

President's Report



Hola, my friends,

My presidency is half over and not one scandal, not one smidge of corruption. God knows I tried for something wicked to spice things up but, sadly, had no takers. That's just the story of my life. Maybe I'll head to Washington. Surely.....

On the legislative front, by now, I'm certain you've heard or read that the animal restraint bill sent to Gov. Jindal's desk was vetoed. Other items will be addressed in Dr. Thistlewaite's notice in this newsletter. Thank goodness we have "eyes" looking out for us in the legislature.

It is time to register for the Southwest Veterinary Symposium in Ft. Worth, TX, of which LA is a member. We DO get financial benefits per attendee so I encourage you to go. A little side fact is that it's an awesome conference, one stop shopping, where you can get Tex-Mex, a little down time, mariachi music AND, by the way, a lot of CE. Keep the date: September 25-28, 2014.

Your LVMA committee members are nearly finished rounding up speakers for our winter meeting in

Lafayette in January.

Again, we are fortunate that some of the finest speakers in the country are willing to share their knowledge with us and, of course, we are willing to share our Cajun food with them! Talk about your win/win situation.

As always, my phone line is open should you have any ideas, insight, support or, if absolutely necessary, complaints. Please increase your involvement with your association. If you don't like the way something is being handled the best way to fix it, as we all know, is to do it yourself. So join us. It'll keep you off the street!

Sincerely, sorta,

Dr. Sue Olivier

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It's Award Time!

The LVMA is now seeking nominations for the **2014 LVMA Annual Awards**. As usual, the association will present the Dr. Everett D. Besch Distinguished Service Award, The Ralph C. Cooper Veterinarian of the Year Award, Pet of the Year, Support Person of the Year and Sales Person of the Year. Before the honorees can be selected we need you to nominate them! So please turn to page 11-12 and fill out the appropriate form for the deserving friend, colleague, classmate or coworker and send it in to the LVMA office by November 14th. Once selected, award recipients will be notified and there will be a presentation during the Winter Meeting in Lafayette, January 22-25, 2014. The nominator of the selected recipients will also be asked to attend the Winter Meeting to present the award.





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Executive Director's Report

JULY 4th, WORLD CUP, LVMA BUDGET MEETING, SWVS, WINTER MEETING....TIME FLIES!!

July 4th has come and gone and the LVMA July Board meeting that is affectionately referred to as "the Budget Meeting" will already be over, as will the World Cup, by the time this issue of *The Louisiana Veterinarian* arrives. Someone once commented that crafting the budget gave them new insight on the passage in the Declaration of Independence "...we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor." However, it was the coming and going of these events which made me reflect that, although we should pause every now and then to be grateful for our heritage and memories of worthwhile times and experiences, the next event is just ahead and requires our attention and commitment.

Each year the LVMA recognizes and honors people that have made important contributions to veterinary medicine, the veterinary community and/or animal health, as well as an animal that has distinguished itself in a special way. Don't miss this opportunity to nominate someone you believe is worthy of consideration. Now is not the time to be bashful or humble!

The Southwest Veterinary Symposium is almost upon us. See the advertisement on page 12 and don't miss this exciting meeting. The LVMA is in partnership with the Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and New

Mexico veterinary medical associations (VMAs) in conducting the SWVS and several other VMAs are affiliated. If you are looking for a great "big meeting" experience, the SWVS is a great choice!

Plan now to attend the LVMA Winter Meeting in Lafayette, January 22-25, 2015! New to our Winter Meeting will be Friday evening programming featuring resident CE-celebrity Dr. John Mauterer who, with any encouragement, may even do something in 3D. Other headliners, just to name a few, will include Dr. Gary Norsworthy (I believe his subject will be cats); Dr. Robert Gible on an exciting variety of practice management topics including "cool gadgets", "marketing", "pharmacy" and more; and, Dr. Mary-Belle Glaze of the Gulf Coast Eye Clinic. The LVMA Winter Meeting is always the premier annual event for Louisiana veterinarians to gather together for continuing education, business and social discussion, and encounters with veterinary industry vendors in a relaxed but professional environment. Mark your calendars now for this important meeting!

Stay well and stay connected!

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License Renewals



The Louisiana Board of Veterinary Medicine would like to remind you of the 2014-2015 Renewal Period

DVM License, RVT, CAET and RED Certificate Renewals are to be mailed out by the end of June.

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Case Report from the LSU Veterinary Teaching Hospital



Figure 1: Dorsum shaved on day two.

