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James Bailey Herd Health Conference to focus on Improving Beef Cow Fertility & Reproduction

The James Bailey Herd Health Conference is scheduled for Saturday, February 13, 2010, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Registration will begin at 7:30 a.m. at the Animal Disease Research and Diagnostic Lab at SDSU in Brookings.

This year's conference takes an in-depth look at the many factors that affect reproductive success in beef herds in the Upper Midwest. The profitability and success of beef cattle operations are inherently tied to the reproductive performance of the herd. Veterinarians play a critical role in helping producers make sound decisions regarding cow and heifer reproduction in their herds. The expert lineup of speakers will provide veterinarians with practical, up-to-date techniques and knowledge that will enhance the service they provide to beef operations of all sizes and levels of performance.

Speakers include Dr. David Steffen of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln; Dr. Tom Geary, Agricultural Research Service, Miles City, Montana; and Dr. Cody Wright, Dr. George Perry, Dr. Chris Chase, and Dr. Larry Holler, all of South Dakota State University. They will cover topics such as congenital disorders, factors affecting early embryonic death, nutritional aspects, management considerations, vaccination programs, and an overview of abortion diseases.

Registration fee is \$100.00 for SDVMA members, and \$120.00 for non-members. This fee includes lunch and handouts.

For more information or to register, call Janice Kampmann at 605-688-6649.

District 3 Meeting to be held February 6 in Rapid City

All veterinarians and veterinary technicians are cordially invited to attend the SDVMA District 3 Meeting on Saturday, February 6, 2010, at Minerva's Restaurant, 2211 N. Lacrosse Street, Rapid City, SD. The social will begin at 5:30 p.m., and dinner at 6:00 p.m. There will be a presentation by a Merial

representative, and a short discussion led by an executive board member.

The meal and presentation is sponsored by Merial. Please RSVP so we can have an accurate meal count and adequate presentation materials. Call Janice at 605-688-6649, or e-mail Janice.Kampmann@sdstate.edu.

West River VMA Annual Meeting

The West River Veterinary Medical Association Annual Meeting is scheduled for February 6, 2010, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at National American University. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. Dr. Steven Roberts of the Animal Eye Center in Loveland, CO, will talk on selected topics in ophthalmology for the mixed animal practitioner.

Pre-registration is \$50.00 for veterinarians, \$30 for veterinary technicians. Registration at the meeting is \$55.00 for veterinarians and \$35 for techs.

The meeting is sponsored by Merial and WRVMA.

For more information call National American University Veterinary Technology – 605-394-4889.

Greetings from your president

Dr. Dick Rogen

I hope this edition of Vet Net finds you warm and dry. It has been quite a fall and beginning of winter for all of the residents of South Dakota. Wet, cold, falling prices for grains and livestock, and people losing their jobs, all impact us.

There are times when I find myself wondering why we are living in this unforgiving place. The beach or desert southwest sure sounds good during the below zero days. But a few thoughts come to mind why we continue to endure the variety of seasons of my beloved South Dakota.

I continue to find optimism among both the rural and town people about what tomorrow will bring. They are certain that hard work and fast thinking will allow them



to have a better life for their children. They believe in it to such a degree that they combined in snow, continue to breed sows even as the prices have stayed low, and they find 2 or 3 jobs to keep their home and feed their families.

We are lucky to be part of their lives. They still respect our profession and depend upon us in the toughest of times. There are times that it may not feel like it or a harsh word is muttered, but they do need us. I know that the next few months may be stressful times for us as Veterinarians, but we are also hard working and fast thinking individuals. We are good at adapting and we need to embrace changes as they occur.

The people of South Dakota are some of the best, and the Veterinarians of South Dakota are also some of the best! I almost forgot; we have the best sunrises and sunsets in the world. Good luck and stay warm and dry.

Notes from your Executive Director

Jennifer Stalley

I have noticed that in all the Executive Director Updates I have given so far, the weather played a role in the update somehow. This one is no exception. As I write this, the weather has brought the South Dakota legislative process to a halt as legislators try to get back to Pierre after having endured the brunt of our latest storm. If the current storm trends continue, we may still be in Session well into the summer.



