

## President's Report

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**CHARACTER**—it has been described in many ways. Character is what you do when no one else is looking. Character is how you treat those who can do nothing in return for you. Character is revealed when pressure is applied.

As veterinarians, I believe that we work daily in our clinics and hospitals with people who exhibit character beyond reproach. We are so fortunate to have dedicated teams who spend numerous hours expending energy and care on beings that can never repay them. Many times the fruits of their labor are the aroma of anal glands and urine but they happily attend to their wards with a smile on their face and love in their hearts. They do it for more than a paycheck. They do it for the love of an animal, and the passion that they hold. Our profession has the great reputation it does in large part to them, let us always remember to thank them.

As we roll into summer, and what is usually the busiest time of year for our profession, I am happy to report that with the cooperation of the LA Board of Pharmacy, **the Emergency Rule for Compounding for Office Use** has been approved by the Board and is making its final way into the Legislative Oversight Committee and if no action is taken the rule will stand as is. It is an accumulation of over a years' worth of work by Dr. Ryan, Dr. Thistlethwaite and Executive Director, Bland O'Connor, and they have done an outstanding job.

**Congratulations to the SVM Class of 2016!!!** We are excited for all the new graduates and wish them all the best of luck in the future. Please remind any 2016 graduate you know that they have **the privilege of a ONE YEAR FREE MEMBERSHIP in the LVMA after graduation.** This is a great opportunity, at no charge to them, to support the profession and learn more about how important organized veterinary medicine is to them in their everyday practice. **The only obligation they have is to SIGN UP**, so please encourage them to do so at the LVMA Website or they can call the office at 225-928-5862.

Please remember to sign up for the **AVMA-CAN website ALERTS** if you have not already. This website will alert you to any legislative issues that are pertinent to the profession. They typically have a form letter that you can apply your electronic signature to and forward to your legislator. It takes a matter of minutes but can increase our voice in Congress on issues that will greatly impact our daily practice environment. We have to work diligently to protect our profession and ensure our concerns are expressed. If we do not unite and take action as a profession, we stand to lose the control and decision making that allows us to make the best choices for our patients and clients alike.

**Southwest Veterinary Symposium Registration** is now open. It will be in Fort Worth, Sep 29th through October 2nd, 2016. This is truly an outstanding conference for veterinarians and office staff and is really in our backyard. The LVMA does benefit directly from your participation so please register at **SWVS.ORG**.

In closing, I hope everyone has a safe and fun summer. Enjoy any vacations you may have planned and really try to relax and renew your spirit and energy level. Our profession can be very exhausting both mentally and physically, we deserve and require a reboot to keep going. **HAPPY SUMMER!**

GOD BLESS,

Trisha C. Marullo, DVM

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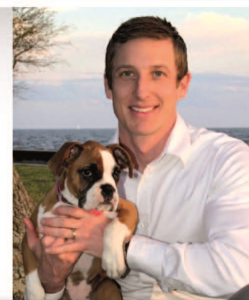
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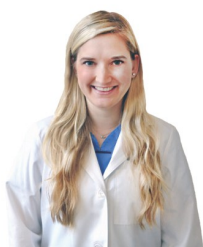
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## Arthroscopy

Lynne A. Snow, DVM, MS, Dipl. ACVS-SA

### What is arthroscopy?

As surgical skill and instrumentation improved arthroscopy evolved in the late 1970's. It was initially thought that arthroscopy was not practical or necessary for small animals. This belief has since been refuted and arthroscopy has become an essential tool of the small animal orthopedic surgeon. Modern arthroscopy uses a rigid camera and light source placed within the joint to evaluate the joint surface and associated structures. Additional portals are created for instrumentation allowing arthroscopy to be both diagnostic and therapeutic.

### Advantages and Disadvantages:

Arthroscopy offers the advantage of enhanced visualization, lower patient morbidity, and improved precision compared to an open arthrotomy. Improved visualization and precision are primarily due to magnification and illumination. The small size of the camera allows placement into areas that would otherwise not be accessible. The smaller incision into an inflamed joint capsule is believed to allow for a quicker recovery following arthroscopy compared to arthrotomy.

