

THE KANSAS VETERINARIAN

Executive Vice President's Report

By Gary Reser

Kansas is experiencing a scorching summer like last year and folks everywhere are in dire need of moisture. The Kansas City Royals hosted the 2012 Major League Baseball All Star Game, K-State Wildcats Arthur Brown and Nigel Malone are on the football Nagurski Award watch list and U.S. Olympic athletes are bound for London.

The KVMA just concluded another successful myriad of events at the June Conference for Veterinarians highlighted by a trade show, wellness screening and vaccination clinic, annual awards presentations and induction of 2012-2013 officers.

Twenty-five KVMA members have already signed on as volunteers at the KVMA/KSU Veterinary Medical and Birthing Center at the Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson on Sept. 7-16. The agenda for the KVMA Fall Conference on Saturday, Nov. 10 at the K-State College of Veterinary Medicine is almost complete.

KVMA Trade Show Filled to Capacity

The KVMA Trade Show at the June Conference for Veterinarians on June 4-5 was filled to capacity with 42 exhibitors. The KVMA gratefully acknowledges the participation of the following vendors and suppliers to the Kansas veterinary profession that made the show a smash:

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Veterinarians had an opportunity to visit with vendors and suppliers at the KVMA Trade Show in June. Photo courtesy of David Mayes.

Please Help the KVMA at the 2012 Kansas State Fair

The KVMA is drafting members as volunteers in preparation for the KVMA/KSU Veterinary Medical and Birthing Center at the Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson on Sept. 7-16. Go to www.ksvma.org and click on Kansas State Fair under Meetings and Events for a sign up sheet. FAX or mail it to KVMA, 816 SW Tyler, Suite 200, Topeka, Kansas 66612, FAX 785-233-2534 or call Gary Reser at 785-233-4141.

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President's Corner

By: DR. TOM JERNIGAN

First, I want to thank you for allowing me the privilege of being part of the team that will lead the KVMA for the next year. I will do my best to live up to examples set by my predecessors.

Other elected officers for 2012-2013 are **Dr. Rick Tanner**, president elect, **Dr. Beth Davis**, vice president, **Dr. Marty Vanier**, trustee at large, **Dr. Bill Bayouth**, treasurer and **Dr. Mike Malone**, immediate past president.

We recently completed another successful June Conference where colleagues enjoyed reunions, quality CE and time with the 42 exhibitors at the KVMA Trade Show. A newly added reception on Monday evening with the vendors gave attendees more time to see what was available to us as practitioners. We thank these companies for their time and dedication to the veterinary profession. They are listed on the front page of this issue of the Kansas Veterinarian.

The KVMA also held a wellness screening event and a vaccination clinic at the June Conference. Thank you, **Dr. Jody Johnson**, for heading up those efforts.

Congratulations to the winners of annual awards, not only those recognized by the KVMA, but also by the K-State College of Veterinary Medicine. A comment was made to me by a non veterinarian guest at the Monday night awards banquet that we should be very proud of how passionate and emotional we are as a profession about our clients, patients and colleagues. What a compliment!

I would like to thank those of you who have pledged your time, enthusiastic energy and valued opinions by volunteering for KVMA committees. These committees are invaluable and are listed on the KVMA web site at www.ksvma.org. I would encourage you to continue to be active in helping the KVMA tackle the challenges that face the veterinary profession.

The Kansas State Fair is just around the corner, Sept. 7-16 in Hutchinson. The KVMA/KSU Veterinary Medical and Birthing Center will be a popular place once again. KVMA volunteer numbers were at record levels last year and we'd like to see that continue. Watch for e mails and log on to the KVM web site for time slots and volunteer information.

Drs. Tanner, Davis and **Bob Larson** are in the process of planning another KVMA Fall Conference. This one day session has become very popular and is free to KVMA members. Ideas for wanted topics or speakers are welcome but should be communicated to the KVMA office soon. The Conference will be held on Saturday, Nov. 10 in Manhattan.

I will be attending the AVMA Convention in San Diego the first week in August. I'm looking forward to visiting with other state VMA officers and generally learning more about issues at the national level.

