President’s Report

LVMA Winter Meeting:
The LVMA office and program committees have put together a great program for this year’s Winter Meeting January 29-31, 2016 at the Hilton Hotel and Shreveport Convention Center. Click here to register online: http://tinyurl.com/q6euj2o. I hope to see you there!

Thank You:
The sun is setting on my term as LVMA president. As I write this just before Thanksgiving, let me thank each of you for joining the LVMA and being a part of this great association. I am grateful to our Board of Directors and our association management team (Bland O’Connor, Amber Perkins, and Anais Leblanc). Through their efforts, the association remains alert and responsive to the needs of the profession and financially sound. I have keenly benefited from the great support of our immediate past presidents (Drs Sue Olivier and Dale Peyroux). A special thank you is owed to all of our LVMA committee chairs—especially Dr. Patrick Thistlethwaite and the folks at Courson-Nickel who have ably supported the association’s legislative efforts and government relations.

2015 Re-Cap:
Together, we have been able to tackle a number of issues this year. Here is a quick summary:

We joined the American Horse Council, the AVMA, the American Association of Equine Practitioners, and state veterinary groups in all 50 states in supporting the Prevent All Soring Tactics (PAST) Act.

We went on the record to oppose the deceptively named Fairness to Pet Owners Act which would needlessly delay and confuse the prescribing of veterinary medications.

We joined the AVMA in opposing changes in the international regulation of ketamine that would result in the drug being more difficult to obtain by licensed veterinarians for authorized treatment of animals.

We encouraged the next generation of veterinary leadership by endorsing a new graduate and ultimately successful candidate for the AVMA’s Congressional Science Fellowship in Washington, DC.

We endorsed the final rule on limited faculty licensure—recognizing the Board of Veterinary Medicine’s authority to regulate and its mandate to protect the public, while also maintaining training programs for the next generation of LVMA members.

We continued partnership with the Southwest Veterinary Symposium (http://www.swvs.org/), the Walter J. Ernst, Jr. Foundation (http://tinyurl.com/qjng6wv), and the Louisiana State Animal Response Team.

Check out Louisiana’s mobile pet shelter here: http://tinyurl.com/nr7ldg. Supported in part by the LVMA, the unit will participate in rescue / evacuation efforts during disasters that impact our communities.

We lobbied successfully for rule changes making compounded medications available for veterinary office use. Here is a copy of the emergency rule (http://tinyurl.com/pmfjr5g) issued June 1st and re-issued September 21st. At the last meeting with the Board of Pharmacy (11/18/2015) we continued the productive conversation on this complicated issue. Stay tuned for more positive updates in the year ahead.

2016 and Beyond:
Please join me in welcoming in-coming LVMA president, Dr. Trish Marullo and president-elect, Dr. Marion Sewell. Their combined knowledge, talent and energy will keep the LVMA a great resource for all members.

I hope the holiday season brings you peace, joy, and success. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your president.

Best wishes,

Kirk Ryan
LVMA President
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- Retinal testing (Electroretinography)
- Ocular ultrasound

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

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WELCOME

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St. George’s University, 2015

Dr. April Conerly Kelly
Tuskegee University, 2009

Dr. Kelsey Moses
Louisiana State University SVM, 2012

Dr. Christopher Rumore
Louisiana State University SVM, 2015

Dr. Seth Adam Trachtenberg
Washington State University, 2002

2016 Membership Renewals

2016 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. You may also renew online at www.lvma.org.

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Executive Director’s Report

THIS HOLIDAY SEASON FOCUS ON WHAT’S IMPORTANT…..

I’ll bet you thought I was going to say something about spending quality time with family and friends during the holiday season. Well, I probably should, but my message instead is that the holiday season is a great time to catch up on your LVMA dues and to register for the LVMA Winter Meeting coming up January 29-31, 2016 in Shreveport!

LVMA dues statements include optional voluntary contributions to the Dr. Walter J. Ernst, Jr. Veterinary Memorial Foundation (“the Foundation”) and the LVMA Political Action Committee (PAC). Contributions to the Foundation are deductible as charitable contributions. Contributions to the PAC are not deductible for federal income tax purposes. Feel free to strike out the suggested amount and replace it with a larger contribution than suggested!

President Kirk Ryan, President-elect Trish Marullo and Legislative Chair Patrick Thistlethwaite recently attended a Louisiana Board of Pharmacy meeting to support rules allowing pharmacists to provide compounded medications to veterinarians for office use. Ultimately, the FDA guidelines will impact this process, so ultimate success is by no means assured at this time. We will update members as the process develops. On the legislative front, with the new Governor elected, there is speculation that a special legislative session will be held and revenue enhancement will be a goal, so hold onto your wallets in 2016!

While you’re holding on to your wallet, you can also hold on to a little extra cash by registering for the Winter Meeting before the Early Bird deadline of December 31, 2015. Rates will increase by $25 after that date. The meeting will be held at the Shreveport Convention Center, January 29-31, 2016. To register, please visit the website at www.lvma.org in order to register online or for a printable form to complete and submit.