The primary disadvantages of arthroscopy are the learning curve associated with initial training and cost of equipment. Canine joints are small leaving little room for manipulation. The surgeon must learn to move the instruments while viewing a monitor. Through training, skill is developed to minimize iatrogenic cartilage damage, surgical time, and the need to convert to open arthrotomy.

Potential complications:

Complications of arthroscopy are generally minor. The most common complication is extravasation of fluid into the periarticular tissues which can extend surgical time due to limited visualization and difficulty reentering a joint if the camera inadvertently slips out. The most serious complication is the potential for severe iatrogenic articular cartilage damage. This is generally caused by using too large of camera or surgeon inexperience.

### Arthroscopic Instrumentation:

Commonly used arthroscopes in small animals are 1.9mm, 2.3mm, and 2.7mm diameter with a 30-degree lens angle. A camera attached directly to the arthroscope transmits the image to a monitor. Illumination is provided by a fiber optic light source attached to the arthroscope. The arthroscope is placed through a cannula which prevents damage. The cannula also provides a connection for irrigation fluid which is essential to distending the joint capsule and maintaining a clear view of the surgical site. A variety of therapeutic instruments have been developed including probes, grasping forceps, knives, burrs, and shavers.

What conditions utilize arthroscopy in evaluation and treatment?

The shoulder, elbow, and stifle are the most common joints for which arthroscopy is used. Shoulder arthroscopy allows for the removal of osteochondritis dissecans (OCD) lesions. Shoulder OCD results from lifting of an osteochondral flap due to aberrant endochondral ossification of the caudal humeral head. The prognosis for normal limb function following arthroscopic OCD removal is good with most dogs becoming sound within 4-8 weeks. Arthroscopy can also be used to treat bicipital tenosynovitis in the shoulder. Bicipital tenosynovitis is inflammation of the biceps brachii tendon (Fig 1) at its origin within the shoulder. It is caused by either direct or indirect repetitive trauma and partial tearing may be seen. When medical management of biceps tenosynovitis fails surgical intervention consists of complete transection of the biceps tendon via arthroscopy. The prognosis for normal limb function with bicipital tenosynovitis is dependent on the degree of pathology and preexisting osteoarthritis. In most cases the source of pain is eliminated and good to excellent function is restored.

The most common component of elbow dysplasia is fragmentation of the medial portion of the coronoid process (FCP) (Fig 2). Other components of elbow dysplasia include OCD of the humeral condyle, ununited anconeal process (UAP), and incongruity. Arthroscopy in the treatment of FCP and elbow OCD allows for the removal of cartilage flaps and debridement of the underlying osseous surface. Debridement of



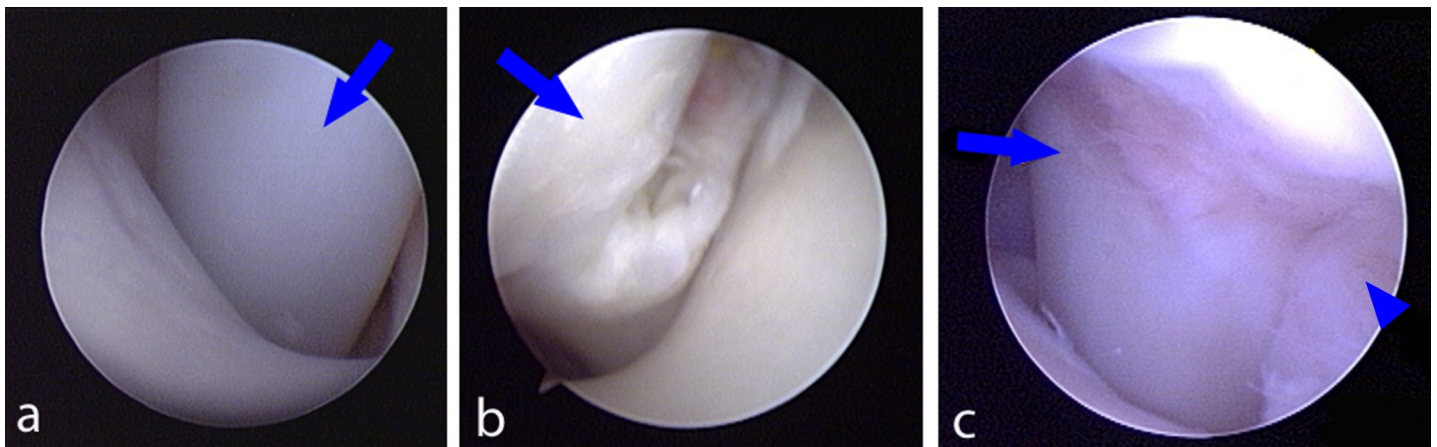
## Arthroscopy (Continued)