Signalment and History:

"Bubbles," a 6 year old female, spayed, black, mixed breed dog, presented to Montgomery Animal Hospital in Pineville, La., after being treated at an emergency clinic over the weekend for suspected heatstroke. The owners reported that the dog's back was painful, and her appetite was diminished.



Figure 2: Necrotic tissue debrided from dorsum.

Physical Examination:

Examination was consistent with stress and recent heatstroke with T 103.2 °F, P 180 bpm; R 60 /min).

Pain along the dorsum was confirmed during physical exam. Upon inspection of the skin, a 4 cm wide swath of skin on her dorsum sloughed with very minimal manipulation. Under sedation, the dorsum was clipped of hair (Figure 1) to view the full extent of the lesion. The entire dorsum from neck to sacral region was affected in a broad stripe.

Clinical Evaluation:

Complete blood count, chemistry panel and urinalysis were consistent with inflammation, sepsis and dehydration. Specific changes included hypoglycemia (62 mg/dl), hypoproteinemia (TP 4.5 g/dl), mild azotemia (BUN 38 mg/dl, Creatinine 2.7 mg/dl) and a concentrated urine specific gravity (1.040). Bubbles was treated supportively with intravenous fluids, antibiotics and pain medication.

Assessment and Consultation:

Except for the unusual skin changes, the overall findings were compatible with the working diagnosis of heatstroke. The LSU VTH Dermatology Service was consulted via telephone. A tentative diagnosis of Dorsal Thermal Necrosis was considered likely based on the lesion distribution and the patient's black hair coloration.

Cephalexin as a broad spectrum antibiotic was started to prevent infection of necrotic skin areas. Pentoxifylline was used to increase microcirculation in support of wound healing. The affected area was cleaned with chlorhexidine solution, and Bubbles remained in the hospital for care and observation. Over the next few days, new areas of necrotic tissue were defined, which were cleaned and debrided under sedation (Figure 2).

Bubbles was discharged five days later with tramadol, cephalexin and pentoxifylline. At the time of discharge, the debrided areas were covered in



Figure 3: Bandage for protection at home.



Figure 4: Five days after discharge from the hospital.



Figure 5: Dorsum 15 days after presentation to the hospital.

sterile bandages for comfort and cleanliness and to prevent secondary bacterial contamination (Figure 3). Bandage changes and PRN debridement (Figure 4) were performed every few days until her dorsal skin re-epithelialized and the wound contracted (Figure 5).

Outcome:

Bubbles made a complete recovery. A residual area of scar tissue is all that remains of the originally large necrotic wound.

Review:

Black skin and hair coats absorb approximately 45 percent more solar radiation than less pigmented skin. Absorbed radiation penetrates the skin and degrades into thermal energy resulting in a significant burn. In standing and sternally recumbent dogs, the skin along the dorsum is anatomically at greater risk of sun exposure.

Bubbles was presented for heat stroke, a common clinical problem in Louisiana. Several cases of dorsal thermal necrosis in dogs have been seen at the LSU VTH during the summer months. Many of these dogs do not have documented excessive sun exposure, but all of the cases have had a black coat and extensive skin lesions that are limited to the dorsum.

A special thank you to Dr. Morgan Bryant and Montgomery Animal Hospital for their consultation and support of our hospital.

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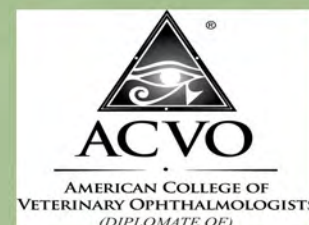
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2014 Louisiana Legislative Session

"The Dogs Won This One" Not True to the Finish

HB1091 [ANIMALS: Prohibits the transportation of dogs in pickup truck beds on certain roadways unless humanely secured] by Rep. Tom Willmott of Kenner was openly supported by the LVMA upon authorization by the LVMA Board of Directors. LVMA lobbyists Bud Courson and Jim Nichol worked behind the scenes with legislators for successful passage of the bill. Upon final passage in the Senate someone on the Floor quipped "The Dogs Won This One" only to see the bill fail by veto on the Governor's desk. LVMA had no other issues in this Session in contrast to the 2013 Session in which veterinarians were removed from inclusion in the Prescription Monitoring Program. LVMA supported HB1091 for what was thought to be humane and safe reasons. Governor Bobby Jindal vetoed the bill citing concerns of creating a nanny state and citing questionable benefit to pets, especially dogs owned by citizens in rural areas. The legislation would have required that dogs transported in trucks on interstate highways be secured in a humane manner which was spelled out to include adequate tethering, cage, kennel, crate and ventilated tops on pickup truck. Failure for one unsecured dogs would have been \$150 plus \$50 for each additional dog. The Louisiana SPCA and letters to the editor expressed regret to Jindal's decision to not consider animal safety in this instance. In his veto message the Governor cited the reason for his veto was opposition from the Louisiana Farm Bureau, the Louisiana Sportsmen's Alliance, and several legislators who had concerns. So in the end, "the dogs did not win this one".

