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Executive Director’s Message

I am honored and excited to serve as the new Executive Director of NYSVMS. I am writing this during my first week in the office, and I have enjoyed beginning to touch base with members and the NYSVMS Board.

As I talk to members, one thing that really stands out is the unique role NYSVMS plays in shaping the regulatory and legal environment in which all veterinarians in New York State make their living. I have also seen the steady stream of requests for information about veterinary practice that Jennifer Hill answers each day. I have been very impressed by all the veteran practice that Jennifer Mauer, who has previously volunteered.

Jennifer Hill walked into my office during this transition. She is an incredibly supportive predecessor, Jennifer Hill, whom I served under that leadership and showed me her mouse pad with a quote from Albert Einstein on it: “In the middle of difficulty lies opportunity.” Yes, exactly!

Veterinarians in New York State need NYSVMS to ensure that we maximize the well-being of animals as well as the people involved in the profession. Our opportunity as a society is to find the best and most sustainable way we can do that while technology, market structure and demographics change around us. I look forward to listening to you, and working with the Board to build on the outstanding contributions of my predecessor, Jennifer Mauer, who has been incredibly supportive during this transition.

Tim Atkinson
Executive Director
Currently there is no known cure for rabies, a viral infection of the nervous system that can affect any mammal. Vaccinations are crucial in the fight to stop the spread of rabies and, in fact, are required for certain species by the laws of New York State and New York City. It is a best practice to vaccinate all animals for which there is a United States Department of Agriculture (“USDA”) rabies vaccine available.

There are a number of New York State and New York City laws and other requirements that relate to rabies, rabies vaccinations and rabies clinics. To assist veterinarians with the navigation of these laws and requirements, NYSVMS has put together a toolkit titled General Overview of New York State Law and New York City Law Governing the Vaccination of Animals against Rabies and Frequently Asked Questions for both the Veterinarian and the Owner (the “Rabies Toolkit”) and posted on the Knowledge Center. Veterinarians are encouraged to review this important document.

The Rabies Toolkit discusses the application of both New York State and New York City laws. As noted in this document, New York State laws relating to rabies vaccinations and related rabies issues apply everywhere in the state except for New York City, which is exempt from those state laws and is instead subject to the local laws of New York City relating to rabies vaccinations and related rabies issues.

Significantly, the Rabies Toolkit also makes the point that the requirements of New York State law must be met to conduct a rabies clinic anywhere in the state (including in New York City). Highlights of the Rabies Toolkit are in the sections that follow.

**Vaccination Mandate**

In all parts of the state except New York City, the law mandates that cats, dogs and domestic ferrets receive rabies vaccinations. In New York City, the law mandates the vaccination of dogs, cats and horses. There are exceptions to these mandatory vaccination requirements, such as, for instance, when the health of an animal could be adversely affected by the vaccination. The Rabies Toolkit addresses these exceptions in detail.

In every part of the state (including New York City), a rabies vaccination may be administered only by licensed veterinarians or licensed veterinary technicians working under the direct supervision of the veterinarian. The Rabies Toolkit addresses in detail the proper timing of vaccinations, but generally an initial rabies vaccination should be administered no later than four months of age, and a second vaccination should be administered within one year of the initial vaccination. Thereafter, the animal should be given booster immunizations in accordance with the vaccine manufacturer’s instructions.

**Rabies Vaccination Clinics**

Some veterinarians administer vaccinations to animals while participating in a rabies vaccination clinic, which in many cases are temporary, outdoor events that are sponsored by businesses. As noted in the Rabies Toolkit, a veterinarian participating in a rabies vaccination clinic is considered to be practicing veterinary medicine and must ensure he or she is providing services that comport with the standards for the practice of veterinary medicine as set forth in the Rules (the “Rules”) of the Board of Regents and the New York State Education Department - Office of the Professions Practice of Veterinary Medicine and Veterinary Technology Practice Guidelines (the “Practice Guidelines”).

It is important to note that the New York State Department of Health has confirmed that the requirements of the Rules and Practice Guidelines only govern privately operated rabies vaccination clinics, which include those clinics sponsored by local businesses. Mandated county rabies clinics are subject to their own requirements. For information on how to participate in a county-sponsored rabies vaccination clinic and a detailed list of requirements, please contact your local health department.

