



President's Report

Dale S. Peyroux, D.V.M.

It has truly been an honor to serve as your President for the last year. I wanted to give back to the Profession

that I love and I have enjoyed every minute of my term! As I have stated before, the future of the LVMA looks bright with Sue Olivier serving as President starting in January of 2014 and Kirk Ryan moving into the President-Elect position.

I would like to thank our Executive Director, Bland O'Connor, and the LVMA Association Coordinator, Heather Modicut, for keeping matters moving smoothly. I would also like to thank my fellow Board Members for their commitment to our Profession.

Our Winter Meeting will be in Baton Rouge on January 24-26, 2014. We have another excellent conference planned with several wonderful speakers, including my favorite, Fritz Wood. I hope that you plan to attend!

Please have a healthy and happy holiday season.

Dale S. Peyroux, D.V.M.

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2014 Winter Meeting ~ January 24-26, 2014

The Louisiana Veterinary Medical Association invites you to the 2014 Winter Meeting, January 24-26, 2014 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Baton Rouge, LA.

This year's program will offer 22 hours of continuing education. Whether you are a veterinarian, student, veterinary technician, office manager, or other staff, there is something to spark your interest. More information can be found in this newsletter on pages 6-8. A full schedule and registration brochure can be downloaded from the LVMA website, www.LVMA.org.

As always, the Winter Meeting will feature various exhibitors that cater to the veterinary community. The exhibit hall will be open from 7:00 am to 5:00 pm on Friday and 7:00 am to 3:30 pm on Saturday for you to browse and explore what all the vendors have to offer.

There will also be an array of social and networking events throughout the weekend. A continental breakfast will be offered every morning in the exhibit hall and the Christian Breakfast is scheduled for Saturday morning. Also on Saturday, an Auxiliary tour will take place as well as the Annual Business Meeting and Veterinarian Luncheon. Saturday evening will feature a Student Speed Networking event hosted by the LSU SCAVMA.

Advanced registration is recommended for the 2014 Winter Meeting. The cutoff for advanced registration is Tuesday, December 31, 2013. Any registrations made or postmarked after this date must include a \$25 late fee. On-site registrations will also be subject to the \$25 late fee.

Register now...Don't miss the LVMA 2014 Winter Meeting!

Executive Director's Report

2013 IS WINDING DOWN....WHAT CAN WE DO FOR AN ENCORE?

2013 has been a very eventful year for the LVMA. For the first time in more than a decade the LVMA engaged legislative lobbyist representation, forging a relationship with the Courson Nickel team of Bud Courson and Jim Nickel. Courson Nickel conducted a masterful campaign that successfully extricated veterinarians from the Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) in Louisiana. Commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry Mike Strain, DVM, as well as legislative chair Patrick Thistlethwaite, DVM and legislative committee members Fenton Lipscomb, DVM and Mack Lea, DVM, also deserve great praise and appreciation for their efforts related to the PMP issue. The LVMA and Courson Nickel now look forward to a long, mutually-successful relationship in 2014 and beyond.

The LVMA 2013 Winter Meeting in New Orleans was the best attended LVMA meeting on record, with over 400 veterinarians attending and a total meeting attendance of over 600. Although a one-day seminar scheduled for the Spring was cancelled due to the speaker's automobile accident on the way to the airport, CEVA sponsored a media training day with Dr. Jim Humphries in the Spring that many members enjoyed.

Hopefully we won't need legislative heroics in 2014, but the 2014 Winter Meeting has a lineup of speakers that is among the

best ever assembled for an LVMA meeting! The meeting will be at the Baton Rouge Crowne Plaza Hotel, January 24-26, 2014. For companion animal practitioners, Saturday is going to be a particularly difficult day to choose between Drs. Stephen Birchard and Frederic and Laurie Gaschen on clinical topics and the nationally prominent Fritz Wood on practice management. Stay tuned for a little more descriptive information on Fritz Wood's program as it becomes available. Friday also offers very rich selections with topics on hip dysplasia, liver disease, heartworms, dermatology, ophthalmology and (will it be 3D?) surgery. The Sunday MedVet lineup is becoming a very popular Winter Meeting staple. The Large Animal Program features Commissioner Mike Strain, DVM and Drs. Christine Navarre, Matt Welborn and Jacques Fuselier, to name only a few. More information about the Meeting, including a full program schedule and registration form, is provided in this newsletter. You may also visit the website at www.lvma.org in order to register online or for a printable form to complete and submit.

Stay well and stay connected!

H. Bland O'Connor
LVMA Executive Director



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Case Report from the LSU Veterinary Teaching Hospital

Signalment & History: A 3-year-old, Thoroughbred gelding presented for evaluation after performing poorly during his previous race. The horse started the race well, but tired rapidly and finished towards the back of the pack. Upper airway endoscopy was performed by the referring veterinarian, and an abnormal left arytenoid was identified. This did not appear to be a standard laryngeal hemiplegia, and the horse was referred to the LSU Equine Surgery service for further evaluation and treatment.

