118th MVMA Annual Meeting & Convention is almost here!

The 118th MVMA Annual Meeting will return to the Minneapolis Hilton Hotel on February 5-7. The convention promises to be the place for veterinarians, veterinary technicians (MAVT), and others to gather and share as part of the outstanding educational programs and courses offered in the areas of small animal, small ruminant, swine, bovine, equine, as well as industrial and practice management. The convention will be offering again an “early bird” CE program on Wednesday, February 4th with a full day of disaster response training. You won’t want to miss this convention to escape the winter and cold by parking and staying at the Hilton in downtown Minneapolis. The Hilton has once again agreed to waive its parking fees if you are a staying guest at the hotel. Attendees will find the Hilton convenient to get to and from either the city or outstate, plus once you park in the hotels underground or nearby parking ramps, you don’t have to leave until the meeting ends on Saturday, February 7th. In addition, nearly 100 exhibitors are expected when the convention opens on February 5th. Special Friday evening exhibitor entertainment is planned in the ballroom with the After Hours Big Band and Swing Band instructors on hand to help with those wanting to get into the swing of things on the dance floor. Plus you will have the opportunity to bid on the many silent auction items that will be displayed during the meeting with the auction ending that same evening.

On Thursday of the convention, the exhibit hall will open at noon followed by the “Just in Time” lunch speaker, Dr. Julie Wilson, moderating a panel on the topic of animal cruelty investigations and the role of veterinarians. Practice management sessions also kick off on Thursday with Dr. Raymond Ramirez, and Karyn Gavzer, MBA, CVPM, on Friday and Saturday sharing her Partnership for Healthy Pets training on how to get pets back into your office. Please bring your electronic devices (laptops, tablets and smart phones) to the meeting as we will have an internet café available for checking your mailbox. Our Friday breakfast session will feature Dr. Arno Wunschmann speaking on veterinary forensics. On Saturday, the breakfast session will be about canine lyme borreliosis (Lyme Disease) with speaker, Dr. Andrew Eschner. Also on Saturday, the Animal Hall of Fame Awards luncheon will feature keynote speaker, Dr. Bo Brock, a Texas veterinarian, comic and author. He will reflect on his veterinary experiences with humor and light-heartedness. This presentation will be preceded by the Animal Hall of Fame Awards where you will be introduced to the Minneapolis Airport Canine Unit as well as the other Hall of Fame Award winners.

Please go to www.mvma.org or call the MVMA office (651-645-7533) for more information and to register online. Also, note the registration and hotel rates have not changed from last year. Hope to see you there.
Presidents Message

If over the past years you have been an avid reader of the Presidential column, you would know that this is my last column. You’d also know that each President in their last column has commented that their year as President has gone by very quickly and this is also true for me. It’s been a great experience and I would like to thank Dan and the MVMA staff for all they do, and Dr. Bailie for helping me out by going to events I couldn’t make it to, and to Dr. Sonstegard and Dr. Lukken for covering calls for me when I was gone for MVMA activities. Also, a thank you to all MVMA members who pay their dues, join committees or task forces, go to the Day at the Capitol, attend the convention and support all the other activities of the MVMA and the MVMF. Be sure to volunteer for the Surgery Suite and Miracle of Birth Center at the 2015 state fair, the Miracle of Birth really needs your help to keep it staffed through the fair. Finally, thanks to Dr. Hagerty, our lobbyist and the GAC for helping pass the breeder bill. This law will soon be implemented and many of you will be working with animal breeders to help them give the public healthy and socialized pets.

Don’t forget to sign up for the MVMA Convention February 5-7, 2015 at the Minneapolis Hilton. The registration price is the same as the last 6 years, free parking for hotel guests, and 3 days of CE with up to 28 credits available. Friday night will feature swing dancing with After Hours Big Band and swing dance lessons will be available. The keynote speaker Saturday at the awards luncheon will be Dr. Bo Brock, Texas equine veterinarian, professor, author and humorist. He will also be part of the Friday equine CE program. Don’t forget to support the MVMF silent auction at the convention by donating to the auction or bidding on auction items. Contact the MVMA staff to let them know the treasures you are donating to the auction as well. Then come to the Friday business meeting to see the MVMF reach its milestone of giving away $1,000,000 in scholarships and grants since 1994.