In view of the Rules and Practice Guidelines, rabies vaccination, administered at a rabies vaccination clinic, may only be administered by licensed veterinarians or licensed veterinary technicians working under the direct supervision of the veterinarian. Additionally, the veterinarian must ensure the following standards are met prior to administration of a rabies vaccination:

1. Conduct a complete physical examination and establish a Veterinarian/Client/Relationship (“VCPR”) with the owner;
2. Obtain historical information from the owner to determine if a rabies vaccination is warranted and safe for the animal;
3. Provide the owner with information on the vaccine and potential adverse effects;
4. Provide information to the owner on obtaining veterinary services in case of an adverse reaction;
5. Obtain consent from the owner to administer the rabies vaccination;
6. Maintain signed records for the vaccinations and issue copies to the owner at the time of service.

At a minimum, the records maintained should include the following information:

i. Identifying information on the animal and owner;
ii. Any history that is relevant to the vaccination;
iii. Results of the physical examination;
iv. Documentation of the owner’s consent;
v. Any possible adverse effects of the rabies vaccination;
vi. The vaccination that is given, including name, dosage and any other identifying information;
vii. The vaccine administered, the route of administration...
of immunization needs to be issued to the owner upon the administration of a rabies vaccine to an animal. To be valid, the certificate of immunization must be a signed document issued by the veterinarian administering the vaccine, which includes the following information: name and address of the owner; date or dates of vaccination; type of vaccine administered and duration of immunity; amount and manner of administration; name of manufacturer of the vaccine; and the lot number and expiration date of the vaccine.

In New York City, a rabies vaccination certificate also is to be provided to the owner upon administration of a rabies vaccine. Additionally, in New York City, veterinarians must report to the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene ("DHMH") the administration of a rabies vaccination within five days of administration. For animals exempted from the mandatory vaccination rules (e.g., animals which could be adversely affected by a vaccination), the veterinarian must issue a statement of exemption to the owner and likewise inform DHMH of the exemption.

The vaccine certificate and form to be filed with DHMH must include the following information: description of the animal, its age, color, sex, and breed; the dog’s license number; the name and address of the owner; whether the animal was vaccinated or exempted from vaccination by reason of the adverse effect such vaccination would have on its health, and, if vaccinated, the type of vaccine injected, its duration of immunity, the amount and manner of injection, the name of the manufacturer, and the lot number and expiration date of the vaccine.

**Immunization Certificates and Reporting**

In all parts of the state except New York City, a certificate is issued to the owner for post-vaccination care and/or observation. Additionally, a veterinarian administering a rabies vaccination at a clinic is also responsible for ensuring:

1. **Conspicuous posting of** license information for all veterinarian and veterinary technicians assisting with the rabies vaccination clinic;
2. **All veterinarians and veterinary technicians wear a name badge, identifying themselves and their titles**;
3. **All equipment is clean and sterilized**;
4. **Proper handling of all equipment and syringes**;
5. **All rabies vaccinations administered are properly maintained, stored and within their effective dates**;
6. **Procedures are in place to protect individuals from unintended contact with syringes**;
7. **Proper disposal of syringes, in accordance with the regulations for regulated medical waste in a veterinary practice**; and
8. **The physical location of the rabies vaccination clinic is clean and is an appropriate environment**.

It is important to remember that compliance with the obligations noted above are the responsibility of the veterinarian as the licensed professional. And this is true even if the veterinarian is not the clinic organizer or sponsor.

**Reporting of Suspected Rabies Cases**

In all parts of the state except New York City, suspected cases of rabies should be reported to the county health department. Counties are responsible for developing rabies control protocols and are the best resource for reporting and information on rabies outbreaks and protocols. County health agencies are also responsible for managing animal bites and exposure of domestic animals to known or suspected rabid animals. Please refer to the Rabies Report for a listing of contact information for each county health agency.

In New York City, both veterinarians and veterinary technicians have mandatory reporting obligations for both suspected and confirmed cases of rabies infections. The rules governing reporting suspected rabies cases are broad and mandate that instances of animals capable of contracting rabies which have been bitten by, exposed to, or have been kept together with a rabid animal shall also be reported.

