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President's Report



Hello friends,

I hope this finds you all very well. I wanted to keep you updated on a few events currently happening in our LVMA.

First of all, thank you for your membership

renewal. We could not do all of what this association has to offer if you were not part of that team. Encourage your colleagues to join the LVMA if they are not current members. Ask them to visit lyma.org to find out some more information about our association. Let's make our association as strong as possible and strive for 100% membership.

Southwest Veterinary Symposium (SWVS) will be held September 20-23, 2018 in San Antonio, Texas. Early bird registration is open now and ends July 18. Take advantage of these savings and plan to attend this meeting. It is a great conference that offers a large variety of CE, plenty of wet labs, a large exhibit hall, and outside family fun in a great city.

Power of Ten had a very successful opening weekend. My associate is part of this graduating POT class and I couldn't be more

excited for her to learn more about leadership skills and networking opportunities that only helps us operate as better veterinarians. Her feedback is positive so make sure that you keep newer graduates in mind when the 2019 enrollment opens.

We are following some legislative changes in the current special session that could possibly affect veterinary medical practice. The LVMA board members and our political action committee stays in close communication with our representatives, senators, congressmen, and lobbyists to make sure that any changes recommended or laws that are presented are in the veterinarians' best interests. The LVMA has a board meeting scheduled for April 15 and I will follow up with you about any changes that could impact our profession after that meeting. Make sure that your membership is up to date and all email addresses are current by visiting lyma.org.

I hope you are having a wonderful spring and Easter season. He is risen!

Sincerely,

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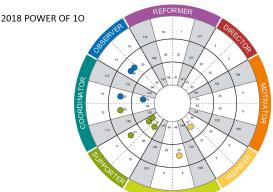
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First Semester

Power of 10 attendees have had a very successful and memorable first semester. The first program consisted of INSIGHTS by Elanco that was led by Dr. Heidi Hulon. That same weekend Dr. Lynn Buzhardt spoke on Health Literacy, Exam Room Communications and Understanding Our Clients and Ourselves.







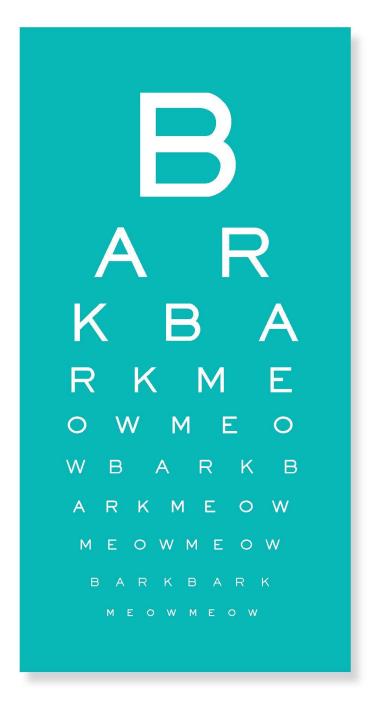
The second program was FRANK Training by Zoetis that was led by Dr. Thom Mohn. FRANK training is all about communication in the work place. From open ended questions to Chunk and Check, participants learned the importance of effective communication and how to add value to their client interaction.

The most recent program was led by Dr. Nina Mouledous with AVMA PLIT. Dr. Mouledous talked about Practice Risk Management and Malpractice Claims Avoidance. Information was given of the appropriate types of coverage needed for individual practices to assure broad protection.



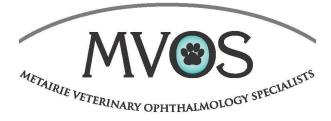
After taking a Summer break, the Power of 10 Program will start back up in September.

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Risk of Guillain-Barre' Type Syndrome in Dogs from Eating Chicken or Milk Contaminated with Campylobacter Spp.

In the January 2018 Journal of Veterinary Internal Medicine, a group of Australian veterinarians and scientists led by Dr. L. Martinez-Anton published a paper titled "Investigation of The Role of Campylobacter Infection in Suspected Acute Polyradiculoneuritis (APN) in Dogs." Their findings, combined with other works including recent articles from the CDC, clearly indicate a causative relationship between Campylobacter jejuni (bacteria) and Acute polyradiculoneuritis which has been proposed as a canine model for human Guillain-Barre' syndrome (GBS). This designation is based on clinical, physiological and pathological similarities between the two diseases. In dogs and man, Campylobacter jejuni is now considered one of the major causative factors of both APN and GBS respectively. In this article, 96 percent of the cases of APN in dogs reported the consumption of raw chicken. Additionally, 48 percent of the dogs with clinical APN tested positive for Campylobacter infection. Most Campylobacter cases in humans are considered to be associated with the consumption of raw or undercooked poultry as chickens are a natural reservoir of the bacteria. Consumption of contaminated water and unpasteurized milk are also considered to play important roles. In a recent CDC article, 12 confirmed and five suspected cases of Campylobacter jejuni infections in humans were reported as originating from a single herdshare farm. Additionally, the outbreak strain was resistant to tetracycline, naladixic acid, and ciprofloxacillin which are the first line of defense drugs for these infections. Upon review of the literature, there appears to be a significant increase in antibiotic resistant bacteria associated with raw milk. Based on the increase in antibiotic resistance and the prevalence of Campylobacter species in raw poultry and raw milk, neither of these products should be fed to family pets. There is too great a risk of infection with resistant and non-resistant strains which are proven to be associated with the development of Acute Polyradiculoneuritis which could also potentially infect humans and result in Guillain-Barre' syndrome.

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Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Host	Location	For More Information
April 28-29, 2018	Veterinary Conference	San Diego County VMA	Handlery Hotel in San Diego, CA	SCDVMA.org
July 13-17, 2018	AVMA Convention	AVMA	Indianapolis	AVMA.org
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