

President's Report



Hi Everyone,

Continuing Education News:

The LVMA office and program committees have put together a great program for this year's Winter Meeting slated for January 29-31, 2016 at the Hilton Hotel and Shreveport Convention Center. Registration opens soon. See this link for more information: <http://lvma.org/LVMA/Education/>

[LVMA Winter Meeting.aspx](http://lvma.org/LVMA/Education/LVMA_Winter_Meeting.aspx) and look for the brochure to arrive ASAP.

Also on the CE front, I hope you were able to make it to the Southwest Veterinary Symposium in Fort Worth this year. The conference is a favorite of mine for many reasons and I enjoyed seeing many of you there. Partnership in this conference helps to keep our association strong as a source of education, networking, and revenue.

LVMA Advocacy at Work:

The LVMA has been actively engaged on many issues this year, including access to compounded medications for office use. As an update, the Board of Pharmacy renewed the emergency rule which permits use of such medications by veterinarians. Representatives from the LVMA attended a public hearing last month in support of permanent rule change. The full Board of Pharmacy will consider the matter for permanent rule change in mid-November.

On a national level, the AVMA is actively engaged in advocacy for clear and practical rules governing veterinary compounded medicines. Check out the AVMA's letter to the FDA addressing the draft guidance on Compounding Animal Drugs from Bulk Drug Substances: <http://tinyurl.com/nvuub57>.

We sent notice to every member of our federal legislative delegation voicing opposition to the so called "FAIRNESS" TO PET OWNERS ACT. This misguided legislation pits chain pharmacies against veterinarians and pet owners under the guise of consumer fairness. In our opposition letter, we noted the following:

1. The high cost of medications has little to do with consumer access and retail mark-up, but rather is driven by drug shortages resulting from drug manufacturing and quality problems, delays, and discontinuations. The FDA maintains a drug shortage database at: (<http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/DrugSafety/DrugShortages/>).

2. Veterinarians are trained in animal drug safety and prescribing. Pharmacists often lack important knowledge of species differences which adds risk in error, injury and death. Veterinarians know the medications they are prescribing. Specific examples of such errors could be helpful in this effort. Details may be sent to me or your LVMA district representative.

3. Veterinarians know that providing medications at the veterinary clinic increases compliance, saves pet owner's time and money, and ultimately enhances the health and livelihood of the animals we treat. Lack of compliance results in substantial morbidity and mortality and ultimately translates into higher health care costs. Convenience and client education matter and the veterinary office is the only place where these key health determinants are delivered together.

4. Adding an additional layer of regulation to veterinary prescribing is unnecessary. In LOUISIANA, the veterinary practice act already states: "A client is not obligated to purchase a prescription medication from the prescribing veterinarian." Other states have similar laws or policies.

I encourage all veterinarians to contact their congressional legislators on this issue. The AVMA makes this easy here: <http://tinyurl.com/njfqln2>.

Your membership strengthens our association and is valued and appreciated. Please contact me if I can answer any questions or be of other assistance.

Sincerely,

Kirk Ryan
LVMA President

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WELCOME TO THE LVMA!

License Renewals

The Louisiana Board of Veterinary Medicine would like to remind you of the

2015-2016 Renewal Period

All licenses/certificates expire September 30, 2015.

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Executive Director's Report

SEE YOU AT THE BALL ON OCTOBER 15th.....

Q: What costs \$500 and is a “must have” for every veterinarian in Louisiana?

A: A ticket to the *Sixth Annual Mike Strain Fall Ball*, Old Governor’s Mansion, Thursday October 15, 2015, 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm! Commissioner Mike Strain, DVM, is a tireless protector of and advocate for veterinarians and organized veterinary medicine and, by being so, is an equally great champion of animals and their owners. Veterinarians are fortunate to have him in office. Although I have never been a particularly active contributor to political campaigns, Dr. Strain’s Fall Ball has been an annual event for me for several years. I hope to see you there. Even if you have missed the RSVP date, I have it on good authority that the Committee to Elect Mike Strain would be delighted to accept a check at the door from unannounced drop-ins!

