

## President's Report



Hope everyone had a safe and fun Mardi Gras!!!!

It's the start of a new year and I am excited to have been inducted as the President for 2016. I want to especially thank **Dr. Kirk Ryan** for his leadership and dedication this year, I hope to continue the outstanding job he has done. For those of you who were not able to make the Winter Meeting, my name is Dr. Trisha

Marullo. I practice in Lafayette, LA in a 2 doctor practice with Dr. Richard Broussard, focusing on small animal and exotic pet medicine and surgery. I graduated with an undergraduate degree in Business/ Marketing from Auburn University in 1992, then received my DVM from LSU in 1999 (so I am a Tiger twice over) and then spent almost 4 years serving in the Army Veterinary Corps while stationed between Mountain Home, Idaho and Spokane, Washington. After my second child was born, my husband and I moved back to Lafayette to make it our home once again.

The Winter Meeting was a **HUGE** success. Thank you in large part to our **Senior Association Coordinator, Amber Perkins**, and our **Executive Director, Bland O'Connor** who worked tirelessly to ensure a seamless and engaging conference. Another big thank you goes out to the members of our CE Committee, including **Dr. John Mauterer, Dr. Kirk Ryan, Dr. Dale Peyroux and Dr. Sue Olivier**, who once again provided nationally recognized speakers which presented practical and cutting edge information. It was also a privilege and honor, to have our newly re-elected **Commissioner of Agriculture, Dr. Mike Strain, and his wife Dr. Susan Strain** in attendance. Having a voice for the Veterinary Community in our legislature is something we should never take for granted. Thank you to **Dr. Renee Poirrier** for having the new **LA Dept of Wildlife and Fisheries Mobile Pet Shelter** at the Conference for tours. It is an impressive facility for emergency situations.

### AWARDS HIGHLIGHT:

**CONGRATULATIONS** to our many worthy award recipients. **Jason Vesper** with Elanco received **Salesperson of the Year**. **Pet of the Year** was awarded to **Mr. Wren Thomas with Beaux**, a therapy and assistance dog for PTSD that Mr. Thomas incurred during a maritime hostage and piracy incident off the coast of Nigeria in 2013. **Dr. Diane Stacy** deservingly received the **Veterinarian of the Year Award** after being nominated by Dr. Mike Strain. The **Everett D Besch Award** was given to **Dr. Chip Price**, our previous AVMA District VIII Representative, for the

outstanding work he has done for our entire district in representing our needs and concerns at the AVMA level for the last several years. **Dr. Patrick Thistlethwaite** was inducted as **President of the Walter J. Ernst Foundation**.

### AVMA HIGHLIGHT:

We were fortunate to have our new AVMA District VIII Representative, **Dr. Lori Teller**, in attendance for the meeting. She currently resides in Houston and has done a fantastic job and picking up where Dr. Price has left off. Dr. Teller updated us on the new

**Feral Cat Policy** which the AVMA recently adopted as well as on the new federal legislation called the **Sunshine Act** that is in Congress. This Act would require reporting by pharmaceutical companies of any rebates, donations, free lunches, trips, etc. over a certain dollar amount to a governmental website for public disclosure. The AVMA took a vote on No Action at this time but continue checking with the AVMA.org for updates on this important legislation.

Looking forward to 2016 where we will continue to monitor the Pharmacy Compounding Regulations as well as any other legislation that may directly or indirectly affect your daily practice or the Veterinary Industry as a whole. Please visit the LVMA.org website and see the resources that are available to you as well as issues that may be relevant. We continue to ask and appreciate responses via email to your Congressmen when they are required. Your voice is needed because it gives power to our concerns and helps us to achieve the goals that will benefit the entire profession.

