President’s Message

It has been a distinct honor to serve as president of the Connecticut Veterinary Medical Association. I am thankful for the input that I received from many different members of our organization. The comments and suggestions helped me to ensure that the course we followed was the right course for our association and the membership.

I don’t think that there could have been any blueprint for this year. We grappled with a number of different issues and came up with results that were right for CVMA. I want to thank our Board of Directors, our committees, our dedicated staff and you, the members of CVMA.

One of my final duties as President will be to usher in the proposed Bylaws changes to our organization. It is with great pleasure that I share with you the changes designed to improve our organization. We added two additional membership categories- affiliate members and student members. The affiliate membership classification will include all the staff that supports veterinarians. By including support staff, we can better represent and serve all aspects of the veterinary profession. The composition of the Board of Directors has also changed- membership will be represented both geographically and based on scope of practice. The duties of the officers have been modernized to match the changes that technology and the role of a management team have brought to our organization.

Also, you will notice a significant change in the nomination process- we have expanded the nominating committee so you, the membership, will now be able to vote for candidates electronically.

As you can imagine, a revision of this magnitude took much time and effort. It was the foresight of Past-President Dr. Gayle Block to initiate a review of the Bylaws and begin the revision process. Our Immediate-Past President Dr. Chris Gargamelli carried-on the process started by Dr. Block. He chaired the committee and worked with them to create the revision before you today. As President, I had the opportunity to lead the Board of Directors through the process of evaluating and revising the work of the Bylaws Committee.

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Editor's Message:

Exposure to Rigors of Vet Life
Helping to Guide Pre-Vet Students

This summer we had the pleasure of hosting a very promising pre-vet student in our practice. It is always refreshing to have serious, mature students who seem capable of the rigors ahead of them. One wants to help them as much as possible.

I received a call from him over the holidays stating that one of his family’s pet goats was in a bad way. They arrived soon after with a hypothermic, moribund creature. With the prospect of veterinary educational expenses looming in their future and the poor prognosis we didn’t do heroic but somehow managed to bring the goat back to life with warm fluids and a few other supportive medications. She was in poor body condition and I did warn them that in spite of her enthusiasm for eating hay and peanut butter sandwiches (we didn’t let her have very much), before leaving our clinic, she might “crash”. I would be willing to post her, with his help, if she didn’t make it so we could make the most of a sad situation. He called early the next morning, a Sunday, to say that she was actively dying. We agreed to meet shortly. One of my technicians who has a strong interest in large animals wanted to participate, as did her boyfriend, a tech at a small animal practice, who wanted to learn about small ruminants. We spent half the morning going through this goat with anatomy diagrams, comparing ruminants versus monogastrics. It was a productive learning experience for all. The poor creature had a chronic wasting condition with not an ounce of body fat. We suspected Johne’s disease since the rest of the herd suffers from over conditioning.

When we were done the technicians took it upon themselves to teach the student how to close a cosmetic post mortem. I smiled to myself, overhearing their coaching, while doing some paperwork in the next room. A few years ago, when my technician was a tech student extern and my now associate was doing her externship with us they were given the project of posting one of our office cats. After determining that he had failed due to neoplasia, the vet student taught the tech student how to close a body wall. At the time I was impressed with her initiative. Little did I realize she was establishing a precedent/tradition to be carried on!

It is exposure to these sorts of experiences that can make or break one’s ambition to become a veterinarian. It may be just as valuable to learn that this is not the career for you before incurring much of the financial burden. I am enthusiastic that UConn is able to officially sanction these experiences to help the next generation have as many opportunities as they can to make their career decisions wisely.
The CVMA financial director issued the December 31, 2013 Financials. The total liabilities and equity stood at $230,782.70 on that date. CVMA had total accounts receivable of $55,575 of which $51,775.00 was deferred regular dues and $950 was deferred associate dues. Two statements have been sent since the original dues invoice. Our Profit and Loss Budget Performance shows that on this date we were at $123,339.35 vs. a year-to-date budget of $104,079.20.

The CVMA Board reviewed the recently completed audit. A management letter from the auditors addressed an issue in which income and expense for the CVMA/AVMA mentoring event was posted. The event income and expense posting was off by one month, which was immediately corrected. Otherwise, the audit reported that the financials were appropriately stated.

There was no propriety, no malfeasance or misfeasance.

CVMA has increased its efforts on Facebook. We ask you to check us out.