the underlying bone allows for the growth of fibrocartilage and improved long term function. The prognosis for the treatment of FCP and OCD is variable and largely dependent on the severity of disease and preexisting arthritis. In general, approximately 90% of dogs are expected to have improved function following FCP removal. Some dogs will have progressive lameness due to worsening osteoarthritis and require lifelong management. Because of this, early intervention is recommended before severe arthritis has developed. While UAP is not primarily treated via arthroscopy, arthroscopy is used in its evaluation because FCP can occur concurrently.

Stifle arthroscopy is useful in the evaluation of the cranial cruciate ligament and menisci. Arthroscopy allows for evaluation of intraarticular structures since the majority of cranial cruciate ligament disease treatments are performed outside of the joint capsule. Partial cranial cruciate ligament rupture may be difficult to diagnose on physical examination but can be assessed arthroscopically. Late meniscal injury can also be diagnosed and treated via arthroscopy.

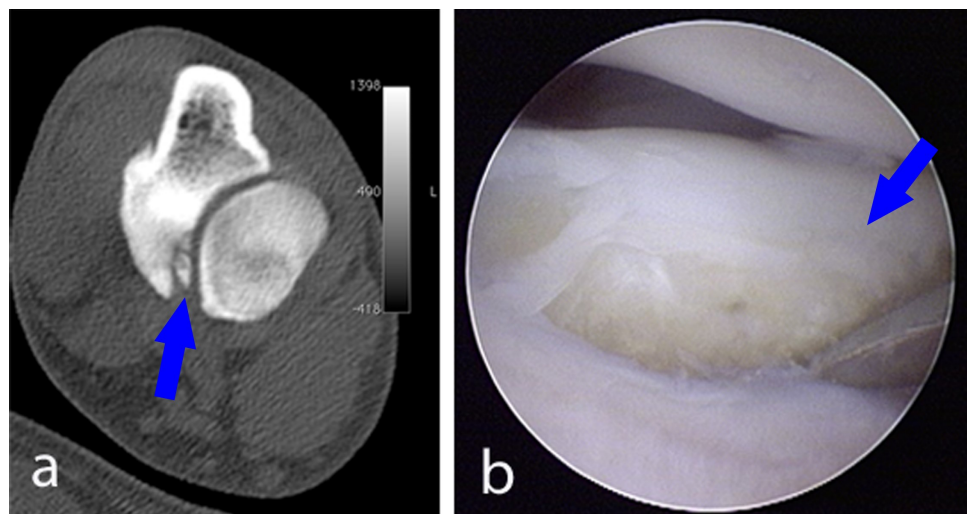
### Figure legend:

**Figure 1:** Arthroscopic evaluation of the biceps brachii tendon (BT, arrow). a) Normal, b) 90% tear of BT, c) Compression of BT by mineralized supraspinatus tendon (arrowhead).



**Figure 2:** Fragmentation of the medial portion of the coronoid process (FCP, arrow).

- a) Computed tomography of the elbow showing FCP,
- b) arthroscopic view of FCP being elevated prior to removal.





