

-SCS adopted

One other thing that came out of the work group that I think would benefit all of us, not just on this policy topic but on lots of policy topics. Simply because we've done something the same way for a long period of time doesn't mean it always has to continue that way. We had a very robust debate and discussion with veterinarians, with policy leaders, with CPE ... about the importance of this program. Whether this should be converted into a forgivable loan, a refundable loan sort of program. The impact of veterinarians on Kentucky and the impact of these veterinarians not just in animal health, be it in the companion animal or in the animal agriculture arena, but the value of these knowledgeable, committed men and women in communities across the Commonwealth and how they make the Commonwealth a better place. It made me appreciate the program even more, and with that Mr. President, I will certainly entertain any questions that the members might have, at the same time I will move for passage for House Bill 214 as amended.

House Bill 214 with amendment passed, 35 yea, 0 nay, 0 pass ♦

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THE VETERINARIAN'S ROLE IN ANIMAL ABUSE REPORTING

- KRS 321.185 allows release of client or animal care information only with a waiver by the client or by a court order or subpoena. Kentucky licensed veterinarians are in violation of their veterinarian-client-patient-relationship if they report suspected animal abuse without a client waiver or court action.
- All veterinarians take an oath to alleviate animal suffering.
- Kentucky is the only state that prohibits veterinarians from reporting suspected animal abuse/cruelty.
- Reporting suspected abuse by a veterinarian would only be a first step. Appropriate law enforcement and courts would make the legal determination that a neglect/animal abuse crime has occurred.
- The link between some animal abusers and domestic violence is well established in the literature; law enforcement is taught to look for signs of animal abuse. The FBI has been tracking animal abusers since 2016; a combined animal abuse and violent crime statistics report is anticipated to be released in 2021.
- Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) is a problem in Kentucky and elsewhere; there are cases where animals are being abused and then presented to veterinarians as a drug seeking behavior.
- Any animal abuse reporting legislation being considered should include immunity of veterinarians against civil or criminal charges.
- Most animal abuse is unintentional neglect that can be corrected with education; skilled and knowledgeable veterinarians are able to train and educate animal owners about animal care.
- **Reporting abuse should be an option and not mandatory. ♦**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The Kentucky Veterinary Medical Association (KVMA), founded in 1911, has more than 1,300 member veterinarians representing many facets of veterinary medicine.

The KVMA encourages you to contact your Legislator.

You may find your Senator with this link:
<https://legislature.ky.gov/Legislators/senate>

You may find your House Representative with this link: <https://legislature.ky.gov/Legislators/house-of-representatives>

Or

Legislative Message Line – 1-800-372-7181



The capitol building in Frankfort, Kentucky.

THANK YOU, DAN GIVENS

Was it fate, karma, or did all the stars and planets align perfectly? I'm not really sure but I know there was a spiritual influence surrounding this gift for Dr. Dan Givens. As many of you know, Dan accepted the position as Dean of Virginia - Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine. The KVMA wanted to present Dan with a heartfelt token of appreciation for his support of our Commonwealth, as well as his endless work helping us secure funding for the veterinary contract spaces. While looking for a special gift, nothing seemed appropriate and unfortunately everything is UK affiliated. I am not trying to offend those fans, but Dan did graduate from Western Kentucky University. While driving one afternoon, a name, Elizabeth Rhodes, popped into my head. She is a friend and an incredible artist. I called her and asked if she could make a "piece of Kentucky" for a good friend that was moving to Virginia. She said she would love to and asked me if it was for Dan Givens. I had no idea she was from Green County and was a family friend.



Dr. Dan Givens, new Dean of Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine, is presented with a beautiful rendering of his childhood farm by KVMA President Elect Dr. Debra Shoulders. The painting was done by artist Elizabeth Rhodes.

Long story short, Elizabeth painted his favorite spot on his family farm. The painting is on a piece of wood from a nearby barn in Green County. The picture of the farm was taken by Dan's sister who just happened to be visiting her parents and sent it to her friend, Elizabeth. Elizabeth Rhodes turned the picture into an incredible piece of art that truly captured "a piece of Kentucky" for Dan.

I was able to present this gift to Dan at a reception before Auburn's White Coat ceremony. The art piece was bubble wrapped to protect the crushed glass accents. Dan immediately recognized the picture through the bubble wrapping and was literally speechless. I knew from his expression this gift achieved the goal to sincerely thank a wonderful friend, student advocate, and exceptional colleague. I am so happy this gift will be a comforting remembrance of his Kentucky home. ♦



The Kentucky Legislature in action.



Another view of the Kentucky Legislature room prior to the session.

Be sure to visit our Facebook page and the KVMA Website to see the latest news on upcoming events, member information and this year's Mid-America! Mark your calendars for the 2020 KVMA Annual Fundraiser Sporting Clay Shoot and Luncheon on August 13 at Elk Creek Hunt Club.



