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President's Report



Dear LVMA Members,

Thank you for renewing your LVMA Membership! We could not have our wonderful organization without each

of our members. If you have not renewed your membership, you can do so at lvma.org.

I was honored to speak on behalf of the LVMA at the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine White Coat Ceremony for the class of 2023. There were two ceremonies due to COVID restrictions but all the students were excited to advance to clinical rotations and their families were very proud. I reminded them that they can join the LVMA for free as students and we look forward to them becoming veterinarians very

soon! The ceremony was a nice reminder of the joy of being a veterinarian, something that can sometimes be forgotten in the day to day grind.

Additionally, the Power of 10 Class of 2022 had a successful kick-off weekend and is looking forward to a great year! If you are interested in participating, there is still time to join the class.

Registration is now open for the Southwest Veterinary Symposium on September 22-25, 2022 in Fort Worth, TX. "Steer Your Career" and join us for a weekend of CE and networking!

The LVMA will continue the important work of monitoring legislation affecting the veterinary profession with our lobbyists who continue to do an excellent job at keeping our voices heard. If you would like to be more involved, please contact your District Representative

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or the LVMA directly for more information. There is always work to be done and committees for which you could serve and be impactful for our profession and our state.

We had a wonderful Ponchatoula Strawberry Festival and I hope everyone had a Happy Easter!

Kathleen Elstrott Achord, DVM
President, LVMA



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Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Host	Location	For More Info
July 29 - Aug. 2, 2022	AVMA Convention	AVMA	Philadelphia, PA	www.avma.org
Sept. 22 - 25, 2022	SWVS	SWVS	Fort Worth, TX	www.swvs.org
Feb. 10 - 12, 2023	2023 Winter Meeting	LVMA	Lafayette, LA	www.lvma.org

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Submit articles and advertisements to the LVMA office as follows:

Jan./Feb. Newsletter	January 15th
March/April Newsletter	March 15th
May/June Newsletter	May 15th
July/Aug. Newsletter	July 15th
Sept./Oct. Newsletter	September 15th
Nov./Dec. Newsletter	November 15th

Executive Director's Report

Spring is here which means the legislature is in session! Please know that your leadership is hard at work protecting your profession with over 5 bills affecting the veterinary profession this 2022 session. In previous years, the LVMA joined a coalition of professional organizations to oppose legislation that threatened professional licensing at the potential expense of the protection of the public.

We have "rallied" those troops again and working in a coordinated effort to protect the public. The LVMA's lobbying team and volunteers will continue to represent the interests of veterinarians on these matters.

Another springtime and summer activity at the LVMA is the preparation of the budget for the upcoming fiscal year beginning on September 1, 2022 and ending on August 31, 2023. Any requests for funding by the LVMA that are anticipated during that period of time should be submitted prior to May 31, 2022 using an LVMA budget request form. The Board is scheduled to meet on July 10, 2022 to adopt the budget, as well as conduct other business. This is an important process that your Treasurer Dr. Peyroux takes very seriously in maintaining the financial sustainability of the LVMA. Please reach out if you have any questions regarding this process.

Take care,

Melanie Talley, CAE
Executive Director



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Healthcare Professionals' Foundation of Louisiana (HPFL)

About the HPFL

The Healthcare Professionals' Foundation of Louisiana is a non-profit organization that provides confidential services to various licensing boards and licensees in the healthcare industry. We are a voluntary advocacy and monitoring program that allows healthcare professionals with impairments or in need of medical treatment to avoid formal disciplinary actions by their licensing boards and obtain remediation in order to practice with skill and safety. Our main goals are to facilitate care to the licensees and improve efficiency to the licensing boards.

Services the HPFL Provides

Advocacy

We advocate and act as a liaison on the professional's behalf with employers, insurance carriers, and other state monitoring programs.

Education

Through our process licensees are provided psychoeducation regarding impairments, and the HPFL staff present information around the state to notify and educate licensees about our program.

Monitoring

Participants in our program have their compliance certified through screening, therapeutic treatments, and communication with the HPFL medical director and case managers.

Referrals

The HPFL receives referrals from multiple sources including but not limited to hospitals, colleagues, the LVBM, office staff, treatment centers, family, or friends. If you suspect impairment or have concerns for his/her safety or the safety of patients or employees, please contact us. Early intervention could save someone's life. In addition, we encourage self-referrals. If you are in need of assistance, please do not hesitate to call. Any professional who has not been treated or monitored previously by the HPFL can be a participant in the HPFL with a level of confidentiality.



