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President's Message

Dear Members,

These are challenging times for us all and I hope you're in good spirits and health. During these trying times KVMA has been working to provide members with resources via e-mail or on our web page regarding topics such as maintaining safe work environments, available government assistance programs and overall well-being. Please let us know if we can provide additional resources.

The biggest announcement is the KVMA Mid-America Veterinary Conference is going virtual. The virtual platform will allow us to keep public health a number one priority and to continue to provide quality CE for our members. The virtual conference will be a

combination of pre-recorded (on-demand) sessions and live-streaming sessions. The pre-recorded sessions will be available August 15, which will allow more flexibility to accumulate CE at one's own pace. The live-streaming sessions can be viewed on two afternoons, September 18 and 19. All sessions will be available until the end of 2020. There will be costs associated with the virtual conference but not the amount that is associated with an in-person conference. Thus the conference will be available at a reduced fee to participants. More detailed information regarding the conference is available in this newsletter, on the web page and e-mails.

Another big announcement is that two significant bills pertaining to veterinary medicine were passed during the 2020 Kentucky State Legislature Session. The governmental relations committee, executive board and our lobbyist worked with legislators to accomplish this feat. The first bill allows veterinarians to report animal abuse. The second bill establishes funding for Veterinary Contract Spaces Program.

An update on the oxygen mask outreach program is that over 100 kits have been delivered to fire departments and EMT's throughout the common wealth. 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.

Lastly please remember to take care of yourself. Make time to enjoy the summer weather and various outdoor activities.

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

Warm regards

Bonnie Barr, VMD, DACVIM KVMA President

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CLAY SHOOT CANCELLATION

Greetings!

I hope that all of you are doing well. The KVMA Foundation Annual Clay Shoot has always been an opportunity for KVMA members and friends to enjoy a day of camaraderie awhile supporting the foundation's philanthropy. Based on careful consideration, this year's Clay Shoot has been canceled. We pledge to reschedule for next year and hope that everyone will continue to be safe and support the KVMA.

Sincerely, Mark S. Smith, DVM

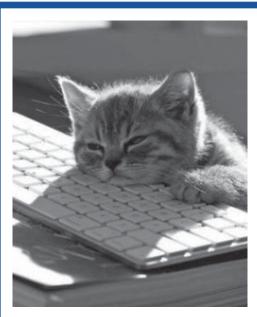


Not only has 2020 required us all to re-evaluate our roles as veterinarians, our "essentialness", and our roles in our day-to-day domestic lives (crisis homeschooling, anyone?), but it has also reguired us to look inward and outward. 2020, at best, has revealed itself to be a societal mirror. Some would say "Any year but this one. It's just too much." Nope, not an option from the powers that be. So now is the time to go there and address the civil and socio-economic issues in the face. Whether that face is one of protest, support, confusion, anger, fear, or hope for change, it needs to be seen for what it is. I'm not saying we as individuals have to have all the answers right all the time but the conversations need to be started. A common mantra I've certainly heard from the self-care world is "Know your truth." I believe with these three simple words we can all move forward and reach our higher potential in our chosen fields and in society. Sounds hard, right? Agreed. But I think it is worth it.

Sometimes being the "only one" in the room is a challenge. When you are "the only one" you are automatically more vulnerable. I should know, as I've been there many times in the course of my life. And yes, there can be painful memories and associations that are still there today. This is some of my truth. And I own it, es-

pecially when I meet children of color for the first time. They often say, "You're the Vet?" You can tell a switch has been turned on! What a wonderful feeling that fills my heart with absolute joy! I may have changed a child's life trajectory! And that's the good stuff. Moments like these make those painful experiences hurt just a little less. And to me, this is why inclusion and diversity are so important. We need to see what we can become. Representation matters.

Brigette Dean-Hines, DVM KVMA Secretary Treasurer



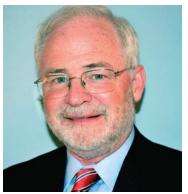
Please update your KVMA contact information!

The KVMA communicates electronically with its membership. It's faster, cheaper, and more efficient to do it this way, not to mention far more versatile. Please, even if you are absolutely sure that the KVMA has your proper email address, take a moment to double check by logging in to www.KVMA.org and checking your Member Profile in the Member Portal. You can make any necessary changes, to email or any other pertinent information, right on the spot and be connected with your colleagues once again.

"Don't Miss Out!"

REVIEW OF THE KENTUCKY GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2020 REGULAR SESSION

by Jim Weber, DVM ~ Governmental Relations Committee Chair



Despite obstacles caused by the Covid-19 virus and the resulting uniqueness of the Kentucky General Assembly's 2020 session, the KVMA successfully lobbied for the passage of two bills that were very important to the KVMA and Kentucky veterinarians.

Senate Bill 21 passed the General Assembly on the last day of the legislative session and was subsequently signed into law by Governor Beshear. This bill, which goes into effect on July 15, allows a veterinarian who finds that an animal with which he or she has a veterinarian-client-patient relationship (VCPR) has been abused in violation of Kentucky Revised Statutes (KRS) 525.125, 525.130, 525.135, or 525.137, may make a report to the Office of the State Veterinarian for an animal for which an onfarm livestock or poultry care standard has been promulgated under KRS 257.196,

and to law enforcement for any other animal. (These statutes may be viewed at legislature.ky.gov) Kentucky had been the only state that restricted veterinarians with a VCPR from reporting abuse. The KVMA has worked on changing this law several times over the past 11 years.

