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## President's Report



Hi Everyone,

I hope the summer is a busy and profitable season for you, and that you also find some time to enjoy Louisiana between the season's heatwaves and rainstorms. Forgive this lengthy update from a busy two months!

### CONTINUING EDUCATION:

Please plan to attend our Winter Meeting (January 29 – 31, 2016) at the Shreveport

Convention Center. The program committee and LVMA office are working diligently to create a great experience for all. Also, the Southwest Veterinary Symposium (<http://www.swvs.org/>) is rapidly approaching in Fort Worth, TX and I hope to see you there.

### COMPOUNDED MEDICATIONS:

Veterinary access to compounded medications is necessary to treat emergency conditions and to provide adequate patient care to many of our patients. This year, we have actively engaged two issues on this front: (1) Compounded medications for office use, and (2) Dispensing of such medications at the time of discharge. These related topics are two separate regulatory issues.

On June 1, 2015, the LA Board of Pharmacy posted a temporary emergency rule to permit compounded prescriptions intended for office use. Please take a look at the full text of the emergency rule available here: <http://tinyurl.com/ovkm87h>. The rule permits veterinarians to stock compounded medications needed in urgent/emergency situations for administration to animals in the office. This rule does not permit re-sale or further dispensing of medications compounded for office-use. As the permanent rule process unfolds, the LVMA will keep its members posted on any developments. The rule supports our profession's access to compounded medications for office use and is good news for veterinarians and pet owners. Please stay tuned for more information. When the time comes, let's support the rule with public comment to the Board.

Access and safety of compounded medications is a nationally important issue. The public demands more accountability in the wake of high profile drug compounding deaths. Regulatory agencies are charged with ensuring that compounded medications are not mass produced in a manner that bypasses safety rules or in a manner that permits new drugs to enter the market in illegal capacities. Prohibitions on dispensing/re-sale of veterinary office-use medications are a tangled part of this context. Many of the issues and questions we face as veterinarians are tackled in recent guidance from the FDA, but the complexity of the subject leaves many questions un-answered. Please take a look at the AVMA's overview (<http://tinyurl.com/pm44vml>) and analysis of the FDA

guidance (<http://tinyurl.com/oh6csrf>) and member concerns (<http://tinyurl.com/q4cb2gq>).

### "FAIRNESS" TO PET OWNERS ACT:

Also on the federal level, the so-called Fairness to Pet Owner's Act was re-introduced in the Senate. Disguised as a consumer fairness measure, this bill really is about large chain pharmacies taking commerce away from veterinary small business owners. It puts pets at risk because pharmacists have limited experience and training in veterinary species medications. It imposes inconvenience and unnecessary regulatory burden on both pet owners and veterinary

businesses. It diverts time and resources from patient care. Please take a moment to contact your congressman and oppose mandatory prescription writing for veterinarians; here's how: <http://tinyurl.com/njfqln2>.

### FACULTY LICENSURE:

Did you see the updated Notice of Intent from the Board of Veterinary Medicine related to faculty licensure at the School of Veterinary Medicine (<http://tinyurl.com/onu3ovq>)? Enacting limited faculty licensure pursuant to these criteria preserves the Board's authority to regulate veterinary medicine and assures accountability to the profession and to the animal owning public. The change also preserves the School's training programs and closes the historical licensure exemption in a fair and timely manner. Interested parties may submit written comments to the Louisiana Board of Veterinary Medicine through the close of business on Friday, July 24, 2015.

### THANK YOU:

Your membership strengthens our association and is valued and appreciated. The issues of the day will be solved through our hard work together. Please contact me if I can answer any questions or be of other assistance.

Sincerely,

Kirk Ryan  
LVMA President

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The LVMA would like to welcome our newest members to the Association. We are excited to have you as part of our team; we can't wait to show you everything we have to offer and look forward to your contributions to the veterinary profession.

