



Summer Meeting a Success

The 2009 SDVMA Summer Meeting had one of the largest attendances for the meeting in recent years. Seventy veterinarians attended the meeting and heard from a variety of speakers throughout the event. Dr. Jason Mez from Sturgis Veterinary Hospital presented information on equine lameness, nerve blocks, and joint therapy, including intra-articular medication. Industry speakers gave talks on topics such as internal parasite control in cattle, vaccination strategies for cattle and horses, electronic Coggins and health certificates, and summer pneumonia in beef cattle.

In the afternoon, Dr. Mez and Dr. John Ismay facilitated a wet lab for 12 participants on equine nerve blocks and tendon sheath, bursal, and intra-articular injections. The wet lab utilized horse leg cadavers to give the attendees hands-on experience with identification of anatomic landmarks and injection techniques, and was very well received by those who attended.

Thank you to Dr. Russ Daly and the CE Committee of Drs. Jared Janke, Lynn Tedrow, Jim Stangle, Tom Rentschler, Christy Teets, and Dean Christianson for a great program for this meeting. The 2010 Summer Meeting is scheduled for June 6–8 in Pierre.



Dr. Jason Mez (center) with wet lab participants



Dr. John Ismay (left) with wet lab participants

Excellent lineup of speakers for Annual Meeting

Plan to attend the SDVMA Annual Meeting which will be held August 9–12 in Sioux Falls this year. The fun begins with a steak fry at Sertoma Park on Sunday evening.

Dr. V. J. Smith will be the speaker at the President's Reception on Tuesday evening. V.J. Smith makes over 100 speaking appearances each year to audiences throughout the United States. He is a two-time finalist in Toastmaster's International's "World's Championship of Public Speaking" and author of the book, *The Richest Man in Town*.

Monday evening the Alliance Auction will follow the dinner buffet. It is an entertaining evening with proceeds going to scholarships.

The convention committee has put together an excellent program for your continuing education. A list of the speakers and a short summary of their presentations follow.

DR. MIKE APLEY— Kansas State University

1. Drugs, regulations, laws, congress, activist groups and your practice. A lot is going on these days with legislative and activist pressure on the food animal industries. These activities include some rather targeted initiatives related to our use of antimicrobials in food animals. We will discuss activities in individual states as well as in Washington D.C.

2. Pain measurement and control in food animals. We are becoming more aware of how to measure pain and how to intervene in food animals. This presentation doesn't have any new secret remedies, but you will go away with an understanding of how we can evaluate pain in food animals, what's out there in the literature related to currently available drugs, and some recent work related to interventions. Much of the work discussed is attributable to Dr. Hans Coetzee at Kansas State University.

3. What do antibiotics do? What difference do you really make when you put antibiotics into a food animal? This presentation focuses on summarizing and discussing clinical trials with negative controls. You will be introduced to the "number needed to treat" statistic and come away with a realistic view of expected outcomes.

4. **Anything is fair game related to therapeutics in food animals.** One of the biggest missed opportunities at these meetings is an open session for discussion of your questions related to therapeutics in food animals. There will be prepared discussions of antimicrobial applications and ancillary therapies to get us started (or not if someone wants to start with a question), but bring your questions, observations, and opinions. If you want to make sure we bring everything to the table, e-mail your questions ahead of time to mapley@vet.ksu.edu and I can do some digging ahead of time.

DR. DAVID ANDERSON – Kansas State University

Topics covered will include: Chemical restraint and pain management in cattle; Surgical restoration of breeding bulls; C-section in cattle - new thoughts on an old problem; and Musculoskeletal injuries - what's new, what's old?

DR. JANE ARMSTRONG – University of Minnesota

Feline obesity: Health risks and management.

Obesity is the most common medical condition of cats. This talk will highlight documented health risks of feline obesity that may be used to help obtain owner engagement in a weight loss program. A case will be used to illustrate how to set up a weight loss plan for an obese cat.

Diabetes mellitus in cats: Risk factors and management. Diabetes mellitus is the second most common endocrine disease in cats and the incidence appears to be increasing. Therapeutic goals and management strategies have changed significantly in the past few years. This talk will lay out contemporary guidelines for managing a diabetic cat using insulin glargine and a low carbohydrate diet.

Feline pancreatitis: Challenges in diagnosis and therapy. Pancreatitis is a difficult diagnosis to make in cats but the condition is emerging as an important cause of illness in this species. Cases will be used to illustrate how a diagnosis can be made, with emphasis on sonographic evaluation and the Spec fPL test. Current guidelines for therapy will be discussed.