Senator C.B. Embry, who was the prime sponsor of Senate Bill 21, had this comment after the bill's passage: "The passage of Senate Bill 21 will now allow Kentucky veterinarians to make good faith reports of suspected abuse of animals under their care without a waiver or court order. Kentucky is known for our agriculture, but we continue to be an outlier in national animal abuse rankings. Therefore, I am pleased the Kentucky General Assembly is continuing to prioritize animal welfare measures to help combat the abuse of animals across the Commonwealth. The passage of Senate Bill 21 is a step in the right direction. I was proud to sponsor Senate Bill 21 and would also like to recognize Representative Richard Heath for carrying the measure in the House."

In addition to Senator Embry and Representative Heath, the KVMA thanks all the legislators that supported and voted for the bill. The KVMA also appreciates the input of major stakeholders including farm and animal groups and State Veterinarian Dr. Robert Stout for their assistance with the bill's final language.

The second major piece of veterinary legislation to pass the General Assembly and be signed by the Governor was House Bill 214. 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. The KVMA has repeatedly lobbied for the continuation and full funding for this very successful program that provides veterinary school spaces for Kentucky students. While the program is now in statute, legislators will still need to vote for funding in each budget cycle. ◆





WELCOME TO THE MID-AMERICA VETERINARY CONFERENCE

Dear Mid-America Conference Attendees,

Welcome to the first virtual Mid-America Veterinary Conference. Our committee planned this meeting with the sole purpose of providing our attendees with a variety of useful topics given by world-class speakers. We had to make some changes due to the COVID19 restrictions, but we were able to make this conference even better and more available. We are providing 60+ hours of continuing education at half the price of our annual in-person meeting. You will have the opportunity to view our incredible speakers when it is convenient and the content of our conference will be available to you through the end of the year.

I would like to thank our planning committee for their time and commitment to find the most relevant topics and great speakers. I would also like to thank Debra Hamelback for the endless hours she has spent planning this meeting twice. And

last but not least, I would like to thank our industry partners for their continued support allowing us to provide you with an outstanding meeting for an affordable price.

Thank you for choosing to attend the KVMA's Mid-America Veterinary Conference. I know this has been an interesting year for us all. There will be a learning curve for some with the digital platform so welcome to the digital age. I hope you don't enjoy this platform so much that we won't see you in person for next year's Mid-America Conference in Louisville!

Sincerely,

Debra Shoulders, D.V.M. President elect KVMA

Delua Shaldus, DVM

How will the virtual Conference Work?

Currently the complete list of details is being finalized as this newsletter goes to press. The Registration Packet should be in the mail soon after this issue reaches you and of course you can find updated information at KVMA.org and on the KVMA Facebook page as soon as details become finalized. A registration form is included on page 11 for your convenience. Online registration is available or you can pay by check or credit card.



In the Registration Packet you will find complete instructions on how to access both the recorded and Zoom live-stream presentations. You will also find bios on our speakers and other items of interest.

EQUINE					
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DATE	TIME	SPEAKER	ТОРІС	CE HRS	
Fri. Sept. 18 Sponsored by Zoetis	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Martin Nielsen DVM PhD DACVM	 Parasitic Disease in Horses - What is the evidence? Parasite Diagnosis - Are they any good and why? 	2	
Fri. Sept. 18	3:30 pm - 5:30 pm	Stephen Reed DVM DACVIM	Diagnosing Neurologic ProblemsTitle: Lame vs Neurologic	2	
		Brad Tanner DVM DAVDC-EQ	The Snotty Nosed Horse – Perspectives from Dental, Surgeon, & Internal Medicine		
Sat. Sept. 19	1:00 pm - 3:30 pm	Brett Woodie DVM MS DACVS	veterinarians: What is that smell? It may be a bad tooth! (Turner		
sat. sept. 13	1.50 ріп 5.50 ріп	Kate Christie MSc DVM DACVIM(LAIM)	Diseases of the Nasal Passages & Paranasal Sinuses (Woodie) Beyond the Skull: Lower Airway Causes of Nasal Discharge (Christie)	2.5	
		Karen Wolfsdorf DVM DACT	A chance to cut is a chance to cure: Surgical options in the problem mare.		
Sat. Sept. 19	3:30 pm - 5:30 pm	Karen Von Dollen DVM MS DACT	Endometritis: When bugs hide. Advanced diagnostics.	2	
		Kristina Lu VMD DACT	Subfertility in the mare: Beyond the uterus.		
EQUINE RECOR	DED SESSIONS				
SPEAKER			ТОРІС	CE HRS	
Martin Nielsen DVM PhD DACVM Sponsored by Zoetis			Anthelmintic Resistance – What can we do about it?	1	
Drs. Tanner, Woodie & Christie			Three Case Studies based on Live Stream Topics	3	
Karen Wolfsdor	f DVM DACT		How to "fix" the problem mare!	1	
Amy L. Grice VMD MBA			 The Path to Profitability Rational Price Setting 	2	
Kevin Packer & Rebecca Haugland - GVL			GVL: Powering Compliance and Communication for Animal Health	1	



Amy L. Grice VMD MBA



Kristina Lu VMD DACT



Brad Tanner DVM DAVDC-EQ



Karen Wolfsdorf DVM DACT

PRACTICE MANAGEMENT					
DATE	TIME	SPEAKER	ТОРІС	CE HRS	
PRACTICE MA	NAGEMENT LIVE S	TREAMS			
Fri. Sept. 18 Sponsored by CareCredit	1:00 pm - 5:30 pm	Brenda Tassava CVPM CVJ VLCE	 Work Life Balance Doesn't Exist: Achieving Happiness Through Work Life Integration Well-Managed Practice Benchmarks: Value-Based Fees for Veterinary Hospitals Well-Managed Practice Benchmarks: Driving Revenue With the 4 Pillars of a Well-Managed Practice Well-Managed Practice Benchmarks: Expenses and Minding What You Spend 	4	
PRACTICE MA	NAGEMENT RECO	RDED SESSIONS			
SPEAKER			TOPIC	CE HRS	
Brenda Tassava CVPM CVJ VLCE Sponsored by CareCredit			 Best Practices to Encourage Veterinary Support Staff Workplace Satisfaction Taking It Up a Notch: Techniques for Reaching Exceptional Employee Satisfaction in Veterinary Hospitals 	2	
Jan Woods Sponsored by Epicur Pharma™			50 Ways to Lose Your Practice		
Pamela D. Stevenson CVPM Sponsored by Cubex			Embezzlement - It Will Likely Happen To You		
Karen Wernette DVM - AVMA Trust			Potential Risk Areas for Malpractice & Board Complaints		