Clinical Evaluation: Upon presentation, the gelding's physical examination was within normal limits, and the muscular process of the left arytenoid was not easily palpable. Upper airway endoscopy was performed with minimal restraint. The left arytenoid was lazy and unable to achieve and maintain full abduction when the horse inhaled. The corniculate process was visibly abnormal and also rotated into the rima glottis and appeared to be fixed in that position (see Figures 1 and 2). Ultrasound examination of the arytenoid cartilage revealed a thickened, irregular lateral

Review: This horse now has to be rested for the next few months before being able to return to racing. Early surgical intervention for arytenoid chondritis can allow the horse to be treated before excessive deformation of the arytenoid or its mucosal surface has occurred, which generally results in faster healing with less risk of dehiscence of the mucosal flap. As this case illustrates well, a specific and correct diagnosis is vital to a successful outcome; treating this horse with a prosthetic laryngoplasty for arytenoid hemiplegia would have not resolved the breathing issues. This horse was diagnosed and treated promptly and because of that should be ready to race this fall.



Figure 3: Postoperative endoscopy: A left arytenoidectomy was performed and the mucosal surface was sutured. A normal amount of postoperative swelling is present.

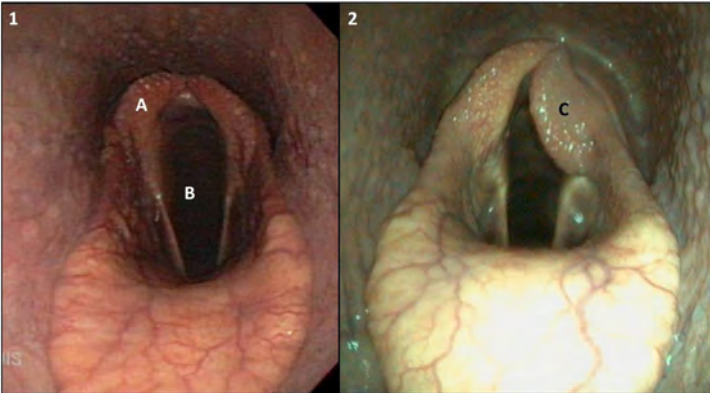


Figure 1: In this endoscopic view of a normal larynx, the right corniculate process is labeled (A) and the opening of the rima glottis is labeled (B).

Figure 2: Endoscopic view of the abnormal larynx in this case: The left corniculate process (C) appears to be displaced axially and the entire arytenoid cartilage is not able to abduct out of the airway during inhalation. Note the intrusion of the abnormal corniculate process into the rima glottis.

border of the left arytenoid cartilage, consistent with a diagnosis of arytenoid chondritis. A partial arytenoidectomy was recommended and performed the following day via a laryngotomy incision with the horse under general anesthesia.

Outcome: Postoperatively the gelding was initially confined to a stall with a temporary tracheostomy tube in place. The tracheostomy tube was removed 24 hours later when the horse was able to breathe easily around the tube while it was temporarily occluded. At this time, the upper airway endoscopy was repeated and although there was postoperative swelling, the surgery site appeared healthy (see Figure 3). The gelding was discharged two days after the tracheostomy tube was removed. He was able to breathe normally, was eating well and appeared comfortable.

A special thank you to Dr. Keith Cooper at Cooper's Mobile Veterinary Service for this referral and the support of our teaching hospital.

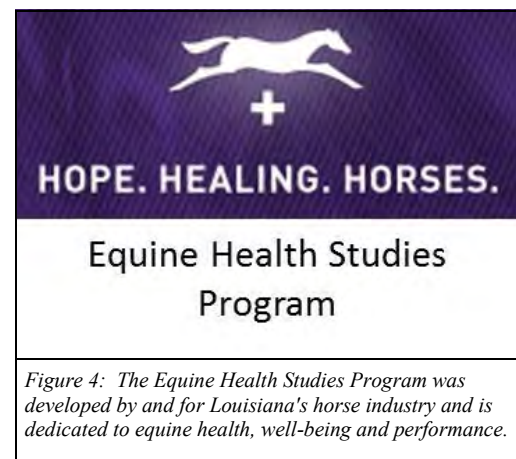


Figure 4: The Equine Health Studies Program was developed by and for Louisiana's horse industry and is dedicated to equine health, well-being and performance.

2014 Membership Renewals

2014 Membership Renewals were mailed in November. Please be on the lookout for your renewal forms. Throughout the year we send valuable information and updates to our members including CE opportunities, legislative changes and alerts, and other information that may be significant to your practice or career. Please make sure that all of your contact information is up-to-date on your renewal form.



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Update on Louisiana Association of Veterinary Technicians

Did you know that Louisiana Association of Veterinary Technicians (LAVT) is currently active and working to support veterinary technicians in the state? We currently have a Board of Directors and plan on accepting applications at the LVMA Winter Conference. We will have a roundtable discussion regarding the recent changes in our profession in this state at the LVMA meeting held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Baton Rouge on Saturday January 25th at 4pm. Please like our Facebook page to get all of the latest updates:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Louisiana-Association-of-Veterinary-Technicians/381193465250085>

The video can be found at:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lp_7oPqolvM



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July/August Newsletter	June 15th
September/October Newsletter	August 15th
November/December Newsletter	October 15th