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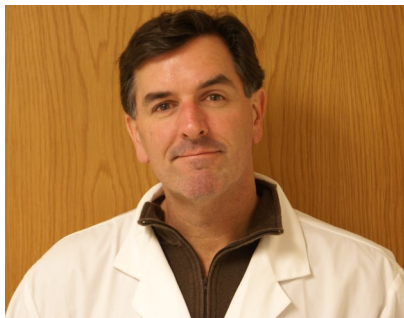
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## A message from Dr. Patrick Thistlethwaite, W.J. Ernst Veterinary Medical Association President:

The WJE Veterinary Memorial Foundation is a tax free arm of the Louisiana Medical Association. Earlier this year, hospitals were promised brochures for your veterinarians, staff and public. The brochures have not been sent while the central office gets the new LVMA Association Coordinator Stephanie Karaty caught up. For now you may use the donation form on [lvma.org](http://lvma.org). A good suggestion was made to include a brochure to the people who receive acknowledgment of a memorial gift from the Baton Rouge office. The directors of the WJE Veterinary Memorial Foundation are: Doctors Anne Guedry, Richard Lefebvre, Gordon Pirie, Jacqueline Simon, and Patrick Thistlethwaite. Executive Director is H. Bland O'Connor.

## Executive Directors Report

*THE LEGISLATURE IS IN SESSION, BUT WE ARE STICKING TO BUSINESS.....*

Immediate Past President Dr. Kirk Ryan, President Dr. Trisha Marullo and Legislative Chair Dr. Patrick Thistlethwaite recently completed their multi-meeting odyssey with the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy in support of rules allowing pharmacists to provide compounded medications to veterinarians for office use. Their advocacy on this matter was both effective and necessary in ensuring a satisfactory outcome. The Louisiana Board of Pharmacy is also to be complimented on the very straightforward and transparent process it employed in deliberating on and promulgating their final rule.

I recently accompanied Drs. Marc Bordelon and Dale Peyroux to the ELANCO-sponsored American Society of Veterinary Medical Association Executives' Power of 10 training program in Indianapolis. Lead Facilitator Dr. Marc Bordelon has an article about the program in this newsletter that you won't want to miss!

We have a new association coordinator in the office, Ms. Stephanie Karaty. Stephanie is a fairly recent addition to Louisiana, a mother of two and a (somewhat retired) barrel racer. We are proud to have Stephanie on the team!

Stay well and stay connected!

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- Coyotes: What is their role in HWD?
- Pharmacological management of heartworm complications
- Quiet time: Surviving heartworm treatment—practical hints on behavioral modification
- Heartworm treatment for shelters and financially challenged clients
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#### **Q** Ok, I'm convinced. Where do I sign up?

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## Dear LVMA Members,



As a LVMA representative on the Southwest Veterinary Symposium (SWVS) Board of Managers I would like to invite all LVMA members to the 2016 SWVS to be held on September 29 – October 2, 2016 in Fort Worth, Texas. Registration is now open at the SWVS website, [www.swvs.org](http://www.swvs.org), so please mark your calendars and register early. You will not be disappointed with the world class continuing education program for both veterinarians and veterinary technicians/nurses, wonderful venue of downtown Fort Worth and all it has to offer, large exhibit hall, ancillary sponsored events, and last but certainly not least – the SWVS experience. The SWVS experience is hard to define but is centered on the “downhome” hospitality and collegiality between both attendees and those involved in providing the best veterinary continuing education conference possible.

As an LVMA member you are also supporting your state veterinary medical association through the SWVS partnership that includes the Texas Veterinary Medical Association, Oklahoma Veterinary Medical Association, New Mexico Veterinary Medical Association, and Arkansas Veterinary Medical Association. Through this partnership each member veterinary medical association receives a share of the income generated by the SWVS based on the number of attendees from that state. In the past 2 years the LVMA received \$13,647 (2014) and \$14,843 (2015) from the SWVS. Through your support of the SWVS the LVMA wins.

Please view the registration options and the program on the SWVS website. When scanning the registration information and program guide you will find something for each and every one that works in a veterinary hospital. Remember there is only one place to have the SWVS experience and with all involved this symposium is definitely – “Worth It”.

