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Helping Those in Need

In March 2013, I had the opportunity to help establish and conduct a two-day spay, neuter, and veterinary health clinic in the remote area of Camp Bay, on the Caribbean island of Roatán, Honduras. This area is a small settlement at the far eastern end of the island and is composed of approximately 35 families that have been there for many generations. Due to the poor socioeconomic conditions, it is difficult for these people to have the resources to procure adequate veterinary care for their pets. Internal and external parasites, including ticks and tick-borne disease, are very prevalent, with a high number of dogs being Ehrlichiosis-positive, as well as positive for heartworms.

This clinic was made possible by many volunteers, including Roatan Humane Society Vice President Kathy Shupe, who was the coordinator, Gabriel and Sophia Grenier and their wonderful staff, who generously hosted the entire clinic by donating the use of their home and grounds, veterinary nurse Carla Haskell from Australia, Dr. Santiago Soto, the island veterinarian who helped to facilitate the event, and the University of Florida Veterinary College which allowed me to utilize some of their materials. Numerous volunteers from the community also pitched in wherever needed. In addition, supplies were donated by several veterinary suppliers, including Steve Neer from Midwest Veterinary
Supply, Gretchen Mouland from Butler-Schein Animal Health, Kara MacMillan from Merial, and myself. Well over 20 dogs and cats received veterinary care, including spays, neuters, tumor remova ls, diagnosis and treatment for disease conditions, preventive vaccinations, worming, and external parasite control.

Being able to assist these less fortunate pet owners in this very remote island community was a moving experience. Pet overpopulation in developing countries is a daunting challenge, complicated by marginal animal husbandry practices and the shortage of professional resources to address the problem. It was the most striking example in my career as a veterinarian of how our profession has the capability to affect positive change in the lives of others by providing our services to those in great need. This clinic was very well received by the community, as the islanders brought a steady stream of pets in need once they became aware of the available services.

All of us are excited about the possibility of bringing additional veterinary clinics to the island in the future, which will help to expand the level of veterinary health care in Camp Bay and perhaps other areas of Roatán. Midwest Veterinary Supply has already pledged future support for another effort. Two local veterinarians currently practice on Roatán, Dr. Santiago Soto and Dr. Ed Cedar, who travels from the mainland one day a week. In addition, missionary efforts from The World Vets and the University of Florida aid in the delivery of preventive veterinary health care on the island.

As a final note, especially to younger veterinarians, as I look back on where this wonderful profession has taken me, from having a rural practice in the thumb of Michigan, to representing the Michigan VMA in Russia and as your MVMA president, to practicing in beautiful northern Michigan, and now in a missionary effort in Roatán, Honduras, I must say I have been very blessed to have chosen to become a veterinarian. There is always a new challenge and a new opportunity to enhance our own professional experiences, to meet those special animal lovers throughout the world, and to understand how much our work is appreciated, both here in Michigan and throughout the world. I encourage any veterinarians who have the time to participate in such efforts to do so; you will never forget the experience.
Thomas Mullaney, DVM, received the Zoetis Distinguished Teacher Award. This award winner is selected by the students and presented to a CVM faculty member for displaying outstanding teaching ability, leadership, and high moral character. Dr. Mullaney is a professor of pathobiology and diagnostic investigation and is Associate Director of the Diagnostic Center for Population and Animal Health at MSU CVM. He is also a past recipient of the SCAVMA Award for Excellence in Teaching, Distinguished Faculty Award, and the Honorary Alumnus Award from the college.

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MVMA RESIDENT AND INTERN MEMBERS

MVMA is pleased to announce awards given to our resident and intern members.

- Dr. Nyssa Levy, SCAVMA Award for Interns
- Dr. Ryan Demianiuk, SCAVMA Award for Residents
- Dr. Bianca Boudreau, Dr. Arthur D. Marosi Resident Surgery Award

AWARDS TO MVMA STUDENT AFFILIATE MEMBERS

MVMA is proud of its many senior student affiliates who received awards as they graduated. These students are the future of veterinary medicine.

- Andrea Hasbach, American Association of Feline Practitioners
- Jamie Kopper, American College of Veterinary Anesthesiologists and Analgesia Award
- Jamie Kopper, Moxley Award for Excellence in Equine Medicine
- Alyssa Pinkos, American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine
- Mark Bisoski, American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine
- Leslie Wintz, American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine
- Rachel Policelli, American College of Veterinary Radiology Award
- Rachel Policelli, Dr. Arthur D. Marosi Surgery Award
- Tara Gravelyn, American College of Veterinary Surgeons Award—Large Animal
- Tara Gravelyn, CVM Peer Tutor Recognition
- Jessie Hennessey, Tara Gravelyn Bayer Excellence in Communication Award
- Jaimie Strickland, Beachnau Dairy Clinical Proficiency Award
- Jaimie Strickland, Production Medicine Scholar’s Award
- Keith Burge, Boehringer Ingelheim Cardiology Award
- Keith Burge, Ziegler Caring Award: Male
- Rhyannon Moore, Bovine Clinical Proficiency Award
- Emily Chapel, Butler Schein Animal Health Cardiology Award
- Emily Chapel, Dr. Wade O. Brinker Orthopedic Award
- Emily Chapel, Phi Zeta Award—Highest GPA
- Emily Chapel, Small Animal Clinical Sciences Proficiency Award
- Rachel Whitesell, Dr. Robert F. Langham Diagnostic Pathology Award
- Stacey Wylie, Dr. Samuel and Mrs. Madalyn Pollock Clinical Pathology Award
- Tena Ursini, Ethicon Surgery Award (for LCS orthopedic surgery)
- Alexander Piazza, Ethicon Surgery Award (for SCS orthopedic surgery)
- Naomi Mendelson, Excellence in Primary Care Award—2
- Andrea Minella, Glassen Memorial Foundation Award for Excellence in Comparative Ophthalmology
- Tara Gravelyn, Glassen Memorial Foundation Award for Excellence in Small Animal Medicine
- Tara Gravelyn, Glassen Memorial Foundation Award for Excellence in Small Animal Surgery
- Bianca Buffa, John and Shirley Richardson Volunteerism Award
- Christine Hadley, Production Medicine Scholar’s Award
- Erica Ward, SCAVMA Community Service Award
- Erica Ward, VTH Student Customer Service Award
- Alexandra Scott, SVC Swine Clinical Proficiency Award
- Nathaniel Tussey, The Big Medicine Award for Excellence in Large Animal Clinical Sciences
- Jessica Ogden, Veterinary Cancer Society Award for Proficiency in Clinical Oncology
- Lindsey McGuire, Veterinary Emergency Critical Care Society/Abbott
- Joplin Cotner, VTH Student Customer Service Award
- Allison Vennard, Ziegler Caring Award: Female
In March 2013, the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) announced the 56th bovine tuberculosis-affected herd in Michigan, a dairy herd in Saginaw County. Initially, one of the cows from the herd was identified during slaughter surveillance. Testing of lymph nodes from that cow at the National Veterinary Services Laboratory (NVSL) confirmed that she was positive for bovine TB. Further testing of the whole herd performed at the Diagnostic Center for Population and Animal Health (DCPAH) at Michigan State University confirmed other bovine TB-positive animals. This is the first positive herd in the southern part of lower Michigan in over 30 years.

Because of the historic prevalence of the disease, bovine TB was once a staple in veterinary education curricula. However, as eradication was more and more successful, it began to diminish in texts and the classroom. It is likely that most veterinarians practicing today were minimally educated about the disease in medicine or in pathology courses while in veterinary school.

Bovine Tuberculosis—Not Just Cows

Bovine TB is caused by *Mycobacterium bovis*, a bacterium in the *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* complex of the family *Mycobacteriaceae*. As the name suggests, cattle are the primary host for *M. bovis*, but it has the largest host range of any of the *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*
group. Most mammals, both wild and domestic, are susceptible including dogs, cats, horses, sheep, goats, pigs, and of course humans. Some spillover hosts, such as white-tailed deer, can become maintenance hosts if their population density is high. Lesions caused by *M. bovis* (bovine tuberculosis or TB) may occur in the lungs but may also occur in other parts of the body, including the intestines. Transmission can occur by the inhalation of aerosols, via ingestion, or through breaks in the skin.

The symptoms that come to mind when we think about TB in humans (fevers, night sweats, cough, and weight loss) aren’t the clinical signs that are seen in cattle or other animals with bovine TB. In fact, there are usually no clinical signs in the early stages of the disease. A herd can appear to be in normal health and yet have multiple animals infected.