As a member of the LVMA, **I have one thing I would like each of you to do this year. If you are aware of a veterinarian who is currently not a member, please take the time to ask them to join.** They may not be aware of all the benefits offered by the LVMA. Many people are hesitant to get involved but they are more likely to join if they are just ASKED. The more members we have the more benefits and improved services we can offer. After all, we are all in this profession together and our camaraderie is what makes

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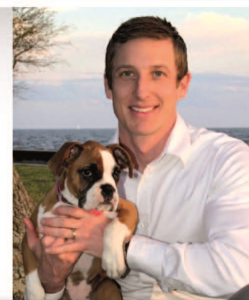
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A special thank you to the new **President Elect, Dr. Marion Sewell** and **Vice President, Dr. Christie McHughes**, and all the Board Members. We will strive to continue the energy and dedication to make this Association the relevant and beneficial organization it is. Thank you for continuing your commitment to and membership in the LVMA.

God Bless,



Trisha C. Marullo, LVMA President

Event Hosts	Event	Date	Venue	City, State	Contact Information
American Academy of Veterinary Acupuncture and International Veterinary Acupuncture Society	Joint Congress	June 8-11, 2016	Hotel Murano	Tacoma, WA	www.aava.org or Www.ivas.org
SWVS	It's Worth It: Southwest Veterinary Symposium	September 29-October 2, 2016	Fort Worth Convention Center	Fort Worth, TX	www.swvs.org Phone: 972-664-9800
LVMA	LVMA Winter Meeting	January 20-22, 2017	Crowne Plaza Hotel	Baton Rouge, LA	Www.lvma.org phone: 225-928-5862

## Dentistry Lecture and Wet-lab

### Technicians – Saturday April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Presentation and interactive discussion, learn how to perform dental probing and charting, how to identify common dental/oral abnormalities, dentistry home care for your clients, how to boost dentistry compliance in your practice, how to scale and polish correctly, dental radiology and radiology positioning

Wet-lab – hands on scaling and polishing, probing and charting, dental radiology station

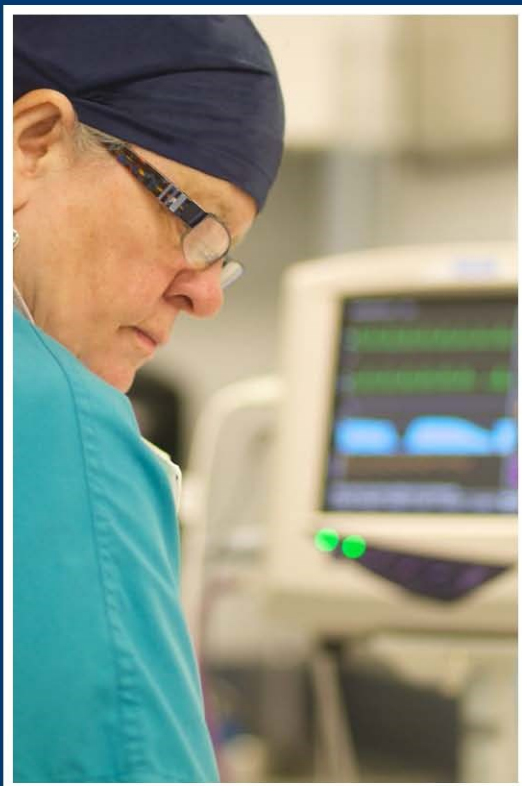
### Veterinarians – Sunday April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Presentation and interactive discussion, learn how to diagnose and treat common dental and oral pathology, indications for extractions, instrumentation and materials for extractions, procedures for simple and surgical extractions, technique for muco-gingival pedicle flaps, how to increase dentistry revenue in your practice, dental radiology

Wet-lab – hands on simple and surgical extractions, closed and open root planning, dental radiology station

The programs will be presented from 8am to 5pm by Curt Ritchie, DVM at the LASPCA located on the Westbank of New Orleans. Snacks and lunch will be provided. The cost to attend is \$400.00 per technician and \$450.00 per veterinarian. For more information and to receive a registration form, please call (225) 766-0550 or email [toovets1@cox.net](mailto:toovets1@cox.net).