Dr. Tom Tully  
LVMA Representative

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The purpose of the program is to *engage and develop recent graduates through the broadest possible adoption of a dynamic and evolving leadership program.*

The objectives the P10 program are to provide recent graduates with:

- A collaborative initiative to cultivate leadership capacity
- A learning experience that will benefit the individual (and the VMA, their practice, and their community)
- A network of peers with similar challenges

Applications for the LVMA's Inaugural 2017 P10 Program will be available beginning October 1, 2016 through October 31, 2016. Selection of the ten participants for 2017 will occur by November 15, 2016 and the class will be announced and introduced at the LVMA 2017 Winter Meeting in Baton Rouge on Saturday, January 22, 2017. The P10 Program will include one "kickoff" weekend and five one-day face-to-face meetings to be held on Tuesdays in Baton Rouge. The schedule will be published prior to the availability of the application.

The Kickoff Weekend will be designed for P10 classmates to get to know one another and the Program and will include INSIGHTS training by ELANCO. INSIGHTS Discovery training is a tool for people to recognize their and others behavior to help improve communication, decision making and performance.

The five Tuesday sessions will include:

- 1) FRANK training by ZOETIS, a communication workshop offering veterinarians expert guidance on enriching the veterinarian-client patient interaction.
- 2) A day devoted to practice ethics, medical malpractice, and the components and resources of organized veterinary medicine.
- 3) Media training, including how to promote yourself and your practice.
- 4) Advocacy and legislative issues.
- 5) A potpourri of professional issues such as Burnout, Financial Planning, Worklife Management and practice ownership/business management.

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## Power of 10 (Continued)

There is no registration fee or tuition for the P10 Program. Travel and other expenses of participants are expected to be paid by the participant or the participant's clinic. Lodging and meals during the Kickoff weekend will be paid by the LVMA, and the LVMA will reimburse one night's lodging for any participants travelling over 100 miles one-way to attend the one day programs. Lunches and refreshments during programs will be provided by the LVMA.

All participants will be expected to attend every session, except in the case of legitimate family emergency.

This program receives generous support from Elanco, as well as ASVMAE.

Stay tuned for more information on the LVMA 2017 P10 Program. If you are a recent graduate or your clinic employees a recent graduate, consider the potential benefits and plan to submit an application in October. For more information, do not hesitate to contact me, Dr. Dale Peyroux, or Bland O'Connor at the LVMA office.

Don't miss out on the chance to participate in this exciting program!

Sincerely,

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The LVMA Annual Winter Meeting will take place January 20-23, 2017 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Baton Rouge. Your program committees are already working to plan for speakers and topics you are sure to be pleased with. More information will come to your mailbox but be sure to mark your calendars now! You don't want to miss out on this great opportunity to acquire hours of CE while networking with other veterinarians, technicians and exhibitors right in your backyard.





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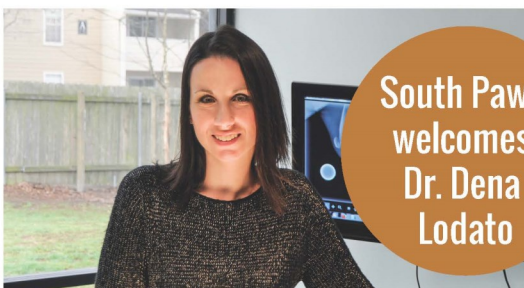
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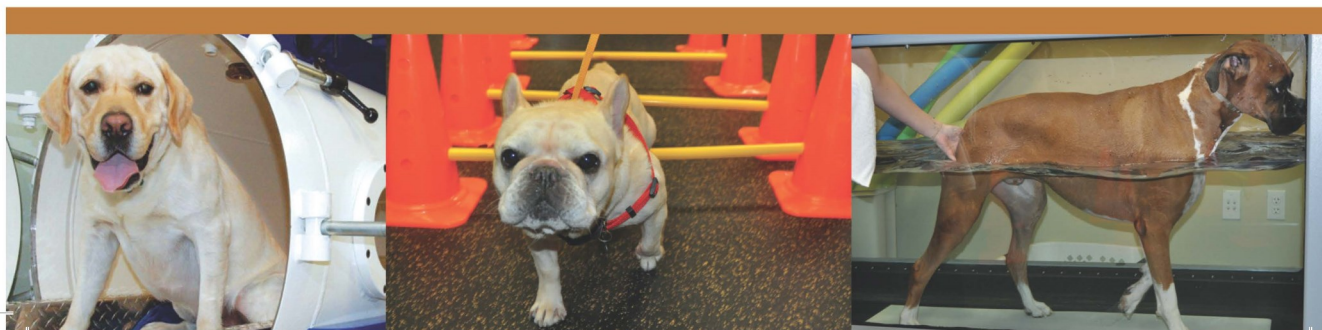