Simon Flynn, CVMA’s Executive Director participated in the AVMA Leadership conference this past January with Drs. Sachdev, Roasa, Belden and Goldman. Mr. Flynn is a board member of the American Society of Veterinary Executives (ASVMAE) and a member of the AVMA and ASVMAE Joint Committee. As a member of the AVMA and ASVMAE Joint Committee, Mr. Flynn was a part of the committee responsible for putting together the program for the Executive Director/President Elect Program that addresses the issue of the important relationship between staff and volunteer leadership.

A copy of the proposed changes to the CVMA Bylaws can be found in the membership section of the CVMA website www.ctvet.org

The Avian & Exotic Medicine Club at the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine will be hosting their 29th Annual Symposium in Davis, CA on April 26-27, 2014. http://vetmed.ucdavis.edu/clubs/aemc/

For current list of RELIEF VETS go to: ctvet.org
Feline Herpes Virus
A Common Conjunctivitis Culprit
By Shari Greenberg, DVM, DACVO - Ophthalmology

Feline herpes virus is a very common, if not the most common cause of ocular disease in cats. It can be a very frustrating condition to treat, both for us as veterinarians and for the owners of cats suffering from the infection. Over 90% of the cat population is seropositive for the virus, and 80% of those animals will develop a latent infection. Of latently infected cats, 29-50% will intermittently shed the virus, and this can occur in the absence of clinical signs or it can be associated with recrudescent disease. With exposure to corticosteroids, this number increases.

Primary infection occurs in kittens, often via exposure to the virus from the dam. The infection can be spread through direct contact, fomites, and respiratory macrodroplets (i.e. sneezing). These patients typically present with self-limiting ocular and respiratory disease, which often resolves over 2-3 weeks. Recrudescent disease is typical of adult cats, and most commonly presents as conjunctivitis and keratitis, in the absence of concurrent respiratory disease. Cats with recrudescent herpesvirus typically have clinical signs that are less severe than those seen in kittens with primary infection. While the pathophysiology of recrudescent disease is not well understood, it is clear that stress, both physiologic and pharmacologic, can lead to a viral flare-up. Such stressors include parturition, lactation, concurrent infection and drugs, particularly steroids.

Replication of the virus occurs in the eye and the upper respiratory tract, thus leading to the clinical signs we see in our patients: conjunctivitis, keratitis including dendritic and geographic corneal ulceration, keratoconjunctivitis sicca and rhinotracheitis. Dendritic erosions and ulcers are considered pathognomonic for FHV-1. Other manifestations include immune-mediated stromal keratitis, and periorcular dermatitis. The eyes of neonatal kittens can be severely affected by the virus, and these patients will also often present with systemic illness. Ophthalmia neonatorum occurs before the eyelids open, and is associated with infection and the build-up of discharge under the lids. This can lead to severe keratitis as well as rupture of the globe. Symblepharon, which is the adhesion of the conjunctiva to the cornea and/or itself, is also often seen in young cats with severe conjunctivitis. This condition can render the cat unable to blink, it can severely limit third eyelid mobility, and it can lead to blindness secondary to conjunctivalization of the cornea.

Diagnosing herpesvirus in cats can be very challenging, and is the subject of much debate. Virus can be detected in many normal cats via PCR, as latently infected cats can shed virus in the absence of clinical signs. Intermittent shedding of virus can also lead to false negative test results in patients highly suspicious for the disease. Additionally, it is possible that the virus may recrudesce secondary to irritation of peripheral sensory neurons due to other causes of keratitis and conjunctivitis, hence a positive test for herpes may not actually be indicative of the primary pathology. It is also difficult to differentiate between wild type virus and vaccines. There are many types of tests utilized to identify herpes, including cytology, serology, PCR, fluorescent antibody testing and virus isolation. What to do with a test result for herpes, be it positive or negative, is a question that can be difficult to answer. Often history and a high index of suspicion are utilized when making a clinical diagnosis.

