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President's Report Dale S. Peyroux, D.V.M.

As I have moved past the halfway point of my presidency, I must say that time is passing quickly and I have enjoyed every minute. It has been an honor to represent you on several occasions. The latest special occasion was the recent coating ceremony for the First Year Students at the LSU-SVM. It is always great to see the excitement as these future veterinarians start their veterinary training.

The Louisiana Board of Veterinary Medicine

recently proposed new rules regarding RVT's and veterinary assistants. From my perspective, this caused widespread panic among many veterinarians around the state. The Louisiana **Board of Veterinary** Medicine has since postponed these rules for further study. I promise you that the LVMA will keep a close eve on this matter when it comes up again.

There has been some leadership changes at some of the local VMAs. Marc Bordelon is the new President of the Acadiana Area Veterinary Association (District 5) and Gabe

Van Brunt is the new President of the Florida Parishes Veterinary Medical Association (District 7). I know both of them will do a fabulous job!

There will be Homecoming Activities all weekend at the LSU-SVM (Oct 25-27). All veterinarians, family, and staff members are invited to attend the tailgating party on Saturday afternoon, Oct. 26th. The all veterinary band, "Sinus Rhythms", will be performing dance tunes before the LSU game. Members of the band are Kenny Arceneaux, Richard Broussard. Matt Crochet, Marc Bordelon, Marguerite Gravois, and myself. There will be free food and drinks,

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Media Training Workshop with Dr. Jim Humphries

Ceva Animal Health sponsored a Media

Training Workshop with Dr. Jim Humphries of Veterinary News Network on Tuesday, October 8th at the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine. More than 30 veterinarians and practice managers were in attendance to learn how to better promote their practice through social and traditional media outlets as well as what to do during a crisis. Lunch was provided by Ceva and the meeting turned out to be beneficial to all attendees.



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2014 Winter Meeting

Planning for the 2014 Winter Meeting in New Orleans is in full force. Our program committees have been working diligently to finalize speakers and topics that will provide great continuing education for our members and the veterinarian community. Here's a sneak peek of just some of the topics and speakers you can look forward to:

Companion Animal:

- Orthopedics, Dr. Robert Hancock
- Dermatology, Dr. Steve Lemarie
- "Heartworm Resistance—No More Obfuscation," Dr. Dwight Bowman
- Ophthalmology, Dr. Renee Carter
- Surgery—Urogenical, Anal/Perianal, Dr. John Mauterer
- Dr. Stephen Birchard, topics TBD
- Internal Medicine, Dr. Fred Gashen
- Radiology/Ultrasonography, Dr. Lorrie Gaschen
- Open Fracture and Other Orthopedic Emergencies, Dr. Jude Bordelon
- "Cardiovascular Stabilization: Using Simple Clues to Guide a Complex Process," Dr. Alan Ralph
- "Diagnosis, Treatment and Prognosis of Portosystemic Shunts," Drs. Jenny Lang and Shannon Stroup
- "Multimodal Management of Oral Tumors,"
 Drs. Elizabeth Kergosien and Jenny Lang

Large Animal:

- "Locating Lameness with the Lameness Locator,"
 Dr. Laura Riggs
- "Cribbing: What Can We Do About It?" Dr. Dan Burba
- "Stem Cells: Breaking News from the Bench top,"
 Dr. Mandi Lopez
- "Joint and Tendon Therapy: What Works and What Doesn't?" Dr. Charles McCauley
- "Update on Rhodococcus Pneumonia in Foals," Dr. Ann Chapman
- "Alternative and Integrative Medicine," Dr. Becky McConnico
- BQA Training/Certification, Dr. Christine Navarre
- Zoonotic Issues, Dr. Gary Balsamo
- State of Affairs, Dr. Mike Strain
- Updates on State Programs, Dr. Diane Stacy
- Trick Testing Modalities and Services

Practice Management:

- "Basics of Business Valuation and Practice Transition," Jason MacMorran
- "The Impact of the Internet and Social Media on Today's Veterinary Practice," Robbie VanMullem
- Management/Accounting, Fritz Wood
- Architecture/Practice Design, Sal Longo

You don't want to miss this year's lineup. Be on the lookout for the 2014 Winter Meeting brochure to hit your mailbox and email inbox in the next month. We are looking forward to a great year in Baton Rouge!

*Schedule subject to change.

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Thanks to the following people, clinics, and all past contributors, the Dr. Walter J. Ernst, Jr. Veterinary Memorial Foundation continues to grow. Your continued support will help the Foundation to reach new heights. Please consider a contribution today and encourage your clients to participate in our memorial program.

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- Jefferson Animal Hospital, *Baton* Rouge
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- Dr. & Mrs. Sam Haase, Baton Rouge
- Jefferson Animal Hospital, *Baton*

All donations received will be recognized. Family members will receive a card notifying them of the donation and the individual or clinic that made the donation.

Compounding Update

The AVMA has released a compounding video to help veterinarians further understand FDA's rules and AVMA's policies on compounding.

The video can be found at: https://www.youtube.com/ watch?v=lp 7oPgoIvM

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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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Case Reports from the LSU Veterinary Teaching Hospital

Signalment & History: "Anna," a 5 year old, female, spayed Siamese cat, presented with a history of a color coat change and a noticeable bump on her right tarsal/metatarsal region (figure 1). She had no significant medical history abnormalities and showed no signs of problems jumping or lameness. The mass appeared boney in origin, and Anna was referred to the LSU Oncology Service for further evaluation.



Figure 1: Anna, a 5 year old female spayed Siamese cat. The orange arrow shows the firm metatarsal swelling.