**A Historical Perspective**

Michigan is not unfamiliar with bovine TB. Almost 20 years ago, in 1994, a bovine TB positive white-tailed deer was harvested by a hunter in Alpena County. In 1998, an interagency project to address eradicating bovine TB in Michigan was established following the detection of a bovine TB infected cattle herd. In 2000, the entire state of Michigan lost TB-free status and the state has methodically taken steps to block transmission of the disease which is now only endemic in a small four-county area of northeastern lower Michigan. The Modified Accredited Zone (MAZ), where the disease still occurs, is Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency, and Oscoda counties.

Historically, bovine TB was successfully managed through a national eradication program. When federal meat inspection began in 1906, 4 to 5 percent of cattle carcasses were condemned because of TB lesions and in 1917, when the national eradication program started, 4.9 percent of all cattle tested were reactors (Bovine Tuberculosis Eradication Programs, 1994). Here in Michigan, bovine TB reactors were found in all counties with the exception of Keewenaw in 1922–1928 according to maps provided by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

MSU’s role in bovine TB management dates back to the 19th century as reflected in this excerpt from the October 17, 1899 issue of the student newspaper, *The M.A.C. Record*, under the title “In the Veterinary Department”:

> A test was made last week of the two cows in the hospital barn and of the five cows that had been returned from there to the other barns. The result was most satisfactory. Only one of the cows in quarantine (Belle Sarcastic) showed the tuberculous reaction, and not one of the five gave any signs of the disease. Among the five was one of the best cows that ever lived, Rosa Bouheur, and it is gratifying to know that she has apparently recovered from the dread tuberculosis. Every animal in the college herds is examined each spring. If one shows tuberculous symptoms, it is at once isolated from the healthy animals and given hygienic treatment, which is usually followed by improvement, sometimes by recovery. Each animal in the hospital barn is tested twice a year, and after one has stood four tests without showing symptoms of tuberculosis, it is returned to the healthy herd.

Obviously testing and understanding of the disease has progressed significantly from that time.

**DCPAH and Disease Outbreaks**

With any incidence of bovine TB, quick diagnostic testing is needed so that a management plan appropriate for the specific situation can be developed by state and/or regional epidemiologists and implemented.
as soon as possible. “As a partner to MDARD, DCPAH is here to help protect public and animal health in Michigan. Helping to address these types of disease incidents is core to our mission,” said Carole Bolin, Director. “Our ability to perform testing quickly and reliably plays a key role in getting information back to all the stakeholders without delay. We know this is a difficult situation for producers to be in, and we are dedicated to getting answers to them as quickly as possible.”

In fact, DCPAH’s facility was constructed for this kind of testing. “This building was designed and built with the idea of being able to handle animal health disasters,” explains Steven Bolin, section chief of Immuno diagnostics/Parasitology at DCPAH. “TB was the one we were looking at, but we’ve had other large outbreaks including West Nile virus, eastern equine encephalitis, and epizootic hemorrhagic disease for which this building has proven very useful. The building was specifically designed to handle those. We were trying to find information on every disease of concern and ask, ‘What do we need to do if this pops up?’ For those of us working in this building today, bovine tuberculosis is never going to go away.”

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Since 2007, Ellie has taken NSAIDs to manage her arthritis following two knee surgeries. The 11-year-old black Labrador retriever gets a drug-monitoring test every six months. When Dr. Peter Brown of Chuckanut Valley Veterinary Clinic in Burlington, Wash., reviewed Ellie’s latest test results, he used IDEXX’s VetConnect® Plus to see trends over time. Ellie’s liver values had been steadily increasing and were now at the top of the normal range. Dr. Brown sat next to the client, showing her graphs of Ellie’s changing liver values on his iPad. He discussed adding a liver supplement and plans to recheck blood work next month. From his iPad, Dr. Brown shared lab results to the client’s Petly™ online pet health page through IDEXX’s Pet Health Network Pro.

“While she was still at our clinic, an alert on her phone indicated she had new lab results shared,” says Dr. Brown. “Now she can share results with the rest of the family at home.”

A 2012 State of the Profession study found diagnostics make up 18% of practice income with growth to 20% anticipated in three years. “Diagnostics is where our profession is going to grow,” says Dr. Brown. At his mixed-
animal practice with six veterinarians, 22% of revenue comes from diagnostics.

With persuasive conversations, technology tools, and effective reminders, you can get more patients the preventive diagnostics they need. Here’s how:

■ **Use repetition of the message to gain acceptance.** Awareness starts when clients call to schedule exams. Receptionists can remind clients to bring pets’ stool samples for intestinal parasite screening. When a client schedules a senior patient exam at Chuckanut Valley Veterinary Clinic, an alert prompts the receptionist to explain senior testing and fasting instructions. “Always prepare your clients for what to expect before they walk through the door,” Dr. Brown advises.

Before the veterinarian enters the exam room, a technician informs the client of what diagnostic testing is needed, gets approval and collects samples. Test results are available during the exam. “Clients get a high perception of value when you share results in face-to-face conversations,” says Dr. Brown. “When it all flows well, it’s an amazing experience.”

Replace “Do you want?” with “Your pet needs” when discussing diagnostics. At North Royalton Animal Hospital in North Royalton, Ohio, technicians explain which diagnostics patients need and why. At least one dog per month tests positive for heartworms or tick-borne diseases. At the three-doctor hospital, diagnostics account for 30% of revenue.

■ **Emphasize catching changes early.**

At Golden Triangle Animal Hospital in Southlake, Texas, technicians explain the need for senior preventive screens and use age comparisons. When a client learns her 16-year-old cat is equal to an 80-year-old person, she understands the need for screening. “Over the years, we’ve trained our clients about the importance of senior blood work,” says Dr. Steve Ruffner. “Screening gives us baselines in case a problem comes up down the road. I can think of a lot of cases where we found kidney issues before kidney failure.”

When her diabetic dog began drinking more water, a client returned to Golden Triangle Animal Hospital for help. “I played Joe Detective using the VetConnect® Plus tool with trending, which created a stronger perception of value,” he says. Diagnostics revealed Cushing’s disease, and Dr. Ruffner shared a graph of previous tests with the pet owner.

“Historically, veterinary medicine has used diagnostics as a problem-based learning approach,” says Dr. Jay Stewart, co-owner of Aumsville Animal Clinic in Aumsville, Ore., and former president of the Companion Animal Parasite Council. “The more we screen for health, the more opportunities it gives us to celebrate and tell clients to keep up the good work.”

■ **Use benefit statements.** Help clients understand the medical and economic benefits of screening. Compare preventive testing to an “internal physical exam.”

Here’s a script for senior testing: “Because pets age faster than people, changes can happen quickly. Just like people in their golden years, senior pets have an increased risk of diabetes, heart and endocrine disease, and cancer. Because these diseases show few signs in early stages, preventive care and routine blood work are important. Senior preventive testing helps us establish a baseline of what is normal for your pet as well as to detect any changes early. Catching changes early often means they will be easier and less expensive to treat. Think of preventive blood work as the internal physical exam that lets us check the health of organs and thyroid function. Thyroid disease is common in older pets. Urinalysis lets us determine hydration, kidney function, and whether there is any inflammation or infection in the urinary tract. We will collect blood and urine samples now, and then will discuss results with you today/tomorrow.”

If samples are sent to a reference lab, get clients’ cell phone numbers so you’re more likely to connect. Remember, clients have paid for results. Don’t practice “no news is good news” even with routine intestinal parasite screening. You don’t want the only time that clients hear from you to be bad news. In addition to harming perception of value, “no news is good news” will make it more challenging to get compliance for repeating tests next year.

“If pet owners understand why we need to do diagnostics, they will accept them,” says Dr. Adam Heckho of North Royalton Animal Hospital. “We focus on normal results as a good thing.”

■ **Share facts on prevalence in your area.**


Look to in-house lab reports for insightful statistics. When Dr. Robert Tope of Electric City Animal Clinic in Anderson, S.C., ran a report on his in-house SNAPshot Dx® Analyzer, he found 80 positives out of 960 heartworm tests last year. Telling clients...
that 12% of patients tested positive in 2012 reinforces the need for annual screening and year-round preventatives.

**Offer affordable prices on preventive screening.** As a veterinary consultant, I advise practice owners to price preventive diagnostics 20% to 25% less than sick-patient testing. Because 10% of pets that appear healthy during checkups have hidden diseases, most client conversations will celebrate normal results. Sharing good news takes less time. A higher fee for sick-patient testing covers additional doctor time to diagnose the problem and discuss treatment.

At Electric City Animal Clinic, 90% of clients accept its $70 preventive diagnostic package that includes blood work, heartworm/tick test and intestinal parasite screen. The senior diagnostic bundle priced at $100 gets 75% compliance.

“For some clients, cost plays a big factor,” says Dr. Heckho. “Unless clients have experienced sick pets, it’s hard for them to grasp that preventive care helps them in the long run. We communicate the value of trending and looking for diseases early.”