Reporting should be made by telephone immediately to DHMH and confirmed with a written report within twenty-four hours of identification. The written report may be submitted by mail, facsimile or e-mail if acceptable to DHMH. The required reports, must contain at a minimum the following information: name of the disease; type of animal involved; location of the animal; and the name, telephone number and address of the owner.

**Recordkeeping**

It is important that veterinarians keep a copy of the original rabies certificate of immunization. Both New York State and New York City law requires a veterinarian to be able to produce the certificate of immunization upon request. Therefore, it is a best practice to request a copy of the certificate of immunization from the client if the animal was vaccinated by another veterinarian and keep this as part of the animal’s records. This will ensure compliance with the law.

Veterinarians are encouraged to review the full Rabies Toolkit for a more comprehensive analysis of the legal requirements relating to rabies vaccinations, rabies and rabies related issues. This 15-page document was recently posted on the Knowledge Center of the NYSVMS website under the section Disease. It is password protected for members only, therefore you must sign into the website with your user name and password in order to view the document.

Frank Fanshawe, Esq.
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Cornell Veterinarians Lead The ARK at JFK Airport

In June, veterinarians from Cornell University helped open a new animal care and import-export center at John F. Kennedy International Airport called The ARK at JFK.

JFK is the third U.S. airport equipped to receive, vaccinate and shelter birds, horses, cats, dogs and other animals arriving or departing on international flights. The other airports authorized to receive animals are in Miami and Los Angeles.

People traveling through JFK can now have their pets examined, treated, fed, walked and boarded in the event of illnesses or flight delays.

Linda D. Mittel, DVM, a senior extension associate at the Animal Health Diagnostics Center at the Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine, has practiced equine veterinary care for 30 years, researching equine diseases, tick-borne diseases and parasites in horses. An expert in infectious diseases, she consulted on the facility’s state-of-the-art biosecurity designs and helped establish protocols for handling any animal without proof of vaccinations or showing signs of illness.

Not only will the new airport animal facilities make it more convenient for pet owners to move or travel, Mittel said, but The ARK also should help curb the spread of animal and avian-borne diseases.

“It’s not unusual for an entire family, including pets, to travel by air nowadays,” Mittel said.

Mittel estimated that 3,000 to 4,000 horses will travel in or out of JFK annually, and a total of 10,000 to 15,000 animals will pass through the international airport in Queens, New York. (Number totals are imprecise since some pets are classified as “carry-on baggage.”)

Mittel said animals are quarantined for three to 30 days depending on where they originated and their physical condition and vaccination records. The ARK’s staff is ever-vigilant for rare and contagious diseases, Mittel said, working closely with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control.

Elizabeth A. Schuette, managing director of The ARK at JFK, said the new equine quarantine center features 48 climate-controlled stalls for horses. The stalls are controlled by the latest biosecurity designs to prevent dangerous domestic and foreign diseases, she said. The facility’s concrete was coated in specialized paint, also to prevent transmission of disease.

The ARK Aviary has three rooms for staff to feed, clean and care for birds under supervision of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The ARK’s $65 million “pet oasis” is located on 14 acres at JFK.

Since the opening of the first phase of the project in January, the center has housed horses, dogs, cats, rabbits, turtles, mice, goats and other animals.

“We are right on the tarmac. They can be in our facility within an hour,” Mittel said.

In addition to consulting on the project, veterinarians at Cornell Ruffian Equine Specialists, located just seven miles away in Elmont, N.Y., are on call to consult on horses in distress or needing medical attention.

The center features in-transit companion animal kennels, boarding, veterinary and diagnostic services. The final phase of the project, which includes a 24/7 veterinary clinic and long-term pet boarding facility, will be fully operational by the fall.

Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine

Linda Mittel, DVM, reviews how staff at The ARK test for infectious diseases.

Linda Mittel, DVM, a senior extension associate at the Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine, observes a horse at The Equine & Livestock Export Center.

Photo Credit: Cornell University
Running a veterinary practice is no small task. In addition to clinical expertise and taking care of beloved family pets, you have to manage every facet of your business—from staying on the leading edge of new medical developments and products, to simply overseeing the fundamental day-to-day operations.

But there is one area of your practice that can be streamlined to significantly improve your cash flow, minimize delinquencies and optimize fiscal operations. Managing your accounts receivable and collections can be economical and efficient if you take a proactive approach.