Clinical Evaluation: At LSU, Anna's physical examination was unremarkable, except for the hard, boney mass on the right metatarsus. A laboratory database, thoracic radiographs and abdominal ultrasound were unremarkable. However, extremity radiographs (figure 2) showed an aggressive bony lesion primarily affecting the distal portion of metatarsal

number five.

This appeared to be an aggressive bone lesion, and a malignant process was suspected. Cytology of a fine needle aspirate was consistent with osteosarcoma. Anna was scheduled for an amputation, and the leg was submitted for histological evaluation, which confirmed the mass to be an osteosarcoma (figure 3, 4).

<u>Outcome</u>: Anna recovered well post-operatively and was discharged from the hospital. Her owners report that she has adjusted well to her amputation and is currently doing extremely well at home.

Review: Seventy to ninety percent of bone tumors in cats are

malignant, with osteosarcoma being the most common and fibrosarcoma the second most common. Other potential differentials include an osteoma, bone cyst, and multiple

cartilaginous



Figure 2: Radiographs demonstrate a soft tissue swelling over an aggressie lytic bone lesion of the right fifth metatarsal.

exostoses. The treatment of choice for feline osteosarcoma is an amputation.

Feline primary bone tumors are very rare with osteosarcoma comprising 70-80%. The tumor is comprised of malignant

osteoblasts producing osteoid matrix. Feline osteosarcoma is a unique disease in cats, displaying many different characteristics compared to canine osteosarcoma. Most cats with osteosarcoma have a long-term survival (years) with

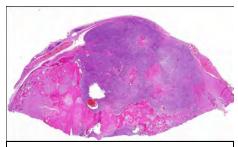


Figure 3: Invading, expanding, and effacing the metatarsal bone is an unencapsulated, densely cellular neoplasm. H&E. 1.25x

amputation alone. Additionally, there appears to be no additional benefit of chemotherapy for cats with osteosarcoma.

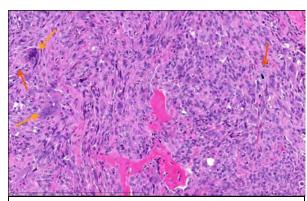


Figure 4: The neoplasm is composed of bundles and sheets of spindle to polygonal cells that occasionally surround amorphous esoinophilic material (osteoid). There are multinucleated giant cells (osteoclasts; Yellow arrows) scattered throughout the neoplasm. Mitotic figures are frequently observed (orange arrows). H&E. 20x

A special thank you to Anna's family, Dr. Laurie Prange and Acadian Oaks Pet Clinic for their referral and support of our hospital.

2014 Membership Renewals

2014 Membership Renewals will be 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. So before sending in your form, check to make sure all of your contact information is up-to-date with the LVMA.

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Welcome to the Board

The LVMA would like to welcome the following new members to the Board of Directors:

Dr. David McGraw, Woodworth

District 3 Representative

Dr. Matt Traylor, *Lake Charles* **District 4 Representative**

Thank you for your commitment to the LVMA and the veterinary profession.



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January/February Newsletter
March/April Newsletter
May/June Newsletter
July/August Newsletter
September/October Newsletter
November/December Newsletter
November/December Newsletter
December 15th
February 15th
February 15th
June 15th
August 15th
October 15th

KEEP IN TOUCH WITH OUR NEWS AND UPDATES, MEET OUR CLINICAL TEAM, AND GAIN A SNAPSHOT OF OUR EXTENDED MEDVET FAMILY





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2013 LVMA Awards

Do you know someone deserving of an LVMA Award?

The LVMA is now seeking nominations for the 2013 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 and fill out the appropriate form for the deserving friend, colleague, classmate or coworker and send it in to the LVMA office by November 15th. Once selected. award recipients will be notified and there will be a presentation during the Winter Meeting in Rouge, January 24-26, 2014. Baton nominator of the selected recipients will also be asked to attend the Winter Meeting to present the award.

Community Spotlight



Senator Francis Thompson (left) and District 2 Representative, Dr. James Rundell, at a reception honoring Senator Thompson the night before his annual dove hunt. The reception took place at the Civic Center in Monroe, LA. Sen. Thompson has long been a friend of veterinary medicine and played a huge part in exempting veterinarians from the drug reporting bill.







2013 AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

2013 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 pra-	ctice		
Local, state and national	l committees	served on ar	nd positions held:
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Criteria for Nomination:

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

2013 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		
Office Phone		
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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 15, 2013.

Those eligible for the award are in two categories:

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

Nominated by:

Veterinarian:	
Phone:	

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2013 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.

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2013 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	
Service to the Profession	
Service to the Community	
Organizations	=
Other Comments	

Criteria for Nomination:

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

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Veterinarian:		
Phone:		

Nominations Due November 15!

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

Classifieds

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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.

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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.

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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!



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Classifieds (Continued)

Emergency Veterinarian wanted; Animal ER of Mobile located in Mobile, AL is looking for a F/T or P/T emergency veterinarian. Animal ER of Mobile is a fully equipped hospital, seeing emergency and critical care referrals from the Greater Mobile, AL area. Previous emergency experience or internship preferred. Salary based on experience. Benefits package. Excellent staff. Ownership potential. Mobile is a beautiful gulf coast city with unlimited recreational opportunities. Come join our growing team at Animal ER of Mobile. Contact Dr. Chris Mau at (920)-450-7905 or cmau@animalerofmobile.com

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PART-TIME ASSOCIATE VETERINARIAN NEEDED for small animal practice. Busy 3-doctor practice looking for experienced veterinarian (at least one year) new clinic building, fully equipped with al lcurrent equipment. Please contact Kevine Fuselier at 337-942-7126 or www.bellevueac.net.

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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