**Use technology to share lab results and images.** Paper strips of lab results and x-ray view boxes are being replaced with exam room computers and tablets. “If I send images to a radiologist for review, I do it in front of the client from the iPad,” says Dr. Brown. “It’s one less step for me to do later. Clients love seeing their pets’ x-rays on an iPad. They think it’s really cool.”

Dr. Brown also emails images and shares lab results to clients’ Petly™ online pet health pages from his iPad. Although Chuckanut Valley Veterinary Clinic has computers in exam rooms, iPads give doctors mobility to consult with each other in hallways and advise clients anywhere in its large facility.

**Share results promptly.** At Aumsville Animal Clinic, 95% of testing is performed in-house. Delivering results during exams makes veterinarians more efficient and reduces callbacks. For five years, the six-doctor practice has had a dedicated lab/pharmacy technician.

“Real-time care pays dramatic dividends,” says Dr. Stewart. “If the dog needs medication, we dispense it during today’s visit. Half of the time in human medicine, prescriptions never get filled at a pharmacy. If we don’t send medication home with veterinary patients, they may not get it at all.”

**Create distinct codes to designate preventive screening from sick-patient testing.** Distinguish the reason for testing because it influences future reminders and impacts the accuracy of compliance results.

In Michigan, 1 out of 99 dogs is testing positive for Lyme disease, according to the Companion Animal Parasite Council. Let’s say you perform an annual heartworm/tick test as a preventive screen, but use the same test when a sick patient presents with tick-borne disease symptoms. If you run compliance reports to see what percentage of active dogs have received heartworm/tick tests, results may be inflated because preventive and sick-patient testing are muddled in the same code.

Instead, create distinct codes such as “heartworm/tick preventive screen” and “heartworm/tick test.” When you run compliance reports, search only “heartworm/tick preventive screen” to get accurate results. You could use the term “screen” for preventive care and “test” in sick-patient diagnostics.

When creating diagnostic codes, use client-friendly descriptions that will print on invoices and reminders. Clients won’t understand “CBC, comprehensive with FeLV” but would understand “Feline leukemia/FIV preventive screen.”

**Send reminders for preventive testing.** Use postal and email reminders to let clients know when testing is due for heartworms/tick-borne diseases, intestinal parasites, retroviruses, blood pressure, adult and senior preventive screens, and drug monitoring. Compliance jumped 20% when Chuckanut Valley Veterinary Clinic added diagnostics to its reminder list.

“You need to get clients to say yes every year. If a dog will live to age 15, you need eight years of yes to senior screens,” says Dr. Brown. “If the first time that clients hear about blood work is from the doctor, it’s too overwhelming.”

When your team promotes the benefits of preventive diagnostics, the success you have with one patient can magnify. Cat owners often own multiple cats—2.1 per household—compared to dog owners, who average 1.6 dogs per home, according to the American Veterinary Medical Association’s 2012 U.S. Pet Ownership & Demographics Sourcebook.

“Compliance trickles down to other pets because most of our clients have multiple pets,” says Dr. Brown. “When a client with an older dog gets a puppy, she already knows about the lifetime of testing ahead.”

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Now that they are returning home and rebuilding their lives, equipping them to be leaders in the agriculture and business sector is a top priority of Partners Worldwide and a group of businessmen in the United States. This will lead to a healthy economy—minimizing dependence on charity and helping them reclaim dignity that comes from supporting their families through work.

In early 2012, Wendell Van Gunst, owner of Country Dairy in New Era, Michigan, traveled to the Gulu district of Northern Uganda to serve as a dairy farm advisor to the Partner’s Worldwide network in place there. He was struck by the potential for small scale farmers to come together and relearn the herding and farming skills that were lost during the long civil war.

When Wendell returned to Michigan, he put together an advisory team of dairy industry and business experts to plan the next steps for the Northern Uganda Dairy Partnership. Out of this partnership, the Uganda Country Dairy Farm was born.

The goal of the Uganda Country Dairy project is to change dairy farming in Northern Uganda from a subsistence model to a viable dairy industry. We hope to accomplish that by establishing a model research farm in Gulu, Uganda, Africa, where we can both demonstrate and teach a different way to practice dairy farming. The potential for a
Dairy industry in northern Uganda is enormous and the impact on the community will be huge. Economic projections are to create 30 jobs, increasing the living standards for 250 farmers. That will positively impact 1,400 children and family members resulting from the jobs creation and sustainable income.

A viable dairy industry must consist of two integral parts; a strong production base and a processing component to produce high quality safe milk products. The traditional farming structure is not the correct model from which to build a sustainable dairy industry. The current dairy farms are a subsistence model (for example, Heifer International’s model) and not designed to build an industry that will supply the people of the region with adequate high-quality milk. Since 20+ years of civil war have devastated this area, there are essentially no dairy farming models from which this generation can learn. The existing “farms” have very poor production (max of 3–4 liters per day), so income is minimal and really only provides milk for a family. Milk quality is so poor that it is not sought after by the public, especially children who need it in their diets. Locally, replacement animals are scarce because of poor reproduction management and if available, they are of poor genetic quality.

A successful dairy industry in Gulu will require a different dairy farm model. It must be attainable by progressive-minded local dairy farmers. The demonstration farm will house 20 cows in a modern building, designed for optimum cow comfort. It is a zero-grazing model where the manure produced is protected in storage and used to fertilize crops grown.

The research farm aspect will produce Best Practice Models for the emerging dairy industry. Dr’s. Tonny Kidega, project farm manager and veterinarian, and Robert Vlietstra, the projects consulting veterinarian, with Johan Vosloo, project nutritionist and herdsmen consultant, will monitor herd performance. The project owns 27.2 acres which is enough land to grow feed crops for the cow herd. It will also serve as an experimental location to explore new crops that can enhance milk production. Silage production will be a vital part of the nutrition program and needs for new planting, harvesting and storage ideas are important. Genetic improvement of the Holstein cows will rely on artificial insemination, using exceptional sexed-semen from the finest bulls in the USA. Embryos will be implanted, produced by the Country Dairy, Inc. herd in New Era, Michigan. Milk production projections are 30–35 liters per day with proper nutrition and correct cow management practices.

This model farm will be a teaching facility where area farmers can come to observe modern dairy farming practice and its result. A dairy science curriculum is currently being written by Dr. Vlietstra and Dr. Rick Peyton (Tulare, CA), for use in the education of area farmers. The extension service teaching the courses will be headed by Dr. Tonny Kidega. Dr. Kidega received advanced training in Production Medicine in west Michigan with Dr. Vlietstra during 2012.

A set of small farm equipment has been purchased to plant and harvest the farm’s crops. This set can be used on several small farms as other farms start up. A cooling bulk milk tank will be installed at the farm to cool milk quickly to 38°F.

A milk processing plant will be housed at the facility where milk will be pasteurized and yogurt, cheese, and ice cream are produced. This will become a marketing center for other dairies which will result from the demonstration/teaching model.

It will provide a high-quality and safe milk product intended to impact the issue of childhood malnutrition and provide income for families.

The project will demonstrate that this style of farm (modern model) can be very profitable and can provide a market for milk products. Upon that demonstration, investors and banks will be more open to financing new farms of 10–20 cows. That will provide the opportunity to build a long term sustainable dairy industry for Northern Uganda.

The project is a consortium between Partners Worldwide, Country Dairy (USA), West Michigan Veterinary Service, Michigan State University, Gulu University and Makerere University. Many interested individuals have supported the project through prayer and tangible support. You are invited to partner with us to equip and support the project financially, providing the means to transform lives.

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The MSU Veterinary Teaching Hospital announces its new Medical Neurology Service, which provides all levels of hospitalized care and concentrates heavily on spinal and brain surgery. The service is lead by Curtis Probst, DVM, Dipl. ACVS.

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Words of Encouragement

Thank you for this opportunity to address this celebration of accomplishment today. I am Dr. Ralph J Huff, President of the Michigan Veterinary Medical Association. On behalf of the MVMA and every state VMA, I welcome you to the fold. Organized veterinary medical associations have long been, and will continue to be, an effective way that we can join together to speak as one larger voice to advocate for our profession. Our purpose is to support the practice of veterinary medicine through conferences, continuing education, and networking opportunities for our members. But our highest goal is to protect the franchise that you have earned here today. Veterinary medical associations have “had your back” for many years. Today I ask that each of you consider being part of the “backbone” of your local, state, and national association.

Today is not about the MVMA, but is all about celebrating the class of 2013. I am looking forward with you to a great future with many challenges and much success. But how will you measure your success? Will it be a certain amount of money, wealth, and power? Will it be the level of compassion, empathy, character and respect you build in your life? Or will it be a healthy combination of the above.