Nominations are now being sought for LVMA awards and nomination forms are in this Newsletter. Each year the LVMA recognizes and honors people that have made important contributions to veterinary medicine, the veterinary community and/or animal health, as well as an animal that has distinguished itself in a special way. Don’t miss this opportunity to nominate someone you believe is worthy of consideration. Please be neither bashful nor humble and nominate a person or animal today!

Plan now to attend the LVMA Winter Meeting in Shreveport, January 29-31, 2016! Drs. John Mauterer, Dale Peyroux and Kirk Ryan and the entire committee have been hard at work lining up excellent programming. Back by popular demand and high attendance will be Friday evening programming featuring resident CE-celebrity Dr. John Mauterer. Topics will be many and varied, including airway, nasal and respiratory disorders; marketing and creation of practice value; use of the web and social media; hematology; dentistry; GI disease; and much more! The LVMA Winter Meeting is always the premier annual event for Louisiana veterinarians to gather together for continuing education, business and social discussion, and encounters with veterinary industry vendors in a relaxed but professional environment. Mark your calendars now for this important meeting!

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Three-View Thoracic Radiographic Study

By Adam T. Watson, DVM, DACVR

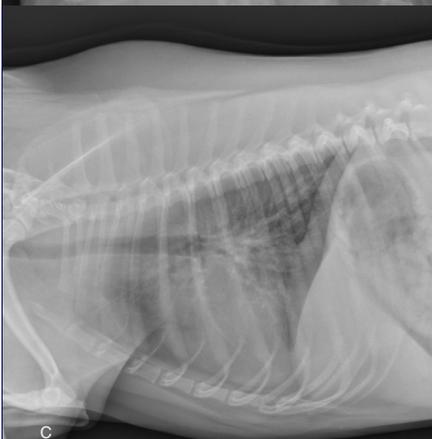
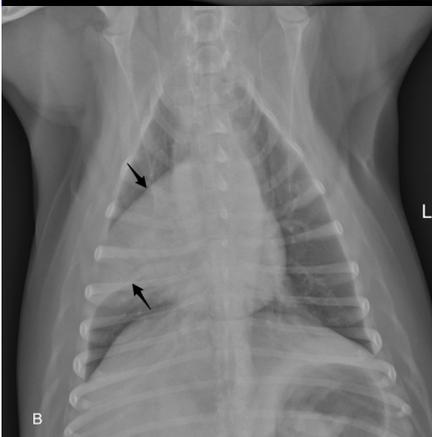


Figure 1: Radiographs of a vomiting Beagle in left lateral (A), dorsal (B), and right lateral recumbency (C) that illustrate the effects of recumbency on visualization of lung infiltrates. An alveolar lung pattern is identified at the right middle lobe consistent with a diagnosis of severe lobar aspiration pneumonia. On the left lateral (A) and ventrodorsal (B) views, this lobe is homogeneously soft tissue opaque and well demarcated from the surrounding aerated lobes indicating a lobar sign (black arrows). On the right lateral view (C), this opacity is not clearly visible.

Thoracic radiography is essential in the workup of many disease processes and lesion detection can be critical for successful patient treatment and outcome. Thoracic evaluation presents unique challenges to the interpreter due in large part to the lungs and their high susceptibility for artifact and non-pathologic processes mimicking disease. In the normal state, the lungs are predominately radiolucent owing to the widespread gas-filled airspaces. These airspaces begin at the lung hilum where the mainstem bronchi bifurcate and terminate distally in the microscopic alveoli. The interstitial compartment is composed of an organized network of connective tissue and both blood and lymphatic vessels. In conjunction with the airway walls, the lung interstitium is responsible for the lung radiopacity.

Three-view studies combine the benefits of orthogonal views with complete bilateral assessment of the lungs to increase detection rate and reduce interpreter error.

Why is lung evaluation so challenging?

There are multiple physiologic and artifactual causes of increased lung radiopacity that hamper lung evaluation and lead the interpreter down the erroneous path of disease:

Radiographic underexposure or improper film development in traditional analog screen/film systems Enhanced interstitial lung markings and contrast due to digital processing algorithms that are unique to each digital radiographic system Summation of extrathoracic, mediastinal or pleural soft tissues with the lungs Age-related lung fibrosis and mineralized airways (“old dog lung”) and patient obesity Poor lung inflation during expiration and atelectasis resulting from extended recumbency and/or anesthesia

Atelectasis is defined as a reduction in lung volume and gas content due to deflation of the alveoli. When the patient is in lateral recumbency, atelectasis and hypostatic congestion occur in the dependent (down) lung. These physiologic changes increase lung radiopacity and silhouette with soft tissue infiltrates preventing their detection. The aerated lung that is visible on the radiograph mainly represents the non-dependent (up) lung. For this reason, both lateral views are advocated to thoroughly evaluate the left and right lung (see Figure 1).