On that note, it is more important than ever to have our full membership engaged in the legislative process. The legislature is set to consider at least three bills that will directly impact your profession. A bill that would create a prescription drug monitoring program is expected to be introduced. This program would require any professional who prescribes, administers or dispenses controlled substances to submit certain information about those drugs on a regular basis in a format to be established by administrative rule.

It is critical that you take the time to talk to your legislators about the precautions and process you use for handling controlled substances in your practice and how the use of these drugs in a veterinary setting differs from use in a human health care setting. This is a great opportunity to educate your legislators about veterinary medicine and be a voice for your profession.

The legislature will also consider proposals to modify the requirements for licensure for veterinarians.

Senate Bill 85 proposes to create an inactive license status for veterinarians who are not actively practicing. Senate Bill 86 proposes to include PAVE as an accepted educational equivalence for meeting the education requirements for applicants for licensure. These bills are being proposed by the South Dakota Veterinary Medical Exam Board.

Please watch for the weekly legislative newsletter that is sent electronically each Friday for updates and information on how you can help be a voice for your profession in the legislative process. The weekly summaries are also posted on the SDVMA website at www.sdvmed.org.

Your SDVMA staff is working on putting together a Membership Directory. The Membership Directory will be published and distributed in March and will provide a comprehensive list of SDVMA members and their contact and practice area information. In order to make the Membership Directory as beneficial as possible, we are asking any member who has not yet returned their membership profile with updated contact information to the SDVMA office to do so by February 15th.

The Continuing Education Committee has put together another great year of meetings. The James Bailey Herd Health Conference will be held February 13th in Brookings. The Herd Health Conference theme is "Current Concepts in Beef Cow Fertility and Reproduction". Mark your calendars to attend the 2010 SDVMA Summer and Annual Meetings. The Summer Meeting will be held June 6-8 in Pierre and the Annual Meeting is planned for August 8-11, 2010 in Sioux Falls. More information on these meetings will be available soon.

Thank you for your continued support of SDVMA. Your membership helps keep the Association strong and the voice of the profession respected.

South Dakota Bovine Tuberculosis Update

Dustin Oedekoven, DVM

January 25, 2010

Bovine Tuberculosis (TB) was identified in a Yankton County, South Dakota beef herd in December, 2009. To date, two cows have been found to be infected.

Herd testing leading to this finding was initiated as part of a traceback investigation after a SD feedlot heifer was found infected last January during routine slaughter inspection. Traceback to the herd of origin from the slaughter case was hindered because identification was not present on the heifer at slaughter.

The index herd grazed on a Gregory County pasture during the summer months. Neighboring herds have

been tested and no further TB infection has been identified.

Animal health officials are tracing breeding cattle sold from this herd over the past year, focusing on a group of heifer calves that were imported from Nebraska in 2008. The two infected animals found in the index herd, as well as the TB infected feedlot heifer identified in January 2009 would all have been part of this group that was imported from Nebraska and potentially grazed near a Nebraska elk herd found to be infected with TB. These heifers are being purchased, slaughtered, and sampled for TB.

Disposition of the index herd will be made after all related and contact herds are located and tested. Official identification collected at a South Dakota auction market by an accredited veterinarian as part of a state breeding cattle identification requirement have aided officials in finding animals of interest.

ADRDL News

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

The laboratory staff has been busy with routine winter disease problems as well as trace-back support for the current tuberculosis situation in South Dakota. The ADRDL Advisory Committee met last December 17th. We are all aware that there are serious budget discussions this year in the state. The ADRDL appreciates the advice of the Advisory Committee and the support of all of our stakeholders. The SDVMA support has been vital to our success as a public service laboratory. Thank you for your support.

AVMA Delegate's Report

Dr. George Twitero

Your delegate to the AVMA left Rapid City on January 7 headed for the Veterinary Leadership Conference and House of Delegates (HOD) Winter Session in Chicago. As you may recall the winter weather we had at that time had I-90 and I-29 closed from border to border, so after some creative rescheduling by the airlines, I ended up going through the Quad Cities (never been there before). I ended up getting into Chicago very late in the day. Your President-Elect Dr. Penny Dye was also able to get out of Rapid City the next day so that she was only a little late for the first speaker. The rest of the delegation ended up snowed in all over eastern South Dakota.