When I started practicing, my mentor told me I would be successful because I had what he called, the three “A’s.” Like a young apprentice I waited for him to elaborate. He said I was “Available, Amiable, and Able,” and apparently in that order. The three A’s were a good start on the road to success.

Recently, I read a newspaper article that said what new college graduates want most is to “make a difference.” I am happy to say that “making a difference” is also what old college grads want most too, 30 years and more after graduation. How will you tell if you are making a difference? You’ll know when you hear the first cries of a puppy during a C-section; When you insist on testing that strange-acting horse for rabies and prevent a zoonosis; When you see your child’s face light up as you speak at her school career day; When you feel the pet owner’s loss as you get a bear hug and a thank you; When your spouse asks you, after a late-night calving, if you are “still the best vet there has ever been.” When these things and more happen daily, you will know you have made the right career choice.

Over the last eighteen years, I have had the privilege of teaching a number of senior veterinary student as part of the practice based ambulatory program. From this experience I can attest that you are all “able”—you have all learned to treat the medical, and surgical conditions before you. What will make your success complete is how well you treat the human condition of the people you will serve.

We live in a land of endless opportunity where we are all free to pursue happiness to the best of our abilities. Sons and daughters of all Americans, rich or poor, can build their dreams into reality and reap the rewards of a higher education. In a free America your level of success has more to do with how well you serve your fellow man, than the accident of your birth or the circumstances that you were born into. The hard work and sacrifice that you and your families have invested in this day will pay you dividends of success for the rest of your life. So get out there and make a difference, and when you are ready, join your local, state, and national associations. Get involved in preserving, protecting, and advancing our way of life.

Thank you—and congratulations from the Michigan Veterinary Medical Association.

—Ralph Huff, DVM, MVMA President
The cost of veterinary care often carries with it a certain level of sticker shock for pet owners. But there are ways to help ease your clients’ financial pain. When it comes to preventive care, we can find ways to make sure pets stay healthy while also making it easier for pet owners to afford that care.

As we all know, dogs and cats are visiting the veterinarian less frequently, and their health status shows it. A recent report indicated that preventable and treatable health issues such as diabetes, dental disease, heartworm disease, and flea infestations in both dogs and cats are on the rise. This problem is no doubt a source of great frustration to you and other veterinarians. But there is a promising solution that has solid appeal among many pet owners: Preventive healthcare plans.

A preventive healthcare plan is a comprehensive package of annual veterinary services aimed at keeping a pet healthy that includes a little extra pet-owner incentive that you can provide—the choice between a monthly payment plan or lump-sum payment. These plans typically include one or more complete physical exams for routine well care, essential vaccines, certain diagnostics such as heartworm tests and blood work, and internal parasite control.

While the use of preventive healthcare plans may represent a significant change in your business approach, it also pays dividends to everyone involved—you, the pet, and the pet owner.

First, pets get better, more dependable care. Instead of the current hit-or-miss approach by many clients, pet owners commit to a program; pets get the care they need, when they need it. The frequency of visits also increases, so you have an opportunity to see pets more often and catch problems early.

We also can’t underestimate the importance of how much each of us likes a plan—and that includes pet owners. Monthly payments for preventive pet care can be worked into their household budget, eliminating the pain and strain associated with a “big ticket” hit to the pocketbook. Preventive pet healthcare plans spell out both the treatment plan and the payment plan.

Thirdly, preventive healthcare plans bond clients more closely to the practice. Because they have a plan and agree to pay for the year’s services, they are more diligent and conscientious about scheduling required services. A nice added bonus is that clients differentiate your practice as a more client-friendly business, willing to reach across the counter with a show of understanding and patience when it comes to paying that bill.

To some pet owners, it seems like there’s never a good time to squeeze a veterinary visit into their regular expenses, especially when they may feel that the service is somewhat discretionary. With a preventive healthcare plan, we can help change that, making it easier on pet owners and making it better for the pet.

Among the valuable practice tools available to you through Partners for Healthy Pets is guidance on the evaluation, selection, and implementation of preventive healthcare plans. These plans, as well as the other components of the Partners’ Practice Resources Toolbox, will help enhance both the overall vitality of pets and your veterinary practice.

So visit the Preventive Healthcare Plans tool today. You’ll find a helpful overview introducing you to the concept, as well as some pretty powerful testimonials from veterinarians just like you who have already implemented the plan and like the results. You’ll learn how to design a plan best suited for your individual practice, and our Preventive Healthcare Plan Implementation Manual will take you through a step-by-step process of setting up plans, integrating them into your practice, marketing them to clients and training your staff.

Partners for Healthy Pets is dedicated to ensuring that pets received the preventive healthcare they deserve through regular visits to a veterinarian and is committed to working with you to enhance the health of your patients and your practice. Learn more about Partners for Healthy Pets and explore the Resources Toolbox at www.partnersforhealthypets.org.
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Did you know that 72% of people who belong to an association are very satisfied with their jobs compared with fewer than half of people who don’t belong to one? We can help your staff become shining stars in your practice with an extensive list of resources they can use today!

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- Access to MVMA’s staff who work for you. Have a question about Michigan Law or best practices? Call us!
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MVMA is helping to drive the future of veterinary medicine—and we are here to make your life easier. Visit our website at www.michvma.org for more information!

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Dr. Jim Lloyd Named Florida Dean

MVMA Past President James Lloyd, DVM, PhD, has been named dean of the University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Lloyd is leaving his position as the associate dean for budget, planning and institutional research at Michigan State University’s College of Veterinary Medicine. He also maintained joint appointments as a professor in the departments of large animal clinical sciences and agricultural economics at MSU, and was an adjunct professor at MSU’s Eli Broad College of Business.

During his career, Dr. Lloyd has worked to apply the disciplines of economics, management, and business to the veterinary medical profession through research, teaching, and service. He is passionate about economic trends affecting the veterinary profession, the current status of veterinary practice management education and curricula for veterinary professional development and career success.

As a veterinarian and an economist, Dr. Lloyd has published more than 165 journal articles, technical reports, proceedings, and book chapters. He has successfully secured grant funding for veterinary education and animal health projects, as well as for research in areas he holds dear, namely the financial dimensions of veterinary medical education, the non-technical behavioral competencies that contribute to veterinarians’ success and markets for veterinarians and veterinary medical services.

Dr. Lloyd begins his new role as dean July 1.
AVMF/Zoetis Announce 2013 Veterinary Student Scholarship Recipients

The American Veterinary Medical Foundation (AVMF) and Zoetis (formerly Pfizer Animal Health) have partnered to award scholarships totaling over $2.7 million to assist veterinary students in paying for their professional education.

The 2013 class of AVMF/Zoetis Veterinary Student Scholars included several MVMA student affiliates: Jessica Knox, Lindsay Cronin, Christina Brownlee, BinXi Wu, Brianna Pfluger, Erika Sikina, Julie Johnston, Kari Kurtz, Alexander Park, Erez Gueta, and Kathryn Hill.

By providing these scholarships, AVMF and Zoetis support students faced with growing financial loads. According to the American Veterinary Medical Association, veterinary students graduating from veterinary school in 2013 will have an average debt load of approximately $131,000. Congratulations to these MVMA Student Affiliates!

Dr. Tim Hunt and the Iditarod Race

Over the years, MVMA member Dr. Tim Hunt has worked with sled dog teams involved in the Iditerod Trail Sled Dog Race. The Iditerod is an annual long-distance sled dog race from Anchorage to Nome with an average of 65 teams starting the race each year. Mushers and a team of 12–16 dogs cover the 1,000-mile distance in 9–15 days. Mitch Seavey, a member of Dr. Tim’s Team Momentum, won the race finishing in 9 days, 7 hours and 39 minutes.

The winning fleet of Alaskan huskies are fed a combination of meat, fat, and Dr. Tim’s Momentum dog formula, made by Dr. Tim’s Pet Food Company of Marquette, Michigan. Dr. Hunt is a veterinarian who practices full-time but has developed dog and cat food lines that many teams use in the Iditarod.

Did you know that every time you call the MVMA office between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday, a staff member is usually available to take your call? By becoming an MVMA member you have hired us to save you time and money by being a resource for all your practice-related questions.

The MVMA has developed two free manuals to help you navigate developing personnel policies and the understanding the laws that affect your practice.

MODEL ANIMAL HOSPITAL PERSONNEL POLICIES MANUAL
In conjunction with our law firm, MVMA created a Model Animal Hospital Personnel Policies Manual for MVMA members. This manual can be customized to fit all types of veterinary practices. Policies include general terms of employment, compensation, benefits and time off, performance, discipline and termination, protection of the work environment, and more.