We’ve got a great lineup of speakers this year and the program is packed with session choices for companion animal practitioners and practice management, including periodontal disease, heart failure, anesthesia, financial management and practice marketing to name only a few. Commissioner Mike Strain, DVM, as well as Drs, Diane Stacy, Jacques Fuselier, Jason Osterstock, Dennis French and Marge Gill will conduct an exciting lineup of sessions in the Large Animal Program. There is no truth to the rumor that Dr. John Maurterer’s evening programs feature an open bar, but you would think he serves drinks the way the room fills up! This year he is conducting a special Friday evening session entitled Anesthesia and Pain Management: Tricks from a Surgeon Perspective. Keeping with tradition, the Louisiana Association of Veterinary Technicians (LVAT) and NSU is also offering a Saturday/Sunday track for Veterinary Technicians in conjunction with the Winter Meeting.

New this year is the requirement to purchase a ticket for the Veterinarian Business Meeting and Awards Luncheon, so please be sure to purchase your ticket when registering is you plan to attend. Tickets are only $5 for veterinarians and we expect this will allows us to plan more effectively for the correct number of attendees. Be sure to visit us online (www.lvma.org) for more information and book your hotel early under the LVMA group block for discounted rates. See you in Shreveport!

Stay well and stay connected!

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This year (2015) the American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA) and the American Association of Feline Practitioners (AAFP) published their updated Guidelines for pain management in dogs and cats. These Guidelines are the summary of the most recent advancements in the approach to pain recognition, assessment and management for veterinary practitioners, as determined by a selected group of experts in the field.

This is an excellent resource for practitioners. This informative, practical, and easy to read document stresses the individuality of dogs and cats and how they respond and adapt to pain. Pain can be separated into several types; acute, chronic or neuropathic. The pain response is physical and psychological, involving memory and emotion. Careful observation of a patient’s behavior can help recognize, evaluate and modify the approach to providing analgesia in each patient independently.

A discussion and list of validated multifactorial Clinical Management Instruments (CMIs) for both dogs and cats is an integral piece of this guide. The use of a pain scoring system, one of the commonly used ones or one specifically designed for use in your hospital, will standardize a practice’s approach to pain and make all patient caregivers comfortable with the terminology and practice of continued assessment of each individual patient.

Pharmacological and non-pharmacological pain therapies are discussed and a multimodal approach is recommended. A multimodal approach, effective at multiple places along the pain pathway, allows reduced doses of medications, decreases the possibility of adverse effects and provides optimal analgesia. Opioids are still the best analgesics for surgical and severe pain. Some differences between the most commonly used opioids and recommendations for their use in cats and dogs are described.

Inflammation is a key component of acute and chronic pain. Therefore, nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) are a necessary piece of the pain management plan. The risks of NSAIDs are summarized and a table with the Nine Ways to Minimize the Risk of NSAID is an important part of the Guidelines.

Additional pharmacological substances useful in pain management are listed with short discussions, such as ketamine, lidocaine, gabapentin, amantadine, tramadol, maropitant, and others.

Non-pharmacological therapies for pain management are described and include weight management, acupuncture, physical rehabilitation and nutritional support.

A valuable section of this guide is dedicated to degenerative joint disease (DJD) or osteoarthritis (OA) in cats and dogs. This chronic pain state is common in companion animals and suggestions for how to best manage these patients is described in depth.

This is a well put together guide and I recommend that all practitioners take the time to read it. It provides a method to assess your current approaches to pain management and to identify areas where these approaches can be improved for the overall welfare of your patients. These guidelines can be easily obtained online and you do not have to be an AAHA subscriber to access them.

Pain management is a team endeavor that should include the veterinarian, the veterinary staff and the pet owner/guardian. Make pain assessment part of the overall patient evaluation, the fourth vital sign if you will, and it will soon become an integral part of each patient’s workup.

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**PAIN MANAGEMENT IN DOGS AND CATS**

By Julie A. Smith, DVM, DACVAA

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**LVMA 2016 Winter Meeting General Information**

**REGISTRATION**
Registration is required for admission to the LVMA’s Winter Meeting (fee information is listed on the registration form enclosed) 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.lvma.org).

The deadline for early registration is December 31, 2015. 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 Shreveport Convention Center:**
- **Thursday, January 28:** 3:00 p.m. — 6:00 p.m.
- **Friday, January 29:** 7:00 a.m. — 5:00 p.m.
- **Saturday, January 30:** 7:00 a.m. — 5:00 p.m.
- **Sunday, January 31:** 7:30 a.m. — 8:00 a.m.

**Full Registration for Veterinarians and Students**
- All veterinarian CE sessions (21 hours)
- Continental Breakfasts (3 days)
- Admission to Exhibit Area

**LAVT/NSU Technician Program Registration**
On Saturday and Sunday the Louisiana Association of Veterinary Technicians (LAVT) in conjunction with the Northwestern State University present a Veterinary Technician Program that is hosted by the LVMA. Registration fee includes:
- Veterinary Technician Program (12 hours)
- Saturday and Sunday Continental Breakfasts
- Admission to the Exhibit Area
- Technician Luncheon

**Spouse/Guest Registration**
- Auxiliary Tour and Lunch (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 Vet Technician Program or the Practice Management Sessions (15 hours) should use the appropriate section of Veterinary Technicians and Other Staff Registration form.