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AAVA and IVAS	Joint Congress	June 8-11, 2016	Hotel Murano	Tacoma, WA	www.aava.org or www.ivas.org
SWVS	It's Worth It: Southwest Veterinary Symposium	September 29-October 2, 2016	Fort Worth Convention Center	Fort Worth, TX	www.swvs.org Phone: 972-664-9800
LVMA	LVMA Winter Meeting	January 20-23, 2017	Crowne Plaza Hotel	Baton Rouge, LA	www.LVMA.org Phone: 225-928-5862

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## Classifieds

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VetTech NEEDED - Shreveport General & Specialist Practice is looking for a full time technician who thrives in a fun, learning environment. 7 doctor, 7RVT, 21 support staff practice. Competitive Pay and Benefits. University Veterinary Hospital. E-mail [cforet@excellentanimalcare.com](mailto:cforet@excellentanimalcare.com) [www.excellentanimalcare.com](http://www.excellentanimalcare.com)

**Seeking the sunshine and seashore? Doddridge Animal Clinic**, located in sunny Corpus Christi, TX, is looking for a Managing DVM to join our team! We are offering up to a \$10,000 sign-on/retention bonus for qualified candidates. Doddridge Animal Clinic is a well-established, full-service, small animal veterinary hospital providing comprehensive medical, surgical and dental care. We are committed to promoting responsible pet ownership, preventative health care and health-related educational opportunities for our clients. We strive to offer excellence in veterinary care to Corpus Christi, TX and surrounding areas. Our hospital features two exam rooms, a treatment area, surgery suite, kennel facility, in-house labs and pharmacy, digital radiographs, and top of the line surgical monitoring capabilities. For more information, please visit our website at [www.doddridgeanimalclinic.com](http://www.doddridgeanimalclinic.com). Please send resumes to Laura Rust at [LRust@nvanet.com](mailto:LRust@nvanet.com).

### Emergency Medicine Veterinarian

MedVet Medical & Cancer Centers for Pets is seeking an Emergency Medicine Veterinarian to join our Louisiana locations. The individual should be team oriented, have excellent communication skills with colleagues, staff, and the referral community, and be dedicated to practicing the highest quality of emergency medicine and critical care. MedVet is one of the largest veterinarian-owned multispecialty and emergency practices in the country. MedVet New Orleans opened in February 2013 and has experienced significant growth. We are expanding our clinical space to include new triage/examination and procedure areas, and a new ICU/ward. Our facilities contain advanced intensive care units with excellent technical support and monitoring equipment. MedVet's collaborative approach to patient care provides support to the emergency medicine group by on-site specialties including: critical care, internal medicine, neurology, oncology, rehabilitation, and surgery. Contact or send CV to: Alan G. Ralph, DVM, DACVECC MedVet New Orleans: 504-835-8508 or [alan\\_ralph@medvetforpets.com](mailto:alan_ralph@medvetforpets.com); David Kergosien, MS, DVM, DACVS, MedVet Mandeville: 985-626-4862, [david.kergosien@medvetforpets.com](mailto:david.kergosien@medvetforpets.com). All inquiries are confidential.[www.medvetforpets.com](http://www.medvetforpets.com)

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.