MICHIGAN LAW FOR VETERINARY PROFESSIONALS
MVMA in a partnership with the Animal Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan created a publication called Michigan Law for Veterinary Professionals. It contains information on:

- Michigan Board of Veterinary Medicine
- Public Health Code
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Summer is an exciting time in Michigan. The sun is out, the kids are home, and county fairs dot the map across the state! This year the MVMA and MSU CVM are once again embarking on an educational endeavor that is traveling across our amazing state to educate fair-goers of all ages about the profession we love.

There are new changes coming this summer for the 2013 SAMY (Science, Animals, Medicine and You) program. For the first time, our teams are expanding to offer Michigan more opportunities to see the exhibit. The SAMY program will have two traveling teams to reach more areas of Michigan, providing in-depth educational opportunities.

As student coordinators of this unique exhibit, we are excited and honored to have this opportunity to share our profession with so many people across the state. While we are very eager to meet with our guests at the fairs this summer, we would also like to meet with you, our veterinary colleagues! Please visit our website at http://scienceanimalsmedicineandyou.com to check out our tour schedule.

If you find that we will be in your community, come out and visit our exhibit and learn how you can get involved. Please note that our monthly visits to Detroit’s Eastern Market for our Healthy Pet Screening days are the third Saturday of each month. Feel free to contact any of the coordinators for more information.

Meet the Teams
This summer, the Lansing team will be traveling around Ingham County partnering with Ingham County Fairgrounds, Lansing’s Fener Nature Center, Capital Area Humane Society, MSU’s 4-H events and Agricultural Expo days. Our exhibit will focus on bringing aspects of the veterinary profession to the public, including a variety of diagnostics used in the field and a student outlook on the future of veterinary medicine. The SAMY Lansing team will primarily focus on working with the community and providing workshops and activities along with their traditional hands-on exhibit.

- **Pamela Busser** is from a small town in the Upper Peninsula called Dollar Bay. After high school, she moved to Chicago to attend Northeastern Illinois University where she received her Bachelor’s degree in biology in May 2010. She remained in the city after graduating to work for a small-animal clinic and was accepted to MSU CVM as part of the Class of 2015. Pamela hopes to have a career in a small- or mixed-animal practice somewhere warm and sunny! She enjoys spending time with her dog and three cats, while also making frequent trips to the Upper Peninsula to see family and friends. Pamela is excited for summer and can’t wait to meet you this year at SAMY’s exhibit!

- **Samantha Dawson** is originally from New York. She attended The American University in Washington, DC, where she received her BA in Music Theater. Her degree took her all over the country and she ended up in Los Angeles. While living in Los Angeles...
Angeles, she started a dog-walking and pet-sitting company, reigniting her childhood dream of becoming a veterinarian. She went back to school with the goal of getting into veterinary school, and began working as a veterinary technician to gain clinical skills and experience. Sam was accepted into the Class of 2015 at MSU CVM and hopes to pursue a career in small-animal medicine. She enjoys spending her free time outside of the rigors of veterinary school with her husband Paul and two French bulldogs, Phoebe and Regis. She is very excited to share her love of veterinary medicine with you at the SAMY exhibit this summer!

Our SAMY Outreach team will focus on visiting fairs across mid-Michigan. The exhibit provides an opportunity for guests to get up close and personal with the veterinary profession and learn that there is a lot more to veterinary medicine that just cats and dogs. There are many different items on display such as radiographs, pathology samples, anatomical specimens, parasite slides under microscopes for everyone to see, and everyone’s favorite, a replica display of animals scat in our “scoop on poop” portion of the exhibit. Another highlight for many is the “Young Surgeon Suite” where children dress up in surgical attire and perform surgery on sick stuffed animals.

Carolynne Kruckman has just completed her second year at MSU CVM. She earned a BS in Biology at Lewis University in Romeoville, IL, where she was a member of the women’s NCAA basketball team. Carolynne grew up on the north side of Chicago with her mom, dad, two sisters and a succession of pets. During the summers of her undergraduate years, she worked as a nature camp instructor for a forest preserve and a volunteer intern at the Colorado Wolf and Wildlife Center in Divide, CO. Her favorite hobbies include road trips on her motorcycle, pick-up basketball and volleyball, and movie-sushi nights with her boyfriend. Carolynne hopes to own her own small-animal and exotics practice in the future, as well as volleyball, and movie-sushi nights with her boyfriend. Carolynne hopes to own her own small-animal and exotics practice in the future, as well as playing with animals scat in our “scoop on poop” portion of the exhibit. Another highlight for many is the “Young Surgeon Suite” where children dress up in surgical attire and perform surgery on sick stuffed animals.

Nikyda Aeschliman is currently a first year student at MSU CVM. She is from Gladwin, MI, and graduated from Northern Michigan University with a BS in biology/physiology. While at NMU, she shadowed local veterinarians and the MSU Field Toxicology Research Team. She also attended Henry Ford Community College where she received an associate’s degree in pre-professional biology and played varsity volleyball. It took her a while to decide that veterinary medicine was the challenging, biology-focused career that she wanted to pursue. However, her first year of veterinary school has only confirmed that this is her best career choice. She is interested in small-animal and holistic medicine and hopes to own her own practice. She is looking forward to meeting people from all different areas in Michigan and sharing the role veterinary medicine can play in their lives.
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7 Veterinary Career Network & Employment Assistance. Members looking for employment can conduct a free nationwide job search by position, species, or location and receive valuable advice. Employers can post ads and search for veterinary professionals. MVMA also has a new section on the website specifically developed to assist recent graduates.

6 Complaint Resolution. All veterinarians occasionally have unhappy clients, and these clients often call MVMA before contacting the Board of Veterinary Medicine. MVMA’s Ethics and Grievance Committee oversees client complaints, usually resolving them before legal or licensure action is initiated.

5 MVMA’s Answer Team. MVMA’s “A” Team expands the traditional mentoring concept to include mentoring at all stages of a career. Talk to expert team members about issues dealing with practice management, career assistance, litigation, personal development, human resources, or veterinary ethics.

4 Model Animal Hospital Personnel Policies Manual. MVMA created a personnel policies manual for members that can be customized to fit your practice. It reflects current Michigan laws and is free to members.

3 Michigan Law for Veterinary Professionals. This publication includes information on the Board of Veterinary Medicine, Public Health Code, discipline, civil liability, licensing questions, controlled substances questions, and the Michigan Penal Code—all in one place!

2 We Look Out for You. MVMA constantly monitors the activities of the Board of Veterinary Medicine, legislative bodies, and trends in the veterinary profession. We have a Legislative Network and the tools needed to protect you against legislative initiatives or policy changes negatively affecting your profession.

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Not bad for a top ten list!—and we’ll keep working to make sure that we can top this list a year from now. MVMA is one of the best investments you’ll ever make. Our members are defining veterinary practice in Michigan. If you have any questions, contact us at (517) 347-4710 or mvma@michvma.org.

Thank you for your support!

Karlene B. Belyea, MBA
Chief Executive Officer
Legislative Day
a Big Success!

MVMA and MSU CVM held a joint Legislative Day called “Veterinarians and Legislators: Creating Critical Connections” for legislators and veterinarians on March 19 in downtown Lansing. Approximately 80 veterinarians and veterinary students attended in an effort to build relationships with these decision-makers on animal and veterinary issues. Seventy-nine people representing 55 legislative offices (42 actual lawmakers) attended to meet with their veterinary constituents.

MVMA thanks the members who were able to attend the event and encourages all members to work to build relationships with their elected officials.
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Full-time veterinarian wanted in a busy 90% companion-animal clinic located in southeast Michigan. Cornerstone software and in-house IDEXX laboratory. Equipped with pulse oximetry, blood pressure monitor, IV pumps, ultrasound, surgical laser, rigid and flexible endoscopy, and digital radiography. Interest in orthopedic surgery a plus. Practice believes in promoting continuing education and supplying excellent patient care and client satisfaction. Seeking a dedicated and compassionate individual to become a long-term member of our team. New or recent grads welcome, as well as experienced veterinarians. Competitive salary and benefits package available. Tecumseh Veterinary Hospital Inc., 5990 S. Occidental Hwy., Tecumseh, MI 49286; tel 517/423-2911; email edwardtritt@yahoo.com.

Full- or part-time associate wanted for small-animal practice in Houghton Lake, MI. Quality medicine, client focused, beautiful area, 3-day weekends. Call Dr. David Hock at 989/366-9292, or send resume to 4258 W. Houghton Lake Dr., Houghton Lake, MI 48629, or email dmj9873@charter.net.

Part- to full-time veterinarian for small-animal practice in Marquette, MI. Responsibilities include general surgery, health visits, internal medicine, and shared emergency call. We are a full-service hospital with in-house blood machines, digital x-ray, and laser surgery. Salary commensurate with experience. Mail resume to Marquette Veterinary Clinic, 2270 US 41 South, Marquette, MI 49855; email marquettevet@marquettevetclinic.com.