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2014 Winter Meeting

Crowne Plaza Hotel, Baton Rouge

January 24-26, 2013

FRIDAY | January 24, 2014

	COMPANION ANIMAL	COMPANION ANIMAL II/ PRACTICE MANAGEMENT	PRACTICE MANAGEMENT	LARGE ANIMAL
7:00 am - 8:00 am Continental Breakfast in Exhibit Hall				
7:00 am - 5:00 pm Registration and Exhibits				
8:00 am - 9:00 am	8:00-9:50 am Robert Hancock, DVM, MS, DACVS <i>Canine Hip Dysplasia: Options and Early Prevention</i>	8:00-9:40 am Robbie VanMullen <i>The Impact of the Internet and Social Media on Today's Veterinary Practice</i>	8:00-8:50 am Jason MacMoran, CPA/ABV/CFF, CVA, MS, <i>Basics of Business Valuation and Practice Transition</i>	8:00-8:50 am Commissioner Mike Strain, DVM <i>State of Affairs</i>
9:00 am - 10:00 am	 South Paws Veterinary Surgical Specialists	 3 SIDED MEDIA Website Design & Customer Service All-In-One	 Postlethwaite & Netterville 9:00-9:50 am Brandon Lagarde, CPA, JD, LLM <i>Healthcare Reform Update and the Road Ahead</i>	9:00-9:50 am Laura M. Riggs, DVM, PhD, DACVS <i>Locating Lameness with the Lameness Locator!</i>
9:30 am - 10:30 am Refreshments in Exhibit Hall				
10:00 am - 11:00 am	10:00-11:50 am Susan Eddlestone, DVM, DACVM <i>What's New in Canine Liver Disease?</i>	10:00-11:50 am Dwight D. Bowman, MS, PhD <i>Heartworm Resistance—No More Obfuscation</i>	10:00-10:50 am Brandon Lagarde, CPA, JD, LLM <i>Income Tax Update—Important New Developments in Business and Individual Taxation</i>	10:00-10:50 am Diane Stacy, DVM <i>Updates on State Programs</i>
11:00 am - 12:00 pm	 South Paws Veterinary Surgical Specialists	 NOVARTIS ANIMAL HEALTH	 Postlethwaite & Netterville 11:00-11:50 am Dan Gardiner, CPA/CITP, CMGA <i>Outsourcing: Is it right for your Organization?</i>	11:00-11:50 am James M. LaCour, DVM <i>Feral Swine in Louisiana: Apocalypse Now</i>
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm Lunch on your own for attendees. Committee Meetings and Luncheon				
Or grab a quick lunch and then join Dr. Gabe Van Brunt for a lunch time session at 12:30!				
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	1:30-3:10 pm Dr. Steve Lemarie <i>Dermatology</i> Sponsored by Southeast Veterinary Specialists	12:30-1:20 pm Gabe Van Brunt, DVM, DACVO <i>Cataract Management—Seeing the World Through New Eyes</i> 1:30-3:10 pm Renee Carter, DVM, Diplomate ACVO <i>Practical Strategies for the Management of Challenging Ophthalmology Cases</i>		1:30-2:20 pm Mandi J. Lopez, DVM, MS, PhD, Diplomate, American College of Veterinary Surgeons <i>Stem Cells: Breaking News from the Bench-top</i> 2:30-3:20 pm Alma Roy, BS, MT (ASCP), MHA, PhD and Daniel B. Paulsen, DVM, PhD, Diplomate ACVP <i>Trich Testing Modalities and Services Offered by the New and Improved LADDL</i>
2:30 pm - 3:30 pm Refreshments in Exhibit Hall				
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	3:30-5:20 pm Dr. Steve Lemarie <i>Dermatology</i> Sponsored by Southeast Veterinary Specialists	3:30-5:20 pm John Mauterer, DVM, Diplomate ACVS <i>Surgery—Urogenital, Anal/Perianal</i>		3:30-4:20 pm Matt Welborn, DVM, MPH, Dipl. ACVPM <i>An Update on Foreign Animal Diseases</i>
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm		 BATON ROUGE VETERINARY SPECIALISTS		4:30-5:20 pm <i>Toxic Plants to Be Mindful of During Spring</i>
5:00 pm - 5:30 pm				
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm LSU SVM Reception (Off Site)				

*Schedule Subject to Change

2014 LVMA Winter Meeting Registration—Veterinarians, Spouses and/or Guests

January 24—26, 2014—Crowne Plaza Hotel, Baton Rouge, LA

Instructions: Please type or print. Make your check payable to LVMA and mail with your registration form to: LVMA, 8550 United Plaza Boulevard, Suite 1001, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809, or fax this form with your credit card information to (225) 408-4422. The deadline for early registration is December 31, 2013. For registration postmarked after that date, please add \$25 to the total fee. Requests for cancellations must be received by the LVMA office by January 17, 2014 and will be subject to a \$25 processing fee. Please contact the LVMA at (225) 928-5862 or office@lvma.org if you have any questions.

Name _____ Badge Nickname _____

Clinic _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Email _____

Full Registration—Veterinarians: (Includes 21 possible hours of CE, Continental Breakfasts, Refreshment Breaks, 1 Ticket to Business Meeting and Veterinarian Luncheon, and Admission to Exhibit Area.)