The responsibility of the MVMA board is to look into the future beyond its time in service and to try to set a plan for the organization, looking at challenges and opportunities to keep the association moving forward. One of my main goals this year was to have the MVMA improve its technology to allow geographically challenged individuals like myself or people that don’t have the time to drive through rush hour traffic to attend committee meetings, board meetings, task force meetings, CE meetings and Lunch ‘n Learns on-line. The MVMA has purchased the WebEx video-conferencing program and will upgrade the conference room with microphones and cameras to make video-conferencing possible. Hopefully, this will eliminate distance and traffic as barriers to participation in the association. Meetings will still be available live at the MVMA office but would also be video-conferenced when possible. There will be a learning curve to this technology and different rules will need to be followed to integrate the live and video meetings.

I would like to thank you for giving me the opportunity to be President of the MVMA and I wish the future leaders of the association the best of luck. Happy trails.
# Calendar of Events

**FREE Lunch 'N Learn Programs**, at the MVMA office (Webinar by video conference), Noon – 1:00 PM. Programs for MVMA members ONLY. Please RSVP at info@mvma.org or call (651) 645-7533. Beverages provided, please bring your lunch. Includes 1 CE credit.

**Jan 13** - Facebook Marketing Campaigns: How to Drive People to Your Facebook Page given. *(Webinar Only)*

**Feb 17** - Dr. Julie Wilson: Board of Veterinary Medicine Update with MN Board of Pharmacy topics

**Mar 10** - Purchasing/Selling Veterinary Practices – attorney Mark Tibelius with Sjoberg and Tebelius Law Firm

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**January 8-11, 2015**

**2015 AVMA Veterinary Leadership Conference & House of Delegates Winter Session.** The VLC offers a robust three days of networking and workshop opportunities designed with you in mind. Tracks for current and emerging leaders, and state and allied representatives, are offered. This conference is open to any veterinary professional interested in learning more about leadership, team building and how the AVMA works with you and for you. Register at: https://www.avma.org/events/leadershipconference/pages/default.aspx.

**January 15-17, 2015**

**Western Canadian Association of Bovine Practitioners - 2014 Annual Conference.** Saskatoon, SK  
Contact: Phyllis Mierau, 1-866-269-8387 e-mail: info@wcabp.com; website: www.wcabp.com.

**January 21 & 22, 2015**

**Minnesota Pork Congress.** Swine specific tradeshow, CE and events. Location: Minneapolis Convention Center, for more information go to www.mnpork.com.

**February 4, 2015**

**MNVMRC Training.** Signup on the MVMA Annual Meeting registration form. Topics Include: Foreign Animal Disease Planning Update-Focus on Foot and Mouth Disease; Secure Food Supply Planning; Basic Animal Rescue Training (BART); USDA Animal Care, Ebola in Animals. Program open to veterinarians and technicians interested in learning more about disaster response preparedness, training and in participating in reserve corps activities.

**February 5-7, 2015**

**118th MVMA Annual Meeting.** Hilton Hotel Minneapolis. Keynote speaker Dr. Bo Brock from Brock Veterinary Clinic, Texas. Small animal programs also include Dr. Gary Norsworthy from Alamo Feline Health Center, and Karyn Gavzer from KG Marketing & Training Inc. Friday night Swing dance event. Save the dates now and check the www.mvma.org website for more convention information and to register. Convention registration also included in this newsletter.

**February 11 & 12, 2015**

**Iowa VMA 2014 Winter Conference.** For more information contact: ivma@iowavma.org or Phone: 800/369-9564 or visit http://www.iowavma.org.

**February 15-19, 2015**

**87th Annual Western Veterinary Conference.** For more information contact: Shane Wheatley: s.wheatley@wvc.org or Phone: 702.675.7820. Visit www.wvc.org for more information.

**February 28, 2015**

**Camelid Health Conference.** With Dr. Claire Whitehead, “Cria Care and Biosecurity - A Strategy for Camelid Farms - Challenges and Best Practices.” 8:00am-5:45pm at the University of Minnesota, St. Paul Campus at the Pomeroy Student-Alumni Learning Center. More information at: http://www.cvm.umn.edu/vetmedce/events/Camelid/home.html.

**March 18, 2015**


**April 30, 2015**

**MVMA Spring Seminar – Dermatology with Dr. James Noxon.** Continuing Education and Conference Center, Room 135AC, 1890 Buford Avenue, St. Paul, MN. Contact the MVMA for more information at 651-645-7533 or info@mvma.org.