**To improve planning, ticket purchase is required to attend the Business Meeting and Luncheon. Cost is $5 for Veterinarians and $30 for all other attendees. Please select and pay for tickets on your registration form to attend.**

**HOTEL RESERVATIONS**
The Hilton Shreveport Hotel is located at 104 Market Street, Shreveport, LA 71101. The special group rate is $115 per night for a standard room. Reservations can be made by calling (318) 698-0900 or online at www.lvma.org. To ensure availability of sleeping rooms at the LVMA rate, make your reservations by January 13, 2016.

**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.
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*Anesthesia and Pain Management: Tricks from a Surgeon Perspective*
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**7:00 pm—9:00 pm LSU SVM Reception**

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**LAVT/NSU Veterinary Technician**

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  - Understanding Equine Fluid Therapy

- 10:00-11:50 am
  - LSART
  - Emergency Planning for Veterinarians and Animal Businesses

- 12:00-12:50 pm
  - Rebecca Wesley
  - Exotic Medicine: Think Outside the Clinic

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Case Report from the LSU Veterinary Teaching Hospital

Signalment and History
Lady Red, a 4 year old intact female Beagle was found as a stray in rural Louisiana and taken to a local animal shelter (Fig 1, 2). Upon arrival she weighed 10 kg (BCS 6/9). She was vaccinated (DHPP, Rabies), tested positive for heartworms and had a negative fecal exam. Five weeks after admission to the shelter she was presented for a four day history of limping. During her orthopedic exam, Lady Red showed no obvious lameness or signs of illness. Carprofen was prescribed for eight days with restricted activity. No diagnostics were performed due to financial constraints of the shelter.

One month later, caretakers complained of her running into objects. Examination showed bilateral blepharospasm and a non-visual right eye with buphthalmos, corneal vascularization and hyphema. Menace response and pupillary light reflex were absent. Severe corneal edema and miosis was observed in the left eye. Fluorescein stain and Schirmer tear tests were normal. Bilateral anterior uveitis with possible glaucoma in the right eye was suspected. Lady was isolated and referred to LSU to see if a systemic cause could be identified.

Clinical Evaluation
Labwork was normal except for high globulins. Abdominal ultrasound revealed non-specific lymph node changes and a thickened irregular left uterine horn suggesting a possible pyometra or metritis.

Pyometra was considered a possible source of systemic inflammation causing bilateral uveitis. The right eye was non-visual, painful and carried a grave prognosis for return of vision. Spay and right eye enucleation were performed at the shelter. The uterus was enlarged and firm but had no obvious discharge. On histopathology, the right eye showed severe chronic endophthalmitis with retinal detachment. The uterus demonstrated metritis with normal ovaries. The lymph node was reactive.

Outcome
After surgery the dog was isolated and healed well. The left eye transiently improved with 1% atropine and 1% prednisolone acetate ophthalmic drops, but uveitis returned three weeks later. Due to the combination of ocular, musculoskeletal and reproductive signs, Brucella canis was considered. A rapid slide agglutination test (RSAT) for B. Canis was positive and confirmed via agar gel immune diffusion test (AGID).

Because of the potential zoonotic and contagious implications of Brucella and the persistent painful uveitis, adoption was not recommended and euthanasia was elected. Necropsy revealed heartworms and a small number of Trichuris vulpis. Histopathology of the left eye confirmed uveitis and retinal detachment. The joint synovium had multifocal areas of villous proliferation and a mixed inflammatory infiltrate.

Clinical abnormalities were attributed to Brucella canis infection which is a reportable disease in Louisiana. All dogs that came in contact with Lady Red at the shelter had been spayed or neutered prior to exposure to the infected dog. These animals were isolated. Cages were cleaned twice daily with a 10% bleach and water solution. Six weeks after their last interaction with Lady Red, exposed dogs all tested negative for Brucella.

Review
Brucellosis should be included in the differential list for many abnormal physical exam findings (particularly in a shelter environment). Abnormalities can mimic many diseases affecting the ocular, musculoskeletal, reproductive, skin and lymphatic systems. Histopathology often shows lesions which are not pathognomonic for brucellosis and tend to indicate nonspecific chronic inflammation. Positive screening tests should be confirmed using more specific testing methods.

Treatment for Brucellosis is often not successful. Bacterial sequestration can produce episodic bacteremia. If treatment is elected spay/castration should be performed to decrease bacterial spread through contaminated secretions. Antimicrobial combinations (streptomycin, and tetracycline, aminoglycosides and fluoroquinolones)
may have efficacy. The expense, zoonotic implications, poor prognosis for complete cure and the contagious nature of the disease must be considered before electing treatment.

Figures 1 and 2: Adoption photos of the dog presented in this case prior to the onset of illness.
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