There are many treatment options available for cats with ocular signs of herpesvirus. There is also debate over when to treat, as self-resolution occurs in many patients with herpetic disease. Typically, treatment is recommended when there is corneal involvement, and in cats with severe, persistent and/or recurring disease. There are many different types of treatments for herpes, depending on the clinical manifestation being dealt with. Treatment for herpetic conjunctivitis relies on the use of antiviral drugs. While there are no antiviral drugs specifically licensed for cats with FHV-1, there are drugs available for humans with the similar HSV-1 (Herpes simplex virus-1) which are often employed for cats. These drugs are virostatic, and as such most of them have to be applied frequently when administered in a topical formulation. Of the available treatment modalities, the topically-applied cidofovir and the orally-administered famciclovir are the only medications with controlled studies that have been shown to be clinically efficacious. Idoxuridine is another topical antiviral that is commonly used and appears to be efficacious and well tolerated. Due to its long half-life, cidofovir has been shown to be effective with twice per day administration. While it is typically less expensive, idoxuridine requires much more frequent administration, and a minimum regimen of 5-6 times daily is recommended. Corneal ulceration secondary to FHV-1 requires the use of antivirals along with topical antibiotics to help prevent secondary infection, or to treat an already infected corneal ulcer. Culturing infected corneal ulcers is important to determine appropriate antibiotic therapy. Pain control is also important for these patients. Stromal keratitis typically presents as a non-ulcerative cellular infiltration and corneal haze, with deep stromal neovascularization. Treatment for this condition can be challenging and controversial. As it is immune-mediated in origin, topical corticosteroids may be effective, however corticosteroids can increase viral shedding. Often, topical corticosteroids are combined with antivirals to treat this condition, although long-term evidence for this approach is lacking. Many additional treatment modalities for herpesvirus are currently the subject
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of investigation, including interferons, lysine, lactoferrin, leflunomide, and probiotics, among others.

Supportive care is a mainstay of therapy for cats infected with herpesvirus, especially kittens with primary disease. Avoiding treatment with corticosteroids, unless dealing with immune-mediated manifestations of FHV-1, is also very important. It has been shown that many cats with herpesvirus will have an abnormal tear film break-up time, and this can persist beyond the resolution of clinical disease. Many of these cats will benefit from topical, non-medicated lubricating ophthalmic ointments, and it has been recommended to continue this therapy after the clinical signs have cleared. It is also important to recognize that topical antibiotics are only indicated when concern over secondary infection exists, for example when concurrent corneal ulceration is present.

When considering FHV-1, it is important to remember that the majority of the feline population has been exposed to the virus, and almost all of these cats are latently infected. The disease can cause severe morbidity and even mortality in kittens with primary infections, and it can cause severe morbidity in adult cats with recrudescent disease. As there is no reliable test at this time, individual patient assessment is critical when it comes to deciding whether or not to treat, and what the ideal treatment modality may be.
Dr. Bob Baratt graduated from Wesleyan University and then obtained a masters and a doctorate in Veterinary Medicine at Colorado State University. Since 2001 Dr. Baratt has pursued continuing education in veterinary dentistry, becoming the first veterinarian to attain Fellowship (Academy of Veterinary Dentistry) in both small animal and equine disciplines in 2009. He is presently in the 4th year of residency training for the American Veterinary Dental College, and will be submitting credentials in 2014.

Lectures Title: Topics in Equine Dentistry
- The oral health assessment of the horse
- Dental Radiography
- Occlusal Adjustments
- Equine Odontoclastic Tooth Resorption and Hypercementosis
- Exodontia
- Dental Problems in the Miniature Horse
- Dental Problems in the Geriatric Horse

Justine Lee, DVM, DACVECC,DABT
Dr. Lee graduated from Cornell University Veterinary School, and completed her internship at Angell. In addition, Dr. Lee completed an emergency medicine fellowship and residency at the University of Pennsylvania, and is a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care (DACVECC). She is also a Diplomate of the American Board of Toxicology (DABT).

Dr. Lee has been published in numerous veterinary journals, including JAVMA, JAAHA, JVIM, and JVECC. She is one of the editors and authors of “The Five Minute Veterinary Consult Clinical Companion: Small Animal Toxicology” textbook (Wiley, 2011) and the “Veterinary Clinics of North America Small Animal: Emergency Medicine” textbook (Elsevier, 2013). Dr. Lee lectures internationally on emergency, critical care, toxicology, and social media. She is passionate about providing clinically relevant CE, and won Speaker of the Year at NAVC (2011) and the Association des Médecines Vétérinaires du Québec (2012).

Lecture Titles:
- Top 15 poisons affecting your patients
- Top 5 mistakes to avoid in the poisoned patient
- Common mistakes to avoid in the ER
- Top 10 mistakes to avoid in dyspneic patients

David McCormick
David McCormick is an experienced veterinary practice appraiser, transaction specialist and practice management consultant. As a speaker/teacher, David has presented nationally and internationally on practice financial management, practice value, and practice ownership issues. He is a Charter Member and Past President of VetPartners, the practice consultants & advisors association where he currently serves on the VetPartners Valuation Council. He operates the veterinary practice appraisal and brokerage firms Simmons Mid-Atlantic and Simmons Great Lakes with his partner and father, Larry McCormick, DVM, MBA, CBA.