**August 27 – September 7, 2015**

**Minnesota State Fair.** Include in your New Year Resolutions to volunteer at the Minnesota State Fair. Sign up to volunteer at the Miracle of Birth Center or Surgery Suite! Please contact info@mvma.org or Call 651-645-7533 for more information and to reserve your spot.
The 2015 session of the Minnesota State Legislature will begin on January 6, 2015. This is a budget session which means that by the end of session the biennial budget for FY 2016 and FY 2017 will be finalized. This impacts the MVMA in its requests and support of the CVM, the VDL, the Veterinary Loan Forgiveness program, The Board of Animal Health, The Board of Veterinary Medicine, and the Minnesota Departments of Agriculture and Health.

The makeup of the Minnesota legislature has changed following the recent November 4th general election. There will be 26 new members in house, 21 of which are Republican. 10 legislative districts switched from Democrat to Republican control. This gave the Republican caucus the house majority, putting them in the leadership position. New committees and committee chairs have been named. There were no changes in the senate since it was not up for election in 2014.

The MVMA’s Government Affairs Committee (GAC) met on November 20, 2014 to discuss and then develop the MVMA’s legislative agenda for the 2015 Minnesota Legislative session. The committee reviewed the Dog and Cat breeder licensing law that was passed in the 2014 session. Before it becomes mandatory on July 1, 2015 the Board of Animal Health, which was given the responsibility for its administration, is convening two advisory committees to address this issue. The first met several times in September to develop the “veterinary health certificate” which must be provided with every animal that is sold by a “commercial” breeder. This is different than a “certificate of veterinary inspection” which is required for all interstate movement of animals. The second advisory committee is meeting in December and January to develop the “veterinary protocol” which is required in the law for all commercial breeder operations. Both committees must complete their work before July 1, 2015.

In previous meetings of the Government Affairs Committee and the MVMA Board of Directors, positions had been approved to proceed with legislation seeking the licensure of Veterinary Technicians. In an attempt to determine how much support there is for this initiative, a survey had been sent to all MVMA members and to all veterinary technicians that the MVMA office has contact information for with 312 surveys received from veterinarians, 685 from certified veterinary technicians, 4 from non-certified and 14 from other. A wide range of responses was received as well as many pages of comments. While there appeared to have been general support for licensure there were enough questions and concerns raised that it seemed there needed to be more thought put into the proposal and more work done on responding to the concerns and questions. In addition it seemed to be apparent that both veterinarians and technicians wanted more information on the issue before they would be comfortable going forward with this proposal. After a very lengthy discussion the Government Affairs Committee decided to send this proposal back to the MVMA’s board of directors for their review. Consequently, the board recommended having a task force made up of veterinarians and veterinary technicians study this issue further with particular focus on responding to the questions and concerns that had been expressed by the respondents.

The GAC reviewed the 2014 legislative agenda in preparation for developing the 2015 agenda. While it has 13 principal points there are now five that are considered priorities. The committee recommended for 2015 that the MVMA support the College of Veterinary Medicine and the Veterinary Diagnostic Lab and their funding requests, funding for the veterinary student loan forgiveness program, budget requests of the Board of Animal Health, and the Board of Veterinary Medicine with the independent status of each. The committee lifted to priority status the position statement of the MVMA on pharmaceutical compounding and to continue to monitor pharmaceutical costs to veterinarians and to work with the Minnesota Board of Pharmacy in addressing pharmacy access issues and other concerns that may arise.

Following further discussion the GAC approved the legislative agenda and sent it forward as a recommendation to the MVMA Board of Directors for their action. The MVMA Board then approved the legislative agenda in December.
There are major renovations taking place at the Minnesota capitol building. This may impact the MVMA’s “Day at the Capitol”. We are planning to hold this important activity on March 4th but the logistics may be a challenge.

We encourage you to schedule “clinic visits” with your representatives. This continues to be a very effective way to communicate with them. It is one more way for the MVMA to contribute to their campaign fund by giving you, the constituent, the VET-PAC check to present to them.

By the next Capitol Report we will have a much better idea of legislative proposals that are being introduced.

March 4th - Annual MVMA Day at the Capitol

Elected officials rely on the voices of their constituents to keep them in touch with the issues that are important in their communities. On March 4th, we have the unique opportunity to take our stories to the state capitol for the annual MVMA day at the Capitol.

On behalf of the Minnesota Veterinary Medical Association as well as the thousands of animals and pets you serve annually, we sincerely appreciate your time and efforts on MVMA advocacy initiatives and look forward to being your partner going forward. Your advocacy makes a significant difference at the legislature.

March 4, 2015 (tentative schedule)

12:00 pm
Lunch, Discussion, Grassroots Advocacy Training
Best Western Kelly Inn, Sibley Room (near the Capitol)
161 St. Anthony Avenue, St. Paul

1:00 – 4:00 pm
Meetings with elected officials
Minnesota State Office Building
100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., St. Paul

Make your voice heard and represent the interests of your clinic, staff, customers, and animals and pets. Please encourage others to join us as well. Your colleagues, staff members, and even customers, can all help us advocate at the Capitol.