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By Dr. Patrick Thistlethwaite, WJE President

***Do You Want to Buy a Brick?***

Many L.V.M.A. members will remember the Saturday night auctions at the annual state L.V.M.A. conventions. Dr. Denny French was an effective auctioneer standing on chairs and “persuading” bids from the crowd. Dr. French convinced me to bid on and buy a commemorative brick from a main campus arena I had never been in while attending OK State University School of Veterinary Medicine. The money raised at the auction was to support the L.V.M.A.’s non-profit Dr. Walter J. Ernst, Jr. Veterinary Memorial Foundation (WJE).

Money was also raised year round for WJE from donations made in the memory of pets and people. The annual auction has been dropped but memorial donations are still welcome and needed to support the efforts of WJE. On major scale WJE supports the Louisiana Strategic Animal Response Team (LSART) and soon the LSART Veterinary Medical Corps. WJE intends to send brochures to clinics and hospitals. The hospital, doctors, staff, and general public are encouraged to make memorial donations when they feel so inclined.

Can’t find a WJE brochure? No problem. Simply visit [www.lvma.org](http://www.lvma.org) and click on “Donate”. The brochure can be seen there and a donation form can be downloaded. Furthermore, you may create an account, sign in, and donate online as well. Mention WJE memorial donation opportunity on your hospital Facebook page and list the [www.lvma.org](http://www.lvma.org) website. Easy enough.

We as veterinarians do so much when a pet is gone to share in the grief. Some clients we miss dearly. Making a donation in a pet’s memory or a person’s memory is just another way to say “we care”.

[All proceeds from the sale of my brick, formerly a part of Gallagher Arena, will be donated to WJE].

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## 2016 Winter Meeting Highlights .....

The 2016 Winter Meeting in Shreveport was a success! The meeting featured 20 hours of continuing education for veterinarians and 13.5 hours for technicians. Sessions included Companion Animal, Practice Management, Large Animal and Veterinary Technician, and all covered a broad range of topics from Respiratory Disease sessions by Dr. Phil Padrid to



*Dr. Trisha Marullo recognizing Dr. Kirk Ryan for his service as LVMA President.*

“Planning for Practice Ownership Transition” by Dr. David King to “Understanding Acupuncture and How it Could Benefit your Patients” by Dr. Ronald Koh. The exhibit hall featured **58** booths and provided entertainment and networking for attendees during breaks. Among the exhibitors were our meeting sponsors. Thanks to all of those that helped to make this year’s meeting a success.

During the Business Meeting and Veterinarian Luncheon new officers were installed and the 2015 LVMA awards were presented. Dr. Trisha Marullo assumed the role of President, replacing Dr. Kirk Ryan. The newly elected LVMA Board of Directors is as follows: Dr. Trisha Marullo, President; Dr. Marion Sewell, President-Elect; Dr. Christie McHughes, Vice President; Dr. Kirk Ryan, Immediate Past President; Dr. Dale Peyroux, Treasurer; Dr. Glen Ritter, District 1; Dr. James Rundell, District 2; Dr. Frank

Fitzgerald, District 3; Dr. Matt Traylor, District 4; Dr. Paul Ritch, District 7; Dr. Amanda Perkins, District 8. Also elected was a new Board of Trustees for the Dr. Walter J. Ernst, Jr. Veterinary Memorial Foundation. Inducted were: Dr. Patrick Thistlethwaite, President; Dr. Anne Guedry; Dr. Richard Lefebvre; Dr. Gordon Pirie and Dr. Jacqueline Simon, Trustees.



*Dr. Chip Price receiving the Everett D. Besch Distinguished Service Award presented by Dr. Kirk Ryan*

The 2015 LVMA Awards were also presented during the meeting. The recipients of those awards were: Dr. Hugh V. “Chip” Price, Everett D. Besch Distinguished Service Award; Dr. Diane Stacy, Veterinarian of the Year; “Beaux” owned by Captain Wren Thomas, Pet of the Year; and Jason Vesper, Salesperson of the Year. Thanks to everyone that participated in the 2016 Winter Meeting. It would not have been as successful without your commitment to veterinary medicine.