LVMA Member (Regular, Life, Honorary, Graduate and Associate)*\$275.00 _____

Annual Membership Dues*\$175.00 In-State or \$100.00 Out-of-State _____

Out-of-State Veterinarian (member of any other state VMA)\$275.00 _____

Non-Member (not a member of any state VMA, includes Membership Dues)\$450.00 _____

LSU Faculty Registration: Includes admission to CE courses and Exhibit Area—No CE credit will be given\$0.00 _____

Student Registration: Includes 21 possible hours of CE & Admission to Exhibit Area\$0.00 _____

Spouse/Guest Registration: Includes Continental Breakfasts, Refreshment Breaks, Auxiliary Tour (must RSVP for tour to the LVMA office), and Admission to Exhibit Area. Does not include admittance to CE programs or Business Meeting/Luncheon

Spouse/Guest (circle one) First and Last Name\$65.00 _____

Registration for One-Day Only

Friday (Includes 8 possible CE Hours, Continental Breakfast, and Admission to Exhibit Area)

LVMA or other State VMA Member\$150.00 _____

Non-Member\$225.00 _____

Saturday (Includes 8 possible CE Hours, Continental Breakfast, 1 Ticket to Business Meeting and Veterinary Luncheon, and Admission to Exhibit Area)

LVMA or other State VMA Member\$150.00 _____

Non-Member\$225.00 _____

Sunday (Includes 5 possible CE Hours, and Continental Breakfast)

LVMA or other State VMA Member\$125.00 _____

Non-Member\$200.00 _____

ADDITIONAL SOCIAL TICKETS (Please write additional badge names on another sheet of paper)

Christian Breakfast No. ____ @ \$25.00 _____

Auxiliary Tour Only First and Last Name _____ No. ____ @ \$35.00 _____

Extra Business Meeting and Luncheon First and Last Name _____ No. ____ @ \$30.00 _____

Lecture notes will be provided to all registrants electronically.

Printed notes booklets will be available for an additional \$20.00.No. ____ @ \$20.00 _____

Add \$25 if postmarked after December 31, 2013\$25.00 _____

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***Veterinarians who have not paid 2013 dues must pay membership dues to attend the full convention.**

Anyone requiring special assistance in order to participate should contact the LVMA office at (225) 928-5862 by January 2, 2014.

2014 LVMA Winter Meeting Registration—Veterinary Technicians and Other Staff

January 24—26, 2014—Crowne Plaza Hotel, Baton Rouge, LA

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Name _____ Badge Nickname _____

Clinic/School _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Technician Program Registration

Saturday and Sunday Technician Program: Includes *Saturday and Sunday* Technician Program, Continental Breakfast, Technician Luncheon and Admission to Exhibit Area

Veterinary Technician	\$125.00	
Student Technician	\$0.00	
Other Staff	\$125.00	

Saturday only Technician Program: Includes 8 possible CE Hours, Continental Breakfast, Technician Luncheon and Admission to Exhibit Area

Veterinary Technician	\$75.00	
Student	\$0.00	
Other Staff	\$75.00	

Sunday only Technician Program: Includes 5 possible CE Hours and Continental Breakfast.

Veterinary Technician	\$50.00	
Student	\$0.00	
Other Staff	\$50.00	

Practice Management Registration

Friday and Saturday Practice Management Program: Includes *Friday and Saturday* Practice Management Program, Continental Breakfast and Admission to Exhibit Area

Office Managers, Other Staff, Veterinary Technicians	\$125.00	
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Friday only Practice Management Program: Includes 4 possible hours of CE and Continental Breakfast

Office Managers, Other Staff, Veterinary Technicians	\$50.00	
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Saturday only Practice Management Program: Includes Continental Breakfast and 8 possible CE Hours

Office Managers, Other Staff, Veterinary Technicians	\$75.00	
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SOCIAL TICKETS (Please write additional badge names on another sheet of paper)