Well-established and growing small-animal hospital in Trenton, MI seeking PT veterinarian for 2 days of work with potential to grow. Must have great client communication skills, practice compassionate, high-quality medicine, and have a team attitude. Experienced veterinarians preferred, but will consider all applications. Please send resume or CV to trentonvet1@gmail.com or mail to 2737 W. Jefferson Ave., Trenton, MI 48183.

AAHA-accredited small-animal hospital since 1975 located in central Michigan has immediate opening for a full-time associate veterinarian experienced in general surgery and dentistry. Fully equipped and staffed with 3 LVTs, practice manager, and lay staff. IDEXX lab equipment, ultrasound, class 4 therapy laser, digital x-ray, and digital dental x-ray. No emergency or weekend hours. Salary commensurate with skill and experience. Please email resume to dustylydd4862@scbsglobal.net or fax 989/790-3742.

Full-time position available for an experienced veterinarian at our well-established and fully equipped hospital located in Southfield, MI. Candidates must have great surgical and medical skills and have the ability to communicate well with clients. We offer competitive salary and benefits, including BCN health insurance. Please send resume to Dr. Sahota at DrSahota@hotmail.com.

Emergency vet needed for small-animal veterinary emergency and referral hospital in Kalamazoo, MI. Full- or part-time position. Progressive, modern, well-equipped hospital with outstanding support staff. Board certified surgeon on staff. Resume: Ronald Moiles, DVM, 6039 S. Westnedge Ave., Portage, MI 49002; tel 269/760-4065; fax 269/323-3636; email ronaldmoilesdvm@gmail.com.
Looking for a great opportunity to practice compassion-ate veterinary medicine? We need a motivated, energetic team player who has 1–2 years’ experience with emergen-cy or critical care patients. We are an expanding, highly or-ganized 24-hour practice with awesome staff in Lansing, MI. Strong base salary with generous production bonus. This is a great opportunity for the right person who is look-ing for a position in a state-of-art, progressive veterinary practice. Contact Dr. Mark Williamson at 517/393-9200 or send résumé to LansingVeterinary@gmail.com.

Well-established small-animal veterinary practice in Wyandotte, MI seeking veterinarian to work full-time in a modern facility that practices progressive veterinary medicine. Work with licensed technicians and experienced support staff. Hospital has separate dog and cat entrances and waiting rooms, onsite Heska lab equipment, digital radiology, digital dental radiology, EKG, blood pressure, pulse oximetry, capnography, temperature monitors, ultrasound, oxygen cage, and a dental high-speed drill/ultrasonic cleaner. Looking for an ex-perienced, friendly, outgoing veterinarian with excellent, compassionate client relation skills. Will consider recent graduates. Competitive salary, benefits and continuing education. Send résumé via email to waha444@yahoo.com or mail to 4448 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte, MI 48192; fax 734/284-6366, Attn: Dr. Paul Crawshaw.

Part-time veterinarian needed at an established, 5-doc-tor, AAHA-member practice in Davison, MI. We are a busy practice with a variety of cases. Our emphasis is on good communication and top quality medicine/surgery. In-house diagnostic lab and reference laboratory are used daily. We have digital x-ray (including dental), ultrasound, CO2 laser, Class IV laser and video microscope. A well-trained support staff will allow you to focus on practicing medicine. If interested please contact Christe Exline at dvhece@yahoo.com or Dr. Wright at 517/648-2267.

Growing one-doctor small-animal clinic established in Newport, MI (south of Detroit) in 2010 is seeking a part-time veterinarian to work 8–10 hours per week with opportunity for additional work as the clinic continues to grow. We are a high-quality, patient-client-focused practice with excellent licensed support staff. Contact Dennis at Ark Animal Clinic, 734/770-1120 and/or email your résumé to dpogarch@aol.com; website: www.arkanimalvet.com.

Veterinarian wanted for our busy, well-staffed practice in sunny South Lyon, MI, just west of Novi. Part-time and re-lief. Must be up-to-date: CE is big here. Congenial, please; we have a wonderful staff and a wonderful clientele and we take good care of them. Must be ready and willing to do advanced dental work, or happy to learn. Must be ready to eat free pizza at our weekly staff meetings! Contact Terry McCarthy at Dandy Acres Small Animal Hospital, 248/437-1765.

Looking for FT veterinarians for Westland Veterinary Hos-pital located in Westland, MI. We offer competitive salary and benefits including health insurance, liability insurance, vacation pay, 401(k), and paid dues. Please send résumé to Dr. Dhillon at dhillondmv@gmail.com.

Animal ER Center, co-located with Animal Neurology & MRI Center and Animal Rehab Center in Commerce, MI is seeking emergency clinicians to join our team. We are

3 centers, one place, bringing together advanced medi-cine, patient health and well-being, and compassionate care. We believe in a collaborative approach to patient care. Our doctors work closely with referring veterinarians and other specialists in the area, all to the benefit of our patients. Candidates must be compassionate, have great surgical and medical skills, and have the ability to communicate well with clients and the referring community. Our center has a reputation for excellence in case man-agement and communication with our referring veterinar-ians and clients. It is our people who make the difference. Our doctors, technicians, receptionists, and administra-tors work together to provide world-class veterinary care in a positive working environment. Commerce is a beau-tiful area where sporting events, cultural, educational, and outdoor recreational opportunities are plentiful. This is a great place to raise young families. Benefits include health/dental/life insurance, 401(k), competitive wages, pet care discounts, flexible spending, CE, and vacation. For more information on our center, we invite you to visit us at www.animalcenter.com or contact Angie Heighton at angie@animalneurology.com, 248/960-7200.

Gaide Veterinary Hospital is a progressive 5-doctor small-animal practice located in beautiful south central Michigan. We are currently seeking a full-time associate veterinarian. Our facility treats a multitude of hospital-ized patients daily providing a challenging yet rewarding environment where you can learn and grow as a veterinarian. Gaide Veterinary Hospital is team-focused with plenty of opportunity for mentoring. We strive to provide high-quality patient and client care. You will find excellent support staff, great clientele, and a competitive salary with benefits. Our well-established, fully equipped hospital includes ultrasound, endoscopy, patient moni-tors, ICU cages, tonopen, in-house laboratory, x-ray, ultra-sonic dental equipment, and gas anesthesia. We are at the tail-end of an expansion project that has nearly dou-bled our work space. New this spring we began offering stem cell therapy for our patients. Our hospital is located in Jackson, just a few minutes from both Ann Arbor and Lansi-ing. Jackson offers downtown convenience, small town charm and outdoor recreation to suit even the most avid enthusiast. Whether you seek small town life in one of the outlying communities, or desire city living in the heart of Jackson, you will be surprised by Michigan’s best kept se-cret—Jackson County. New graduates are encouraged to apply. Please send résumé to Gaide Veterinary Hospital, 539 N. Blackstone, Jackson, MI 49201; tel 517/787-3512; fax 517/787-0399. Direct inquiries to Dale Gaide, DVM.

VCA St. Clair Shores Animal Hospital. Established prac-tice located in high-traffic area. Please contact Dolores Collins, Regional Operations Director, at dolores.collins@ vcaantech.com for more information.

Full-time experienced veterinarian wanted for a well-established 5 AAHA-certified practice. State-of-the-art equipment and excellent support staff. Competent medici-nal, surgical, and communication skills a must. No after-hour emergencies. Benefits package. Send résumé to Dr. Donald Schollenberger c/o Rossoni Animal Hospital, 23737 Van Born Rd., Taylor, MI 48180; tel 313/291-6400; email rossonianimalhospital@gmail.com.

Full-time position available for an experienced veterinar-ian in a 9-doctor small-animal practice with two locations in the Grand Rapids area. Find out more about our AAHA-accredited facility at www.chfo.net. High-quality medicine, surgery, and customer service emphasized. Well-trained support staff including 12 LVTs. Wages commensurate with skills and experience, excellent benefits package. Mail or email résumé to Cascade Hospital for Animals, 6730 Cascade Rd. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546; email dthetel@chfo.net.

Full-time associate needed for service-oriented small-animal hospital in northern Macomb County. The Shelby Veterinary Hospital is a growing 2-doctor practice that em-phasizes teamwork, patient care, and continuing educa-tion. Weekly staff training meetings. The hospital is open Mon.–Sat. with weekend shifts rotated. We offer digital dental x-ray and a Dentalaire station as part of our comprehensive dental services. Excellent benefits. Email ré-sumés to shelbyvets@yahoo.com; fax 586/781-3608; mail 7680 26 Mile Rd., Shelby Twp, MI 48316.