*Dr. Diane Stacy receiving the Ralph C. Cooper Veterinarian of the Year Award from Dr. Mike Strain, Commissioner.*

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*Jason Vesper, Sales Person of the Year. Jason works for Elanco Animal Health.*



*Dr. Kirk Ryan presenting Beaux with the Pet of the Year Award with owner, Captain Wren Thomas.*



## HIGHLY PATHOGENIC AVIAN INFLUENZA PREPAREDNESS IN LOUISIANA

By Mike Strain, DVM, Commissioner, Louisiana Department of Agriculture

In the past year, 21 states have reported HPAI infections in commercial, backyard or wild bird populations. Almost 50 million birds have died or were killed as a result of those infections and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has spent almost a billion dollars in responding to the HPAI outbreaks. Experts have called it the most severe animal disease outbreak in United States history.

The outbreaks all start the same way. Migratory birds such as ducks that are generally susceptible to the virus but are resistant to clinical disease and therefore serve as subclinical carriers. Geese may also transmit the disease but are much more susceptible to the disease. They congregate in their northern breeding grounds where they share the viruses and then fly south, landing on ponds, lakes and reservoirs and exposing people, equipment and domestic fowl to the virus via aerosol, fecal matter, or fomites. They winter further south, again mixing the different viruses and repeat the same risk exposures to domestic fowl on their return trip. Avian influenza is a respiratory disease that only affects birds. It is not a human disease, but doctors say there have been rare incidents of human exposure resulting in “pinkeye” without the typical flu like symptoms.

The LDAF Poultry Diagnostic Lab tests samples of birds every day before they go to market. If they get a positive sample for any disease, Dr. Mike Barrington, poultry lab director, calls the grower to determine what symptoms other birds are showing. Then the diagnostic lab runs additional tests for HPAI or other diseases. If HPAI is suspected, samples are sent to the Louisiana Animal Disease Diagnostic Lab in Baton Rouge and to the National Veterinary Services Lab in Ames, Iowa for polymerase chain reaction (PCR) confirmatory testing.

The disease is under control in areas where it was present earlier this year, but local officials are not taking any chances in the event the disease shows up in Louisiana. The poultry industry contributes more than \$2 billion to the state’s economy and LDAF is ready to assist in rapidly detecting the disease and to respond if needed.

In Louisiana, there are three large commercial broiler processing companies with more than 300 contracted growers supplying them with chickens and two commercial egg companies. These companies have strict biosecurity at their farms and facilities, practices that include disinfecting all vehicles on entry and exit, foot baths, clothing changes, and control of on-site visitors. There are also hundreds of small backyard poultry hobbyists and egg producers scattered across Louisiana. The challenge to LDAF is to get the message of disease prevention through biosecurity to these backyard producers. Furthermore, if they are showing these birds, they have to isolate them on return from shows to be sure they were not exposed to disease that could be brought back to other birds at the house. There should be no sharing of coops, crates and equipment with other exhibitors because disease is spread through bird to bird contact and fecal matter.

Due to the lack of private Category II accredited veterinarians that are currently working on poultry, LDAF will be reaching out to private veterinarians at the 2016 Louisiana Veterinary Medical Association Winter Meeting. A Poultry 101 presentation on poultry diseases will encourage Louisiana veterinarians to become involved in this lucrative and fast growing animal industry in the state. LDAF is prepared to train and initially provide testing materials to veterinarians in order for them to do the needed work which would include physical exams, fecal exams, biosecurity education, disease testing (oral or cloacal swabs and wing bleeding) and writing health certificates for statewide shows.

Please plan to attend the backyard poultry session at the LVMA Winter Meeting in Shreveport on Friday, January 29, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. or call the State Veterinarian’s Office at 225-925-3980 or the Poultry Diagnostic Lab at 318-927-3442 for more information on poultry veterinary medicine.