TO ALL MY THIRD YEAR VET STUDENTS

by Amanda Cvengros, Tuskegee University CVM, Class of 2020

As most fourth-year vet students, I took the North American Veterinary Licensing Exam back in November and it was an experience like I've never had before. You would think, after four years of a doctorate program and four years of undergrad, I would be a professional at taking exams. Well...the NAVLE was a seven-and-a-half-hour exam and took months of intense preparation. It was all worth it because I finally found out in January that I passed! The most common question I'm getting now from third year students who are starting to prepare is, *how did you study?!*

For me, I truly valued my preparation courses and apps that are available for purchase. They come packed with thousands of questions in each species, subject and timed exam. Some of them come with Power Points and lectures you can listen to in the car, as well as notes. For me, I made a schedule on how many questions I could fit in each day, and in specific subjects. I always made sure that if I didn't do as many questions that day, that I made up for it the next. If my main focus one week was on canine, I made sure to still look into other species that I struggled with (hello bovine and porcine!).

The closer it got to my NAVLE date, the more timed exams I completed. I made sure to sit at a table where I wouldn't be distracted and used noise canceling headphones. After I'd complete an exam, I would look up every question I got wrong at the end of it. Some of my classmates preferred to study in systems: cardiovascular diseases, respiratory diseases, etc. They would also hold review sessions together. For me, I'm an individual learner but it did help towards my NAVLE date to get together with my best friend and go over some questions and talk them through. Different strokes for different folks!

The weekend before NAVLE was very difficult for me. I wanted to cram and stay up late. I took my exam on a Monday, so I made sure to study all I could Saturday and then take Sunday off. The morning of my test, I ate a healthy breakfast but held off on the usual consumption of coffee because my anxiety was already high. I packed healthy snacks such as protein bars, beef jerky, and peanut butter for during my breaks. After each section of my NAVLE, I forced myself to use my break even just for five minutes. I always used the restroom and ate a snack, even if I wasn't hungry, to ensure I wouldn't have any distractions during my test.

The hardest part of the whole experience was waiting months for results. I was so convinced I would have to retake my NAVLE that I actually had started applying again the night before we got results. Not everyone passes in November, but there is always plenty of time to prep again for April and find the ways you study best!

Now it's time to put the NAVLE behind me and start job hunting. Best of luck, third years! ♦

**I truly valued
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Every effort will be made to try and print letters that are on topics of the most general interest. The Kentucky Veterinary News reserves the right to edit letters for length and content as necessary. All submissions must contain the author's name, address, e-mail address (if applicable), and phone number so that we may contact you to be sure of the letter's authenticity. Only the author's name and home town will be published. No letter will be published anonymously. Letters may be submitted electronically (Word File please) to: info@kvma.org or by "snail mail" to: KVMA, PO Box 4067, Frankfort, KY 40604-4067

Announcing the Kentucky Veterinary Medical Association Mid-America Conference Dates

**Belterra Casino,
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Florence, IN
September 18 – 20, 2020**



**The Galt House
Louisville, KY
September 24 - 26, 2021**



**Central Bank Center
Lexington, KY
September 16 – 18, 2022**

**The Galt House
Louisville, KY
September 22 - 24, 2023**



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From the Director's Desk
Craig Carter, DVM PhD Dipl. ACVPM
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the Environment, Lexington, KY

From everyone here at the UKVDL, we hope that 2020 is going well!

NOCARDIOFORM PLACENTITIS (NP) OUTBREAK

The biggest news coming from our lab this spring is something that our equine practitioners are following very closely—a new major outbreak of Nocardioform Placentitis (NP). Dr. Erdal Erol, our Professor and Head of Diagnostic Microbiology at UKVDL was primary author on a review of this disease in Veterinary Microbiology, regarding the 2011 outbreak. Dr. Barry Ball, Professor at the UK Gluck Equine Research Center, Boarded in Theriogenology, published a recent article on NP in the Equine Disease Quarterly, an international publication, April 2020 edition. NP is caused by bacteria in the order actinomycetes. NP is characterized by late term abortions, premature foals, increased neonatal mortality and growth retardation related to the placental pathology. Interestingly, lesions are limited to the chorionic surface that is covered with a tan mucoid material. The epidemiology and pathogenesis of NP is elusive. The Gluck and UKVDL has conducted studies to attempt to produce the disease in experimental animals but have not been successful. As of early March 2020, the Gluck and UKVDL are beginning additional studies to better characterize the disease in hopes of finding preventive, earlier detection and better treatment modalities. In the meantime, please contact Drs. Ball (b.a.ball@uky.edu) or Erol (erdal.erol@uky.edu) if you have any questions. By the end of February, 102 cases have been confirmed in the Bluegrass region of Kentucky (see map at left).