Michigan Veterinary Specialists, a BluePearl Veterinary Partner, is expanding! Our Michigan practice is seek-ing an internship-trained emergency veterinarian to fill an immediate need in our Auburn Hills location. Our Michigan locations include hospitals in the culturally rich cities of Southfield, Auburn Hills, and Grand Rap-ids. BluePearl Veterinary Partners is a leading provider of specialty services, owned and operated by veterinarians and veterinary professionals. We are dedicated exclu-sively to specialty and emergency medicine and to help-ing patients, owners, and primary care veterinarians. We confidently offer exciting, collegial, and fulfilling work environments, flexible schedules that allow a focus on professional development and quality of life, competi-tive compensation and benefits, and buy-in potential. Interested parties please contact Loretta Lee, DVM, loretta.lee@bluepearlvet.com; tel 248/354-6660.
practices & equipment for sale


Practice for sale: Grand Rapids area. Established single doctor SA hospital offers small amount of services for equine, birds, pocket pets. Charming ¼¾ story, 1,396 SF brick facility on 4+ acres. For more info, visit www.SimmonsInc.com or call 888/746-3717. (Listing M062A)

Practice for sale in north central MI. Established and well maintained, primarily SA hospital in a 2,640 SF facility. Both the practice and the real estate are for sale. For more info visit www.SimmonsInc.com or call 888/746-3717. (Listing M062B)

Small-animal practice for sale in Oakland County. Profitable, gross receipts $500K+ located on high-traffic road in busy shopping mall for almost 20 years. Owner will help with transition. Email inquiries to owm1234@ yahoo.com.

OFFICE STAFF WANTED

BluePearl Veterinary Partners is looking for a Practice Manager in the metro Detroit area. As a BluePearl Practice Manager, your responsibilities include but are not limited to managing the daily operations and general business activity of the veterinary hospital and maximizing the productivity, profitability, and growth of the practice while creating and supporting an environment that fosters leadership and growth for the employees. The ideal candidate will have a Bachelor’s degree and 3+ years of high-level experience as a manager. Proven success in building and fostering relationships within a multi-specialty practice and within the community is required. Thorough understanding of experience in the Veterinary Industry is preferred. At veterinary hospital locations throughout 10 states, BluePearl Veterinary Partners offers the very best in specialty and emergency care. We share a passion for building collaborative partnerships with family veterinarians, which enables us to provide exceptional specialty and emergency care to our patients—and terrific service to our patients’ families. BluePearl Veterinary Partners is privately owned by veterinarians and veterinary professionals. BluePearl Michigan dba Michigan Veterinary Specialists is locally managed by experienced, community-focused, and service-minded managers and veterinarians. With expertise drawn from years of advanced training, BluePearl veterinarians tackle the toughest surgical and medical conditions. BluePearl Specialists use innovative procedures combined with traditional, proven methods, high-tech equipment and the latest medicines and therapies to diagnose and treat their patients’ illnesses and health conditions. Michigan boasts an outdoor lovers paradise with 11,000 inland lakes for boating, fishing, canoeing, and more, and 1,000 campgrounds statewide. You might enjoy over 1,300 miles of Michigan bike trails, over 40 downhill ski resorts, and award-winning golf courses. In addition, the Motor City (Detroit) hosts our beloved Detroit Red Wings, Tigers, and Lions as well as a thriving cultural and artistic passion seen through-out the city! BluePearl Michigan dba Michigan Veterinary Specialists/Southfield is centrally located within metro Detroit—enjoy both quick access downtown or a short drive “up-north.” We are excited to discuss this position further with the right candidate! Interested parties please contact Loretta Lee, DVM, loretta.lee@bluepearlvet.com; 248/354-6660.

LVTs wanted


LVT needed for small-animal hospital in Kalamazoo, MI. Experience preferred, but will interview new grads. Please fax 269/323-3636 or email ronaldmoilesdvm@gmail.com. Visit us at kalamazoomanimalhospital.com.

Progressive small-animal practice in Kalamazoo, MI looking for a full-time licensed veterinary technician. Strong technical skills, assist in anesthesia/surgical monitoring, and perform radiology, routine lab work, and dental cleanings. Applicant must be a team player, self-motivated, and have great interpersonal, computer, and professional telephone skills. Applicant should be comfortable with client communication and enjoy interaction with clientele. Pay and benefit package is competitive and negotiable. Submit résumé with your qualifications to receptions@friendshipanimaldoc.com.

Rural small-animal practice seeks LVT, full- or part-time, to join great team. Digital radiography, in-house lab, VetPro 1000 dental machine w/LED. Resume to Fieldstone Vet Care, 4355 Homer Rd., Jonesville, MI 49250 or sgeorge57@sbglobal.net.

Full-/part-time LVT needed for small-animal practice in Livonia, MI. We are seeking a reliable, motivated, optimistic person who enjoys working closely with long-time clients who want personal, individualized care for their canine and feline family members. Please send résumé to info@alienanimalhospital.com or 248/476-9258.

Wanted, Pt LVT for growing small-animal practice in Jackson, MI. PT potential. Must be willing to work Saturday mornings. Great attitude, team player, and excellent people skills a must. Please send résumé Attn: Trisha at info@countrygardenvetnet.com.

LVT wanted for progressive UP clinic. Sault Animal Hospital is the premier clinic in the Soo region, servicing the Eastern UP and Canada. Lots of cases including exotic, internal medicine, orthopedics and wildlife. Digital x-ray, ultrasound, laser—all the toys. Use all the skills you have been taught. Salary based on experience with benefits. Contact Dr. Jeff at 906/635-5910 or email jeffmoiles@charter.net.

PRACTICES & EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

Practice for sale: Long-established small-animal practice for sale in SW Michigan. Outstanding real estate on a busy corridor between Niles and South Bend, IN. Modern equipment. Owner retiring after 34 years. Email kawnipi2@att.net for details.

Ultima 2000 Veterinary Dental System, used, very good condition. High-volume suction, HP, 3 hand-piece auto control head, variable speed foot control, dual head compressor and auto vent/drain. $500 or BO. Ausonics Impact VFI ultrasound, used, good condition. 20 presets for large and small animals. $500 or BO. Please email dr.karen@bayareepethospitals.com for photos or more information. Prices do not include shipping. Pick-up available in Traverse City, MI.

relief veterinarians

Kirsten Barton, DVM, 774/230-6878. MSU 97. SA relief work in SE Michigan, within 1 hour of Pontiac. Friendly and personable, with excellent communication skills. Refer-ences available. kurabartondvm@gmail.com.


Kirsten Begin, DVM, 616/446-3154. MSU 09. SA relief in Grand Rapids and surrounding areas. Will travel. Friendly, excellent client communication. References. Completed rotating and surgical internships. kbgina@gmail.com.

Sharisse Berk, DVM, 248/851-0739. MSU 95. Available for SA relief or part-time work in southeast MI.


Anicie Black, DVM, 248/417-2667. MSU 83. SA relief, entire state. Practice owner for 20 years. Excellent communicator. vetdocblack@ameritech.net.

Laurie Brush, DVM, 616/498-1316. MSU 98. Experienced, SA relief in Grand Rapids and surrounding areas. Excel-lent client communication, record keeping. lauriebrush@hotmail.com.

Tama Cathers, DVM, 269/203-6800. (NCSU 96) Experienced SA relief work/short term/PT w/ 30 miles Plainwell/Kalamazoo. Positive attitude, friendly, fitting into your practice. tathaerts@gmail.com.

Aimee Cochell, DVM, 616/558-4979. Ross 01. Available for SA relief in Grand Rapids area. Willing to travel. Good client communication skills. References. abcochell@comcast.net.

Kenneth Corino, DVM, 248/217-5235. MSU 94. SA relief work. SE MI, medicine and surgery. corinodvm@aol.com.

Nichole Comer, DVM, 616/634-9777. MSU 99. SA relief work in Grand Rapids/Kalamazoo area. Excellent client communication skills. References available. haweslake@charter.net.
Run for MVMA 2nd Vice President!

Help guide the MVMA into the next decade! Step up and share your experience, leadership, and vision with over 2,200 veterinary professionals across the state.

The MVMA Leadership Development Committee, chaired by Dr. Mike Thome, is seeking nominations for the office of second vice-president of the MVMA. Nominations may also be made for the offices of first vice president and president-elect; however, traditionally once elected, the vice presidents ascend through the chairs without opposition to the office of president.

Nominations may be made by constituent associations, petition of 5% of the voting members (approximately 75 members), or by the Leadership Development Committee. A letter of intent with a CV should then be submitted by July 1.

If interested, please contact MVMA at mvma@michvma.org or (517) 347-4710 for more information.


Peter Drehmann, DVM, 616/403-1577. Dairy-beef/ equine/small ruminant, Michigan and Wisconsin license, 30 years’ experience. pcdvdvm@gmail.com.