To join us, please contact the MVMA or Bill Otto at (612) 596-4024 or by email at bcotto@locklaw.com. See page 14 of this newsletter for registration form.
University of Minnesota part of new One Health Workforce

Under a new five-year award of up to $50 million, the University of Minnesota and Tufts University will be part of an international partnership of universities to strengthen global workforce development against emerging pandemic threats. Called One Health Workforce, the work is part of a new United States Agency for International Development Emerging Pandemic Threats 2 program focusing on disease surveillance, training, and outbreak response. Faculty from the University of Minnesota’s programs in veterinary medicine, human medicine, nursing, public health, education and development, and environmental health will collaborate on the work under the leadership of Dr. David Chapman, professor in the Department of Organizational Leadership, Policy, and Development; Dr. John Deen, professor, Veterinary Population Medicine Department; and Dr. Katey Pelican, associate professor, Veterinary Population Medicine Department. The College of Veterinary Medicine is the lead college for the project at the University of Minnesota, with the University serving as the primary manager of the project.

AVMA grants college full accreditation

The American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) Council on Education (COE) has granted the University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine full accreditation. Accreditation by the AVMA COE represents the highest standard of achievement for veterinary medical education in the United States. Graduation from an AVMA COE-accredited college is a prerequisite for licensure for professional practice through the majority of state licensing boards.

Veterinary Medical Center plans preventive health center

The Veterinary Medical Center (VMC) is in the design phase of renovations for a proposed preventive health center to better support the training and preparation of veterinary students for careers in general practice. The initiative will provide improved exam and treatment room space, as well as a new rounds room for students on the General Practice Service. The college’s recent curriculum revisions, in accordance with AVMA and Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges recommendations, will require veterinary students to complete an expanded number of general practice rotations during their senior year. The space allocated for general practice exam rooms will be increased to accommodate the greater number of students training in general practice. To improve efficiency and the training experience, the new space will also be designed to more closely approximate a typical modern primary care facility. The VMC’s General Practice Service is the oldest in the nation, having been in place for more than 20 years focusing on pets owned by college and university employees.

First China Dairy Conference presented in Beijing

The College of Veterinary Medicine presented the first China Dairy Conference in Beijing, China, on November 3-4. The event was organized in response to the rapid development of the Chinese dairy industry and the
demand for knowledge and solutions to the complex challenges facing dairy production and management in China. CVM speakers included Drs. Ricardo Chebel, John Fetrow, Sandra Godden, and Jeremy Schefers.

Class of 1964 gathers for reunion
Seventeen members of the class of 1964 gathered for a 50-year alumni reunion at the college on October 17, enjoying tours, a luncheon, and more. Spouses and other family members joined them for a photo in front of the Pomeroy Student-Alumni Learning Center.

VMC designated Cat Friendly Practice
The University of Minnesota Veterinary Medical Center was recently designated a “Cat Friendly Practice” by the American Association of Feline Practitioners.

Buddy’s story featured in movie theaters
The story of Buddy, a beagle who began to walk again after he received stem-cell therapy and rehabilitation services at the Veterinary Medical Center, appeared as a trailer in AMC movie theaters during the holiday season. The 60-second video showed in theaters in Arbor Lakes, Eden Prairie, Inver Grove Heights, Rosedale, and Southdale.

Alumni news
Dr. Wayne Barcus, class of 1957, received the Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association’s 50 years of membership award during the 2014 annual convention on Oct. 10. Dr. Jack Brar, who earned his master’s degree at the College of Veterinary Medicine in 1979, received the Veterinary Service Award for meritorious service to the ISVMA (Illinois) and the Board Service Award in recognition and gratitude for his service on the ISVMA board of directors. Dr. Eran Raizman, who earned his PhD in veterinary epidemiology at the University of Minnesota in 2005, is heading a new program of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations that plans to eradicate peste des petits ruminants (PPR) by 2030. Also known as ovine rinderpest, PPR affects sheep and goats in more than 70 countries. The deadly viral disease threatens the livelihoods of almost 1 billion poor smallholder farmers and pastoralists.

Follow the College on the Web
For the latest news and information about the College of Veterinary Medicine, visit the CVM on the Web at www.cvm.umn.edu.
ONE PERSON PER REGISTRATION FORM PLEASE. THIS FORM MAY BE DUPLICATED.