LMU CURRICULUM CHANGES

Our Lincoln Memorial University (LMU) cooperative teaching agreement is undergoing some changes. Feedback from senior DVM students attending CVM Course 773 (10-12 students for each block year around) at the UKVDL for almost 3 years has convinced LMU and UKVDL that the curriculum needs to be compressed from 4 weeks to 2 weeks. This will reduce total time expended while still covering all the critical topics to be sure that all students are prepared to work well with a diagnostic laboratory once in practice. In addition, our goal is to be sure each student is competent and confident in conducting their own necropsies in the field and in their practices. This new curriculum is under review for approval by the AVMA Council on Education as part of the accreditation process.

UKVDL STAFF/FACULTY CHANGES

The UKVDL is experiencing some turnover and changes in faculty and staff. Ms. Courtne Smith who served as the LMU Student Coordinator and Necropsy Technician for the first two years left UKVDL for another position. This vacancy was filled by Ms. Haley Boggs in September, 2019. She is a Certified Veterinary Technician who had served as a UKVDL Necropsy Technician for almost two years. We welcome her to this new challenging position. Mr. Ken Boll, the UKVDL Head of Necropsy for over three decades retired last year. I consider this position one of the busiest and most difficult jobs here at UKVDL. We thank Ken for his many years of outstanding service. Ms. Sara Welsh, formerly the Supervisor of the UKVDL Necropsy Section for many years was recruited to fill this position. Ms. Welsh is also a Certified Veterinary Technician and brings a wealth of experience and knowledge into the job. We feel very fortunate to have her on our staff. Dr. Cindy Gaskill, Head of the Toxicology Section for the last almost 15 years retired in January 2019. Dr. Gaskill rebuilt the UKVDL Toxicology Section from scratch. She has made many significant contributions to veterinary toxicology in Kentucky and beyond. Dr. Gaskill

will be greatly missed. She is staying on part time for now to assure a smooth transition. Most recently, Dr. Megan Romano was selected to fill this vacancy. Dr. Romano just completed her residency in veterinary toxicology under Dr. Gaskill at UKVDL and passed all parts of her ACVT Board Exams on the first try---no easy task! We welcome Dr. Romano and you will be hearing more about her soon. Finally, Dr. David Bolin, the Head of the Pathology Section has announced his retirement at the end of May 2020. We thank him for all of his contributions and leadership at the UKVDL.

50TH ANNIVERSARY PLANS

Once again, we are proud to announce the 50th Anniversary of the UK Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory in 2020. We are now planning the unveiling of a beautiful entryway brick sign to welcome clients and visitors. The sign will reside on a berm just prior to the first entrance to our parking lot. We are working to select a date this spring for the dedication and putting together a VIP program for the unveiling ceremony. As part of the celebration this year, the UKVDL Executive and Research Committees have been investigating how our laboratory can expand and improve on our services in the area of genomics, high throughput sequencing, pathogen identification, digital pathology, tele-medicine and beyond.

To reach these goals will require the recruitment of bright new scientists and cutting-edge instrumentation. We are exploring various philanthropic naming opportunities for interested donors. For example, one opportunity would place the donor's name on the beautiful marquis of our recently built administration wing.

Another opportunity is to name the UKVDL auditorium after a generous donor. Endowments will provide perpetual funding to recruit scientists to conduct applied research on leading-edge diagnostic methods to improve animal welfare and health through the earliest confirmation of diseases, protecting public health against zoonotic diseases and food intoxication, and to maintain the health of the human-animal bond between animal owners and companion animals in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.



If you know anyone who might be interested in any of these opportunities, please contact me directly. I look forward to hearing your ideas, helping to answer any questions you may have, and working with the College of Agriculture, Food & the Environment Philanthropy office to formulate a plan for your gift or the gift of a colleague/friend.

We wish you all the very best in everything you do this spring. We thank all of you who are our valued clients. Please send us your ideas on how we can improve our services to for you and the animal owners and producers here in Kentucky! ♦

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HOT TOPICS – INFECTIOUS CORYZA AND MG IN POULTRY CASE STUDY: CONCURRENT INFECTION OF AVIBACTERIUM PARAGALLINARUM AND MYCO- PLASMA GALLISEPTICUM IN LAYER CHICKENS

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Introduction

Infectious coryza is an acute respiratory disease of chickens caused by the Gram-negative bacteria *Avibacterium paragallinarum* (formerly *Haemophilus paragallinarum*). Recently, there has been a recurrence of the disease resulting in economic losses in broiler breeders and egg layers throughout many areas of the United States. *Mycoplasma gallisepticum* (MG) is a more chronic respiratory infection that affects many species of birds resulting in similar symptoms and economic loss. These pathogens may occur alone or in conjunction with each other or with other respiratory pathogens. Concurrent infections result in more severe signs and increased economic losses. Also, since many respiratory diseases of poultry have similar presentations and some are reportable diseases, this case is an excellent example of the diagnostic process.