Feline hepatic lipidosis. Hepatic lipidosis is the most common form of liver disease in cats. Evaluating a suspect lipidosis cat will be discussed, including searching for underlying disease that may have precipitated anorexia and deciding when a liver biopsy is indicated. Successful treatment relies on early recognition and prompt initiation of enteral support, as well as management of co-existing disease.

DR. LARRY FIRKINS – University of Illinois

Fielding a Winning Team.

Businesses routinely refer to their employees as their greatest asset, but few businesses fully realize their employees' potential contributions to the team. This session will provide strategies on: 1) the effective management of employees to

increase their level of engagement, 2) improving employee and client communication and compliance, 3) successfully negotiating your way through the day. This will be a highly interactive time providing you with opportunities to take ownership of these concepts.

Getting There From Here: Developing and Executing Your Game Plans. Ensuring your business will be successful in the future requires first defining what success would look like for your business and then effectively allocating your resources as you determine the actions that need to be taken today. Your employees want to know why they will win in this competitive market. We will work toward the development of a value-creating game plan while exploring methods to improve communication, compliance and engagement of employees and clients.

RICHARD B. FORD, DVM, MS – North Carolina State University

Vaccines and Vaccination...Issues & Controversies: This 2-hour session is a provocative overview of the Current Canine and Feline Vaccination Guidelines and the way that companion animal protocols are changing. The discussion centers on several important issues: 1) Implementing current vaccination Guidelines; developing a rational Vaccination Protocol; 2) Vaccine-Associated injury...including acute and delayed adverse reactions; 3) the most recently licensed vaccines, 4) Leptospirosis vaccination...and more.

Infectious Disease Update. This presentation centers on the most recent infectious diseases concerns for companion animal practitioners. The actual material presented may change depending on the most current information at the time. This presentation generally entails a series of infectious disease updates, such as: 1) the "new" VS-Feline Calicivirus vaccine, 2) canine influenza...a new vaccine has been licensed, will you use it? 3) Parvovirus 2c...a 'new' strain? 4) Bordetella bronchiseptica vaccination: Intranasal v. Parenteral...and whatever else is "HOT" at the time.

Diagnostic Dilemmas of the Upper Respiratory Tract. Localize...localize...localize...and the clinical signs tell all! Practical diagnostic techniques needed to isolate the location and the cause of upper respiratory signs in the dog are reviewed. From Sneezing & Nasal Discharge to Stertor to Stridor...there is a difference. Understanding where to look, when to look, and what to do when you get there, is the focus of this presentation.

Feline Viral Upper Respiratory Infection. Despite the routine use of vaccines against feline herpesvirus-1 and calicivirus, these infections are still recognized as *the* most common infections affecting cats. Why is this??? Have the vaccines failed? Recognizing the chronic carrier-state and managing chronic sneezing in the adult cat is the focus of this presentation.

Chronic Cough in the Dog. This presentation centers on one of the most common, and clinical frustrating, respiratory signs in dogs: chronic cough...when the cough is *NOT* related to pneumonia, neoplasia, or cardiac disease. Chronic bronchial disease in older dogs is a condition that occurs commonly, but is still underdiagnosed (or inappropriately treated) in practice.

FIP: More Complex than We Thought!

Clearly among the most biologically complex viral infections to infect domestic cats, this presentation addresses the spectrum of clinical signs associated with “wet” and “dry” forms of FIP, the difficulty in establishing the diagnosis (new information here), treatment options, and prevention...including, why is there not an effective vaccine...or is there?

DR. ERIC C. LEDBETTER – Cornell University

Corneal infections are commonly encountered in the horse and may be associated with a variety of microorganisms, including bacterial, fungal, viral, and parasitic agents. The clinical features, diagnosis, and treatment of common equine corneal infectious diseases will be discussed, including the latest in diagnostic modalities and therapeutic management.

DR. DALE MISKIMINS – South Dakota State Univ.

Blackleg losses can occur in calves on summer pasture. Gangrenous myositis is the typical finding at necropsy. Other lesions may be observed in some cases of blackleg. It is important to know the different lesions so that a rapid diagnosis can be determined and appropriate treatments can be selected.

Greetings from your president

Dr. Vicky Wilkey

I would like to start my president’s message by thanking the SDVMA for all of the opportunities it has given me professionally and personally the past 18 years. My involvement on the small animal and continuing education committees led to becoming a district representative. Being a district rep led to being the AVMA alternate delegate for eight years, as well as becoming an SDVMA officer. All of the various positions I have held have allowed me to meet and become friends with many different people. I am a better veterinarian and person for all the experiences.