Southeast Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care (SEVECC) is seeking a full time emergency doctor. Located in Metairie, Louisiana, SEVECC offers a new 19,000 sq ft, 24 hour, referral center housing complete in house lab, digital radiology, MRI, CT and spacious ICU. Specialists support includes, surgery, dermatology, internal medicine and radiology. Competitive salary, excellent benefits package and flexible schedule. Position will be available in early July 2015. Interested applicants should contact Dr. Stephen Lemarie at 504-219-0444 or [slemarie@svsvets.com](mailto:slemarie@svsvets.com)

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Busy Baton Rouge small animal veterinary practice is looking to hire a full time RVT. Morning, afternoon, and weekend hours are available and duties include assisting in surgery, exam rooms, and in the laboratory. Competitive salary based on experience. Please email resume to [avs@avsb.com](mailto:avs@avsb.com) or apply in person at 7807 Greenwell Springs Rd., Baton Rouge, LA 70814.

Petstar Animal Care is seeking a full-time Veterinarian with interest in triage of critical care cases, surgery and inpatient care to expand our services in beautiful Ruston, Louisiana. Excellent client communication and staff communication skills are required. We are a family oriented, AAHA accredited practice with a knowledgeable support staff and a top notch clientele. We currently employ 3 doctors with family oriented veterinary work schedules. Our 6500 sq. foot facility houses 5 exam rooms, a spacious treatment area, pharmacy and laboratory, surgery suite and intensive care unit, as well as a luxury boarding wing. The practice is also well equipped, offering Ekin Digital Radiology, MyLab30 Gold Ultrasound, Idexx Catalyst, Lasercyte and Coag, In house Lab Equipment, Tonovet Tonometry, IM3 Deluxe Dental Machine, AVImark Veterinary Software and much more. To join our team, please e-mail resume' to [jessica@petstaranimalcare.com](mailto:jessica@petstaranimalcare.com) or call Dr. Underwood at 318-255-7081.

Progressive, high quality, AAHA certified small animal practice in northeast Louisiana seeking a full-time associate veterinarian to join our team. Four to five day work week- closed on weekends to allow ample family time. All after hour emergencies are referred to local emergency clinic. State of the art 10,000 sq ft new facility with ultrasound, therapy laser, digital radiology, endoscopy, in-house laboratory, dental radiology and advanced dental equipment. We offer acupuncture, reproductive medicine, and advanced orthopedic and soft tissue surgery. Motivated and well educated veterinary technicians and support staff. Salary based on experience and benefits such as health insurance, license fees, and CE allowance provided. Visit us online at [www.monroeanimalhealth.com](http://www.monroeanimalhealth.com) for more detailed information and contact [nicolewest@monroeanimalhealth.com](mailto:nicolewest@monroeanimalhealth.com) for further inquiry.

Seeking Associate Veterinarian with interest in practice ownership. Little Animal Hospital, is located in Longview, TX two hours east of Dallas and one hour west of Shreveport, LA. Longview, Texas is in the piney woods and is a wonderful place to raise a family and practice veterinary medicine. Little Animal Hospital is a small animal practice emphasizing complete wellness care, general and advanced dentistry, general surgery and internal medicine. You will be working with a great team of veterinary professionals that practice quality small animal medicine and surgery with compassion, integrity and service. Getting to know our clients developing a strong sense of community is paramount to the way we work. With in-house labs, digital radiology, digital dental radiology and referral ultrasound, you'll have an array of diagnostic tools at your fingertips. DVM required for this position with 2 to 3 years' experience in small animal practice. Interest in feline medicine, dentistry, small animal internal medicine and surgery are a must. A benefits package including professional dues, CE allowance, mobile phone stipend, healthcare stipend, professional liability insurance, licensing and company retirement plan is included. If interested in ownership/management, you can pursue the opportunity to purchase the practice. Send resumes to [salittle1@gmail.com](mailto:salittle1@gmail.com).