Internal Practices Minimize Overall Delinquencies

In many instances, practice managers focus on accounts that have aged beyond 60-90 days. But, age is the greatest deteriorating factor in the collectability of an account, so these efforts often generate minimal recovery results.

The good news is, there are simple steps you can take to minimize the number of accounts that ever reach 60 days delinquent. In fact, statistics have shown that you can reduce that number by as much as 80% by implementing these steps:

- **Seek full payment or make firm arrangements at the time of service.**

  It may sound obvious, but communication is key. The greatest opportunity to prevent delinquencies from occurring is by discussing terms when the pet owner is at your practice. You can be friendly and flexible, and still enforce sound business practices. It’s part of ensuring you can continue providing their pet with superior care!

- **Don’t overlook farm and large animal care visits.** Simply because you treat off-site, doesn’t mean you shouldn’t enforce the same payment protocol you would for in-office clients.

- **If payment is not received in 30 days, place a call to your client.** Often good-faith arrangements can be made just by re-opening the lines of communication. And if you’ve discussed payment upfront, there are no surprises. This call is also a great opportunity to follow-up on the pet care provided and further grow the relationship.

- **At 45 days delinquent, submit a written communication advising your client of the outstanding balance.** This is not a collection notice; it is simply a means of verifying the account balance and performing due diligence to maintain consistent communication.

- **At 60 days delinquent, place another call (or calls).** You want to ensure the financial obligation is top of mind and your client is aware that you intend to follow through.

- **If the account reaches 75 days, submit a written final demand.** This notice should inform your client that they have 10 days to remit payment before the account is formally placed with a third party. If you have performed all the recommended steps prior to this action, you have honored a timely schedule of communications and fully informed them of their obligation.

- **If this final communication does not generate full remittance, enlist a third party resource.** With today’s seamless technologies and communicative, relationship-based approaches, there are third party experts who are economical, easy-to-implement, non- alienating and results-oriented. Place the account with a third party at 85 days delinquent to avoid further aging and the risk of write-off.

By focusing your internal efforts on the 30-60 day slow-pays, you’ll minimize the number of accounts ever requiring collections—and that saves you time, effort and expense. So establish internal protocol, and stick with it!

Accounts receivable management follows the same ideology as preventative pet care. By implementing easy internal procedures that work to prevent delinquencies, you can greatly decrease the number requiring additional attention. It’s an approach that can optimize your accounts receivable immediately, and for the long-term.

Michelle Duda
TekCollect

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Our mission is to protect, promote and advance the science and profession of veterinary medicine in New York State. To further this mission, NYSVMS works throughout the year with the NYS Legislature and all state agencies to ensure the highest quality of veterinary care is available to consumers.

The NYSVMS Government Relations Committee, in collaboration with our legislative counsel and the Grassroots Legislative Network (GRLN), advocates on behalf of the profession as a whole by monitoring proposed legislation and making your voices heard.

One of the most important benefits you receive as a member is an in-depth analysis of the legislative session, providing a clear understanding of the positive impact we have on the veterinary profession. Here is a review of this year’s session and the status of the bills most important to veterinarians.

NYSVMS has worked to increase its profile among New York State...
government officials over time, and continues to be successful in doing so. Legislators have proactively sought out NYSVMS for input on issues such as animal declawing, the mandatory reporting of animal abuse, and the regulation of animal shelters.

The 2017 New York State Legislative Session ended June 21, the end of the first year of a two-year session (covering 2017-2018). Therefore, any legislation that did not pass both houses of the Legislature, will be “live” and ripe for voting as soon as the legislature is back in session in January 2018.

**Compounding**

NYSVMS continues to work on the issue of ensuring compounded medications are available for “office use” in a veterinary patient setting. Last year, NYSVMS opened dialogues with the Senate, Assembly, and State Education Department on the topic of compounding and then drafted NYSVMS compounding legislation favorable to veterinary practices.

This year, Senator Valesky and Assemblyman Zebrowski reintroduced the legislation (S.4360 and A.3440, respectively). In the spring, a meeting was convened between the Assembly bill sponsor, Assembly staff, and State Education Department staff, including the board secretaries from the Board of Pharmacy and the Board of Veterinary Medicine. At this meeting, staff from the State Education Department asserted that they did not believe the compounding legislation to be necessary, because veterinarians in New York State are already permitted to keep compounded medications in stock in their offices.