This past year has been one of many changes for your association. We had an executive retreat, hired our first non-veterinarian executive director, reorganized our committees, learned how to master teleconferences, and redesigned our Web page to name a few. Two other areas we also felt needed a change were our by-laws and

our districts. They both are sorely in need of updating. You will notice we are having a by-law session at the annual meeting to explain the proposed changes before the membership votes on them. As your president, I hope you will attend the meeting if you have any major concerns or comments.

My time as president is winding down. After 11 years of board meetings-of which I think I missed one, I can’t lie and say I am not looking forward to other adventures. Our executive director, Jennifer Stalley, and Janice Kampmann, our secretary, have made my job this past year so much easier. To all of you committee members that took the time for the conference calls, thank you. To my executive board, the future of the SDVMA is in capable hands. I commend you all for your time and effort to both your association and profession.

I look forward to seeing you all at the meeting in Sioux Falls in August.

Notes from your Executive Director

Jennifer Stalley

Greetings:

In a couple of weeks, the SDVMA membership will gather for its 118th Annual Meeting. This year’s meeting is on track to have a great line up of continuing education opportunities, a large number of vendors and representatives to provide up to date information and products and the traditional social events that help the profession stay connected on a personal level. As important as it is for our members to stay up to date on the latest medical issues, it is equally important that as a profession we know one another and support one another beyond our practice. I encourage you to attend the Annual Meeting to learn great things and to meet and reconnect with the great people in your profession.



The SDVMA Annual Business Meeting will be held during the Annual Meeting. The SDVMA By-Laws are under review and changes to the By-Laws will be presented for adoption by the membership at the Business Meeting. Pursuant to the By-Laws, the SDVMA Districts are to be reviewed every ten years. The Executive Board will present its recommendation to reduce the number of SDVMA Districts from four to three and to make the necessary adjustments to the By-Laws based on that change. This reduction proposal was arrived at after careful consideration and is intended to provide more defined leadership opportunities within SDVMA and address the geographical realities of our district participation.

On Monday, August 10th, there will be a morning session dedicated to explaining the proposed By-Law changes and answering any questions members may have about the proposed changes to the Districts. This meeting will be in advance of the Business Meeting where the proposals will be voted on, so please come to this session to share your thoughts or get your questions answered during this opportunity.

In the coming year, one of the bigger special projects we hope to accomplish is to compile a directory of our membership that highlights practice areas and serves as a resource to help you refer cases, find colleagues, and get to know your fellow colleagues across the state. At the Annual Meeting we will have an opportunity for you to update your contact information with the SDVMA and provide information about your areas of practice. Be sure to stop by and update your information so we can make this project a real asset to the membership.

On a personal note, I would like to thank Dr. Vicky Wilkey, the outgoing SDVMA President. Dr. Wilkey has been an outstanding person to learn the SDVMA ropes from, and I appreciate all of her personal time in helping me in my first year as Executive Director. She has given great service to SDVMA this year and in years gone by and her work has made SDVMA a better organization.

I look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting in August.

SDVMA Scholarship Foundation

The Foundation Scholarship Awards are in full swing for this year. Thanks to all of you who keep the tradition growing.

More will come in the next newsletter about the recipients. One thing for sure – they are all young and energetic!

Give from your heart. Keep up on your pledges and the giving will make you feel good all over.

Dr. Bruce Teachout

State Veterinarian's Notes

Dr. Dustin Oedekoven

The South Dakota Veterinary Medical Examining Board administered the State Board Exam for veterinarians at the Kings Inn Hotel and Conference Center in Pierre, SD on Thursday, June 4, 2009. Twenty five (25) applicants sat for this examination and it appears that eight (8) will remain in South Dakota to practice veterinary medicine. A majority of the other seventeen (17) applicants not residing in South Dakota practice in border communities in neighboring states, and therefore will likely provide veterinary services for South Dakota clients.

The Veterinary Technician National Exam was administered on behalf of the Exam Board by Dr. Peggy Behrens, Program Director at National American University, Rapid City, SD on Friday, June 19, 2009, and Board held oral interviews. Eleven (11) applicants sat for this exam and an additional four (4) who had previously passed the National Exam were interviewed to become registered as Veterinary Technicians when employed by a South Dakota licensed veterinarian.