Membership retention and growth is my specific goal this year so I would ask each member to preach the advantages of being a part of the KVMA and recruit a non member associate or neighboring colleague. You can rest assured that the KVMA is working to keep the veterinary profession in Kansas a proud and noble one. Please let us hear from you.

KVMA Fall Conference Set for November 10 in Manhattan

After a second consecutive KVMA Fall Conference set registration and attendance marks last year, the same format and agenda approach will be followed next time around when the Conference takes place on Saturday, Nov. 10 at the Kansas State University College of Veterinary Medicine.

The 2012 KVMA Fall Conference is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and will include continental breakfast and lunch, wet labs, general sessions, breakout offerings and practice tips. A veterinary technician track will also be part of the Conference.

Once again, the Conference will be free to all KVMA members. Stay tuned for more details coming soon.

KVMA Seeks Input on Pharmacies Filling Animal Scripts

The AVMA recently sent a letter to all state boards of pharmacy expressing concerns arising from non veterinarian pharmacies filling veterinary drug prescriptions.

The KVMA requests comments from its members on this issue with the intention of also weighing in on it with the Kansas Board of Pharmacy, which will be addressing the AVMA letter at its Sept. 13 meeting in Topeka.

The AVMA letter asks that pharmacists, in meeting their requirements to counsel and educate clients when filling a veterinary prescription, should include verifications with prescribing veterinarian should any question arise on the medication or its dosage.

The AVMA also mentioned it has been brought to its attention that some pharmacies have provided clients with prescription drugs without a veterinarian's authorization. A veterinarian, of course, possesses the training and knowledge to make the appropriate drug choices for animal patients.

Some pharmacies have substituted one drug for another even though the veterinarian indicated "no substitution," or pharmacists have lowered dosages on their own, the letter went on to contend. Concern was expressed about the negative consequences to a pet's health when prescription medications are inappropriately or inaccurately dispensed by pharmacists not trained in veterinary pharmacology or physiology.

Review the AVMA letter on the KVMA web site under News and Info and then send your comments, thoughts and/or personal anecdotes to the KVMA, 816 SW Tyler, Suite 200, Topeka, Kansas 66612, FAX 785-233-2534, kvma@sbcglobal.net.

KVMA Officers Installed at June Conference

The KVMA installed its 2012-2013 officers during its annual meeting at the recent June Conference for Veterinarians.



Dr. Tom Jernigan, Council Grove, is KVMA president for 2012-2013. Dr. Jernigan received a BS degree in natural resource management from K-State in 1972 and a DVM degree from K-State in 1979. He then joined his father in a mixed animal practice in Council Grove, Kansas. He served on the Kansas Board of Veterinary Examiners for 12 years. He has served 12 years on the local school board, is chairman of the board of trustees of the local hospital, and

is a member of the Morris County Extension Board. Dr. Jernigan and his wife, Diane, have three grown children and six granddaughters.



Dr. Rick Tanner, Topeka, is the 2012-2013 KVMA president-elect. Dr. Tanner grew up in western Kansas and graduated from Larned public schools and the K-State College of Veterinary Medicine in 1991. He has represented the KVMA on the Kansas Statewide Animal Response Team and was appointed by the KVMA to the Veterinary Prescription Monitoring Task Force in 2008. Dr. Tanner and his wife, Kathy Gross, Ph. D. (KSU 1989), have three children, Kara, Weston, and Kaycee.



Dr. Elizabeth Davis, Manhattan, is the KVMA vice president for 2012-2013. Dr. Davis graduated from the University of Florida with a DVM degree in 1996 and from K-State with a Ph. D. in 2004. She is a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine – large animal. Dr. Davis was an assistant professor at the KSU College of Veterinary Medicine from 2003-2006 and an assistant professor and head of the equine medicine and surgery section at the KSU CVM from 2006-2008. She is currently an associate professor and head of the equine medicine and surgery section at KSU.