The opening keynote was "The Art of Communication and Building Better Customer/Client Relationships"

by Paul Lisnek, Ph.D. Dr. Lisnek is a nationally recognized motivational speaker, the author of twelve books, and a television commentator who is very active in animal welfare issues. He frequently dedicates his television and radio shows to such topics as spay/neuter, horse slaughter, dog fighting, and companion animal issues. He gave us a lot to think about related to our training and business meeting.

We then broke into groups for our District caucuses. Our Executive Board representative from District 7, Dr. Clark Fobian, led our discussion and brought us up to date on issues that the Board is dealing with. We also had an opportunity to meet with the other delegations that are members of the Heartland (formally Nine States) alliance. We met candidates from this group who are seeking election or appointment to Councils and Committees. (If you are interested in this kind of service, please let me or Dr. Bain know.)

Saturday started with reports from AVMA officers and staff on activities since the July 2009 meeting. Our Reference Committees convened in the afternoon to deal with items assigned to them. We gather information on critical issues presented by constituent organizations. We have a new catch phrase "Environmental Scanning" – which refers to being aware of and gathering information on critical issues around us. You will see the term in the AVMA Journal – the leadership would encourage awareness AND communication regarding these issues.

Three proposed bylaws amendments were presented. The one that passed will invite the President of SAVMA as an ex officio member of the Executive Board. The other two, dealing with the role of alternate delegates and imposing term limits for delegates, did not pass. These decisions were left to constituent organizations.

Five resolutions were considered by the HOD. Two dealt with the sources for dogs and cats used for research, testing and education. All agreed that changes are needed and will be coming. The resolution dealing with dues paid by the AVMA membership did pass and you can expect your AVMA dues to increase \$50 in 2011. We felt that this increase was warranted because the leadership has done a good job of trimming expenses and we don't want to see services curtailed. Please note that the last dues increase (\$25) was in 2004.

Other resolutions adopted dealt with restructuring the reference committees and the development of comprehensive and integrated disease surveillance of the U.S. swine herd.

Sunday morning the closing address was given by Michael Staver, "a Rebel with a Cause," and a resistor of conventional wisdom. Staver's topic "Leadership Isn't for Cowards: How to Lead Courageously in a Turbulent Age" – dealt with the challenges of managing information and demands and standing firm in what you believe so that you can motivate your followers. After the speech it

was goodbye to Chicago and heading for home – thankfully the weather had cleared and the trip was uneventful (luggage loss doesn't count). The next meeting is the annual meeting in Atlanta in July 2010. Think about going – it's a great meeting for CE and with any luck the weather should be with us!

Relief Veterinarians

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Small animal only

Christina Fischer, DVM
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Serving SE and central SD
Phone: 979-777-1617;
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Mixed animal & small animal
2000 graduate of Texas A&M

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605-334-5715
Small animal only

Dr. David Mills
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605-446-3587
35 years mixed animal
experience, specializing in
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Call Janice at (605) 688-6649
to add your name to the list

SDVMA Scholarship Foundation

Bruce Teachout, DVM

Greetings from the snowy Southeast,

All the snow has slowed down life in our country to a slow crawl like the push of my 3020 trying to plow through our 8 foot drifts of winter wonderland. It seems to me that a lot about life seems to slow down due to winter also. I know the works of the Foundation are at a slower pace than spring or summer.

We are here and thriving so keep the future of your profession in mind.

Last month Dave gave a rundown of this year's recipients of our scholarship awards. Many well deserving future colleagues will be helped with the financial challenge to reach their dream of entering the field of Veterinary Medicine. What is forgotten sometimes is what the total debt is to these students. Our journals have articles all the time showing this challenge but for me it really hits home when I look at students that want to return to South Dakota.