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Note: Confirmation and registration materials (Name Badge, Meal Tickets, Proceedings link, etc.) will be mailed to attendees approximately one week prior to the convention. Please watch your mail for this important information.

PROCEDINGS (NOTE - An online link to the Convention Proceedings, instead of a CD, is included in the registration fee.)
Printed Notes. Must be ordered by January 9, 2015 ......................................................... $75.00

REGISTRATION FEES
Full Registration (non DVM):
(Includes seminars, proceedings link, exhibit hall admission, and Friday Night Big Band Jazz Event)
DVM Student Member ............................................................................................................. $0.00 $45.00
DVM Student Non-Member ............................................................................................... $125.00 $165.00
3-Day Hospital Staffperson/ Spouse/ Guest Registration .............. $215.00 .............. $255.00
1-Day Hospital Staffperson/ Spouse/ Guest Registration ................. $95.00 ........................ $135.00

☐ Thursday ☐ Friday ☐ Saturday (Please check one)

Exhibit Hall Only Registration (Non DVM’s Only):
(Name badge and entrance to exhibit area only. Includes Friday Night Big Band Jazz Event)
Exhibit Hall Only ................................................................................................................ $30.00

SPECIAL - WEDNESDAY PROGRAM, FEBRUARY 4, 2015

MNVMRC Emergency Preparedness Training (full day) ............................................................ $0

MEALS
(Meal tickets are only available to those who pre-register) Check Here if you would like a vegetarian meal ☐
YES, I will attend the THURSDAY Exhibitors Lunch featuring Role of Veterinarians in Animal Cruelty Investigations ........ $40.00
YES, I will attend the SATURDAY Awards Luncheon with Dr. Bo Brock ............................... $40.00
YES, I will attend the Breakfast Seminar FRIDAY - Veterinary Forensics ................................................. $35.00
YES, I will attend the Christian Veterinary Mission Prayer Breakfast, FRIDAY at 7:00 am ...................... $35.00
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MORE TICKETS
Rabies Antibody ...................................................................................................................... $60.00
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Dr. Jaime Modiano  - What’s New in Cancer Diagnosis and Therapy

Drs. Julie Churchill, Margaret Root Kustritz, Michael Henson  - Panel on “A predicament, a problem, a puzzle: when, or should, we recommend spaying and neutering

Dr. Melissa Eisenschenk  - Apoquel Update Use in Practice

Dr. Antonella Borgatti  - Sarcoma Treatment

Dr. Scott Echols – Avian; Reproductive Tract Surgery of Birds, Understanding the Dietary Supplement Industry, Nutritional Supplement Use in Birds, Soft Tissue Surgery of Birds

Dr. Andre Shih – Anesthesia & Analgesia; Anesthesia protocols for emergency cases. Are you prepared?, Advanced monitoring: What is new?, Analgesia options for perioperative care, focus feline patient, Seizure disorders - managing the patient long term and in a crisis

**Friday, February 6**


Dr. Simon Platt – Neurology; Using the examination to deal with neurology cases – video case based, Vestibular disease in the dog and cat, Seizure disorders working up the patient and starting treatment, Seizure disorders managing the patient long term and in a crisis

Dr. Maxine Wellman – Cytology; Cytology of skin tumors, Cytology of lymph nodes, Cytology of the spleen, Cytology of the liver and pancreas

**Saturday, February 7**

Dr. Gary Norsworthy – Feline; Feline; Chronic small bowel disease; Cats with renal insufficiency Dr. Norsworthy will describe his use of ACEI and the use of high (that’s right, high) protein, low carbohydrate diets.

Dr. Alice Villalobos – Human Animal Bond; Universal Human-Animal Bond Scale: Explained from A-Z, Decision Making at End of Life, Persuasion and Over Treatment, How to Set Up a Hospice Service in Your Clinic: Creating Your Own Hospice/Pawspice Team

Dr. Eric Lindquist – Imaging; Clinical Sonography & Pancreatic Pathology; Why Serum Enzyme Markers Only Tell Part of the Story, Clinical & Sonographic Approach to G.I. disease, Obstructions & foreign bodies, Clinical approach to the urinary & reproductive pathology-UGELAB & interventional procedure options

**3 FULL Days of Practice Management Programs**

Thursday – Dr. Ray Ramirez  and  Friday & Saturday - Karyn Gavzer

**Large Animal - 2 Full Days of Bovine**

Friday - Drs. Gary Neubauer, Katie Mrdutt, James Bennett, Jeremy Schefers & Saturday – Dr. Mike Apley