Christian Breakfast First and Last Name _____ No. _____ @ \$25.00 _____

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7:00 am—8:00 am Continental Breakfast in Exhibit Hall					
7:00 am—8:00 am Christian Breakfast					
7:00 am—3:30 pm Exhibits Open					
7:00 am—5:00 pm Registration					
8:00 am—9:00 am	8:00—8:50 am Frederic Gaschen, Dr.med.vet., Dr.habil, DACVIM (SAIM), DECVIM-CA (IM), ML Martin Professor of Companion Animal Management <i>Tips for Successful Diagnosis and Management of Canine Pancreatitis</i>	8:00—8:50 am Stephen Birchard, DVM, MS, Dipl. ACVS <i>Exploratory Laparotomy—How is it Best Performed?</i> 	8:00—9:50 am Fritz Wood <i>Management/Accounting</i> 	8:00-8:50 am Gary Balsamo, DVM, MPH&TM <i>Zoonotic Issues</i>	8:00—8:50 am Amanda Shelby, RVT <i>Making the Most of Your Monitor: Advantages/ Disadvantages of Monitoring Equipment</i>
9:00 am—10:00 am	9:00—9:50 am <i>Feline Pancreatitis—Suggestions for Better Diagnostic Efficacy and Treatment Choice</i>	9:00—9:50 am <i>Gastric Surgery in Dogs and Cats From Inside to Outside</i>		9:00-9:50 am Daniel J. Burba, DVM, Dipl. ACVS <i>Cribbing: What Can We Do About It?</i>	9:00—9:50 am <i>Making the Most of Drugs in Your Practice: Focus on Ketamine, Lidocain, Propofol</i>
9:30 am—10:30 am Refreshments in Exhibit Hall					
9:30 am—2:30 pm Auxiliary Tour					
10:00 am - 11:00 am	10:00—10:50 am Frederic Gaschen, Dr.med.vet., Dr.habil, DACVIM (SAIM), DECVIM-CA (IM), ML Martin Professor of Companion Animal Management <i>Chronic Intestinal Diseases in Felines: How to Differentiate the Good from the Bad or the Ugly</i>	10:00—10:50 am Stephen Birchard, DVM, MS, Dipl. ACVS <i>Gastric Dilatation/Volvulus in the Dog: Simple but Effective Gastropexy Techniques</i> 	10:00—11:40 am Fritz Wood <i>Management/Accounting</i> 	10:00-10:50 am Charles T. McCauley, DVM, Dip. American College of Veterinary Surgeons <i>Joint and Tendon Therapy: What Works and What Doesn't?</i>	10:00—10:50 am Cabe Ligon <i>Wildlife Rehabilitation</i>
11:00 am - 12:00 pm	11:00—11:50 am <i>When Pred Doesn't Do It—How to Manage Difficult Cases of Canine IBD</i>	11:00—11:50 am <i>Interactive Case Reports</i>		11:00-11:50 am Marjorie S. Gill, DVM, MS, Dipl., ABVP <i>Challenging Cases for the Food Animal Practitioner</i>	11:00—1:50 pm Veterinarian Technician Lunch and Learn 
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm Business Meeting and Veterinarian Luncheon					
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	1:30—2:20 pm Lorrie Gaschen, PhD, DVM, Dr.Med.Vet., DECVI <i>Thoracic Radiography: Making Lung Patterns Make Sense</i>	1:30—2:20 pm Stephen Birchard, DVM, MS, Dipl. ACVS <i>Taking the Fear Out of Intestinal Surgery</i> 	1:30—3:20 pm Fritz Wood <i>Management/Accounting</i> 	1:30—2:20 pm Ann M. Chapman, DVM, MS, Dip. ACVIM (LA) <i>Update on Rhodococcus Pneumonia in Foals</i>	
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	2:30—3:20 pm <i>Abdominal Radiography: Is There an Obstruction or Not?</i>	2:30—3:20 pm <i>Treatment of Megacolon in Cats</i>		2:30—3:20 pm Rebecca S. McConnico, DVM <i>Integrative Medicine: What Can We Offer?</i>	2:00—2:50 pm RachelAnn Harb, RVT <i>Emergencies in Ophthalmology</i>
2:30 pm - 3:30 pm Refreshments in Exhibit Hall					
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	3:40—4:30 pm Lorrie Gaschen, PhD, DVM, Dr.Med.Vet., DECVI <i>Practical Aspects Performing and Interpreting Urinary Contrast Studies</i>	3:40—4:30 am Stephen Birchard, DVM, MS, Dipl. ACVS <i>Surgical Treatment of Abdominal Hernias</i> 	3:40—5:30 pm Sal Longo <i>Remodeling or Building a New Animal Clinic? Don't Forget the Details!</i> 	3:40—4:30 pm A. Jacques Fuselier, DVM, DACT, DABVP (Food Animal) <i>Trichomoniasis Review and Update</i>	3:00—3:50 pm Rouchelle Gage, RVT <i>Radiation Safety</i>
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	4:40—5:30 pm <i>Gastrointestinal Contrast Studies: Why, How and What's That?</i>	4:40—5:30 pm <i>Interactive Case Reports</i>		4:40—5:30 pm <i>Alternative Methods of Pregnancy Diagnosis in Ruminants</i>	4:00—4:50 pm Cindy Kloster, RVT <i>The Practice Act in Regards to Technicians: A Round Table Discussion</i>
5:00 pm - 5:30 pm					
6:00pm—7:00 pm Student Speed Networking					

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	7:30 am - 8:00 am Registration		
	7:30 am - 8:00 am Continental Breakfast		
8:00 am - 9:00 am	<p>8:00-8:50 am Alan Ralph, DVM, Practice Limited to Emergency and Critical Care Management <i>Thromboprophylaxis: Which Patients Deserve Consideration and Available Drugs</i></p> 		<p>8:00-8:50 am Dr. Amanda Perkins <i>Stress-Free Cat Handling</i></p>
9:00 am - 10:00 am	<p>9:00-9:50 am Alan Ralph, DVM, Practice Limited to Emergency and Critical Care Management <i>Cardiovascular Stabilization—Using Simple Clues to Guide a Complex Process</i></p> 	<p>8:00-9:50 am Christine Navarre, DVM, MS, DACVIM <i>BQA Training/Certification</i></p>	<p>9:00-9:50 am Robbie Porter <i>Rehabilitation</i></p>
10:00 am - 11:00 am	<p>10:00-10:50 am Jude Bordelon, DVM, DACVS <i>Open Fracture and Other Orthopedic Emergencies</i></p> 	<p>10:00-10:30 am Susan Eades, DVM <i>Laminitis: Where Are We Now and What Does the Future Hold?</i></p> <p>10:40-11:10 am Colin F. Mitchell, DVM <i>Laminitis: Management and Corrective Shoeing: Where Are We?</i></p>	<p>10:00-10:50 am Dr. Ronald Koh <i>Acupuncture</i></p>
11:00 am - 12:00 pm	<p>11:00-11:50 am Jenny Lang, DVM, DACVS Shannon Stroup, DVM, MS, DACVIM <i>Diagnosis, Treatment and Prognosis of Portosystemic Shunts</i></p> 	<p>11:00-11:50 am Commissioner Mike Strain, DVM <i>Q&A Session for Equine and Food Animal</i></p>	<p>11:00-11:50 am Larissa Devlin, RVT <i>Lab Animal Medicine: Monkeys</i></p>
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	<p>12:00-12:50 pm Elizabeth Kergosien, DVM, DACVIM (Oncology) Jenny Lang, DVM, DACVS <i>Multimodal Management of Oral Tumors</i></p> 		<p>12:00-12:50 pm Jenny Cassibry, RVT <i>Overview on Oncology</i></p>