Lecture Titles:
- The 15 Minute Practice Physical
- Diagnosing Practice Financial Diseases. What makes a financially healthy practice?
- A Case Study in Healing a Diseased Practice
- Practice Value: What you need to know. What are the factors that promote and drive practice value?
- Practice Ownership Exit & Entrance Planning
- Partial Sale/Purchase: Should You do it?

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Is a graduate of the Massachusetts School of Law. He is licensed to practice law in the states of Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Vermont.

Attorney Lynch is frequently involved in writing and reviewing partnership agreements, employment agreements and other practice related matters. Nate is a Certified Valuater Analyst from the National Association of Certified Valuaters and Analysts.

The topics of Nate’s discussion will take the young doctor from their very first employment agreement to their ultimate practice acquisition. Nate will also bring up non-confrontational ideas on how to approach practice owners about a future purchase.
David Mozeleski

David has been in the financial services industry since 1989. He holds the CFP® & CRPC® designations (Certified Financial Planner and Chartered Retirement Planning Counselor). David will discuss how to start your financial plan and how to turn your negatives into positives.

Sean Coyle

Sean Coyle is the Regional Sales Manager for Bank of America Practice Solutions. He is in charge of the Veterinary Lending Division for the New England Marketplace and. He works exclusively with veterinarians. In the last two years Bank of America has funded over Fifty Million Dollars in loans to veterinarians in New England. In addition to a full range of animal hospital financing options, Bank of America offers the critical knowledge you need to establish and develop your business, from demographic site analysis of your veterinary clinic location to the Practice Heartbeat™ program, which helps you develop vital management skills.

Mark McGaunn

Mark McGaunn, CPA/ PFS CFP® is the Managing Member of McGaunn & Schwadron, CPAs, LLC, a Needham, MA CPA and wealth management firm that provides strategic tax and business planning, personal financial planning, asset protection, and investment advisory services for veterinary and dental practice owners. Mark is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA), an AICPA Personal Financial Specialist (PFS), a CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™, and a cum laude graduate of the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

Mark will educate prospective veterinary practice owners on potential rewards and risks associated with ownership. Future practice owners will reach the highest levels of success when they educate themselves on how to implement and integrate expected systems to achieve sustained growth. This comprehensive view of veterinary practice ownership includes the top strategies needed to drive production and understand profitability to attain early financial independence.

David Pugh, DVM, MS, Dipl ACT, ACVN, ACVM

Dr. David Gartrell Pugh earned both DVM and MS (Nutritional Physiology) degrees from the University of Georgia in 1981. He received post-DVM training at Virginia Tech (Clinical Nutrition) and Texas A & M University (Theriogenology). He is a Diplomate of the American College of Theriogenology (1986), the American College of Veterinary Nutrition (1992), and the American College of Veterinary Microbiology (Parasitology-Charter 2011).

Dr. Pugh has held faculty positions at the University of Georgia and Auburn University, owned a large animal practice in Georgia and has been a consulting veterinarian for Fort Dodge Animal Health and Pfizer Animal Health. He is the project veterinarian for the AU Equine Source Plasma Project. During his academic career he taught veterinary nutrition for horses, cows, and small ruminants, and was a clinician in ambulatory medicine and theriogenology. He is the author of more than 500 publications, more than 100 book chapters, and 3 textbooks.

Lecture Titles:
- Deworming, feeding, herbal treatments and pasture management for parasite control in sheep, goats, llamas/alpacas and horses
- Vaccination, feeding and care of draft horses, donkeys and mules
- Teaching and research for the private practitioner

Mark E. Peterson, DVM, Dipl ACVIM

Dr. Mark Peterson graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1976, moved to NYC to do an internship and medical residency at the Animal Medical Center, and then completed a post-doctoral fellowship in endocrinology and nuclear medicine at The New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center and the AMC. Following his training, Dr. Peterson stayed on as head endocrinologist at the AMC for over 30 years. In 2009, he opened the Animal Endocrine Clinic in New York City, a specialty referral hospital devoted exclusively to the diagnosis and treatment of dogs and cats with endocrine disease, where he now cares for his endocrine patients.