Oedekoven Named State Veterinarian

The South Dakota Animal Industry Board has named Dr. Dustin Oedekoven as State Veterinarian. Oedekoven served as acting State Veterinarian since the retirement of Dr. Sam Holland in March. In addition to his duties as State Veterinarian, Oedekoven will serve as the executive secretary of the Animal Industry Board.

Dr. Sam Holland to be Inducted into SD Hall of Fame

Dr. Sam Holland is one of 15 South Dakota residents that will be inducted into the South Dakota Hall of Fame this September 12 in Pierre. The inductees will have their portraits and profiles hung permanently in the Hall of Fame building in Chamberlain.

Holland, who served as state veterinarian for 14 years, will be inducted in the Agriculture and Professional categories for his work leading the state's animal public health efforts. Among his accomplishments are several successful campaigns against livestock diseases such as brucellosis, chronic wasting disease and pseudorabies.

SDVMA Alliance News

Shari Twitero

Wow! The summer is whizzing by. We just returned from Seattle and the AVMA convention. The national Auxiliary is going through pains of "What will I be in the 21st century?" The straw vote of the Board indicated that the most likely direction is to reformulate as some functional part of the AVMF (American Veterinary Medical Foundation). It will be interesting to see what comes. I once again took a quilt for their silent auction so South Dakota was represented. And speaking of AUCTIONS ours is coming. Do YOU have something to contribute? See you in Sioux Falls.

ADRDL News

David H. Zeman, DVM, PhD
Head and Director, SDSU VSD/ADRDL

The ADRDL Advisory Committee met at the laboratory in May. They approved a new fee schedule effective July 1st and passed a motion to request an increase in general operation funds from the state legislature. The purpose of the request is to keep fees reasonable for our stakeholders to ensure routine submissions for optimal disease surveillance. Pre Vet leaders from the region met last month at a meeting hosted by Iowa State University. Strategies were discussed to ensure an adequate number of veterinarians, including food animal veterinarians, graduate from the region to serve our stakeholders.

2010 IRM Redbooks

The SDSU Department of Animal and Range Sciences will be placing their order for the 2010 IRM Redbooks mid-August 2009. The price of the books will again be \$4.75. If your veterinary clinic would like to be on the mailing list to receive an order form for these books, please reply to betty.knutsen@sdstate.edu or call 605-688-5447 before August 10th.

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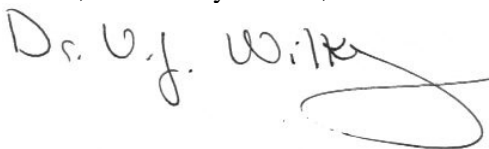
The South Dakota Veterinary Medical Association

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to Article V, section 1 of its By-Laws, the South Dakota Veterinary Medical Association Board of Directors has set the Annual Meeting of the South Dakota Veterinary Medical Association for August 10– 12, 2009, to be held at the Ramkota Hotel, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, commencing at the hour of 8:00 am on August 10th to conduct all business that may legally come before its membership.

The South Dakota Veterinary Medical Association's Business Meeting is scheduled for August 11, 2009 at the hour of 12:00 pm.

This Notice is given pursuant to Article V, section 3 to all members of the South Dakota Veterinary Medical Association.

Dated at Pierre, this 7th Day of June, 2009.



Vicky Wilkey, DVM
President
South Dakota Veterinary Medical Association

AVMA Delegate's Report

Dr. George Twitero

Your AVMA delegate George Twitero and your alternate delegate Jim Bain represented the SDVMA at the annual AVMA meeting in Seattle. The House of Delegates (HOD) held its annual business meeting on July 9-10 at the Sheraton, just down the street from the Washington State Convention and Trade Center. Jim serves on Reference Committee #7. That committee dealt with many issues, but the most discussed was the AVMA policy on judicious therapeutic antimicrobial use. After vigorous debate in the HOD the policy was referred to the AVMA Executive Board with a request to ask that a review committee be convened and asked to report back at the next meeting. George serves on Reference Committee 2. It too was responsible for a variety of topics. The topic that was most discussed involved a change in the AVMA policy on ear cropping and tail docking in dogs. The debate continued in the HOD and the decision to oppose cropping and docking was supported by 75% of the members. Reports on all the various activities of the HOD will be included in upcoming journals and the AVMA website (www.avma.org) will have additional information to review.

