

President's Report



Hi, Everyone,

I am grateful to the Association's Board of Directors and to our very active and engaged membership. Thank you to everyone for information and support during the past few months.

Registration is now open for the Southwest Veterinary Symposium in Fort Worth, TX (September 24 – 27, 2015). Details are available at: <http://www.swvs.org/>. As a partner in this symposium, the LVMA receives a share of meeting revenue. Fort Worth is a convenient destination and a comfortable venue for CE. The program provides a diverse offering of high quality continuing education. I hope to see you there!

As you may know, compounding of medications for office use by veterinarians has become a serious and rapidly evolving issue this year. Rules to protect people from contaminated compounded medications have had consequences for veterinarians and pet owners. Of course, drug safety and security is an important concern for all prescribers, and the need for compounded medications is particularly acute in veterinary practice. The AVMA maintains updated information at: <http://tinyurl.com/nxr9djj>. For this issue, I've been in close contact with the AVMA's Legislative and Regulatory Affairs people, and I met twice in April with a committee from the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy. Thank you to Drs. Patrick Thistlethwaite, Frank Fitzgerald, Tom Tully and Mr. Bland O'Connor for support at these meetings. I am also grateful to the pharmacy Regulation Revision committee for their willingness to hear our concerns and engage the issue. The two issues we are actively discussing are: (1) Compounded medications for office use, and (2) Dispensing of such medications at the time of discharge. Both are currently prohibited, but rule changes are on the table and progress is possible. The next Board of Pharmacy meeting is in late May. Stay tuned for more updates and specific ways that you and interested members of the pet owning public can help.

Also, please look for updates from the Board of Veterinary Medicine regarding faculty licensure at the School of Veterinary Medicine. Effort from all interested parties should lead to closure of the faculty licensure exemption in a fair and timely manner. The LVMA supports faculty licensure in a manner that limits the scope of practice to employment by the SVM.

Also on the SVM front, the School hosted its Annual Scholarship and Awards banquet on May 1st 2015. LVMA-sponsored scholarships were presented to LSU students: William Ryan, Lillian Barber and Samantha May. On behalf of these students, I wish to thank all LVMA members who make these annual scholarships possible.

Finally, thank you for being an active part of the LVMA. Your membership is valued and appreciated. Working together, we can overcome many challenges. Please contact me if I can answer any questions or be of other assistance.

Sincerely,

Kirk Ryan
LVMA President

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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.

WELCOME TO THE LVMA!

License Renewals



The Louisiana Board of Veterinary Medicine would like to remind you of the 2015-2016 Renewal Period



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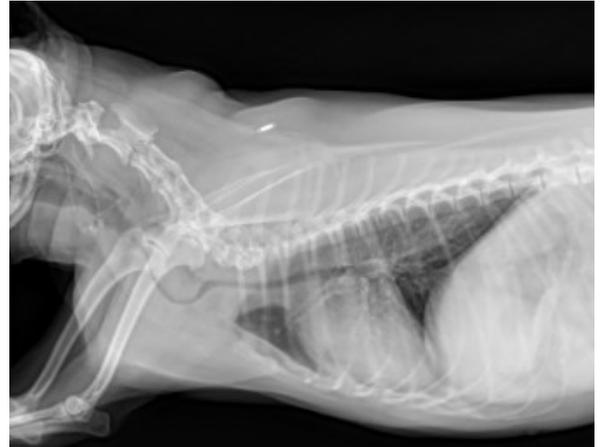
Interventional Update

By Alan Ralph, DVM, DACVECC

The team at MedVet New Orleans is excited to expand the interventional capabilities offered for pets in the Louisiana and the Gulf Coast regions. These are unique procedures that are less invasive or even non-invasive. Many of these techniques have revolutionized how we approach and address specific conditions, allowing for better outcomes and faster recoveries.

Tracheal Stenting

Stenting offers a great option for dogs with airway obstruction secondary to tracheal collapse. These are commonly patients with inspiratory obstruction localizing to the thoracic inlet or cervical trachea, however can also include intrathoracic collapse causing expiratory obstruction. Through years of evolution, tracheal stents are now placed as a long-term treatment to restore normal airflow. With these improvements, many previous seen complications (e.g. stent fracture, or granulomatous tracheitis) are now rare. Tracheal stenting requires general anesthesia and takes 20-30 minutes, with patients going home the following day. "Most patients come to me unable to exhibit excitement or partake in normal daily activities without developing cyanosis and risking death. The most rewarding time comes at discharge when patients are encouraged to immediately resume walking, playing, or any activity that they wish."



Tracheal Stent Before

Urethral Stenting

Transitional cell carcinoma (TCC) is the most common cause of urethral obstructions requiring stenting. For many dogs, the obstruction marks the onset of their diagnosis with a urethral neoplasm. In the lower urinary system, the goal is to re-establish a patent lumen for natural voiding, while treating the neoplasia with chemotherapy (e.g. piroxicam ± mitoxantrone). The median survival with these therapies is approximately 1 year from diagnosis, with variability depending upon location and extent of the tumor. This is minimally invasive (transurethral) and requires approximately 30 minutes, with patients going home the following day.

Nutritional Support

Providing consistent nutrition is paramount to supporting any critically ill small patient. Enteral nutrition is now regarded as the optimal route (compared to parenteral) for most patients. For most patients, a nasogastric or nasoesophageal feeding tube is sufficient (upper GI feeding) or prokinetic medications can be used to improve their tolerance (e.g. limit vomiting). For those not tolerating upper GI feeding (e.g. intractable vomiting), we now have the ability to facilitate tube passage down to the proximal jejunum and provide consistent nutrition. This can be via a nasojejunal or esophago-jejunal route and typically requires 15-20 minutes while under general anesthesia. This is a procedure limited to patients treated in the hospital due to their other supportive care needs and constant infusion (CRI) feeding.

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Tracheal Stent After

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Both scholarships will be selected by the SWVS Awards Committee. All nominations must be received by Friday, **July 24, 2015** in order to be considered. For more information and to download a nomination form for these awards, please visit the SWVS webpage at www.swvs.org/awards.php

And don't forget to register for the Southwest Veterinary Symposium. Take advantage of the Early Bird Registration (now through July 10) for maximum savings!

For more information on SWVS, please visit their website at www.swvs.org.

Calendar

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Louisiana Academy of Veterinary Practice	Seminar—Toxicology	September 27, 2015	LSU SVM	Baton Rouge, LA	(985) 687-7242 www.laavp.org
Animal Dermatology Clinic	3rd Annual Dermatology Forum for Veterinarians	October 1-4, 2015	Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort	Destin, FL	(949) 390-2990 x202 www.adcannualderm.com

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