Over the last 35 years most of Dr. Peterson’s clinical and research efforts have been directed toward advancing our understanding of endocrine disorders of the dog and cat, especially diabetes mellitus, thyroid and adrenal diseases. He has published more than 500 journal articles, book chapters, and research abstracts. With more than 450 lecture presentations to his credit, Dr. Peterson is a frequent speaker at veterinary colleges and scientific seminars both in the United States and around the world.

Lecture Titles:
- Diagnosis and treatment of canine and feline hypothyroidism
- Feline hyperthyroid update: What’s New?
- Update in diagnosis and treatment of Cushing’s disease in dogs
- Insulin and diet choices for the diabetic: What protocols work best?

Susan Bryant, CVT, VTS (Anesthesia)

Susan Bryant graduated from Columbus Technical Institute (now called Columbus State) in 1986 with a degree in Veterinary Technology. She became employed in the Anesthesia Section at Tufts Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine in 1998 and became the supervisor of the section in 2000. At Tufts, she is responsible for anesthetizing a variety of species (small and large animal) for various procedures and teaching fourth year veterinary students how to safely anesthetize animal patients. She earned the title of Veterinary Technician Specialist (Anesthesia) in 2002. Ms. Bryant then became the Veterinary Technician Manager at Tufts. She has lectured at national and local conferences including WVC, AVMA, NAVC, the CVCs, Vermont Vet Tech Association, MVMA, The Rhode Island Veterinary Association and several Tufts sponsored conferences on anesthesia and pain management topics.

Lecture Titles:
- Airway Management and Considerations
- Monitoring The ECG and Cardiac Function Under Anesthesia
- Facts and Fiction about Pulse Oximetry
- Monitoring and Troubleshooting Blood Pressure on Anesthetized Patients
- Are you Fluent in Capnography?
- Anesthesia for the Dystocia Patient
The Governor has proposed a bill, HB 5044, An Act Concerning Domesticated Horses, which states that in personal injury cases “there shall be a presumption that such horse, pony, donkey, or mule is domesticated, is not inherently dangerous and does not possess a vicious propensity”. The intent of this bill is to negate any potential Connecticut Supreme Court ruling on Vendrella v. Astrid upholding the appellate court ruling that horses are inherently vicious animals. The CVMA voiced their support for this bill with Dr. Harry Werner testifying before the environment committee on our behalf Friday, February 28th. We will continue to monitor it's progress and support this bill as it moves through the legislative process, keeping you apprised of any developments. We thank Dr. Werner for his time and effort and invite you to read a synopsis of his testimony below:

Good afternoon and thank you for this opportunity to speak in strong and unequivocal support of: Governor's Bill No. 5044 - AN ACT CONCERNING DOMESTICATED HORSES.

I am Dr. Harry Werner, an equine practitioner of 40 years in North Granby, Connecticut. I am a past president of the Connecticut Veterinary Medical Association, past president of the American Association of Equine Practitioners and presently a Director of the World Equine Veterinary Association.

“Inherently dangerous and in possession of a vicious propensity” is an apt description of precisely the opposite of a horse, pony, donkey or mule (i.e., equids). In nature, these are prey animals, not predators. As such, they evolved over millions of years as animals of flight when alarmed. They are programmed to flee, certainly not to attack. Their domestication by, and service to men, women and children began over 6000 years ago and continues uninterrupted today.

At the end of my written transcript you will find several reference resources. I invite any whose support of this bill is in question to visit these websites. These are not the domain of a few people infatuated with horses; rather, they represent serious organizations with missions of social welfare in which the bond between horses and humans is central.

I can say it no better than did the Chief Executive Officer of PATH, Ms. Kay Green, in a letter to our own Chief Justice Chase T. Rogers last September: “Currently, at our 850 member centers, over 7,500 inherently non-vicious horses change and enrich the lives and health of 56,000 individuals with special needs.”
Outreach Initiative

There are many issues that LARGE ANIMAL and EQUINE veterinarians face today. In recent months such hot topics as the Veterinary Medicine Mobility Act, the “Vicious” Horse Bill, and concerns regarding lay floaters have all made local and national headlines.

While the CVMA is active and involved with all of these issues, the CVMA also acknowledges that we CAN do better reaching out specifically to large, mixed, and equine veterinarians.