Dr. Marty Vanier, Manhattan, is the 2012-2013 KVMA trustee at large. Dr. Vanier is director of operations for Kansas State University's National Agricultural Biosecurity Center, designed to develop, coordinate, and implement programs to address threats to the agricultural economy and food supply. She received a bachelor's degree in animal science from K-State in 1979 and a DVM degree in 1981. Dr. Vanier first joined K-State in 1989 as a research assistant for the Food Safety Consortium. She moved to her current position in 2003. Dr. Vanier was named Kansas Veterinarian of the Year by the KVMA in 2009 and received the KVMA President's Award in 2002 and 2012.

Dr. Bill Bayouth, Lawrence, is the 2012-2013 KVMA treasurer. Dr. Bayouth graduated from K-State in 1972 with a B.S. in biology and with a DVM degree in 1974. After practicing veterinary medicine in California and Colorado, Dr. Bayouth returned to Kansas in 1977 to Animal Hospital of Lawrence, where he practices currently. He presently serves on the advisory board of the Ballard Center and is on the Douglas County Animal Response Team. He has been named Lawrence Public Schools Outstanding Citizen. Dr. Bayouth is a member of the KVMA, American VMA, KC VMA, and Douglas County VMA.

KVMA 2012 Award Winners Honored

The KVMA honored six Kansas veterinarians at the recent KVMA annual meeting and awards dinner during the June Conference for Veterinarians in Manhattan.

Dr. Joe Fakler, Concordia, was named 2012 KVMA Veterinarian of the Year. Award presenter Dr. Bill Brown cited the professionalism, enthusiasm, and courage displayed by Dr. Fakler as major reasons for the award. Dr. Fakler has been confined to a wheelchair for the last 41 years as the result of a gunshot wound suffered in a robbery attempt at a veterinary clinic. Dr. Fakler has coached VFW youth baseball and built a baseball field so others could enjoy the sport. He was the scoutmaster of the local Boy Scout troop and earned the Boy Scout District Award of Merit, Family Award, and Silver Beaver Award.



Dr. Bonnie Rush, left, presents the KSU Distinguished Service Award to Dr. Amy Rankin at the June Conference for Veterinarians.



Dr. Bill Brown, left, is pictured with KVMA Veterinarian of the Year, Dr. Joe Fakler.

Dr. Amy Rankin, Manhattan, veterinary ophthalmologist at the K-State College of Veterinary Medicine, received the 2012 KSU Distinguished Service Award presented by the KVMA. Dr. Rankin was honored for the excellent consulting services she provides to referring veterinarians and the continuing education she offers at district veterinary meetings around the state.

Dr. Richard Barta, Independence, was honored with the KVMA Distinguished Service Award. Dr. Barta served on the Kansas Board of Veterinary Examiners for eight years until recently and devoted considerable time to the board's case hearings and legislative matters. He was vice president during his last several years on the board. He is past KVMA treasurer and board member. Dr. Barta is also a member of the KVMA Foundation Board. Dr. Barta is on the Independence Community College veterinary technician advisory board and was instrumental in starting the veterinary technician program at the school.



Dr. Richard Barta, right, accepts the KVMA Distinguished Service Award from Jim Correll at the June Conference.

The 2012 KVMA Lifetime Service Award went to **Dr. Billy LaRue**, Chanute. Dr. LaRue has practiced for 56 years. He treated some of the first cases of Parvo virus in the state and also tested for brucellosis and tuberculosis. He was KVMA Veterinarian of the Year in 1998. Dr. LaRue served as KVMA southeast district trustee as well as on several KVMA boards. He has served as Cub and Boy Scout commissioner and on local church boards and is active in Kiwanis. Dr. LaRue's greatest accomplishments were in mentoring young veterinarians.

Dr. Marty Vanier, Manhattan, received the KVMA President's Award. Dr. Vanier is director of operations for KSU's National Agricultural Biosecurity Center, designed to develop, coordinate, and implement programs to address threats to the nation's food supply. Dr. Vanier has been chairman of the KVMA Legislative Committee for many years and was just elected KVMA trustee at large. She is a previous winner of the president's award and is a past recipient of the KVMA Veterinarian of the Year award.