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## AVMA CEO Dr. Ron DeHaven to Retire

SCHAUMBURG, Illinois (Jan. 14, 2016) – Dr. Ron DeHaven's passion for veterinary medicine is what brought him to the American Veterinary Medical Association on Aug. 9, 2007. That passion is what will guide him through the remaining months of his tenure, as he will retire this summer.

While a specific retirement date has not been set, DeHaven will most likely remain at the AVMA's helm until shortly after the association's annual convention, which this year is being held August 5-9 in San Antonio, Texas. His departure date may be adjusted if a new chief executive is identified and begins employment sooner.

"When I came to the AVMA, I joined what is an amazing staff guided by committed, talented volunteer leadership that gives their all to our members, our association and our profession," DeHaven said. "There is much left to do, and I will be fully committed in my role at the AVMA over the next several months. The profession, our staff and the members I serve deserve nothing less."

DeHaven came to the AVMA after more than two decades of service with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service. He has guided the AVMA through periods of growth in both membership and influence. The association now has more than 88,000 members, and its advocacy efforts on behalf of the profession continue to help elevate veterinarians and their interests to a new level of national and international prominence.

"I wanted to make a difference for the profession, because I'm passionate about veterinary medicine," he said. "In my previous career, I felt I was able to make a difference in American agriculture, and this was an opportunity to make a difference in the veterinary profession. Together, we have faced a lot of challenges during what appears to be an ongoing period of transformational change for the profession. The need for a strong, national, umbrella organization is more important than ever, and I believe I will be leaving the AVMA well-positioned to serve in that role as the leading advocate for veterinary medicine."

Under the guidance of its Board of Directors, the AVMA is implementing a new strategic operating plan that is the result of an unprecedented level of input from its members that helped the association focus its efforts on what matters most to veterinarians across every professional discipline.

"We have identified what is most important to our members and what the AVMA can and must do to meet their needs and expectations," DeHaven said. "They have told us that advocacy, valuable products and services, high standards of veterinary medical education and developing leaders are critically important to them and what they expect from their association. I believe we are well-positioned to deliver going forward."

Said Dr. Joe Kinnarney, AVMA President, "On behalf of the entire membership, I would like to thank Dr. DeHaven for his dedication to the AVMA and bringing us to the next level. The result of his leadership for the past eight years has been a stronger, more member-focused AVMA."

DeHaven said the future of the AVMA and the veterinary profession is firmly grounded through those that share a passion for the work they do.

"I've had the opportunity to interact with a dedicated cadre of volunteer leaders and staff, and I am inspired by many of our students and recent graduates. I am very encouraged about the future of our profession," he said. "I am extremely confident that we have put in place an infrastructure that will serve AVMA and the profession very well, and will help provide our members what they need and expect from us"

DeHaven and his wife, Nancy, have two children and four grandchildren. They plan on spending as much time as possible visiting and enjoying time with family.

"The Board of Directors respectfully acknowledges Dr. DeHaven's announcement of retirement and is grateful for the many years of dedicated service that he has brought to the AVMA," said AVMA Board Chair Dr. John de Jong. "Ron's retirement creates an opportunity for the Board to select a new CEO to continue the excellent work that he has started. We wish Ron and Nancy many years of health and happiness in the years ahead."

*The AVMA, founded in 1863, is one of the oldest and largest veterinary medical organizations in the world. More than 88,000 member veterinarians worldwide are engaged in a wide variety of professional activities. Visit [www.avma.org](http://www.avma.org) for more information.*

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Small Animal Emergency Clinic located in West Monroe, LA has an immediate opening for a full time veterinarian. The position offers a very attractive base salary plus production percentage. Please e-mail resume to Tracy Miller at [tracym2001@gmail.com](mailto:tracym2001@gmail.com) or mail it to 102 Downing Pines Road West Monroe, LA 71292.

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