History

A flock of 600 adult brown layer hens was experiencing coughing and respiratory signs with increased mortality. Approximately half of the flock was affected and 100 birds had died. Physical exam showed swollen heads, enlarged sinuses, difficulty breathing, and respiratory noise (coughing, snicking). Feed

and water consumption and egg laying data was not available.

Differential diagnoses included avian influenza, Newcastle disease, infectious laryngotracheitis (ILT), infectious bronchitis, infectious coryza, fowl cholera, *Mycoplasma gallisepticum* (MG), and others infectious agents. The Kentucky Department of Agriculture and USDA were notified due to the nature of the losses and possibility of a reportable disease.

Two birds were submitted dead for necropsy. Gross necropsy findings included hemorrhagic tracheitis, rhinitis, sinusitis, and airsacculitis. These findings could occur with any of the differential diagnoses, but placed ILT, infectious coryza, and MG infection (most likely concurrent with another agent) at the top of the list.

Diagnostic Process and Testing Results

(See chart below)

Discussion

Avibacterium paragallinarum, the agent of infectious coryza, affects the upper respiratory tract and symptoms include swollen sinuses, faces and wattles, increased nasal discharge, and conjunctivitis. Primary infection has high morbidity but low mortality unless additional respiratory pathogens are present. Economic impact results from decreased food and water intake resulting in poor growth performance and reduced egg production. Asymptomatic infections can occur in carriers. It affects chickens most severely, but may affect quail and pheasants.

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Organism	Test Method / sample	Result	Reported
Avian Influenza	PCR / choanal swab BHI	negative	< 24 hours
Newcastle disease	PCR / choanal swab BHI	negative	< 24 hours
Infectious Laryngotracheitis	PCR / choanal swab BHI Histopathology of tracheas	negative for inclusion bodies	< 24 hours 2-4 days
Infectious bronchitis	PCR / choanal swab BHI	negative	<48 hours
<i>Mycoplasma gallisepticum/synovium</i>	PCR / choanal swab BHI	Positive for both	<48 hours
Sinus swab	Aerobic culture with request for <i>Avibacterium paragallinarum</i>	<i>Enterococcus cecorum</i>	72 hours
Airsac/ Lung swab	Aerobic culture with request for <i>Avibacterium paragallinarum</i> Confirmed with PCR	<i>Pasturella</i> sp. (not cholera) <i>Avibacterium paragallinarum</i>	72 hours >72 hours



Picture of Infectious Coryza. Courtesy Dr. Eric Gingerich

Diagnosis of *A. paragallinarum* is by culture of the organism or PCR. Most cultured isolates require special media with the reduced form of NAD present making it very important to specify the organism on any submissions to the laboratory. In addition, the organism is slow growing (often 48 hours or more) on media and does not survive well outside of the living bird. Direct PCR from sinus swabs may produce results within 48 hours. Lab submissions of **live birds** or **fresh heads on ice** delivered quickly will result in the best recovery rate.

Mycoplasma gallisepticum (MG) is a bacteria-like organism that causes CRD (chronic respiratory disease) in chickens, turkeys, game birds, pigeons, waterfowl and all passerine birds. Symptoms, morbid-

ity/mortality, and effects of infection may be mild and identical to infectious coryza. Asymptomatic infections can occur in carriers. Diagnosis is based on antibody presence (ELISA/HI) or PCR (Choanal/pharyngeal swabs in BHI). Unlike infectious coryza, MG remains viable in dried secretions and fecal material. Egg flats, cages, coops, tools, and equipment that are contaminated with droppings and respiratory secretions from MG-infected birds can spread the disease to clean flocks. Rodents and insects may carry the organism to a farm. The infection can be vertically transmitted from hen to eggs.

There is **no cure** for either disease. Published information on both pathogens show that infected flocks do not clear either infection, and birds remain carriers for life. Flocks may be treated with antibiotics approved for use in egg producing birds. However, **treated flocks do not clear the infection and remain carriers**. Vaccines, commercial and autogenous, are available but serve only to decrease signs and do not prevent infection or carrier state. Any infected bird, even when asymptomatic, may serve as a carrier. Neither disease infects mammals or poses a zoonotic risk.

Costs and benefits of maintaining an infected flock (which may require continuous use of antibiotics and is usually quite expensive) must be considered. Depopulating infected flocks, followed by thoroughly cleaning and disinfecting the facilities and equipment, then starting with clean birds may be a better

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

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Pathogen	Samples to send	Diagnostic Tests	Transmission	Control
<i>Avibacterium paragallinarum</i>	Live birds or Fresh heads on ice	Culture of infraorbital sinus --- specific media required PCR	Directly from infected carrier birds Airborne from infected flocks Oral and nasal secretions from birds	*Treat with antibiotics *Lifelong carrier state *Vaccination prevent signs – not infection *Depopulation with thorough cleaning and disinfection of premise and all equipment
<i>Mycoplasma gallisepticum</i>	Serum Live birds Choanal or pharyngeal swabs in BHI broth	Serology PCR	Directly from infected carrier birds Indirectly from any contaminated fomite Vertical transmission	*Treat with antibiotics *Lifelong carrier state *Vaccination prevent signs – not infection *Depopulation with thorough cleaning and disinfection of premise and all equipment