**Schedule Subject to Change*

2014 Winter Meeting General Information

REGISTRATION

Registration is required for admission to the LVMA's Winter Meeting (fee information is listed on the registration form on the next page). Please complete the enclosed registration form and return to the LVMA (Mail: 8550 United Plaza Boulevard, Suite 1001, Baton Rouge, LA 70809; Fax: (225) 408-4422; Or register online at www.regonline.com/lvma2014).

The deadline for early registration is December 31, 2013. If your registration is postmarked after that date, or if you register onsite, please add \$25.00. **MasterCard, VISA, Discover and American Express are accepted.** Please do **not** send cash through the mail. If registering on-site and paying with cash, please bring exact change.

Registration and check-in will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel:
 Thursday, January 23 3:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.
 Friday, January 24 7:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.
 Saturday, January 25 7:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.
 Sunday, January 26 7:30 a.m.—8:00 a.m.

Full Registration for Veterinarians, Students and Technicians

Full registration includes:
 All veterinarian CE sessions (22 hours); Continental Breakfasts (3 days); Admission to Exhibit Area; Business Meeting and Veterinarian Luncheon

Technician Program Registration

Veterinary Technician Program Registration fee includes:
 Veterinary Technician Program (13 hours); Saturday and Sunday Continental Breakfasts; Admission to the Exhibit Area; Technician Luncheon

Spouse/Guest Registration

Auxiliary Tour (must RSVP to attend); Continental Breakfasts; Admission to Exhibit Area

LSU Faculty Registration

Admission to all CE sessions but NO credit will be received; Continental Breakfasts; Admission to Exhibit Area

OTHER STAFF REGISTRATION

Office managers, technician students, and other staff wishing to attend the Veterinary Technician Program or the Practice Management Sessions (12 hours) should choose the Veterinary Technician/Practice Management Registration.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

The Crowne Plaza Hotel is located at 4728 Constitution Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA, 70808. The special group rate is \$103 per night for a standard room and \$203 per night for a one bedroom suite. Reservations can be made by calling (800) 678-4065 or online at www.crowneplaza.com/execcenterbtr (make sure to use the group code **VMA**.) To ensure availability of sleeping rooms at the LVMA rate, make your reservations by **December 27, 2013**.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Attending the convention is a wonderful opportunity for veterinarians to receive the **required 20 hours of continuing education credit**. Continuing education proof of attendance forms will be available at the Winter Meeting. There is a different CE form for each day. It is your responsibility to pick up this document and mark which sessions you attend and the number of CE hours received. A tentative schedule is included within this newsletter.

welcome susan eddlestone

South Paws is pleased to announce the addition of Internal Medicine services by Susan Eddlestone, DVM, Diplomate, American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine.

Dr. Eddlestone will be available for appointments beginning May 1st, 2013. We look forward to offering expanded services with the same attentive care and communication you have come to expect from South Paws. Please refer to our website for further information.



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Animal Disease Traceability and Category II Accredited Veterinarians

Louisiana achieved brucellosis free status in July 2000 and tuberculosis free status in July 1994 and the Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry (LDAF) discontinued brucellosis testing at auction markets in March 2009 and discontinued vaccinating calves for brucellosis in December 2010. As a result of these actions, the number of officially tested and tagged cattle in the state has drastically declined and our ability to trace an animal in a disease outbreak has diminished.

To counter this problem in Louisiana and the rest of the nation, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) introduced the Animal Disease Traceability Rule which became law on March 11, 2013. There are 2 basic tenets of this rule: *unless specifically exempt*, livestock moving into interstate commerce must have official identification and a health certificate. Livestock covered under this rule include cattle, bison, equine, sheep, goats, swine, captive cervid, and poultry. Animals moving intrastate are not affected by this law.

Traceability has not changed interstate livestock movement requirements because animals moving to another state have *always* needed a health certificate and permanent, unique identification. However, official identification has now been defined for livestock species and exceptions have been made for both official ID and health certificate use.

Record keeping requirements have changed under Traceability. The Category II Accredited Veterinarian who writes a health certificate has 7 working days to submit this document to the Louisiana Office of the State Veterinarian who then has 7 more working days to submit the document to the State Veterinarian's Office of destination. Also the veterinarian must maintain records of tags that are applied to livestock for 5 years or a record of tag numbers applied may be sent to our office.