The opening session of the convention was a presentation by the Famed Fishmongers of the Pike Place Fish Market. The owner of the market and his business consultant have developed a technique of business planning that has been featured in a variety of "Fish" management books. The team from the market came in and presented a dynamic introduction involving tossing fish down the aisles as they ran through the audience. Planning this, of course, had caused an outcry from PETA, so all of Seattle was aware that veterinarians were coming to town. The last count of attendance was 9377, which included families, so veterinarians were definitely in town!

The CE programs ran Saturday through Tuesday. Topics and sessions were wide-ranging. The program committee works hard to get the leaders of fields of education and research as presenters. The CE sessions that I attended were great. I was especially impressed with the day-long symposium on stem cell research and regenerative medicine.

We also had time to enjoy the sights, sounds, and tastes of Seattle. Shari and I drove to the meeting this year and got to see some of the Northwest we had not seen before. We have word that our new AVMA President, Dr. Larry Corry, will be able to come to our meeting along with our District VII Executive Board representative Dr. Clark Fobian. Be ready for them with your questions about AVMA! Hope to see everyone at the SDVMA meeting in Sioux Falls!

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Veterinary Medical Loan Repayment Program: Interim Final Rule Published

The USDA CSREES (Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service) has published “interim final rules” that outline how they would administer the Veterinary Medical Loan Repayment Program. They are still taking comments from interested parties in advance of publication of the final rule. Comments must be received by September 8, 2009, in order for them to be considered before the final rule is published. Information about the interim final rule and how to submit comments can be found at: <http://regulations.vlex.com/vid/veterinary-medicine-loan-repayment-59937282>.

Although the program was established in 2003 when the National Veterinary Service Act was passed, the program was not funded, and then only minimally, until 2006. However, greater levels of funding have more recently been approved, and the 2008 Farm Bill required USDA to implement the program. Currently there is approximately \$4.8 million available for the program.

The website mentioned above also spells out the procedure that is proposed to administer loan repayments. Some highlights of the interim rule:

- Once every 1-3 years, a request for nominations of veterinary shortage situations would be made by USDA.
- The state animal health official (in South Dakota, the State Veterinarian) would submit nominations of shortage situations, which may be geographic, or pertain to a specific area of practice, such as public health or food safety.
- These nominations would be reviewed by a USDA panel of animal health experts.

- Successful “shortage situation” nominations would then be published on a USDA web site.
- Veterinarians could then submit applications based on those shortage situations. Veterinarians participating in state-sponsored loan repayment programs would not be eligible until their participation in that program is over.
- Veterinarians accepted into the program could receive up to \$25,000 of qualified loans per year for 3-4 years of service in their “shortage situation.” This amount may be lower depending on the number of veterinarians in the program.
- Loan repayments would be made directly to the loan provider. Vet school loans that are consolidated with other debt (including undergraduate debt) would not qualify. There would likely be a minimum debt threshold established to participate in the program.

These are only some of the aspects of the proposed rule, and readers are advised to look through the posted notice and submit appropriate comments.

Summer Meeting photos



Those pictured above received prizes for the Team Roping Contest. Prizes, including belt buckles and spurs, were sponsored by Bayer, Fort Dodge, Intervet, Schering Plough, Boehringer Ingelheim, Novartis, and MWI Veterinary Supply.

Dr. Don Lepp, Yankton, received the prize for the largest walleye from Dr. Vicky Wilkey, president of the SDVMA.

Dr. Vicky Wilkey presented the golf prizes to Dr. Dean Christiansen, Ashley, ND (left), and



Tim Blackstone, a rep with Intervet / Schering-Plough Animal Health (center). They both donated their winnings to the Scholarship Foundation.

THANK YOU

I greatly appreciate receiving this gift from your organization. This will help very much as I continue on with my veterinary education. I also appreciate all the effort that the members of your organization put forth in order to raise this money that you give out as scholarships. I know that I and the other recipients are really grateful of all of their hard work. Thank you once again.

Sincerely, Ryan Fedeler,

Iowa State College of Veterinary Medicine

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For more information, please contact Dr. Jim Wolf or Dr. Jeff Ehrenfried. Please send resumes to the following address: **Oahe Veterinary Clinic, Box 1053, Pierre, SD 57501 (605) 223-2562**

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Aug. 29 – Sept. 1, 2009 – Central Veterinary Conference, Kansas City, MO <http://www.thecvc.com>

Sept. 17-18, 2009 – Iowa Veterinary Medical Association Annual Meeting, <http://www.iowavma.org/>

SDVMA website: www.sdvmed.org

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