1 Full Day of Equine  |  1/2 Day of Swine

Friday – Dr. Bo Brock  |  Thursday

And more; Small Ruminant, Industrial Veterinary Medicine, Public Health Veterinary Practice Plus, USDA Training Modules offered and a Full Day of Disaster Training, Dog Bite Training, Thursday Lunch Panel on What is the Role of Veterinarians in Animal Cruelty Investigations, Breakfasts on Veterinary Forensics and Therapeutic Exercise for Geriatric Dogs...28 Credits – Get them in February!  See mvma.org for online registration & complete mailer.
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Clinic Visit Turns Out to be Much More
by Dan Tjornehoj, MVMA Staff

My visit to the Canon Valley Veterinary Clinic started out as a usual veterinary clinic visit that I and other MVMA staff have done over the past few years but the tour quickly expanded into a tour of other businesses that have sprung up around the veterinary clinic. Dr. Michael Strobel and Dr. Mark Werner joined forces in the early 1980s to start the clinic but their interests in other areas of veterinary medicine and veterinary businesses grew to include the startup of Veterinary Provisions, Inc., VetRx Pharmacy and Aurora Pharmaceuticals.

Aurora Pharmaceutical, LLC, is a veterinary pharmaceutical product development and manufacturing company with a focus and goal to provide customers with products that maximize livestock and companion animal health. The Northfield based FDA-inspected facility includes research labs and state of the art equipment to develop and produce a wide range of products that meet the rigorous cGMP standards required by FDA. Dr. Strobel indicated that his business is unique in that it is based in Minnesota where few animal focused pharmaceutical companies reside. He and Dr. Werner have worked closely with Minnesota and Midwest veterinarians in developing products that are unique, efficacious and safely meet their patients needs here as well as across the country. Dr. Strobel noted that “Experienced veterinarians in our company have worked closely with animals and their caregivers. We have a unique understanding of the science behind delivering healthcare solutions which benefit veterinarians and animal owners alike” Their other business, Veterinary Provisions, Inc. or VetPro, is a distributor of animal health products to other veterinarians and producers in 23 states. The VetRx pharmacy specializes in compounding prescription products from FDA approved finished dosage products for use primarily in livestock.

Getting back to the Canon Valley Veterinary Clinic, it continues to provide valuable, high quality veterinary services in the Northfield area for both small and large animal clients. It is an AHA clinic and provides boarding and pet supplies in addition to a full range of veterinary services. The clinic is now largely staffed by four other veterinarians including Dr. Marcia Bisel, Dr. Geoffrey Passe, Dr. Kate Brakefield and Dr. Peggy Hawkins. Dr. Strobel and Dr. Werner are focusing most of their time on the management of all their veterinary focused businesses. They are providing good jobs to over 130 people in the Northfield area.

I appreciated the friendly welcome that I received at the Canon Valley Veterinary Clinic and in learning more about this clinic and the other related businesses there. If you would like a MVMA staff person to come and visit your clinic please let us know by contact us at info@mvma.org or by call the office at 651-645-7533.

MVI has concluded its inaugural annual CE series in 2014 and would like to thank the series attendees and all those involved in planning the successful dental series.

MVI’s strategic course design enables attendees to study one subject in-depth and immediately apply newly learned lecture material by participating in hands-on wet labs. The institute combines lectures and labs to help develop the knowledge, skills and expertise to successfully implement the program into your practice. Sign up soon for the 2015 Series on Feline Health, Medicine and Surgery and save $200! (Insert with more information in this issue of MVMA News).

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Local constituents like you have the highest amount of influence with their legislators when issues of significance arise at the state capitol. It is important for veterinarians to meet their local leaders and express their views and expertise on legislation that affects the profession and the health of animals.

For those interested in attending the Day at the Capitol, please complete the form above and fax or send it to the MVMA office or contact Bill Otto at Lockridge Grindal Nauen P.L.L.P. at bcotto@locklaw.com or o: 612-596-4024 or c: 651-295-0365.
How Do Veterinary Practices Invite Feedback From Clients?  
Survey Says…

Client satisfaction matters…it matters to clients, it matters to the veterinary practice. When clients are dissatisfied, they register their complaints with their wallets, which can have a devastating effect on a practice’s bottom line. The Veterinary Hospital Managers Association (VHMA) recently surveyed members to determine whether client surveys are employed by veterinary practices and hospitals to evaluate and improve services. The results reveal that the majority (72%) of respondents do rely on surveys for client feedback. However, the frequency, purpose and perceived effectiveness of these surveys varies among respondents.