ONE HEALTH & REGULATORY RECORDED				
SPEAKER	TOPIC	CE HRS		
Jan Woods Sponsored by Epicur Pharma™	Controlled Substances 101: How & Why You Must Comply!	3		



Brenda Tassava CVPM CVJ VLCE



Pamela D. **Stevenson CVPM**



Jan Woods



Karen Wernette DVM

VETERINARY TECHNICIAN VETERINARY TECHNICIAN LIVE STREAMS					
DATE	TIME	SPEAKER	TOPIC	CE HRS	
Sat. Sept. 19	1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Sarah Kolb BAS RVT VTS-CP (Exotics)	 Exotic Companion Animal Husbandry and Nutrition Common Medical Conditions: Small Mammals and Rodents Common Medical Conditions: Bird and Reptiles 		
VETERINARY TEC	CHNICIAN RECORDE	D SESSIONS			
SPEAKER		TOPIC			
Sarah Kolb BAS RVT VTS-CP (Exotics)			 Low Stress Handling and Diagnostic Sample Collection: Small Mammals and Rodents Low Stress Handling and Diagnostic Sample Collection: Birds and Reptiles 	2	
Scott Steele LVT VTS (Dentistry)			 Dental Pain Management: Nerve Blocks Made Easy Dental Stewardship: The Art of Client Communication 	2	
Barbie M. Papajeski MS LVT RLATG VTS (Clin. Path.)			From Patient to Processing: Improving Accuracy in Lab Results	2	



VTS-CP (Exotics)



Scott Steele LVT VTS (Dentistry)



Barbie M. Papajeski MS LVT RLATG VTS (Clin. Path.)

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WELLNESS - RECORDED		
SPEAKER	ТОРІС	CE HRS
Jennifer Quammen DVM & Ryan Smith MSc Sponsored by Veterinarian Coaching	The F.A.S.T. Slowdown in Veterinary Medicine: How Fear, Anxiety, Stress, & Trauma Are Impacting the People	1
Heidi Hulon DVM CCFP Sponsored by Elanco	Resiliency - Thriving Beyond Surviving	1
Addie Reinhard DVM	Strategies to Improve Early Career Well- being: Implications of a Recent Veterinary Graduate Focus Group	1



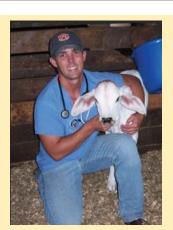
Ryan Smith MSc & Jennifer Quammen DVM



Addie Reinhard DVM



Heidi Hulon DVM CCFP



Chance Armstrong DVM MS DACT

FOOD ANIMAL - RECORDED		
SPEAKER	TOPIC	CE HRS
Chance Armstrong DVM MS DACT	 Bull Breeding Soundness Exam: What's new? Morphologic abnormalities and their significance Lameness in Breeding Bulls 	3
Manuel Chamorro DVM MA PhD ACVIM	 Updates in the standards for Failure in the Transfer of passive immunity in dairy and beef calves Use of colostrum replacer products in dairy and beef calves Increasing transfer of specific passive immunity and early vaccination as strategies to reduce viral respiratory disease in calves 	3
Kevin Packer & Rebecca Haugland - GVL	GVL: Powering Compliance & Communication for Animal Health Why to use digital certificates Overview of the GVL Platform including digital CVIs, EIAs, VFDs and more How to get started with GVL	1

SMALL ANIMA	L			
SMALL ANIMA	L LIVE STREAMS			
DATE	TIME	SPEAKER	TOPIC	
Fri. Sept. 18 Sponsored by Boehringer Ingelheim	1:00 pm - 5:30 pm	Phillip Bergman DVM MS PhD DACVIM	 Vaccine Associated Sarcoma: Myth or Reality? Mast Cell Tumors- The Latest & Greatest 	4
Sat. Sept. 19	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Kendon Kuo DVM MS DACVECC	 Point of Care Ultrasound in the ER Controversies in Fluid Therapy 	2
Sat. Sept. 19	3:30 pm - 5:30 pm	Amy Pike DVM DACVB IAABC-CABC	 Aggression in Dogs and Cats in the Veterinary Clinic Separation Anxiety in Dogs and Cats in a post-COVID World 	2
SMALL ANIMA	L RECORDED SESSIOI	NS		
SPEAKER		ТОРІС	CE HRS	
Chris Reeder DVM DACVD Sponsored by Merck			All that itches is not allergic Dermatology Potpourri	2
Erica Tolar DVM DACVO			Ocular Manifestation of Systemic Disease Ocular Emergencies	2
Sheilah Robertson DVM BVMA PhD DACVAA DECVAA DACAW DACAWBM (WSEL) MRCVS			 Old cat, sore cat? How do we know? Now What? Managing Chronic Pain in Cats 	2
Karen Lanz DVM CVA CVMMP CVTP			Integrative Veterinary Medicine Modalities - acupuncture, herbs and more! Plus ways to introduce them into your practice.	1
Tekla Lee-Fowler DVM MS DACVIM		Feline Airway DiseaseAntimicrobials in Respiratory Disease	2	
Megan Grobman DVM MS DACVIM (SAIM) PhD			How Dysphagia Hurts the LungReflux Disease in Dogs	2