Dr. Aimee Eggleston and Dr. Katherine Kane have started an outreach initiative to these groups in Connecticut. They have met with several practices to date and they want to meet and hear from you! Their purpose, supported by the CVMA Board of Directors, is to meet with as many large animal and equine practitioners as possible in the coming months, regardless of whether they are CVMA members. They are meeting in casual, one-on-one settings to ask questions, but even more – to listen. The invaluable information gained through these meetings will invigorate the CVMA; your input will help shape the future of this organization as it relates to issues facing large animal and equine veterinarians. Our hope is for a more vibrant, relevant, and modern organization and a more all-inclusive one.

Please contact either Dr. Aimee Eggleston at dr@egglestonequine.com or Dr. Katherine Kane at housatonicveterinary@hotmail.com today to set up a meeting.

Connecticut Veterinary Political Action Committee

Upon the advice of the CVMA lobbyist and with the approval of the Government Affairs Committee co-chairs, the PAC made $500 contributions to four events-one for each caucus: Senate Democrats (Third Street PAC), Senate Republicans (Senate Republican Majority Committee), House Democrats (CT Majority Team PAC), and House Republicans (House Republican Campaign Committee).

By donating equally to each caucus, we remain nonpartisan. By donating and attending these events, we had the opportunity to meet with key legislators and our financial contributions are one of the many tools we use to increase our influence in the legislature. After the contributions, the PAC has $555.05. If you have not made a contribution to the PAC this year, we encourage you to do so.

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The UCONN Pre-Vet Club and CVMA Join Together

Promoting Pre-Vet Internship Opportunities

By Dr. Sandy Bushmich,
UCONN Pre-Vet Club Faculty Advisor and CVMA Board Member
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The UCONN Pre-Vet Club is an undergraduate student organization comprised of students interested in veterinary medicine. Most of the membership are Animal Science or Pathobiology majors. Undergraduate students applying to veterinary school are required to obtain quality experience working with a veterinarian; this experience is essential for the student to gain a complete understanding of the veterinary profession. Most schools do not have a minimum hour requirement, but it is not uncommon for applicants to have over 1,000 hours of experience. A pre-vet student can easily apply to between fifteen and twenty practices before finding one willing to take on a student, and this still does not guarantee a quality experience. At the same time, we recognize that it is difficult for many practices to devote the time needed to train a student who may only be available for summers, school breaks or a single semester. We are proposing an initiative that will address these problems and benefit both students and potential employers.

This initiative will serve to connect UCONN Pre-Vet Club members with interested CVMA veterinarians to create internship opportunities, while additionally introducing students to CVMA and the benefits of working with a professional organization.

University of Connecticut Center for Career Development will provide a secure database for veterinarians to post their internship offerings. Veterinarians will indicate if they are offering a paid or unpaid position, as well as the number of weekly hours and the length of internship or employment they can offer. Pre-Vet Club students will be able to examine the list and identify clinicians whose goals meet theirs, then contact them individually to apply.

Interns will be eligible to earn course credit at UCONN, for which certain pre-arranged learning goals would be required. The intern’s own health insurance, as well as the University of Connecticut’s Commercial General Liability Insurance covers students that are in UCONN credit bearing internship courses.

This initiative will assist students searching for veterinary internships, and will also help veterinarians find dedicated interns and employees and offer them a structured internship experience. The CVMA Executive Board supports this proposal.

Instructions for use of this service are being finalized and will be forwarded to CVMA members shortly.
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March 21-23 • American Animal Hospital Association Yearly Conference:
www.aahanet.org

March 23-27 • Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care Symposium:
www.veccs.org

March 28-30 • Wild Horse Adoption Conference: www.news.vet.tufts.edu/blog/2014/01/the-2014-northeast-wild-horse-adoption-conference

April 1-2 • CVMA’s 130th Annual Meeting & Convention.
www.ctvet.org

April 9-12 • North American Veterinary Dermatological Forum
www.navdf.org/

April 23-27 • 5th Annual Symposium on Therapeutic Advances in Animal Rehabilitation (STARR)

May 7 • Massachusetts VMA Spring CE Conference
https://m360.massvet.org/Portal/View Calendar.aspx

May 18-23 • The NAVC Institute 2014 http://navc.com/institute/detailsfees-2/

May 28-29 • 15th Annual Pennsylvania VMA Spring Conference
http://www.pavma.org/

June 4-7 • American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine Forum
http://www.acvim.org/ACVIMForum.aspx

June 19-20 • Vermont Veterinary Medical Association Summer CE Program
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