DR. RUDOLPH OUSLEY

February 3, 1953 ~ December 14, 2019

Dr. Rudolph Ousley, age 66, of Prestonsburg, Kentucky, husband of Delores Hall Ousley, passed away on Saturday, December 14, 2019 at the Pikeville Medical Center. He was born February 3, 1953 in Paintsville, Ky., son of the late Willard L. and Kathelene Tussey Ousley. Dr. Ousley was a former Board Member of the First Commonwealth Bank, Board Member of the Middle Creek Fire Department, and an Alumni of the University of Kentucky and Auburn University. He was a charter member and served as a board member for many years of the Eastern Kentucky Walking and Racking Horse Association. In 2016, he was the recipient of the Hall of Fame Award. He was a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine for over 39 years in Floyd County.



In addition to his wife, Delores, he is survived by one stepson Jackie Hall, Prestonsburg, Ky., two stepdaughters; Amy Lewis and Heather Johnson, both of Martin, Ky., two brothers; Jack (Karen) Ousley, Prestonsburg, Ky., and Glen (Gina) Ousley, Pikeville, Ky., two sisters; Jo Anne Goble, Prestonsburg, Ky., and Barbara (John) Brewer, Benton, IL, six grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his brother-in-law Norman Goble. ♦

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option. NPIP MG certified free flocks are an excellent source for replacement. New birds should be placed on a 4-week quarantine. At least three weeks of vacant time is recommended before placing new birds. Farms should have in place a biosecurity program. This would include monitoring foot traffic, rodent, wild bird, and insect control. Strict biosecurity and all in – all out flocks management will help to prevent introduction of disease. Additional information is available in the Poultry Toolbox on the MSU Breathitt Veterinary Center website <https://breathitt.murraystate.edu/departments/PoultryToolbox/>. ♦



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DR. MARY PAULA THORNE

Dr. Paula Thorne (Dec. 8, 1956 - Dec. 28, 2019) studied at Western Kentucky University, graduating in 1979 and earned her DVM from Auburn University College of Veterinary Medicine in 1983. From 1985-2003 she was the owner/founder for Jacksonville Veterinary Services, Ala., and then moved to Bowling Green, Ky., where she opened All Cats & Dogs Veterinary Hospital. Dr. Thorne had a special interest in feline medicine.

Dr. Thorne actively served in veterinary organizations. From 1984-2004 she was a member of the Alabama Veterinary Medical Association with dedicated service to the wellness committee focusing on mental and emotional health of veterinarians. She was presented the Distinguished Service award for her years of dedication to the veterinary profession. This is the highest award given by the ALVMA. Thorne served on the Auburn University CVM's alumni Advisory Council (2012-2019), was a Gold Member of the Auburn CVM Centennial Club (2002-2019) was an AVMA member (1984-2019) and was a member of the KVMA.

Dr. Thorne is survived by parents Patricia and Cyrus Thorne; sister Leslie Thorne (Henegan, Ala.) brothers Sean Thorne (Thompson Falls, Mt.) and Cyrus "Tad" Thorne (Ranburn, Ala.); husband Dannie Shepherd (Bowling Green, Ky.); daughter Beth Hudson (Auburn CVM class of '14, Bowling Green, Ky.); and son Christopher Hudson (Auburn, Ala.).

Memorials are requested to the Auburn University College of Veterinary Medicine. Address: Office of Development, College of Veterinary Medicine, 317 S. College St., Auburn, AL 36849-5517

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Dr. Paula Thorne was a dear friend and trusted colleague. She served for six years on the Veterinary Advisory Council of the Auburn University College of Veterinary Medicine (AU CVM). As a member of the External Relations Committee, Dr. Paula Thorne, member of the Auburn University Veterinary Alumni Advisory Council, 2013. Dr. Thorne was instrumental in supporting Auburn Veterinary Specialists in Gulf Shores, Alabama, by engaging local veterinarians and cultivating their support. She was highly respected, and her opinions were always carefully considered and spoken with confidence and humility. She was a generous member of the AU CVM Class of 1983 and the college's Centennial Club, providing support for veterinary education at Auburn. She had the honor of placing the academic hood on her daughter, Dr. Beth Hudson (DVM), during the college's 2014 commencement ceremony. Dr. Thorne certainly left her mark on the veterinary profession and the Auburn College of Veterinary Medicine. We will miss her dearly.

~ Submitted by Calvin M. Johnson, DVM, Dean, Auburn College of Veterinary Medicine. ♦



The KVMA Power of 10, class of 2020, during the recent trip to Frankfort.