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Practices For Sale:

LA: Sold! Small Animal Clinic, 3 FTE DVM, extremely profitable, Real Estate available, 2020 Gross \$2.38M [LA S21]

AL: New! Small Animal Hospital, 1 DVM practice with relief. Practice and Real Estate both available. (AL W22)
LA: Small Animal Clinic, 1 DVM, Real Estate available, 2020 Gross \$658K (LA P18)

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Southwestern LA: Small animal practice with 1-acre of real estate. 2021 gross revenue over \$718K. Fully renovated and beautifully maintained facility of approximately 3,100 SF. Equipped with digital X-rays, ultrasound, and cutting-edge laboratory equipment. (Listing Code: LA3) Contact: PS Broker, 800.636.4740, info@psbroker.com, www.psbroker.com

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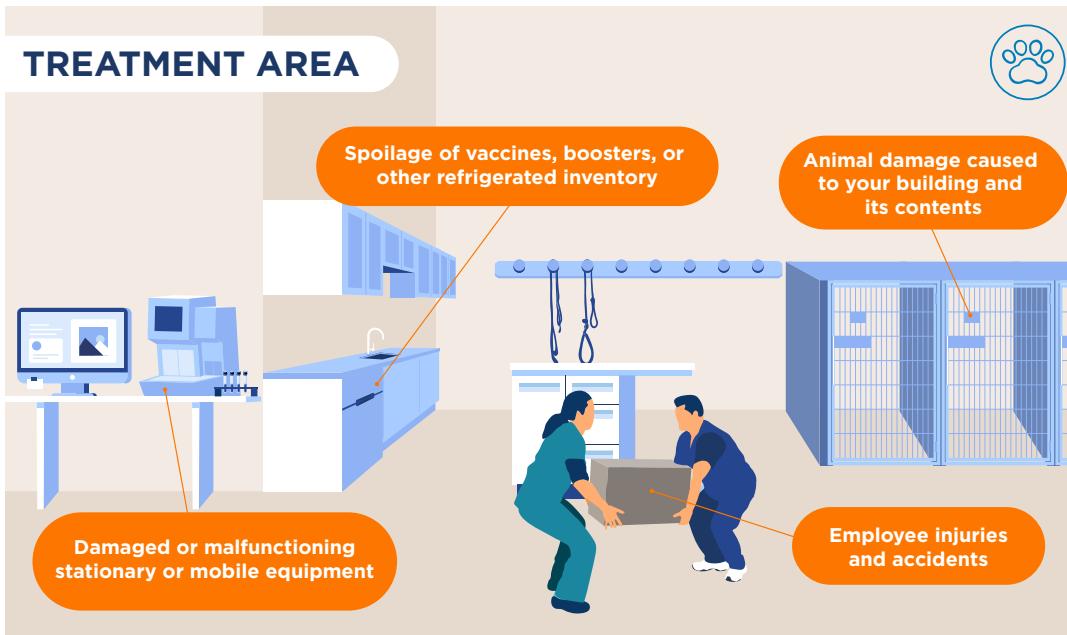


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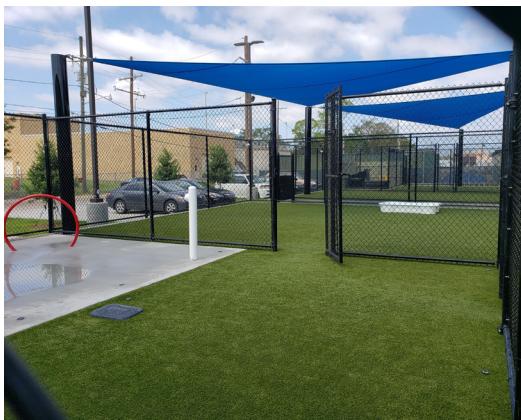
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Louisiana • SOLD! This southern Louisiana veterinary hospital is a fantastic opportunity to start building equity in your own future. A 3 FTE DVM practice in 2020 with Gross Revenues of ~ \$2.38M and after debt income ~\$285K. (LA S21)

Kentucky • SOLD! Profitable Single DVM Practice. Located conveniently to both Louisville and Lexington, this community is a great place to reside. The practice is currently open 4 ½ days a week. The practice is located in an attractive 2,500 SF free standing hospital and is well equipped. 2021 Revenues in excess of \$655K; After-debt income estimated ~\$151K. Practice & Real Estate available. (KY W17)

Kentucky • Very profitable and well-equipped single DVM small animal practice with substantial growth located in beautiful western Kentucky. This is a great opportunity for anyone looking for a great place to live and practice. The practice is open Monday – Friday from 8:00am – 5:00pm and Saturday from 8:00am – 12:00pm. 2021 Gross Revenues in excess of \$1.125M after-debt income estimated ~ \$194K. Practice and Real Estate for Sale (KY 807)

Tennessee • SOLD – Corporate Sale Thriving Small Animal Hospital just southeast of Nashville. This growing veterinary practice is currently a 1.25 FTE/DVM practice. Perfect for a new owner. Practice and Real Estate Available. 2020 Gross Rev. \$970K+ (TN910)

Tennessee • New! Solo DVM Practice - Located on approximately 0.8 acres in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains and in close proximity to the Great Smokey Mountains. This well-equipped, 4,100+ square foot, free-standing veterinary building has the capacity to serve both small and large animal patients. With desirable Monday – Friday office hours and small animal emergencies referred to Knoxville, this opportunity allows for the perfect work-life balance. Gross Revenues for 2021 were ~ \$1.2 million with 15.5% year over year growth. Estimated after debt income of \$182,000. Practice and Real Estate are both available. (TN R24)



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