The first year of Animal Disease Traceability has been directed at education and outreach to stakeholders. Next year will be directed at monitoring and compliance and LDAF will work with private veterinarians to facilitate that compliance. We will have a booth at the LVMA Winter Meeting with information and samples of official ID and health certificates, both electronic and paper. We will offer sign-ups for free trials on electronic health certificates and will have tutorials on how to use them. We will have boxes of metal eartags available at no charge as well as information on our brucellosis calf-hood vaccination rebate program for Category II Veterinarians. Please visit us at the Winter Meeting in Baton Rouge on January 24-25, 2014.

More information on official ID for each species and health certificates may be accessed at our website at www.ldaf.state.la.us or by calling our office at (225) 925-3980.



National Veterinary Accreditation Program (NVAP)

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) established the veterinary accreditation program so private practitioners could assist Federal and State veterinarians in controlling animal diseases. The NVAP is managed nationally but authorization is still on a State by State basis. In December 2009 the USDA passed a rule establishing two accreditation categories (Category I and Category II) to replace the previous single category. The rule also added requirements for supplemental training and renewal of accreditation every three years.

Category I veterinarians may perform accreditation duties on primarily companion animals. Accreditation must be renewed every three years by taking three hours of USDA approved continuing education courses (CE). Category II veterinarians may perform accreditation duties on any or all animals. Accreditation must be renewed every three years by taking six hours of USDA approved CE.

Approved CE is due on your accreditation renewal date and may be taken at veterinary meetings, online, by CD, or by printed manuals ordered from the USDA. Veterinarians may locate their CE renewal date by reviewing their initial accreditation letter or by contacting the state or federal offices. Once CE is completed, the USDA form VS 1-36A must be mailed to the USDA Office at the address below.

The Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry (LDAF) will have a booth at the LVMA Winter Meeting with information on NVAP for accredited veterinarians. We will have two computers available for you to take online CE and our staff will assist you in accessing the courses and printing the certificate. We will also print accreditation letters with your renewal date if needed. NVAP courses will not be offered in the classroom for CE this year so during your off-time, please stop by and see our booth at the Winter Meeting in Baton Rouge on January 24-25, 2014.

More information on NVAP continuing education may be accessed online at http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/vet_accreditation/aast.shtml or call the LDAF office at (225) 925-3980 or the USDA Office at 501-224-9515.

As part of the reorganization of USDA Veterinary Services, the office in Arkansas is now handling all accreditation renewals. The contact information for that office is:

USDA APHIS VS
Attn: Veterinary Accreditation
1200 Cherry Brook Dr; Suite 300
Little Rock, AR 72211
(501) 224-9515

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El Paso County, TX: Freestanding SA, 2,500sf with +/-1 acre RE. Great Area!
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PAWS of NE Louisiana Spay-Neuter Services is located in Monroe, LA and has an immediate opening for a full-time veterinarian to perform surgical sterilizations in a newly renovated surgery facility. Monroe, LA is a growing university town of approximately 170,000 and is home to the stars of *Duck Dynasty*. Spay-Neuter Services is a high-quality, high-volume spay neuter center that was formed by PAWS of NE Louisiana in order to reduce the number of unwanted animals in our community. You can learn more at www.pawsnela.org. A strong work ethic and commitment to our mission to save lives through spay and neuter is required. Applicants will need to thrive in a high volume fast paced environment and should be capable of performing 25 spay/neuter surgeries per day with the ability to increase to 35 per day within 6-9 months. Fully paid training on the HQHVSN technique to be provided by Humane Alliance in Ashford, NC. Position is Monday-Friday, no weekends or on call hours. Send cover letter and resume to pawsnela@yahoo.com or to PAWS Spay-Neuter Services, Attn: Board of Directors, P. O. Box 15432, Monroe, LA 71207.

Associate Veterinarian Wanted for a part time position in an established and growing clinic in Monroe. Applicant must have excellent client communication and task delegation skills. Friendly work environment. If interested, please call 318-325-6050.

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 Eklin 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 jessice@petstaranimalcare.com or call Dr. Underwood at 318-255-7081.

Join a team committed to practicing the highest quality medicine. Banfield Pet Hospital is hiring experienced Associate Veterinarians in Lafayette, Harvey and Baton Rouge. We see a diverse caseload and focus on teamwork, compassionate pet care, and client education. Outstanding compensation and benefits. Relocation assistance or sign on bonus may be available for some locations. To apply visit <http://www.banfield.com/Veterinary-Professionals/>

Associate Veterinarian Needed: 6 doctor small animal practice, established 30 years in Hammond La. seeks full time associate. Well equipped practice (Laser surgery and therapy, digital radiography, dental equipment, full in house lab with twice daily reference lab pickup). Salary based on experience and production ability. After hours compensated at 50% of total fees generated on calls gives great opportunity for associated to supplement competitive base pay. Benefits include retirement matching, C.E. stipend, association dues, and paid vacation. Flexible schedule 35-45 hours/wk. Please e-mail resume' to info@animalcarecenter.net or call Dr. Bubrig at 985-974-3227.