Phillip Bergman DVM MS PhD DACVIM



Amy Pike DVM DACVB IAABC-CABC



Sheilah Robertson DVM PhD DACVAA



Recorded Webinars for CE Available on August 15th.
Live Conference will be held Friday, Sept. 18th & Saturday, Sept. 19 from 1:00 PM - 5:30 PM KVMA Annual Business Meeting Live via Zoom, Saturday, Sept. 19 from 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM

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From the Director's Desk Craig Carter, DVM PhD Dipl. ACVPM UK Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory (UKVDL) Department of Veterinary Science, College of Agriculture, Food & the Environment, Lexington, KY

Each year about this time, I meet with Dean Nancy Cox, Associate Dean Robert Houtz (my boss), Dr. Dave Horohov, my section leaders, faculty, business office and our clients to conduct a complete review of our test offerings, fees, and trends to make decisions regarding any increases in fees for fy2021 that would become effective July 1. This year we have been approved by our Advisory Committee and Dean Nancy Cox to increase fees on 80 individual tests projected to yield about \$170K (8%) in additional fee income for fy2021 (see the proposed fee increase summary below). These increases are designed to cover a state budget cut for fy2021 (\$95.5K), a \$64K increase in tissue/carcass disposal fees, and about \$10K in miscellaneous projected inflation related to supply/equipment/maintenance costs. For fiscal year 2020, we are happy to report that the UKVDL is in reasonably good financial condition, operating within our planned budget as of our April billing. However, with the state budget cut and our tissue disposal costs more than doubling, we must adjust our fees to be sure that we can keep things in the green. As in the past, we have worked very hard to minimize fee increases on our food animal testing. With the approval of the proposed fees by our Advisory Committee, we have made announcements to our 3000+ active hospitals, clinics, state and federal stakeholders and various animal industries. If you need quick access to our new fees for fy2021, please go to our web site home page at www.vdl.uky.edu and click the large orange button at the bottom. If you have any feedback or questions, please call and ask for our Business Office at 859-257-8283.

For sure, the COVID-19 outbreak has made us all adapt and adjust! All 15 of our laboratory sections are on split-team operations since mid-March and we have maintained our ability to stay open to the public 7-days a week to provide diagnostic services for our clients. The split-team model prevents contact between members of the teams. If one team needs to self-quarantine for fourteen days, the other team should be able to continue working. To date we have had no UKVDL employees diagnosed with COVID-19. At times of reduced staffing (illness, etc.), we have had to temporarily curtail testing days for a few tests. Please visit our web site home page www.vdl.uky.edu for the latest information regarding testing schedules during the COVID 19 operations. I am impressed with how our Kentucky practitioners have adapted their practices to sustain essential services and at the same time maintain social distancing for their staff and clients. You may not be aware, many of the veterinary diagnostic laboratories in our national network have risen to the occasion to offer SARS- CoV-2 PCR testing for animals and eight labs that are even doing surge PCR testing on human samples. This was made possible through special certification by the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA), which regulates all laboratory diagnostic testing for humans in the U.S.

In 2019, we renewed our 5-year cooperative teaching agreement with the Lincoln Memorial University College of Veterinary Medicine. Due to the unexpected loss of two faculty members, Dr. Carney Jackson (UKVDL pathologist retired) came back to our lab and taught pathology for the last four blocks of LMU students. On March 19, Dr. Jackson converted all teaching to on-line due to COVID-19. Many thanks to Dr. Jackson for sacrificing four months of his retirement to help these students graduate on Sat May 16 and to sustain our cooperative teaching program with LMU!

Students in the Class of 2021 began their training at UKVDL on Tuesday, May 19, with all pathology classes taught by in-house UKVDL pathologists. Dr. Rebecca Ruby is leading that group which includes Drs. Jennifer Janes, Uneeda Bryant, and Alan Loynachan. As of this writing, the first two blocks of students have completed our new two-week program of instruction. I want to congratulate our pathologists and our ancillary instructors on all their hard work to make this important transition. Finally, LMU is interested in funding one pathology resident that will be a great asset to the LMU teaching program and the UKVDL service mission. The residency program will start in May 2021. The LMU program brings in significant funding to our program annually. These funds help fund our laboratory operations, fund





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research projects on new diagnostic methods development for our clients, and provide emergency funding for major animal disease outbreaks.

We are proud to announce our celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the UK Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory in 2020-2021. As part of the celebration, we are building a beautiful brick and etched metal entryway sign that will reside on top of a berm on the left as our clients are approaching our laboratory. The new sign will be unveiled at a special ceremony sometime in the near future. The UKVDL Executive and Research Committees have been investigating how our laboratory can expand and improve on our services to our clients in the field of genomics, high throughput sequencing, new pathogen identification, digital pathology, tele-medicine and beyond. Part of this effort will include the recruitment of post-doctoral students and the acquisition of cutting-edge instrumentation. To achieve these goals, we are exploring various philanthropic gifting opportunities such as naming our laboratory and auditorium for donors along with other exciting possibilities. These endowments will help us 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, food safety & security, and to sustain the human-animal bond between animal owners and companion animals in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. If you are interested in

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learning more about these opportunities, please call me to discuss (859-321-4890). If you know anyone who might be interested, please ask him or her to contact me. I look forward to hearing your ideas and helping to answer any questions you may have. Together we can build a brighter One Health future for Kentucky and beyond!