Two-view vs. three-view studies

Two-view thoracic studies are standard protocol in most veterinary practices and typically consist of orthogonal views: right lateral or left lateral combined with ventrodorsal or dorsoventral. Orthogonal views of the thorax should be obtained to overcome the limitation of projecting a 3-dimensional body cavity onto a two-dimensional film/display. This enables us to spatially localize lesions outside or inside the thoracic cavity and further isolate them into their respective organ or thoracic space (e.g. mediastinal, pleural). These views are also necessary to determine if lung infiltrates are unilateral or bilateral and to characterize their distribution (e.g. diffuse, cranioventral, caudoventral, perihilar and caudodorsal). Evaluation of ventrally-distributed lung infiltrates, such as those commonly seen with bronchopneumonia, is limited on the ventrodorsal view alone due to summation with the mediastinal structures. A three-view study combines the aforementioned benefits of orthogonal views with complete bilateral assessment of the lungs to increase detection rate and reduce interpreter error.

Far too often, I have interpreted cases where an additional thoracic view is required for accurate diagnosis potentially impacting patient care. It is impractical to rely on real time assessment of the radiographic study prior to removing the patient from the radiology suite to determine if additional views are necessary. With the patient already on the table, there are no inherent additional costs of the equipment in digital radiography and nominal additional technician time to position the patient in opposite lateral recumbency to acquire the third image.

In the interest of best practice, I have implemented a three-view standard thoracic protocol and I encourage you to incorporate this protocol in your practice as well.

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2015 AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

2015 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 practice _____

Local, state and national committees served on and positions held:

Describe nominee participation in promoting animal health and welfare:

Describe any other activity which should make this individual a good candidate for the Veterinarian of the Year:

Criteria for Nomination:

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

2015 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 _____ State _____ Zip _____

Office Phone _____

Describe an outstanding contribution to the community (if nominee is a veterinarian):

Describe an outstanding contribution to veterinary medicine (if nominee is not a veterinarian):

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 13, 2015.

Those eligible for the award are in two categories:

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

Nominated by:

Veterinarian: _____

Phone: _____

2015 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.

Nominee Information:

Pet's Name _____
Species _____ Breed _____ Sex _____ Age _____
Description _____
Owner's Name _____
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Description of pet's accomplishments

Please include photos you may have.

Nominated by:

Veterinarian: _____
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2015 SALES PERSON OF THE YEAR

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Please give a brief description of candidate's achievements and specific reasons why candidate should be chosen as the Sales Person of the Year.

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Veterinarian: _____
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2015 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:

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

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Nominations Due November 13!
NOTE: Additional pages may be added with other necessary information about nominee.



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Case Report from the LSU Veterinary Teaching Hospital

Signalment and History

"Adison", an 8 year old female spayed Yorkshire terrier (Figure 1), presented for evaluation of regurgitation. Clinical signs gradually developed around 1 week after ovariectomy due to pyometra. Addison's pyometra had resulted in sepsis and clinical hypoglycemia, but this responded to standard management. She discharged in good condition with a normal appetite and appeared normal at home until the onset of regurgitation.

Clinical Evaluation

General physical examination was normal. The previous surgical incision was healing well. Thoracic and abdominal radiographs revealed only changes consistent with her recent abdominal surgery. Trial therapy for esophagitis and possibly pancreatitis included subcutaneous fluids, maropitant, metoclopramide, omeprazole, and sucralfate slurry. However, Adison returned one week later with no improvement

Regurgitation now occurred >20 times a day and prevented intake of food and water. Significant weight loss, from 1.36 kg to 1.13 kg, was noted. An esophageal stricture was suspected due to the severity of regurgitation, post-procedural onset of clinical signs, and lack of improvement with standard symptomatic care.