Conway Animal Clinic of Conway, Arkansas is for sale. It is the only AAHA accredited clinic in Faulkner County and is one of eleven in the state of Arkansas. This profitable practice has a long-established location in a burgeoning city only thirty minutes from Little Rock. This 4700 square foot building is comprised of four exam rooms, a kennel ward, inside/outside runs, as well as separate cat & dog boarding. Equine potential. With an experienced staff and a retiring owner available for a smooth transition, this is a fantastic opportunity for someone looking to uphold the reliable reputation of this clinic in a growing, friendly community. Contact, Aron Tallent, DVM CVPM 1320 East Oak, Conway, AR

Seeking experienced veterinary technician for busy feline practice in Shreveport, La. Modern practice utilizing laser, digital radiology, ultrasonography. Submit resume via email to info@catdoctoronline.com or fax to 318-869-2274.

Veterinary Position Available: Come join a new, but busy hospital in New Orleans. MidCity Veterinary Hospital has a part-time position available. Great staff, flexible schedule, and no emergency. We are a paperless practice with digital Xray and ultrasound. Located in a great neighborhood with a great clientele. Please call: 504-304-8223 or email: midcityvet@gmail.com to set up an interview or send a CV.

Full Time Associate Veterinarian needed for high caliber, progressive small animal hospital in Shreveport, LA. Our practice offers modern, state of the art equipment such as Computerized In-House Blood Chemistry capabilities. Ultrasound, Digital X-Ray, Video Endoscopy and Surgical Laser. Our friendly, skilled technical staff strives to serve our clientele with understanding and enthusiasm. We also offer specialized boarding facilities. No after hour emergencies. We are looking for a dedicated, client-oriented practitioner who has well-rounded medical and surgical skills. buy-in potential. Please mail, fax or email 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; Website: <http://southsideahonyouree.com/>

Veterinarian Wanted: 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 or mail it to 102 Downing Pines Road West Monroe, LA 71292.

ASSOCIATE NEEDED: Feline only practice in Shreveport, LA has an immediate opening for a full-time associate. Well-equipped practice with all the bells and whistles including in-house lab, digital radiolog (body and dental), and ultrasound. We are paperless practice with a very loyal client base and we are growing with new clients every day. No emergency duty. Please email resume to Pamela Stegall at Pamelas@catdoctoronline.com.

VetTech NEEDED - Shreveport Practice is looking for a full time veterinary technician who thrives in a fun learning environment. 5 doctor, 3RVT, 20 support staff practice; small animal medicine. Competitive Pay and Benefits: medical and retirement and PTO. E-mail or mail a resume to: Catherine Foret, DVM, University Veterinary Hospital, 7700 East Kings Highway, Shreveport, LA 71115. universityvet@me.com. www.excellentanimalcare.com.

TESTING VETERINARIANS NEEDED The United States Equestrian Federation needs testing veterinarians for its Equine Drugs and Medications Program in many parts of the United States. Intermittent work as an independent contractor. Scheduled four-six weeks in advance, when you are available. Hourly pay and expenses. Help United States Equestrian Federation protect the fairness of equestrian competition. Please respond to medequestrian@aol.com or call (800) 633-2472.

Looking for more ways to promote your company?

The LVMA has recently launched a new website and is offering annual sponsorships of it. The fee is \$500.00 and your company logo will run on a rotating banner advertisement on the homepage of the website for an entire year. This is a great way to get your name out there! Contact the LVMA office for more information.

Another way to market your brand to local veterinarians is to register for an exhibit booth at the upcoming LVMA Winter Meeting. Veterinarians, technicians and students attending the meeting enjoy walking around the exhibit hall between classes, providing great exposure for you! Also available at the Winter Meeting are sponsorships for program speakers, continental breakfasts, Business Meeting/Veterinarian Luncheon and the Past President's Reception. Download the Exhibitor Prospectus at www.lvma.org today!

To place a classified advertisement, please email the LVMA office at office@lvma.org. If you are a LVMA member, classified ads are free of charge. All others are \$6.00 per line. If you have questions about our advertising rates, please contact the LVMA office at (225) 928-5862, (800) 524-2996, office@lvma.org, or visit our website at www.lvma.org.



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Event Hosts	Event	Date	Venue	City, State	Contact Information
Louisiana Veterinary Medical Association	2014 Winter Meeting	January 23—26, 2014	Crowne Plaza	Baton Rouge, LA	(225) 928-5862 www.lvma.org
Arkansas Veterinary Medical Association	2014 Winter Meeting	January 31— February 2, 2014	Embassy Suites Hotel	Hot Springs, AR	(501) 868-3036 info@arkvetmed.org
Indiana Veterinary Medical Association	130th Annual Meeting	January 30— February 2, 2014	Marriot Hotel	Indianapolis, IN	(800) 270-0747 www.invma.org
Tennessee Veterinary Medical Association	2014 Music City Veterinary Conference	February 28—March 2, 2014	Embassy Suites Hotel	Murfreesboro, TN	(931) 438-0073 www.tvmanet.org
California Veterinary Medical Association	2014 Pacific Veterinary Conference	June 19—22, 2014	Hilton San Francisco	San Francisco, CA	(800) 655-2862 www.pacvet.net