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Our established primarily small animal practice in Bastrop, La. seeks an enthusiastic, dedicated, full time associate doctor. We are well equipped, have a caring staff, and offer comprehensive medicine and surgery in our very modern hospital. An interest in internal medicine, surgery, or equine work is a plus, along with a sense of practicality in working with clients, and a genuine desire to expand knowledge and veterinary skills. Please contact Dr. Glen Melton, 318 -282-9379, [wgm851@yahoo.com](mailto:wgm851@yahoo.com), [www.meltonvet.com](http://www.meltonvet.com)

Associate Veterinarian needed for a well established, multi doctor AAHA Accredited small animal hospital in Shreveport, Louisiana. We are seeking an individual with a strong interest in surgery who would like to further develop the surgical portion of the practice. Several years' experience preferred but will consider a new graduate. Our clinic is fully equipped with the latest equipment and has a strong cohesive team in place with a loyal client base. Emphasis is placed on the highest quality medicine and customer service. Highly competitive salary and benefits package for the right individual. Shreveport is a great place to live, come for a visit and see what we are all about. Contact Kathryn McFadden, DVM, [ksmcfadden@comcast.net](mailto:ksmcfadden@comcast.net).

Full Time Associate Veterinarian needed for small animal hospital in Shreveport, LA. Specialized boarding facilities. No after hour emergencies. Looking for a dedicated, client-oriented practitioner. Buy-in potential. Send resumes to: Southside Animal Hospital, c/o Dr. Edward K. Loyd, 9261 Youree Dr., Shreveport, LA 71115; Fax: 318-797-8068; Email: [eloyd7@comcast.net](mailto:eloyd7@comcast.net);

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Associate veterinarian wanted for a busy, small animal practice in booming SE Baton Rouge. O'Neal Lane Pet Hospital is a well-established "mom and pop" practice that is seeing its 3<sup>rd</sup> generation of clients. We anticipate an opening soon for a PT or FT associate with strong client communication skills. Buy in potential. Call 225-202-1548 or contact us at [vetstacy@cox.net](mailto:vetstacy@cox.net).

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**Metairie Small Animal Hospital (MSAH)** is seeking a full time emergency veterinarian to become a part of our family of doctors. Located in Metairie, LA, our hospital offers general practice services as well 24/7 emergency and critical care. We are equipped with digital radiography, ultrasound, endoscopy, CO2 laser surgery, class IV therapy laser, surgical suite, dental suite, in house lab and blood bank, ICU and impressive support staff. Specialists in the areas of radiology, cardiology, ophthalmology and oncology are available for consultation. For more information on our facility, staff and mission, please visit [www.msah.com](http://www.msah.com). We offer a competitive salary, comprehensive benefits package and flexible working schedule. Interested candidates with a strong work ethic, excellent interpersonal skills, and a commitment to the welfare of pets and the people who care for them, should send resume to Dr. Margaret Trumble at [drmargaret@msah.com](mailto:drmargaret@msah.com).

WANTED 4X4 Veterinary vehicle with Bowie unit (or similar), must be highway worthy & under 125,000 miles. Contact Stan Carlin, DVM, via email at [earlcarlindvm@tcworks.net](mailto:earlcarlindvm@tcworks.net)

Acres North Veterinary Hospital located in Lubbock, TX is looking for an Associate Veterinarian to join our practice! We are offering up to \$10,000 sign-on/retention bonus for qualified candidates! Acres North Veterinary Hospital is a well-established, full-service, small animal veterinary hospital providing the best comprehensive medical, surgical and dental care. We recently won the prestigious "Best of Lubbock" award! We believe in providing the highest quality of medicine to our clients through consistent care and thorough clinical services. Our facility includes a well-stocked pharmacy, in-hospital surgery suite, in-house x-ray capabilities, in-house laboratories, diagnostic ultrasound exams, and a closely supervised hospitalization area. We are looking for a dedicated veterinarian to join our team. This is an excellent opportunity for new graduates! We have an experienced, motivated staff and boast an excellent schedule with great work/life balance. The ideal candidate will have orthopedic experience, but we will consider all special interests, such as integrative medicine with acupuncture and laser therapy. For more information please visit: [www.acresnorthvethospital.com](http://www.acresnorthvethospital.com). To apply, please send resumes to Laura Rust at [LRust@nvanet.com](mailto:LRust@nvanet.com).

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