We thank all of our valued clients for using our laboratory. Please send us your ideas on how we can improve our services to for you and the animal owners and producers here in Kentucky. In the meantime, we hope that you, your staff and your families stay healthy and safe! •

MASS MORTALITY IN A FLOCK OF FARMED PHEASANTS

Nathan D. Helgert, VMD, DACVP Assistant Professor, Veterinary Pathology Murray State University Breathitt Veterinary Center

History

A farmed flock of approximately 1000 ring-necked pheasants had experienced approximately 30-40% mortality over the past week. On physical examination, a few live birds had slightly swollen infraorbital sinuses. The birds would become sedentary with closed eyes and died within a couple hours. Two dead adult male pheasants were submitted for necropsy.

Gross Examination

The birds were in good body condition with good plumage. The infraorbital sinuses of one bird were slightly swollen and fluctuant. On cut section, this bird's sinuses contained small amounts of cloudy viscous yellow-tan fluid. The second bird's sinuses were unremarkable. In both birds, the spleen was mildly enlarged and mottled red and tan-white (figure 1). Samples of spleen, lung, testis, liver, kidney, heart, proventriculus, duodenum, pancreas, jejunum, ileum, cecum, trachea, skeletal muscle, sciatic nerve, and nasal turbinates were collected, fixed in 10% buffered neutral formalin, routinely processed, and stained with hematoxylin and eosin for histologic examination.

Gross Diagnoses

2/2 Marked multifocal necrotizing splenitis 1/2 Mild heterophilic and catarrhal sinusitis

Histologic Examination

Lesions were consistent between both samples for most internal organs. The periarteriolar splenic pa-

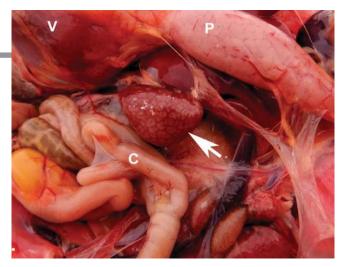


Figure 1. Coelomic cavity of an adult male pheasant. The spleen (arrow) is mildly enlarged and mottled red and white. (P) proventriculus, (V) ventriculus, and (C) cecum.

renchyma was lost and replaced by homogenous to fibrillar eosinophilic material that stained light pink with apple green birefringence (amyloid) when stained with Congo red. This material was admixed with necrotic cellular debris and fibrin (figure 2). Within the liver, there were randomly-distributed foci of hepatocellular necrosis. In all tissues of both samples, circulating and fixed macrophages were distended by myriad variably shaped bacteria and in some areas, blood vessels were occluded by fibrin thrombi admixed with bacilli. In one sample, the respiratory epithelium of the nasal turbinates was ulcerated or eroded and the submucosa was infiltrated by moderate numbers of heterophils. The small vessels in the cheek patches of one bird were frequently occluded by fibrin thrombi.

Histologic Diagnoses

Generalized bacteremia with thrombosis Marked multifocal splenic necrosis and amylodosis Moderate multifocal hepatocellular necrosis Marked necroulcerative and heterophilic sinusitis and rhinitis

Ancillary Testing

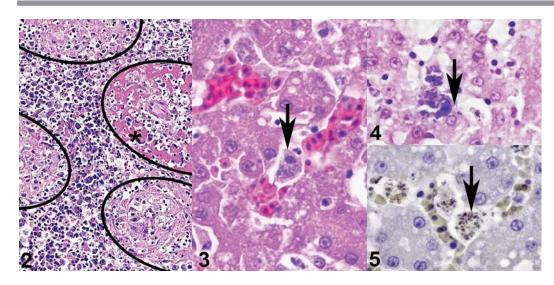
Swabs collected from the sinuses were submitted for aerobic culture, which identified *Erysipelothrix rhusi-opathiae*. Immunohistochemistry for *E. rhusiopathiae*, performed on samples of liver and kidney at Iowa State University Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, Ames, IA demonstrated abundant positively-staining bacteria within macrophages and vessels (figure 3). Avian influenza PCR was negative.

Final Diagnosis

Erysipelothrix rhusiopathiae sinusitis with bacteremia and splenic necrosis and amyloidosis

Comment

The lesions in the spleen and liver are nonspecific



findings commonly associated with bacteremia and septicemia. Amyloidosis is a common finding with chronic severe systemic inflammation. The vascular lesions are somewhat suggestive of erysipelas; however, erysipelas is not typically associated with respiratory disease.

Flock Outcome

Following initial culture results, the remaining birds were treated with penicillin and mortality dropped quickly following initiation of treatment.

Figure 2. Spleen. Periarteriolar lymphoid sheaths (circled areas) are markedly hypocellular and replaced by necrotic cellular debris, amyloid (asterisk), and fibrin. Within the red pulp, are increased numbers of macrophages, which frequently contain intracytoplasmic cellular debris and bacilli. Hematoxylin and eosin. Original magnification 200x. Figure 3. Liver. Macrophages within the sinusoids (arrow) are filled with bacilli Hematoxylin and eosin. Original magnification 400x. Figure 4. Liver. Bacilli within the cytoplasm of sinusoidal macrophages stain purple with McDonald's Gram stain. Original magnification 600x.

Figure 5. Liver. Bacilli within sinusoidal macrophages stain positively (dark brown) for Erysipelothrix rhusiopathiae with immunohistochemistry. Hematoxylin counterstain. Original magnification 600x.