Patrick F. Thistlethwaite, DVM
LVMA Legislative Chair

AVMA Delegate Report

I am writing to share with you that today, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) **published** its decision to schedule tramadol as a Schedule IV controlled substance. The rule becomes effective August 18 of this year. You can find more details within a [blog](#) posted on AVMA@Work.

Thus far from our Council on Biologic and Therapeutic Agents and Clinical Practitioners Advisory Committee, I am hearing that although this will mean security and recordkeeping changes, many veterinarians work with controlled substances already, so other than additional paper work it should not substantially change practice. Some veterinarians are already voluntarily treating tramadol as a controlled substance in order to closely monitor it, and to keep good records, similar to what is required for controlled substances. Other veterinarians practice in states where tramadol is a controlled drug within the state. I am also hearing an appreciation for having a nationwide set of regulations for this drug.

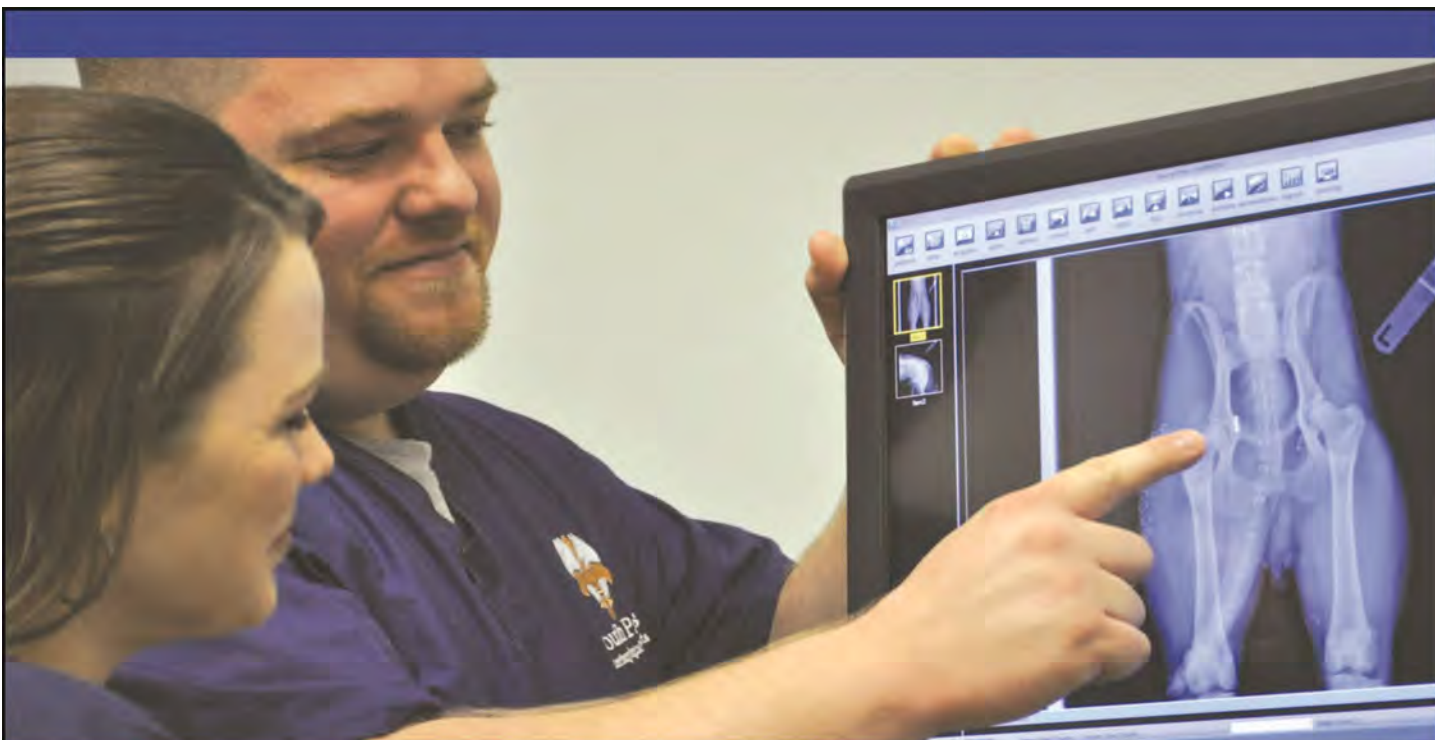
Nevertheless, because this is a change affecting many veterinarians' daily practice as of August 18, we are sharing this news through various communication vehicles.