**WELCOME TO THE LVMA!**

## License Renewals



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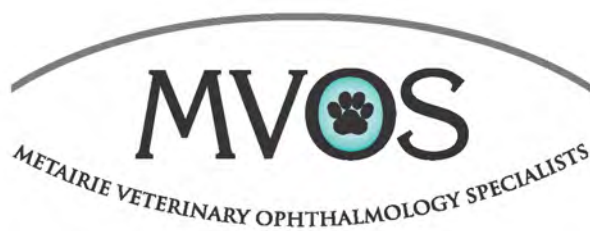
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## Executive Director's Report

### *SUMMER IS HERE BUT IT WON'T LAST LONG.....*

The LVMA Board meets on Sunday, July 12, at the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine. The Dean is always gracious in allowing the use of his conference room for our meetings. All of the Board members feel at home there and, as I look around the room, I see fewer and fewer Board members who did not actually graduate from the LSUSVM.

LSU and the Louisiana veterinary community recently lost a talented and thoughtful gentleman, Dr. Utah Cox. Dr. Cox served as Treasurer of the LVMA for seven years, from 2002 to 2009. It was a great privilege to work with him over those years and I am richer for the experience of knowing him. He will be missed.

Nominations are now being sought for LVMA awards and nomination forms are in this Newsletter. 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. Please be neither bashful nor humble!

The Southwest Veterinary Symposium is almost upon us. See the advertisement on page 5 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 Shreveport, January 29-31, 2016! Dr. Dale Peyroux and the entire committee have been hard at work lining up excellent programming. Back by popular demand and high attendance will be Friday evening programming featuring resident CE-celebrity Dr. John Mauterer. Topics will be many and varied, including airway, nasal and respiratory disorders; marketing and creation of practice value; use of the web and social media; hematology; dentistry; GI disease; and much more! 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!

*Bland*



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## Inflammatory Bowel Disease

By Kenneth A. Arceneaux, DVM, Diplomate ACVIM, MedVet New Orleans



*Endoscopic view of the duodenum demonstrating hyperemia, friability and increased granularity. The white lesions represent dilated lymphatics known as lymphangectasia.*

Inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) is a catch all term used to describe a syndrome of chronic gastrointestinal disorders as the result of inflammatory infiltrates in the gastrointestinal mucosa. More recently the term chronic enteropathy has been used. Although the exact etiology is poorly understood, the pathogenesis includes genetic factors, interactions of dietary antigens and enteric microflora with the gastrointestinal mucosal immune system and subsequent altering of the permeability of the mucosal barrier.

IBD is categorized by the type of inflammation such as lymphoplasmacytic (most common) eosinophilic and granulomatous. Other terms used to describe this syndrome are diet or food responsive diarrhea (food intolerance or food allergy), antibiotic responsive diarrhea (formally small intestinal bacterial overgrowth), protein losing enteropathy and lymphangectasia.

Clinical signs include vomiting, diarrhea, anorexia and weight loss. In cats polyphagia with weight loss has been reported. Obtaining good history with regards to diet, medications, and potential exposure to parasites are important. In stable patients with a normal albumin and without weight loss, a food trial using a

hypoallergenic diet (novel or hydrolysed protein diets), empirical deworming with fenbendazole and a course antibiotics (metronidazole or tylosin) should be considered before pursuing further diagnostics. Clinical studies report that 40 – 60% of dogs and cats with chronic enteropathies respond to an elimination or hydrolyzed diet, which supports the value of a food trial in the treatment of IBD.

Various diagnostics tests are considered when evaluating patients with IBD including a CBC, chemistry, fecal examination, cobalamin, folate, TLI, PLI, fecal alpha-protease inhibitor, and abdominal ultrasound. Exclusion of obstructive, metabolic, infectious and neoplastic disease of the gastrointestinal system is important when evaluating patients with chronic vomiting, diarrhea and weight loss.

Histopathology is the gold standard for the diagnosis of IBD. Endoscopy is the most practical and least invasive method of obtaining biopsies for histopathology. Full thickness biopsies by laparotomy or laparoscopy are useful in differentiating IBD from lymphosarcoma. Recently, introduction of new diagnostic tests, immunohistochemistry, flow cytometry, T-cell clonality assay and PARR (PCR receptor antigen rearrangement) which can be performed on endoscopic biopsy are also helpful in differentiating IBD from lymphosarcoma. Standards for describing and grading endoscopic biopsies for IBD have recently been developed by the World Small Animal Veterinary Association Gastrointestinal Standardization Group.