Adison was hospitalized overnight and esophagoscopy was performed the following day. A tight esophageal stricture (Figure 2, diameter ~2 mm) was found just in front of the lower esophageal sphincter. Gastroesophageal reflux during her recent anesthesia was suspected as the underlying cause. Endoscopically guided esophageal balloon dilations were performed (Figure 3) to open her esophagus to 1 cm diameter and permit passage of the endoscope into the stomach. Hemorrhage associated with mucosal injury and expansion of the stricture is common in this procedure (Figure 4). Adison recovered well, was able to eat and maintain her blood glucose post procedure and was discharged on metoclopramide, omeprazole, sucralfate and prednisone as well as instructions to feed a liquid diet 4-6 times a day.

Follow up

One week post procedure, Adison's regurgitation had decreased from 20 episodes per day to 1 episode per week. But by two weeks post procedure, regurgitation had increased again to 6 episodes per day and Adison therefore underwent a second balloon dilation. To prevent stricture recurrence, triamcinolone 2 mg/kg total was injected circumferentially into the mucosa around the stricture post ballooning using endoscopic guidance. This procedure was repeated again one week later.

Outcome

Adison is now 4 month post pyometra surgery and 2 month post her last balloon dilation. She is doing very well at home with no regurgitation noted, no medications needed and is fed 2-3 times a day living a very normal dog-life. According to her family, she enjoys sleeping in and shopping.



Figure 1.

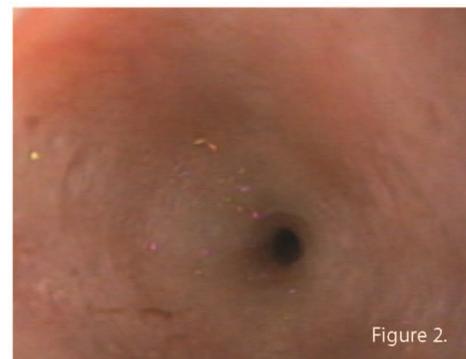


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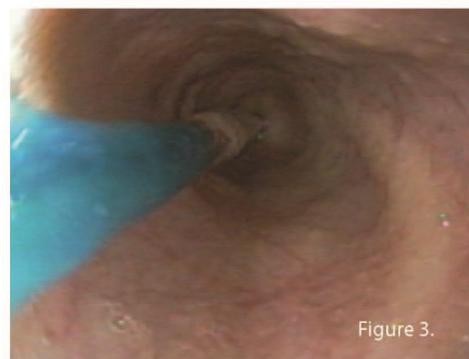


Figure 3.

Review

In a review of the literature, anesthesia-related gastroesophageal reflux is the underlying cause of esophageal strictures in up to 65% of dogs, with symptoms typically occurring within the first weeks after anesthesia. Prolonged fasting prior to anesthesia as well as patients undergoing intra-abdominal surgery (eg, ovariohysterectomy) are at increased risk of developing gastroesophageal reflux. Though reflux occurs in 16-17% of anesthetized patients, stricture formation is rare. Perianesthetic administration of prokinetics (e.g. metoclopramide) or antacids (e.g. ranitidine, etc) is not been proven to reduce the incidence of gastroesophageal reflux though such medications may be beneficial in reducing both gastric pH and frequency of gastroesophageal reflux during anesthesia.



Figure 4.

Esophageal stricture should be suspected based on clinical signs and confirmed via endoscopy. As with other esophageal disorders, aspiration pneumonia can occur. In our office, most esophageal strictures are the result of esophageal foreign bodies. However, gastroesophageal reflux associated with severe vomiting or general anesthesia may also commonly result in stricture formation. The prognosis for treatment of esophageal strictures is good with response rates around 85%. Repeated dilation procedures are often necessary (average 2-3 balloon dilations needed). Animals with multiple strictures may have a worse prognosis.

**A special thank you to Adison's family and Dr. Armand Coreil with
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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
American Board of Veterinary Practitioners	20th Annual ABVP Symposium	November 12-15, 2015	New Orleans Marriott	New Orleans	(800) 697-3583 www.abvp.com/symposium
Louisiana Veterinary Medical Association	2016 Winter Meeting	January 29-31, 2016	Shreveport Convention Center	Shreveport, LA	(225) 928-5862 www.lvma.org

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