KVMA Director Debra Hamelback, KVMA President Dr. Bonnie Barr and Secretary/Treasurer Dr. Brigitte Dean-Hines hard at work in Frankfort.

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## NOW WHAT DO WE DO?

### Uncertainty, Social Chaos and Veterinary Medicine

by J.A. Keith, DVM, MBA, MEcon

We are all scared, disoriented and struggling to keep our practices viable in a time when disorder and a situation that is changing daily evolves. Your clients are worried you will not be available in the time of need. Your staff just want assurance that they will all be able to pay their bills and keep a job. As the scope of the Coronavirus Pandemic seems so different in every community, we must all show solidarity and work together. I have literally had well over 100 emails this week for answers that I, as anyone else, simply don't have. However, there are some things to do in these difficult times.

1. Offer payment options for clients – Scratch Pay, Care Credit, etc. Do NOT allow charging. Despite our underlying compassion, the fact is that many clients will simply not be able to pay off their accounts. Unfortunately, in the 'good' times, many owners would struggle to pay for a costly medical or surgical problem. You simply cannot provide financing for your clients. In fact, allowing charging is never a good idea.

2. Offer home delivery/patient pick up, IF you have a hospital vehicle. (DO NOT allow staff to use personal cars or trucks.) It is likely that your or their insurance will cover them in the event of an accident. Curbside service is a method already being employed in many practices. Schedule your staff accordingly. Plan for shifts of workers and when the busy times of the day are likely to demand more employees.

3. Consider telemedicine/phone consultations if possible. Yes, every patient needs to be seen for an accurate diagnosis and treatment. However, triage those cases that may be able to be managed with 'distance practice.' Cell phone video is a valuable tool in many cases.

4. Stock up on commonly used medicines and supplies. Almost 100% of all cephalosporins are made in China, for example. Use your computer to evaluate your needs based on past sales and consider those things most needed when supply chain interruptions begin to occur – and they are going to occur.

5. Do not purchase any new major equipment unless absolutely necessary. Despite offers of delayed billing or 0% financing that are occurring, the future is simply too uncertain at this point to justify these types of expenses.

6. Check with your vendors and lenders to see if you can work out a delayed payment plan if your revenues go down significantly. I have talked to several bank and loan officers this week and every one has confirmed they will be working with their clients.

7. Absolutely NO overtime unless your schedule demands it.

8. Keep your clients informed regarding your schedule and services. They need assurance someone will be available to help in a time of need. Work with neighboring practices to find solutions. This is not the time to be fighting over clients. Remember, the patient is our primary concern and we do not need to get entangled with who their regular veterinarian may be.

9. Consider one-month refills for chronic medications (thyroid, arthritis, etc.). You will have multiple clients wanting to 'stock up' in case they get confined to their home. If you have 30 clients that obtain 3-6 months of medication, the other patients may go without if there is distributor interruption or man-

**...we must  
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together.**

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ufacturing problems. Also check with your prescription food vendors. I have heard from two practices that cannot get any Science Diet products in their locale.

We are entering a human medical and economic crisis where the fallout will likely continue for a year or more. Revenue will likely drop precipitously in many hospitals, and unfortunately, there will be practices that are unable to maintain solvency and have to close for good. There is no one who can predict what the precipitate will be regarding veterinary practice. What we do know is that animals will continue to need us despite what is happening in the human medical community. Every state and community will have specific ordinances enacted to protect the public. I do not foresee veterinarians being completely restricted from keeping their doors open unless there are extenuating circumstances. Please adhere to the recommendations of your local, state and federal authorities. Work with colleagues to find solutions and stay safe.

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One of the primary functions of the Foundation was to receive and distribute contributions and own properties, unacceptable practices for a non-profit organization such as the Kentucky Veterinary Medical Association. The Foundation places no liabilities on the KVMA.

In recent years, the Foundation has been active supporting many activities. Among them:

- Kentucky 4-H
- Kentucky FFA
- Kentucky Young Farmers
- The White Coat Ceremonies at Auburn University CVM and Tuskegee University SVM
- Gifts for Kentucky first-year veterinary students
- Disaster Relief Programs

The Foundation sympathy card program, begun in 2004, has helped support the KVMA. Since 2004 there has been **\$73,731.00** raised by the card program!

An organization is only as strong as its membership and the KVMA has always been strong. Those of you who support or have supported the Foundation in the past, we thank you. We hope others of you will join us today. We need your participation!

Sample message inside of the sympathy card:

*Dear Jones Family,*

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*The Kentucky Veterinary Medical Foundation ♦*

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The KVMA Foundation Fellow program was created to support the KVMA Foundation. Continued dedication to the KVMA is still greatly needed. This annual financial support will ensure the philanthropic arm of the KVMA can provide resources to our many ongoing programs. We hope you will consider a tax-deductible gift to the KVMA Foundation.