Corticosteroids remain the cornerstone of treatment of dogs and cats with IBD. The dosage and duration of therapy is based on severity of clinical signs, the type and severity of inflammation, clinical response and drug tolerance. The initial dose of prednisone for dogs is 1 -2 mg/kg PO q 12 (not to exceed 40 mg/dog /dose). The dose is tapered based on response over 6-12 weeks. Most average size cats typically get 5 mg/cat q 12 hours of prednisolone and taper over 8-12 weeks. Budesonide is an orally administered corticosteroid with high topical activity in the gut with low systemic activity. The dose is 1 mg for small dogs and cats once a day up to 3 mg once a day for large dogs.

In dogs with a protein losing enteropathy and lymphangectasia, a low fat gastrointestinal diet is recommended. When a poor response to corticosteroids, elimination diet, and antibiotics is seen, additional immunosuppressive drugs such as azathioprine, cyclosporine, chlorambucil and sulfasalazine (colitis) are indicated. Cobalamin is important in many metabolic processes, and Hypocobalaminemia may result in a delayed or lack of response to appropriate therapy. Cobalamin is supplemented at a dose of 250 – 1,500 ug per dose (depending on weight) once a week for 6 weeks then on an as needed basis.

Some dogs and cats with IBD require either life long dietary management or medical therapy throughout their lives. Although IBD cannot be cured, the goal of treatment is to control the clinical signs with the lowest dose of medications if possible. If reoccurrence of clinical signs are seen, re-institution or adjustments of medical therapy may be needed. Only a small number of dogs and cats with IBD are non responsive to therapy.

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# 2015 AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

## 2015 RALPH C. COOPER VETERINARIAN OF THE YEAR

The Ralph C. Cooper Veterinarian of the Year Award is given annually to the person who is recognized by his or her colleagues as having given the most of themselves in time, energy, and ideas to the veterinary profession in the state of Louisiana.

### 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:

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Describe nominee participation in promoting animal health and welfare:

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

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### 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.

## 2015 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 \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Office Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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The LVMA's Dr. Everett D. Besch Distinguished Service Award was established to recognize outstanding service to the community and veterinary profession.

Recommendations for this award must be made in writing by two LVMA members. If you wish to nominate someone, please send your recommendation to the LVMA office by November 13, 2015.

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: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2015 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Species \_\_\_\_\_ Breed \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Description \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Description of pet's accomplishments

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Please include photos you may have.

### Nominated by:

Veterinarian: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2015 SALES PERSON OF THE YEAR

Beginning in 1990, the Sales Person of the Year Award was given to that individual for performing his or her duties in the most professional manner, servicing the veterinary community.

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## 2015 SUPPORT PERSON OF THE YEAR

The LVMA Support Person of the Year Award is presented annually to a veterinary technician, office management, kennel or other staff person with a minimum of two years of experience who has distinguished himself or herself in actively promoting animal health and welfare on the job and in the community.

### Nominee Information:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Position Held \_\_\_\_\_

Length of Employment \_\_\_\_\_

Educational Background \_\_\_\_\_

Professional Experience \_\_\_\_\_

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### 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.

### Nominated by:

Veterinarian: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## Nominations Due November 13!

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Dr. Hollis Utah Cox, Sr.  
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It's Award Time!



The LVMA would like to extend its sincere condolences to the family of former LVMA Treasurer, Dr. Hollis Utah Cox, Sr.

Hollis was a lifelong resident of Baton Rouge, LA. Hollis earned a Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine from OSU in 1967. He then served in the Air Force in Panama and Vietnam, attaining the rank of captain. In 1973, he completed a PhD in Microbiology at LSU, where he remained on faculty as a professor of Veterinary medicine and headed the diagnostic lab until his retirement in 2009. An Eagle Scout, Hollis remained active in the Boy Scouts as an adult through troop leadership and membership in the Order of the Arrow. He earned The Vigil Honor, with the vigil name Achowelendam or Deep Thinker, and received the OA Founder's Award and the Silver Beaver Award for Exemplary Service.