Dr. Billy LaRue, right, KVMA Lifetime Service Award honoree, with Dr. Meghan Vorhees, at the June Conference.

Holton FFA Member Receives KVMA Award

Cortney Parry, Holton Future Farmers of America Chapter, received the KVMA sponsored Veterinary Science Proficiency Award at the recent FFA Convention in Manhattan.

Cortney has worked at Heartland Veterinary Clinic, Holton, since June 2009. She walks, feeds, and waters animals and assists in routine procedures and surgeries. She also handles office duties such as answering phone calls and handling transactions. She credits her grandfather for instilling in her a passion for animals.

Cortney hopes to attend Washburn University and earn a degree in nursing. She is the daughter of Marc Parry and Sandy Spiker. Her advisors are Jason Larison and Alex Bartel.



Dr. Mike Malone, 2011-2012 KVMA president, left, honors Dr. Marty Vanier with the KVMA President's Award.



Cortney Parry, Holton Future Farmers of America Chapter, received the KVMA sponsored Veterinary Science Proficiency Award from Dr. Bill Fortney at the recent FFA Convention in Manhattan.



Dr. Tom Jernigan, 2012-2013 KVMA president, left, recognizes Dr. Mike Malone for his service as KVMA president during 2011-2012.

KVMA Selects Pet of the Year Honorees

The KVMA honored three pets, two posthumously, during awards ceremonies at the June Conference for Veterinarians at the K-State Student Union.

A professional pet of the year award went to Cagney, a golden retriever and a therapy dog at Anderson Elementary School in Wichita for the past 10 years. Cagney is a patient at El Dorado Animal Clinic. Cagney was described on the nomination form as loyal, loving, dependable, patient, gentle and an amazing therapeutic “fur person.” Dr. Davy Harkins presented the award.

Diesel, a Labrador and former patient at Meriden Animal Hospital, also received a professional pet of the year designation. Diesel belonged to Cameron, a nine year old boy with Down syndrome. Diesel found Cameron on many occasions when he decided to hide. Diesel was killed several months ago and Cameron still calls every black dog “Diesel.” The award was made posthumously by Dr. Jeff Van Petten.

Dr. Mike Malone. Great Bend, received the KVMA Past President's Award for serving in that position in 2011-2012. It was presented by Dr. Tom Jernigan, 2012-2013 KVMA president.

A hero pet of the year honor was bestowed on Lucy, a 13 year old golden retriever and patient at Little Apple Animal Hospital, Manhattan. Lucy was a FEMA qualified search/rescue dog. She found a four year old lost at Pillsbury crossing, a hunter near death in a diabetic coma and two young boys separated from a family event. The posthumous award was presented by Dr. Liz Lindquist and David Fritchen.

KVMA Receives Thanks for Awards

Thank you for the KVMA support of the Kansas FFA Association and Foundation. Our mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education. Your generous support helps us achieve that goal. - *Kerry Wefald, Kansas FFA Foundation, Inc.*

Thank you so much for the KVMA sponsorship of my veterinary science proficiency award. It has opened many doors for me and given me opportunities for my future. - *Cortney Parry, Holton FFA Chapter*

I want to thank the KVMA Awards Committee, Dr. Meghan Vorhees, and anyone responsible for my KVMA Life Time Achievement Award. It is greatly appreciated and I will always treasure it. Again thanks to everyone. - *Dr. Bill La Rue*

I wish to thank the KVMA for awarding me with the 2012 KVMA Veterinarian of the Year award. Special thanks go to those who nominated me. Many others deserve to be recognized. The class of '71 is very special to me and has always supported my effort to be a quality veterinarian. No matter what obstacles get in your path always look on the bright side of life. My goal as a veterinarian is to serve pets and people to the best of my ability. I try to use all resources including colleagues, KSU vet school, and lectures. I plan to practice as long as I get joy from delivering a litter of puppies by c-section, answering emergency calls, and doing difficult orthopedic surgery successfully. Thanks again for the award. It means so much coming from my peers. - *Joe A. Fakler, DVM*

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