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## ARE WE READY?

by Allie Ingram, AU CVM, Class of 2021

At the end of January, the Class of 2021 at Auburn University hit a major milestone in our veterinary career. We received our white coats, symbolically representing our transition from classroom studies to clinical rotations. The formal ceremony was held in the new performing arts center in front of our families and loved ones. The week prior to the ceremony was filled with excitement about what we were wearing and who all would be attending, and our greatest fears revolved around not getting stuck while putting on our coat on stage or tripping and falling in front of everyone. Afterwards, there was a small sense of relief and many photos were taken commemorating the moment. We had made it, and for me, this was the moment that had kept me motivated through all those long nights of studying.

Fast-forward a couple weeks, and we receive our clinical rotation schedules. A week later, we hit final exams and the end of this insane “mini-mester” is on the horizon. Then suddenly we are staring at an orientation for clinics that we honestly thought was a couple weeks away. Big change is officially here, and with it comes a lot of uncertainty and a little fear. The routine we have been accustomed to is about to be thrown out the window. Our patients will no longer be small paragraphs on exams but instead will be living, breathing, complicated animals and their equally complicated owners. In short, our nice pristine white coats are about to get dirty.

However, the question on everyone’s mind seems to be “are we ready?” It seemed like only yesterday that I was an eager young first-year veterinary student who was just thrilled to be able to identify a femur. Now, I am looking at an orientation schedule with short lectures on “General Safety in the Clinics,” “Proper Specimen Submission for Microbiology,” “SOAPS/Medical Records,” and “Laser and Cryo Safety Training.” In addition, the grimaces and concerned looks when I mention my first rotation is Neurology and Neurosurgery continue to add to my self-doubt and slight fear. In order to help myself with this transition, I have made multiple lists, reorganized my tote bag at least three times, added a small pharmacy to my purse (complete with Tums and Pepto Bismol tablets), and on a particularly stressful evening, vacuumed my couch, basically anything that would make me feel somewhat more prepared or “ready.”

Yet, despite these efforts and the support I receive from family and friends, I cannot shake the butterflies that surface when I think about starting full-time clinics in less than one week. Not surprisingly, all of my friends feel the same way. Each of us has expressed at least one concern about the changes about to take place in the next week, and many of those concerns are unique to that individual.

We can comfort ourselves with statements like “you will be fine,” and “look at everyone that made it before you.” But, sometimes what we really need to hear is to just “trust.” Trust the education and foundation we have received. Trust the supportive network that we have built and that continues to evolve around us, and most of all, trust ourselves. We have worked through many long days and nights of staring at histology slides, random bones, disgusting ocular lesions, unpronounceable viruses, and everything that could ever make a pig cough or have diarrhea. In a running tab by a classmate, who likely was also trying to make himself feel more prepared, he calculated that we have taken 151 tests, participated in 260 labs, listened to 1,353 lectures, and completed countless other quizzes and assignments. So, starting next Monday, regardless of the fears that we may carry, we are undoubtedly ready. Ready to keep working towards our goals, and ready to embrace the changes that life throws at us, especially if we never have to sit in the same lecture hall for over 1,353 lectures ever again. ♦

**In short, our nice pristine white coats are about to get dirty.**

## KVMA OXYGEN MASK PROGRAM - A HUGE SUCCESS!

The KVMA kicked off its Pet Oxygen Mask Program a few months ago and already we have had 110 masks purchased to be distributed to fire departments throughout Kentucky! Ask your first responders if their trucks carry these life saving kits for pets. The KVMA has a list of departments who have requested kits. See if your local departments already have pet oxygen masks.

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## KVMA EXECUTIVE BOARD FEBRUARY 2-12, 2020 MINUTES

Attendees: Ms. Hamelback and Drs. Barr, Beckmann, Cassone, Shoulders, Rodgers, Weber, Vice, Stout, Quammen, King, Dean-Hines, Stratmeyer, Mirus, Reinhart, Redmon, and Smith. 2020 Power of Ten Leadership Program attendees Drs. Koestel, Lesser, Heitz, Bull, Crowe, DeJarnette, Shaba, Reinhard.