Discussion

Erysipelothrix rhusiopathiae is a non-sporulating, non-acid-fast, Gram-positive, facultative anaerobic bacillus that is ubiquitous in the environment and can cause disease in many species, including mammals, fish, and birds.²² In animals, the disease caused by *E. rhusiopathiae* is referred to as erysipelas. The most recognizable manifestation of this disease, even to exclusively small animal practitioners, is diamond skin disease in pigs. In this condition, cutaneous vasculitis and thrombosis results in the formation of the characteristic rhomboid plaques that eventually become eschars and slough. These cutaneous lesions are not unique to E. rhusiopathiae, but rather can be the result of other causes of septicemia. 14 The disease has also been reported in other mammalian species, including lambs with fibrinosuppurative arthritis and glomerulonephritis with amyloidosis,⁵ Southern right whales (Eubalaena australis) with gull-inflicted wounds, and has been implicated in a syndrome of wasting and chronic arthritis in Pribilof Island arctic foxes.²¹ In dogs, the bacterium has been reported to cause discospondylitis⁷, septicemia, and cutaneous lesions. 13 In fish, E. rhusiopathiae is commonly a nonpathogenic commensal living in the external slime layer;²² however, has been reported to cause septicemia with disseminated hemorrhages in aquacultured Australian eels.3

Erysipelothrix rhusiopathiae causes economically significant disease in turkeys, but has been reported in a wide variety of avian hosts. In turkeys, clinical disease is characterized by lethargic birds and sudden death.² Additionally, in toms, fertility is frequently reduced.² Gross lesions in turkeys typically include purple swollen snoods, generalized systemic congestion, widespread petechial hemorrhage, and widespread accumulation of fibrinosuppurative exudate. Gross lesions are recapitulated histologically and are characterized by areas of hemorrhage, thrombosis, and necrosis; these lesions are especially pronounced in the liver, spleen, and kidney.² Outbreaks of erysipelas in pheasants have occasionally been reported in the literature and are typically associated with other infectious agents, such as enteric nematodes9 or protozoa, including coccidiosis and Histomonas meleagridis, 15 which indicates that in pheasants, immunosuppression is likely important for the development of erysipelas. In these flocks, postmortem lesions are consistent with septicemia including splenomegaly, multifocal hepatic necrosis, and intraphagocytic bacteria. 9,15 Similar lesions have also been reported in chickens, 4,16,19,20 farmed quail, 17 farmed geese, 1 captive Humboldt penguins,²³ and farmed emus⁸. In chickens, disseminated intravascular coagulation (DIC)

is a common finding.^{19,20} This is consistent with widespread vascular thrombosis in the present case although definitive diagnosis of DIC requires evaluation of clotting function, which was not performed in this case. Because of the ubiquitous nature of the bacteria and its propensity to grow in decaying organic matter, the foundation of prevention of disease in poultry primarily hinges upon sanitation;² however, a commercial modified live orally administered vaccine is available.²⁴ In one study conducted following an outbreak of erysipelas in laying hens, *E. rhusiopathiae* was isolated from mature, dust, and drinker nipples.⁴ The mainstay of treatment for flocks with outbreaks of erysipelas is penicillin, ideally injectable fast-acting formulations; however, handling of entire flocks is often not practical and may result in the death of sick birds, so this option must be weighed carefully.² Administration of penicillin through the drinking water is often the preferred method of treatment.² Following outbreaks, some birds will remain subclinical carriers and treatment with penicillin does not clear infection from these birds.²

Discussion of *E. rhusiopathiae* without mention of the zoonotic potential of this bacterium would be negligent. Confusingly, in humans, the disease known as erysipelas is a localized dermatitis and cellulitis caused by Streptococcus spp.²² The localized severely painful dermatitis caused by *E. rhusiopathiae* is referred to as erysipeloid; however, due to its close association with certain occupations, has historically been referred to as whale finger, fish handler's disease, or pork finger amongst others.²² Indeed, outbreaks in some poultry flocks have been followed by outbreaks of erysipeloid in animal caretakers¹⁶ and abattoir workers¹⁷. The two other syndromes frequently identified in humans are generalized cutaneous disease and septicemia.²² *Erysipelothrix rhusiopathiae* septicemia is typically associated with immunosuppression,^{10,11} and is commonly associated with valvular endocarditis.^{10,18} Of particular concern to veterinarians, cat bites have previously been associated with *E. rhusiopathiae* septicemia.¹²

Diagnostic Considerations

In cases of mass mortality in avian species, given the potential public health and epidemiological ramifications, the differential diagnoses of Newcastle disease (avian paramyxovirus) and avian influenza must be excluded. In gallinaceous birds such as chickens and pheasants, the preferred sample is choanal swabs in brain-heart infusion. In Anceriformes such as ducks and geese, the preferred sample is a cloacal swab in brain-heart infusion. The tests for Newcastle disease and avian influenza must be performed at an NVSL-approved laboratory such as the Breathitt Veterinary Center.

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Transportation of poultry species is tightly regulated and movement of poultry across state lines often requires a certificate of veterinary inspection or other documentation of inspection. Prior to submitting poultry to your diagnostic laboratory, you should contact the laboratory or appropriate state officials to ensure that you comply with these regulations. Additionally, because of the frequently highly contagious nature of many avian diseases, sick birds should be transported in enclosed vehicles. •

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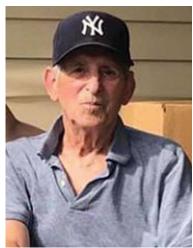
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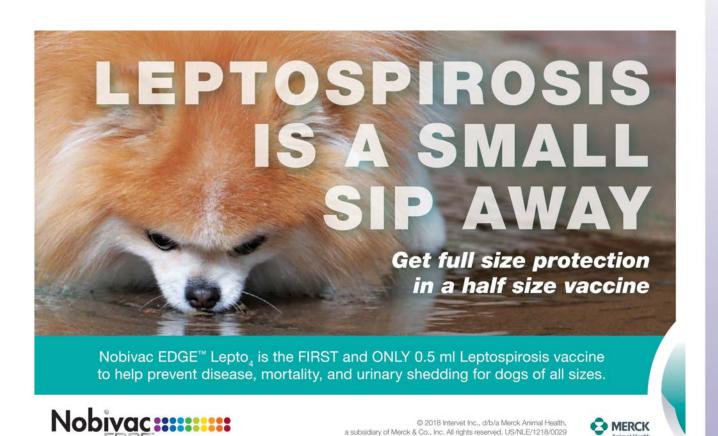
Dr. Freddie Harold Lawson

Freddie Harold Lawson, DVM of Pikeville, Kentucky, passed away, Tuesday, June 23, 2020 at his home at the age of 77. Dr. Lawson was born at Drift, Kentucky on March 14, 1943 the son of the late Dewey and Dixie (Cornett) Lawson.