Memorial donations may be made to the Boy Scouts of America or the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

The LVMA is now seeking nominations for the **2015 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 9-10 and fill out the appropriate form for the deserving friend, colleague, classmate or coworker and send it in to the LVMA office by November 13th.

Once selected, award recipients will be notified and there will be a presentation during the Winter Meeting in Shreveport, January 29-31, 2016.

The nominator of the selected recipients will also be asked to attend the Winter Meeting to present the award.



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## LVMA Disaster Committee Report

By Renee Poirrier, DVM, CVA, LSART Director

This year is the 10-year anniversary of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Katrina was the costliest natural disaster in US history as well as one the five deadliest hurricanes in US history. I think it is worth remembering the lessons learned from the tremendous effort expended by animal responders from within and from outside of Louisiana to respond to animals and people in need. Katrina a category 3 hurricane is the largest storm to hit the USA. It devastated Mississippi and Louisiana. Twenty-three days later, Rita another category 3 storm hit the western side of Louisiana, devastating Louisiana and Texas. The first time LSART set up a co-located pet shelter was in Monroe for Hurricane Ivan in 2004. One year later LSART supported nine major shelters, including three pre-storm pet evacuation shelters for the storms of 2005. LSART responders participated in equine and small animal search and rescue teams as well. Over 11,000 animals large and small were assisted before, during, and after the storms. Veterinarians from the affected areas were displaced. Other veterinarians across the state filled their clinics with the pets of evacuated residents. Many people including veterinarians from all over the country came to assist.

The lessons learned after these storms helped us prepare for the state's next challenge—an entire coastal evacuation. In 2008, the largest evacuation in Louisiana history, and one of the largest in US history occurred in response to Hurricane Gustav. Over 2 million people evacuated—12 coastal and 3 inland parishes of Louisiana. For the first time, people who required transportation assistance were transported with their pets to co-located shelters in the northern part of the state. LSART assisted parishes in evacuating and the state in sheltering over 1200 pets. The pet transportation exercises and the evacuation and sheltering guidelines developed by LSART proved effective in getting pets out of harm's way with their owners.

This year is also the five-year anniversary of the Deep-water Horizon Oils spill. In 2010, the largest marine oil spill in history occurred off the Louisiana coast. During the BP Oil Spill response, the LSART truck and trailer served as a mobile communication center for the oiled wildlife rehabilitation facility. LSART also coordinated the integration of over 200 local Louisiana animal responders to assist at two rehabilitation centers and three stabilization sites. About half of the LSART responders were veterinary students from the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine out of class for summer break. During the five month response, LSART responders logged over 24,000 hours of work assisting in the rehabilitation of over 1500 oiled wildlife.

This year is also marked by the completion of the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry's Disaster Pet Shelter. With the help of the Stevens Disaster Management Institution, The Dr. Walter J. Ernst, Jr. Veterinary Memorial Foundation, LVMA and LSART are proud to assist LDAF in funding this capability for the pets and the people of the state. The mobile pet shelter can provide transportation and shelter for up to 60 pets. Under the direction of LDAF, this mobile pet shelter will enable any human shelter to become co-located shelter and expand the state's ability to respond to disasters.

Since the 2005 storms LSART, in collaboration with the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine, the International Fund For Animal Welfare and the ASPCA has provided a boot camp style training to LSU veterinary students, animal control officers, veterinarians and other animal responders as well as out of state partners. To commemorate the anniversary of Katrina, Rita and the Deep Water Horizon oil spill LSART is hosting a boot camp style training for animal responders from around the country. The week long training will be held the week of August 22-29, dates that include the anniversary of Katrina's landfall. Animal response experts from around the country developed the courses. The goal is to fine tune some of the trainings we have been providing at our state boot camps and pilot several new trainings for animal responders. If we happen to have an event during the last week of August, we will have extra help from the animal responders from across the country already here in our backyard ready to assist.

It is important to take the lessons learned from the previous disasters and become better prepared for the next event. It has been 10 years since the unprecedented disasters of 2005. There was a tremendous effort to assist in 2005 and a tremendous effort to become better prepared in the 10 years since. Hopefully, this hurricane season will be a quiet one and all of our disaster preparation will not be needed this year!

Sincerely,

Renee Poirrier DVM,CVA, LSART Director



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