1. Board Meeting 11-15-2019 Minutes with Correction: Dr. Shoulders attended. Motion by Dr. Shoulders. 2nd by Dr. Redmon. Approved.
2. Financial reports- current, 2019 final, and investment data presented by Dr. Dean-Hines. Discussion of 2020 Budget with final to be determined. KVMA is in good financial standing.
3. Dr. Barr presented and discussed the following:
  - a. 2021, 2022 MAVC locations, costs and dates.
  - b. Contract with Lobbyist Judy Taylor discussed.
4. Ms. Judy Taylor attended briefly for discussion of pros, cons, limitations, applications, and implications of animal therapies associated to and about the “animal massage” bill. Brief discussion of SB 21 update.
5. Ms. Hamelback presented a regional map and topics for the KBVE/KVMA combined Outreach Meetings that are in planning stages to be offered around the state. Constituent representatives are responsible for facilitating these meetings with locations, dates, and topics TBD. Drs. Shoulders and Redmon are Outreach committee chair volunteers.
6. Dr. Shoulders presented 2020 MAVC updates on speakers and topics.
7. Ms. Hamelback:
  - a. provided updates on the Industry Council Meeting; the success of the Canine Oxygen Mask project and media coverage, KVMA Foundation Clay Shoot Fundraiser (August 13); and presented KVMA Mobile App packages for MAVC.
  - b. KACCA training for Animal Control March 11-13. Motion made to donate \$750 with white sheet request to board by Dr. Beckmann, 2nd by Dr. Reinhart. Approved.
  - c. Kentucky Dairy Development Council discussion of topics. Motion made by Dr. Beckmann to donate \$500 with white sheet on meeting provided to board. 2nd by Dr. Redmon. Approved.
  - d. KEEP Board updates discussed. Motion made to donate \$1000 by Dr. Beckmann. 2nd by Dr. Shoulders. Approved.
  - e. KY Horse Council provides livestock investigation training in conjunction with the KY Cattleman’s Association. Motion made by Dr. King to donate \$1000. 2nd by Dr. Rodgers with request for white paper provided to the board. Approved.
8. Dr. Weber provided details and discussion on the AVMA’s stance on declawing; cribbing in horses and a current development of a policy against deterrents deemed harmful; micro-chipping and practice liability coverage on volunteers/students.
9. Presentation by Ms. Hamelback pertaining to logo wear. Motion made by Dr. Beckmann to allocate \$100 per board member towards goods. 2nd by Dr. Rodgers. Approved.
10. Dr. Redmon presented briefly(due to time constraints) an updated constituent map. More to be discussed at next meeting. ♦

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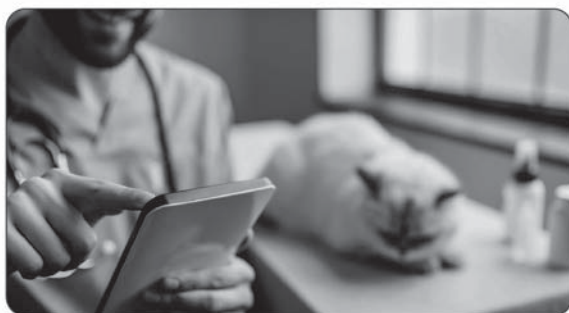
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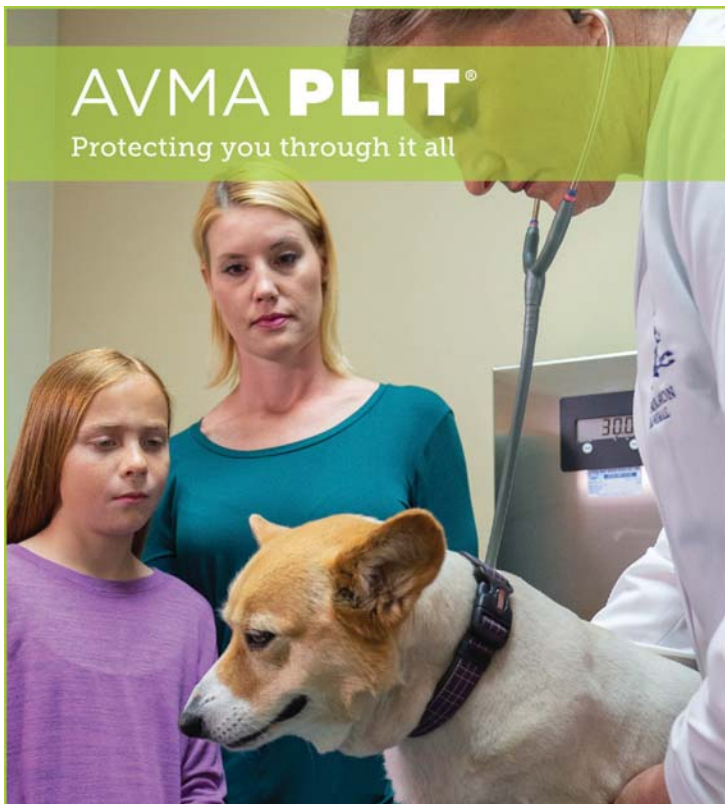
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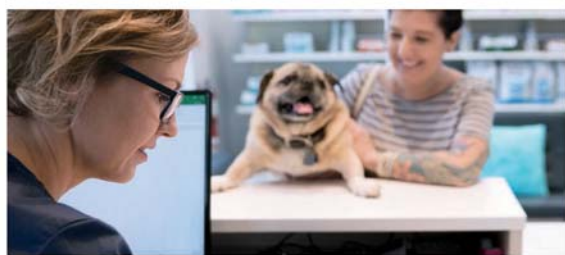
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