Marj Field, DVM, 734/658-4774. MSU 90. SA/exotic/ emergency relief work in southeastern MI. Excellent client service, comfortable surgeon, high ACT, and able to multitask. Extended travel can be negotiated. marj.field@me.com.

Edward Greene, DVM, 517/812-1540. MSU 59. SA relief. Competent medical/surgical skills. Cheerful interactions with your clients and staff. Your practice procedures adhered to. LuckyPetVet@comcast.net.

Lisa Harris, DVM, 616/261-7473. MSU 89. Available for relief in Grand Rapids/Lakeshore area. Experienced SA medicine and surgery, avian, exotics. Friendly, good communicator. drllharris@gmail.com.


Jill Haver-Crissman, DVM, 989/631-2790 or 989/297-8594. Ontario 80. SA relief or part-time. Medicine, soft tissue surgery, ultrasound. Works well with others. Not available Wednesdays. jhcrissman@gmail.com.

Cindy Kalicki, DVM, 313/291-2466. MSU 94. Eight years full-time surgery, two years relief in SA general medicine/soft tissue surgery. SE MI, part-time or relief.

Joan Koelzer, DVM, 616/437-6415. MSU 85. SA medicine and surgery, single-day relief, Grand Rapids/west MI. Skilled in difficult spay and neuters. jkoelzer@yahoo.com.

Elizabeth Lamborne, DVM, 734/276-1693. MSU 10. Available for SA/GR relief in Detroit area. Completed rotating internship, currently working emergency. Friendly, positive attitude. bethlamborne@gmail.com.

Mike Lin, DVM, 269/743-7770 or 269/348-1145. MSU 97. SA part-time or relief work in Kalamazoo/Grand Rapids and surrounding areas. Surgery, general medicine, and emergency experience. Excellent client communication skills. maddisondog@hotmail.com.

Selena Lucas, DVM, 734/330-5048. KSU 90. Friendly, flexible SA relief or part-time in SE MI. Surgery, medicine, acupuncture, excellent client communication. Referencer’s 20 years’ experience. slucsdvdvm@gmail.com.


Richard M. Mieczkowski, DVM 734/735-2279. MSU 71. Relief, experience, competent, dependable, small-animal, references, north Oakland County and vicinity. rmack@aol.com.

Denise Jorgensen Montagna, DVM, 231/557-1536. CSU 90. SA relief or part-time in western MI. Excellent client relations. References available. djmontagnadvm@charter.net.


Kris Parnell, DVM, 517/881-2845. MSU 91. Available for SA relief or part-time. Will travel 1 hour of Lansing area. References upon request. kparneildvm@comcast.net.


Patricia Partridge, DVM, 231/938-9338. MSU 70. SA relief, PT or FT. Former practice owner. Based in Traverse City and Big Rapids, willing to travel. petvet2@torchlake.com.

Jeffrey F. Powers, DVM, 231/881-4408. MSU 80. Available to provide SA/MX relief work in MI, practice owner for 29 years. jfpowers@tds.net.

Ann-Marie Sekera, DVM, 505/563-0944. ILL 05. SA relief or PT, within 1 hour of Ann Arbor. Positive attitude, excellent patient care and client communication. sekeraDVM@gmail.com.

Teri Sexton, DVM, 517/231-1256 days or 517/371-2930. MSU 92. SA relief/PT work in Greater Lansing area, Mondays & Tuesdays. TeriLSexton@earthlink.net.


Alan Siblinic, DVM, 734/481-1901, 231/547-6212. MSU 75. Relief or part-time anywhere in MI. Flexible, wide-variety practice experience. 5+ years relief work. References. SA/EQ/FA.

Margaret Sudekum, DVM, 616/676-2720 MSU 89. Available for part-time SA relief work in Grand Rapids and the surrounding areas. Good client communication skills. msdvmsdkm.us.

Alan Supp, DVM, 616/732-1263 days; 616/874-4171 evenings. MSU 90. Companion animal practitioner available Saturdays only, as-needed basis in the greater Grand Rapids area.

Connie R. Sweller, DVM, 517/388-3434. MSU 85. SA relief work within 1 hour of East Lansing. Experienced/reliable/former practice owner (16 years). docconnie@aol.com.

Andrea Switch, DVM, 248/302-2255. MSU 84. Available for part-time or relief work. SA general medicine/soft tissue surgery in SE MI. andreawswitch@yahoo.com.

Kirsten Ura-Barton, DVM, 774/230-6878. MSU 97. Available for SA relief in SE Michigan within 1 hour of Pontiac. Experienced in both general and emergency practice with excellent communication skills. Résumé available upon request. kurabordonvdvm@gmail.com.

Jacqueline Walsh, DVM, 248/680-2461. MSU 89. Available for SA relief work in the greater Detroit area.

Amy Wildrose, DVM, 517/620-5891. MSU 00. Experienced, proficient, dependable, and conivial. Available for SA or relief work part-time. Based in Lansing. Willing to travel. a_wildrose@hotmail.com.

Georgia A. Wilson, DVM, 248/830-5325. 19 years’ experience, SA, pet exotics and emergencies, licensed. Available immediately for Oakland County and southeast MI. von8n@aol.com.

Jennifer Zablotsky, DVM, 517/896-9146. MSU 97. Experienced SA relief for southeast and mid-MI. References available. drzablotsny@gmail.com.
Michigan Veterinary Conference

- January 24–26, 2014
  Lansing Center & Radisson Hotel, Lansing, MI

MVMA Small Animal Seminars

- Pharmacology (Dr. Lester Mandelker)
  October 2, 2013
- Cardiology (Dr. William Brown)
  November 6, 2013
- Anesthesia (Dr. Ashley Wiese)
  December 11, 2013
- Diagnostic Imaging (Dr. Michael Broome)
  March 12, 2014

Seminars 10:00 am–5:30 pm at the East Lansing Marriott. Contact MVMA at (517) 347-4710 or register online at www.michvma.org.

MVMA Committees

- Animal Welfare
  (Dr. Marcie Barber, Chair)
  June 18, 2013 @ 9:00 AM
- Executive
  (Dr. Ralph Huff, Chair)
  June 22, 2013 @ noon
  September 5, 2013 @ noon
  December 5, 2013 @ noon
- Legislative Advisory
  (Dr. Jean Hudson, Chair)
  June 26, 2013 @ 1:30 PM
  September 11, 2013 @ 1:30 PM
  November 20, 2013 @ 2:30 PM
- Public Health
  (Dr. Joe Kline, Chair)
  June 5, 2013 @ 1:30 PM
  September 11, 2013 @ 1:30 PM
  December 4, 2013 @ 1:30 PM

Meetings held in the MVMA office unless noted.

Canine Ultrasound Lecture/Wet Lab

- Saturday, June 22, 2013 @ 8:30 AM–5:30 PM
  Veterinary Medical Center, MSU CVM

People, Pets & Vets

- Saturday, November 2, 2013 @ 11:00 AM–3:00 PM
  Macomb Community College

MVMA Animal Welfare Conference

- November 25, 2013 @ 8 AM–5 PM
  MSU Pavilion, East Lansing, MI

MVMA Board of Directors

- August 4, 2013
  Boyne Mountain Resort, Boyne Falls
- September 18, 2013
  University Club, Lansing

December 18, 2013
Diagnostic Center for Population & Animal Health

Saginaw Valley VMA

- Thoracic Radiography: Interpretation (A Review) (Dr. Joana Coelho)
  September 25, 2013 / Frankenmuth
- Diagnosing and Managing Cutaneous Adverse Food Reactions, New Drugs in Veterinary Dermatology, and You Need Only Four Different Shampoos to Practice Veterinary Medicine (Dr. Paul Bloom)
  October 23, 2013

Contact Barb Locricchio at (888) 736-8625 or visit www.semvma.com to register.

Mid-State VMA

- June 29, 2013

Livingston County VMA

- August 13, 2013 @ 7:00 PM
- November 14, 2013 @ 7:00 PM
All meetings held at Downtown Main Martini Bar & Grill, Brighton.

Western Michigan VMA

- Veterinarian CE Seminars
  3rd Tuesday of each month, January–May & September–November @ 7:00 PM / Grand Rapids
Contact Jeff Johnson, DVM, (616) 837-8151, or jandcs2008@dishmail.net.

Southwestern Michigan VMA

- August 21, 2013
  Feline Vaccines (Alice M. Wolf, DVM, DACVIM, DABVP)
- October 23, 2013
  Presenter, topic and location TBA
- December 4, 2013
  Holiday party

Thumb VMA

- Updates on Anticonvulsants, Life without Phenobarbital
  (Dr. Andrew Isaacs)
  September 19, 2013 / JJ Jamokes, Caro
- Large Animal Topic TBD (Dr. Cortese)
  October 16, 2013 / Woodland Hills, Sandusky

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