To Survey or Not to Survey
VHMA distributed the Insiders’ Insight November management survey electronically, which was completed by 272 VHMA members, representing practice managers (54%), hospital administrators (28%), practice owners (28%) and office managers (3%). The results show that 72% reported that they do conduct client satisfaction surveys. The remaining 28% do not conduct surveys. Reasons for not surveying clients include: low response rates from past survey efforts (33%); insufficient resources (26%); not enough time (21%); and, surveys are too costly (6%). Practices that did not survey explained the decision by saying, “Surveys can present the image that you are trying to “fix” something.” One respondent said that surveys “put pressure on a client.” Another stated that surveying made the practice seem “too commercial.”

Of the 202 members who use client surveys, more than 50% request feedback following an office visit, using email and paper surveys and in-office interviews. The remaining respondents survey clients sporadically. Several reported “randomly survey random clients.” Another stated that clients are surveyed when “the practice owner thinks it’s necessary.” A small percentage turn to surveying when the practice is interested in feedback on a specific topic or are interested in feedback from new clients.

Surveys are most likely to be administered electronically (69%). Although 23% of respondents used paper surveys, their method of distributing the survey was evenly divided between mailing the survey (51%) and handing it to the client in the office (49%). Telephone surveys and focus groups are used by a very small number of practices.

Examining the Results
In an open-ended question, respondents reflected on how client survey results have effected their practice. Most believe that surveys have provided information that has been used to implement office changes, served as the foundation for a dialogue with staff about office matters and, contributed to better staff morale.

Only 12% of respondents regarded the results of their client surveys as insufficient to effect meaningful office change. Several practices (5%) said that survey responses tended to be overwhelmingly positive and consequently, the data was not extremely helpful.

83% of practices considered the client survey results helpful in evaluating current policies, procedures and practices. Information gleaned from the surveys was most likely (36%) to be used usher in office changes, which ran the gamut of increasing client comfort by adding a coffee station, introducing new scheduling policies and reassigning staff.

23% reported sharing the results—both good and bad—with staff during staff meetings. Even practices that received glowing reviews found that the positive feedback helped “fire-up” staff and keep morale high. Negative feedback is also shared with staff to help improve performance and develop strategies for improvement.

21% of respondents described the survey results as a way to identify trends and be proactive in addressing them. As one respondent emphasized, “We don’t jump on every negative comment. We look at the big picture and general trends and make changes accordingly.”

Client feedback surveys are an essential tool in doing business. Although the practices responding to the VHMA survey may differ in the frequency and content of the survey, as well as the instrument used, the majority of respondents revealed that their survey efforts produced information that have had an impact on business decisions that effect the practice, its staff and the client.

About VHMA
The Veterinary Hospital Managers Association, Inc. (VHMA) was formed in 1981 to provide individuals actively involved in Veterinary Practice Management a means of effective communication and interaction. Our membership is comprised of Hospital Administrators, Practice Managers, Office Managers, Veterinarians, Consultants, and others interested in veterinary management. The mission of VHMA is to enhance and serve professionals in veterinary management through superior education, certification, and networking. For more information, visit www.vhma.org

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The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program (VMLRP) helps qualified veterinarians working in food animal veterinary medicine offset their student loan debt in return for their service in shortage situations. Last year five nominations in Minnesota were approved by the program for veterinarian student loan debt offset and a veterinarian working in one of these areas was awarded.

The National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) announced on November 19 that it is taking shortage nominations for the VMLRP 2015 funding cycle. The Minnesota state veterinarian must approve and submit nominations to the NIFA by January 20, 2015. The Board of Animal Health is seeking input from food animal veterinarians, producers and other stakeholders on areas of veterinary shortage within the state for this program. To provide information, please contact Linda Glaser at the Board at linda.glaser@state.mn.us or by calling (651) 201-6828.

Minnesota Veterinary Medical Reserve Corps Update

The Minnesota Veterinary Medical Reserve Corps will provide a 1 FREE full-day training session on Wednesday, February 4, 2015 prior to the start of the MVMA annual convention at the Minneapolis Hilton Hotel. The training is worth 6 CE credits. Hot topics on the schedule include:

- Foreign Animal Disease Response Updates-Dr. Linda Glaser, Minnesota Board of Animal Health
- Secure Food Supply Updates-Mike Starkey, Minnesota Department of Agriculture
- USDA Animal Care-Dr. Debra Sime
- Basic Animal Rescue Training-Dr. Janet Olson
- Ebola in Animals-Dr. Jeff Bender, University of Minnesota
- Standard Precautions/Infection Control-Dr. Jeff Bender, University of Minnesota

Sessions run from 9:00 am – 4:45pm with lunch on your own.