Dr. Lawson is fondly remembered by his clients as a wonderful person and veterinarian with a sense of humor and great compassion. He was described as a man who could have done anything. He loved animals and chose to go to Alice Lloyd and then the University of Kentucky and later to Auburn University Veterinary School where he graduated top of his class. A cousin writes, "He was the best vet - always giving the best advice and there was nothing he couldn't diagnose." Dr. Lawson was a long-time member of the Kentucky Veterinary Medical Association.



Dr. Lawson is remembered by many as a family man, loving husband, father and grand father. He is survived by his wife, Patricia Ann Tuttle Lawson, two sons, Christopher Harold Lawson (Missy) of Pikeville, Ky., Mickey Karl Lawson (Shannon) of Pikeville, Ky., and one daughter, Kathy Ann Maust (Eric) of Lexington, KY. One brother, Dewey Delano Lawson of Hebron, Ky., and three sisters, Anna Rae Ward of McDowell, Ky., Patricia Cieslak of McDowell, Ky. and Glenda Lawson-Treadway of Charlotte, NC. He is also survived by nine grandchildren. ◆



Dr. Scott Bennett

On Thursday, June 4th, 2020, Scott D. Bennett, DVM, loving husband, father, and son passed away at the age of 66.

Scott put his heart and soul into everything he did, demonstrating the skills of a natural-born leader very early in life. Originally, from Dayton, Ohio, his family later relocated to Lebanon, Tenn., where he attended high

school at Castle Heights Military Academy. As a cadet, he thrived in the military school environment. He shone as a student and athlete, graduating among the top of his class, excelling in football, basketball, and track. By the time he graduated, Scott had already acquired many college credits, and he was awarded the McFadden Scholarship. With that, he went on to begin his pre-vet studies at the University of Tennessee.

At the age of 19, Scott was granted early admission to Ohio State Universitys School of Veterinary Medicine. While in vet school, he performed one of the first successful full hip replacement surgeries on a canine. Once recovered, the stray dog Bojo, lived a long happy life with Scott's family in Tennessee.

In 1977, at the age of 23, Scott earned his DVM, thus becoming one of the youngest veterinarians in the United States at the time. He remains among the youngest graduates in the history of the school's notoriously challenging academic program.

In 1982, Scott, now Dr. Scott Bennett, opened Equine Services, a 24-Hour ambulatory and equine surgical facility in Simpsonville, Ky. Equine Services serves local, national, and international clients from nearly every segment of the equine industry. Over the last 40 years of practice, Scott's groundbreaking work in regenerative therapies such as treating lameness first with IRAP and then with stem cells, combined with his dedication and passion for his profession, fundamentally redefined the possibilities in equine veterinary medicine. When most veterinarians would be content with one specialty, Scott was a pioneer in equine embryo transfers. Scott maintained a long-standing relationship with the Louisville Zoo where, in 1984, Scott successfully executed an inter-species embryo transfer, implanting a zebra embryo into a domestic horse.

Dr. Scott was recognized and honored as the recipient of several awards during his professional career. In 2009, he received the Sallie B. Wheeler UPHA Distinguished Service Award, which is presented to individuals who have dedicated themselves to the betterment of the show horse industry. Earlier in 2020, Scott received the General John B. Castleman Award for his lifelong work improving the lives, health, and performance of show horses, as well as his own passion for the breed and its development.

Scott was nominated by peer and fellow colleague Dr. Hugh Behling to The Foundation for the Horse "My Mentor Honor Wall" to acknowledge Scott's contributions in the career development of the many students, interns, and young veterinarians he worked with during his career.

Scott founded Alliance Stud, a multifaceted breeding and training facility in Simpsonville, Ky., where he raised many World's Champion American Saddlebred horses.

In his personal time, Scott found serenity exploring the Caribbean on a catamaran with his wife Linda. He experienced true peace of mind whenever he had the opportunity to unwind and unplug at his house in St. Lucia, always at his happiest when his son, Brennan, could join. Scott is proceeded in death by his father. He is survived by his wife, son, and mother, and two very special English Bulldogs.

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Dr. Kenneth J. Sims

Kenneth J. Sims, DVM, was born April 25, 1939 in Pauls Valley, Oklahoma to Kenneth Sims and his wife Opal Pelfrey Sims. Sims passed away at the age of 81 on May, 22, 2020 in Louisville, Ky.

He attended high school in Wakita, Okla., where he met his future wife and high school sweetheart Carolyn Sue Swanson. They were married on June 9, 1962, and they enjoyed 58 memorable years together, raising a son and two daughters.

In May of 1964, Dr. Sims graduated with a Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) degree from Oklahoma State University. Following veterinary school and service as a Captain in the U.S. Army, Kenneth started in the private practice of veterinary medicine in Fern Creek, Kentucky. For just over 54 years Kenneth practiced in his own clinic caring for a variety of domestic animals.



Sims was active in both the American Veterinary Medical Association and the Kentucky Veterinary Medical Association, serving on the Kentucky Board of Veterinary Examiners for many years.

In addition to his Louisville veterinary practice, and ever the entrepreneur, Sims also practiced veterinary medicine at his clinic in the Cayman Islands, Turks and Caicos Islands. He was a founding member of the Louisville Animal Emergency Center.