For more information on how to comply with DEA rules, see AVMA's [Veterinary Compliance with the Controlled Substances Act and the DEA](#) (member login required to view).

Please just let me know if I can share any additional information or context that might be helpful.

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2014 AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

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Nominee Information:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Office Phone _____

Year of Graduation _____

Veterinary School _____

Specialty or area of practice _____

Local, state and national committees served on and positions held:

Describe nominee participation in promoting animal health and welfare:

Describe any other activity which should make this individual a good candidate for the Veterinarian of the Year:

Criteria for Nomination:

1. Nominee must be a member in good standing in the LVMA.
2. Nominee must have had a positive influence in promoting animal health and welfare in the community as well as within the profession.
3. Nominee should be of good character and well respected by colleagues.
4. Nominee should be presently or previously active in local, state, and/or national veterinary associations.
5. Nominee should have shown an outstanding contribution to organized veterinary medicine either through their work or through their actions and public awareness.
6. Current LVMA Board members are not eligible for nomination.

2014 DR. EVERETT D. BESCH SERVICE AWARD

This award was formerly the LVMA Service Award. It is awarded annually to persons in recognition of outstanding service to the community and to the veterinary profession.

Nominee Information:

Name _____

Employer _____

Address _____

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Office Phone _____

Describe an outstanding contribution to the community (if nominee is a veterinarian):

Describe an outstanding contribution to veterinary medicine (if nominee is not a veterinarian):

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Those eligible for the award are in two categories:

1. Veterinarians who have made an outstanding contribution to their community.
2. Non-veterinarians who have made an outstanding contribution to veterinary medicine.

Nominated by:

Veterinarian: _____

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2014 PET OF THE YEAR

In an effort to recognize animals throughout the state of Louisiana for their special talents or heroic deeds, the LVMA has established the "Pet of the Year" award. This award recipient will be selected from nominations made by veterinarians who are aware of or witnessed these animals in their area of practice. Examples of such animals might include pets that have saved their owner's lives or were instrumental in helping their owner overcome overwhelming odds, physical handicaps, or serve the public in any way for many years.

Nominee Information:

Pet's Name _____

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Description _____

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Description of pet's accomplishments _____

Please include photos you may have.

Nominated by:

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2014 SALES PERSON OF THE YEAR

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2014 SUPPORT PERSON OF THE YEAR

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Nominee Information:

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Employer _____

Position Held _____

Length of Employment _____

Educational Background _____

Professional Experience _____

Service to the Profession _____

Service to the Community _____

Organizations _____

Other Comments _____

Criteria for Nomination:

1. Nominee must be employed by a member in good standing of the LVMA.
2. The individual should be active in promoting animal health and welfare on the job and in the community.
3. The individual should have a minimum of two years experience as a working veterinary technician, office management, or kennel help, etc.
4. Nominations are to be made in writing and should include employment information, educational background, professional service and community service accomplishments.

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NOTE: Additional pages may be added with other necessary information about nominee.



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San Diego County Veterinary Medical Association	2014 Fall Veterinary Conference	September 20—21, 2014	Wyndham San Diego Bayside Hotel	Sand Diego, CA	(619) 640-9583 www.sdcvma.org
Louisiana Veterinary Medical Association	2014 Equine Committee Seminar	September 21—23, 2014	Sam's Town	Shreveport, LA	(337) 235-9945 ask for Lacey Blanchard www.lvma.org
Southwest Veterinary Symposium	Engage 2014	September 25—28, 2014	Fort Worth Convention Center	Fort Worth, TX	(972) 664-9800 www.swvs.org
VetLectures	Biking, Hiking, Wine Tasting and Continuing Education	October 23—25, 2014	Pepper Tree Inn Conference Center	Santa Barbara, CA	(866) 417-9570 www.vetlectures.com
Louisiana Veterinary Medical Association	Winter Meeting 2015	January 22—24, 2015	Hilton Lafayette	Lafayette, LA	(225) 928-5865 www.lvma.org