Please register with the MVMA in advance if you plan to attend.

Visit with MNVMRC members throughout the convention at our booth in the exhibitor hall and learn how you can participate in Medical Reserve Corps program.

Welcome New MVMA Members!

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Dr. Angie Woodward  
Dr. Sarah Prochnow  
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Siobhan Strom  
Kathryn Short

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Sign-up for the 2015 Power of Ten Leadership Program!

The MVMA is looking for up to 10 recent graduate members who would like to participate in the 2015 Power of Ten Leadership (POTL) training activities. The POTL program is designed to cultivate leadership capacity in recent graduates and provide learning experiences that will enrich the individual and benefit the individual’s practice, community and profession. We are finishing the second year of the program with program graduates receiving complimentary education and training in such areas as communication, advocacy, marketing your practice, personal goal-setting, financial advice and more. The group typically meets evenings with dinner included at no cost to them. Please contact the MVMA office (info@mvma.org) for more information and to sign up for the 2015 program. Hear what one of the current participants, Dr. Ashley Nichols, said about her recent POTL experience:

Being a part of POTL has given me an outlook for the MVMA that I did not have previously. I was able to see that the MVMA truly does care about the development of its members. It allowed me to gain insight into valuable leadership topics and it also gave me the opportunity to network with others in the profession. All of these things are essential to further my development and career options. Dr. Ashley Nichols

Honduras Team for Working Equids Succeeds Again

In November, Equitarian Initiative’s veterinarians accomplished their two goals of providing both equine veterinary education to Honduran veterinary students and veterinarians, and health care services to working horses. Minnesota veterinarians Julie Wilson, Tracy Turner and Marta Davis-Tetrault Powers were joined by Dave Turoff (CA), Marta Granstedt-Volkmann (CA) and Cassie Torhorst (WI). Two days of didactic presentations were followed by morning wet labs at World Horse Welfare’s center in Choluteca, the 3rd largest city in Honduras. Every weekday afternoon, the 6 veterinarians, 3 Honduran veterinarians, 29 veterinary students, saddlers and farriers traveled to different communities to offer veterinary services, hoof care, harness improvement and owner education. Once again, the veterinary students progressed from being afraid of horses to a smooth efficient treatment team by the end of the week. The returning Americans were gratified to see that the horses were in slightly better condition than the previous year. Our two new American veterinarians quickly became addicted to this great form of community service and will be coming with us again next year. With the infrastructure developed by World Horse Welfare, project growth to include a small animal team of veterinarians is feasible and sorely needed. If interested in either the equine or small animal work or supporting the non-profit, Equitarian Initiative, please contact Dr. Julie Wilson via e-mail at wilso011@umn.edu.
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In Memoriam

Dr. Dennis P. Rahn, age 78, of Marathon, FL (formerly Rice Lake, WI) passed away on September 8, 2014 at the Mayo Clinic Health System - Bloomer Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Terry Rahn of Marathon, FL; a son and daughter-in-law, Kevin and Karla of Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Dr. Rahn grew up on his family's crop and livestock farm near Mountain Lake, MN. Their production included turkeys and breeder flocks producing hatching eggs. After graduating from Mountain Lake High School in 1953, he attended the University of Minnesota and received a Bachelor of Science in 1957 and a Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine in 1959. He further specialized with a Master of Science in Avian Pathology/Microbiology in 1961 from the University of Illinois. He married Terry (Chermack) on January 30, 1960 in Barron, WI. His first employment was with Pine Manor, Inc., an integrated turkey company in Goshen, Indiana where he joined them as a staff veterinarian. He established a diagnostic laboratory for them before he moved on to Jerome Foods, Inc. of Barron, WI in 1963. Employed first as a staff veterinarian, he progressed through various management responsibilities before becoming President in 1980 prior to their sale to Hormel. Dennis retired for a year in 1985 before starting a new career as a poultry consultant which resulted in clients from coast to coast. In later years, he continued to consult on a part-time basis as long as it fit with his schedule of travel and deep-sea fishing with his wife Terry at their Florida Keys home and his deer and pheasant hunting trips to Wisconsin and South Dakota. He was a member of the American Veterinary Medical Association, American Association of Avian Pathologists, American Association of Industrial Veterinarians, Minnesota Veterinary Medical Association, North Central Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association, and Poultry Science Association. He was instrumental in getting the State Diagnostic Laboratory located in Barron.

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