We have more students from South Dakota attending out of state schools than we have slots for at Iowa State.

This means that 6 to 8 South Dakota students are paying full out-of-state tuition while attending veterinary school. What does this mean? This means an incurred debt of 50 to 60 thousand dollars a year to these students. If your math is good you can see a debt of over 200 thousand for just veterinary school on top of the debt for undergraduate work.

To me this means we as a profession have to work harder to help these students now so they will be able to return to their home state in the future.

Remember...It just feels good to give!!!!

SDVMA Alliance News

Shari West-Twitero

It's coming up to Science Fair time again. The Alliance is once again sponsoring awards at the regional fairs. To find a regional fair in the state, you can check online at: http://apps.societyforscience.org/find_a_fair/fairlist.cfm?FairYear=2010&state=SD. The people involved in these fairs can always use help. If you are interested, please let them know. And...it's never too early to be thinking about the auction in August. Bea needs our support so if you see something in your travels or you are a creative type, let's get a stash started to support our scholarships and our SDVMA Foundation!

CLASSIFIEDS

All ads from members will be placed at no charge. All ads from non-members will be placed at a charge of \$10 for the first 60 words; 15¢ for each additional word. The editor reserves the right to edit copy. If you wish to place a classified ad, send copy of ad along with payment (if required). The SDVMA does not endorse any of the classified ads.

2010 Meeting Dates Set

Summer Meeting
June 6 – 8, 2010
Pierre, SD

Annual Meeting
August 8 – 11, 2010
Sioux Falls, SD

VETERINARIANS WANTED

WANTED: Veterinarian with interest and experience in large animal practice especially food animal with dairy experience. The successful candidate will be expected to take over and further develop the food animal and dairy practice. The area has several large dairies within the immediate practice radius which has the potential for further practice devolvement. The practice is 20 years old and has a new 8000 square foot physical plant with inside haul in working facilities and modern field working equipment. Ultrasound, endoscope, X-ray with automatic processor, portable cattle tub, hydraulic working and tilt table are some of the equipment available. Emergency companion animal duties would be part of the position. Brookings is a state university city with excellent culture and school environments. This will be an excellent opportunity for a veterinarian looking to make a move to a better future. Animal Medical Care, 605-690-0601.

We are looking for a friendly, positive, outgoing veterinarian (new grad or experienced) interested in practicing aggressive high quality emergency medicine. Interest in small animal internal medicine a plus. Work 3 days a week with an attractive compensation package. We are 90% small animal emergencies, 5% equine emergencies mainly lacerations and colics (surgical referral center 30 min away) and 5% bovine emergencies mainly spring OB work and dehydrated calves. We are a haul in facility only. Experience in large animals is

not necessary as long as you are willing to learn. We added a 2800 sq ft addition in 2005 with 6 new exam rooms, a new spacious small animal surgery, and new treatment and ICU areas. Our facility is equipped with cbc, chem, xray, pulse ox, EKG, blood pressure, IV pumps, in floor heat in cages, endoscopy, a small animal ultrasound machine, an equine ultrasound machine, and gas anesthesia for both small animals and equine. If you like to do small animal orthopedics we are set up for it but it is not required. However, we have a bone drill, plates, pins, external fixator hardware, TPLO equipment etc. We are located in the beautiful Black Hills of South Dakota close to Mount Rushmore. The area provides excellent: hiking, camping, mountain biking, fishing, hunting, water skiing, rock climbing, ice climbing, snow skiing, snowboarding, snowmobiling, trail riding and rodeo. If you enjoy the outdoors you will love it here!! Rapid City has a population of 70,000 with the surrounding area of about 130,000. Rapid City offers wonderful affordable places to live with a low crime rate, great schools, numerous churches, excellent community events such as: concerts, symphonies, theater, movie theaters, horse shows, city league sports, great fitness centers and yoga studios. We have college sports events, a semi pro Hockey League and the Black Hills Stock Show (a large regional event). The start date is 5/1/10. Please call for more information. Becky Wagner, DVM phone: (605)342-1368 day, (605)209-3202 cell, or email beckyclimbs@yahoo.com

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