Sims was a wheat farmer in Grant County, Okla., and a tobacco farmer in the Jefferson, Spencer and Bullitt counties of Kentucky.

He was a charter member of the Rotary club of Fern Creek Kentucky and was a Paul Harris Fellow. Both he and Carolyn were active Rotarians for over 30 years, both with perfect attendance.

Sims leaves his wife, Carolyn S. Sims; son, Stanley J. Sims; daughter, Stephanie J. Sims; daughter, Susan J. Sims; sister, Sue McLoud (Dale); sister, Janice (Fred); sister-in-law, Marsha Sims (Jerry); sister-in-law, Kathy Sims (Billy); as well as many nieces and nephews and a large extended family. Dr. Sims was preceded in death by his parents; and brothers, Jimmie Sims, Billy Sims, and Jerry Sims.

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KVMA EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES

KVMA Executive Board Meeting Minutes ~ March 25, 2020

Conference Call attendees: Drs. Barr, Quammen, Rodgers, Shoulders, Rienhart, Redmon, Mirus, Beckmann, King, Weber, Stratmeyer, Smith, Dean-Hines, Cassone, Geisbrecht, Wills, and Ms. Lewis, Hamelback and Ms. Shane (KBVME) and Ms. Taylor, (KVMA Lobbyist).

- 1. Vote to accept Minutes from 2/12/2020, Motion by Dr. Redmon, 2nd by Dr. Shoulders. Approved.
- 2. Ms. Hamelback provided update on KVMA Member dues payments. Oxygen Mask program.124 masks have been shipped to date.
- 3. Dr. Dean-Hines and Ms. Hamelback discussed 2019 Auditors Report. Proposed Budget 2020 discussed. Motion made to accept "Proposed Budget 2020 due to COVID-19" by Dr. Rodgers and 2nd by Dr. Redmon. **Approved.**
- 4. New members. Motion made by Dr. Rodgers to accept. 2nd by Dr. Redmon. Approved.
- 5. Current COVID-19 pandemic and state recommendations discussed at length concerning use and conservation of PPE, individual practice guidelines and recommendations, staffing exposure, essential vs. non-essential veterinary visits and Rabies clinics and telehealth.
- 6. MAVC discussion included current deadlines for changes and fees associated with 2020 MAVC and possible cancellation vs. live vs. virtual. Pros and cons discussed at length about attendance, financial loss, member sentiment, and Continuing Education requirements and how to offer those to KVMA members. Proposed locations discussed for contracts previously pending for 2021,2022, and 2023. Motion made by Dr. Beckmann to make MAVC 2020 a strictly virtual conference with reasonable penalties and formally discuss/commit to MAVC 2022 at Belterra. 2nd by Dr. Quammen. **Approved.**
- 7. Ms. Hamelback will put a survey out to members to gather opinions on MAVC 2020 before a decision is made.
- 8. Dr. Weber presented AVMA updates. In the House of Delegates, a proposal was made to decrease AVMA member dues for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd year members. At 25%, 50% and 75% respectively.
- 9. PR Committee/Power of Ten program discussion for virtual attendance/completion for participants per Drs. Barr and Quammen.
- 10. Next meeting June 11, 5pm, conference call. Motion to adjourn meeting made by Dr. Shoulders, 2nd by Dr. Rodgers. ◆

KVMA Executive Board Meeting Minutes ~ June 11, 2020

Conference call attended by Drs. Barr, Shoulders, Rodgers, Beckmann, Redmon, Mirus, King, Smith, Reinhart, Quammen, Dean-Hines, Stratmeyer and Ms. Lewis and Hamelback.

- 1. Discussion of laser printer options, pricing and service packages. Motion made to buy KVMA office a new laser printer made by Dr. Quammen. 2nd by Dr. Reinhart. **Approved.**
- 2. Ms. Hamelback presented MAVC 2020 survey data. 177 KVMA member responses total.
- 3. Plans moving forward with MAVC 2020 as a virtual only conference and speaker layout discussed at length including scheduling, presenters, dates, and pricing options. 60 + hours of CE total will be offered with CE Live and some recorded. Current plan is that no awards will be presented this year unless Nominating Committee has awards in place. Proceedings and mailer details are TBD. ◆

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Immediate opening for a **full-time technician** / **assistant i**n a busy 3-doctor small animal practice in downtown Lexington, KY. Experience is preferred but willing to train the right applicant. Practice offers general medicine and surgery, full-service physical rehabilitation, hyperbaric oxygen therapy and some advanced orthopedic procedures. Benefits include health and dental insurance, simple IRA, disability insurance and paid vacation time. Hourly rate dependent on qualifications and experience. **Email resume to vetky@yahoo.com** (SP20)

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medicine are ideal. Flexible schedule considerations, excellent support staff and salary/benefits negotiable. Email letter of intent, resume, questions of intrigue to **cbennett@heartseasevet.com** (W20)

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- **Dr. Tracy Boehm,** Relief and part-time, Northern KY and Greater Cincinnati, Small Animal. 859-803-4987 or sdrgc@yahoo.com
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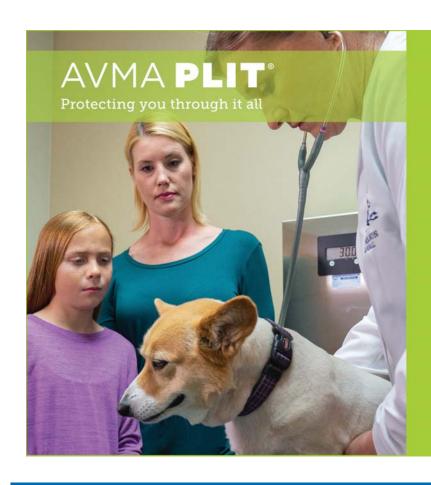


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