It has always been the understanding of NYSVMS that compounded medications could not be kept in stock to be used for non-patient specific prescriptions, so we are attempting to get an official answer from the FDA’s Center for Veterinary Medicine regarding this topic. The AVMA, also of the belief that this practice was not permitted, had a number of conversations with the relevant parties at the FDA, and they have indicated that while it is not necessarily prohibited through explicit language, it is not expressly permitted, either. At this point, the FDA has indicated their position is that they would not prosecute those veterinarians choosing to do this; NYSVMS has determined that it would be wise to seek an answer from the FDA in writing. Once an answer is secured, NYSVMS can share that information with the State Education Department and the bill sponsors so we can determine if legislation is necessary and how to proceed for the next legislative session.

**Declawing of Cats**

NYSVMS worked throughout the 2017 session to combat legislation that would prohibit the declawing of cats in nearly all circumstances. Assemblywoman Rosenthal (A.595) and Senator Griffio (S.3376) again sponsored legislation that would prohibit the declawing of cats (onychectomy) in all circumstances, except when “necessary for a therapeutic purpose” such as the diagnosis of a disease in the cat. NYSVMS believes declawing is a serious medical procedure and the choice to perform one is a decision that should be left to the sound discretion of fully trained, licensed, and state supervised veterinary professionals operating within appropriate standards of practice. In addition, NYSVMS believes that declawing should be considered only after a complete education about the procedure and full briefings on alternatives, where the claws present a health risk to an owner, or where serious attempts to stop a cat’s destructive behavior have failed. However, declawing is often an alternative for owners that may otherwise leave their pet at a shelter, which can lead to euthanasia.

NYSVMS actively advocated against the bill throughout the 2017 legislative session. The House did not pass in either House of the Legislature.

**Bark Softening**

NYSVMS opposed legislation introduced in both Houses of the Legislature that would outlaw bark softening in dogs, unless the procedure is medically necessary for the dog.

Senator Avella (S.1389) and Assemblyman Zebrowski (A.2126) have again introduced legislation that would prohibit bark softening in dogs unless performed by a veterinarian where the procedure was medically necessary for a dog. NYSVMS strongly believes bark softening is a medical decision which should be left to the sound discretion of fully trained, licensed, and state supervised veterinary professionals operating within appropriate standards of practice. Further, NYSVMS already discourages bark softening unless the procedure is medically necessary for a dog.

NYSVMS legislation that would outlaw bark softening unless the procedure is medically necessary for a dog. NYSVMS strongly believes bark softening is a medical decision which should be left to the sound discretion of fully trained, licensed, and state supervised veterinary professionals operating within appropriate standards of practice. Further, NYSVMS already discourages bark softening unless the procedure is medically necessary for a dog, is a last alternative to euthanasia, or when the animal will be surrendered by the owner if the procedure is not performed. Therefore, NYSVMS believes the determination to perform bark softening should be done on a case-by-case basis where specifics of the situation can be reviewed and evaluated, rather than having a ban placed on the procedure altogether.

Neither version of the bill moved out of committee during the 2017 session. NYSVMS will continue to monitor this issue moving forward, and will continue to oppose an outright ban of bark softening if the legislation is introduced again next session.

**Guardianship**

NYSVMS has long opposed legislation introduced in the Assembly that would allow the appointment of animal guardians that would seek monetary damages for causing animal distress or death. Assemblywoman Glick introduced a bill (A.4749) that would establish a civil cause of action for wrongful death of a companion animal brought by a guardian for the animal that would be appointed by the court. This legislation does not traditionally have a companion version in the Senate, and the Assembly version did not make it past the Assembly Rules Committee. Assemblywoman Glick has long supported this bill and NYSVMS has monitored it closely. NYSVMS believes this legislation could lead to costly court-ordered damages awards, and changes in the way SCPAs and animal control officers deal with injured, dangerous, or otherwise unadoptable animals. Passage of this type of legislation could also lead to lawsuits based on certain accepted veterinary practices such as declawing cats or neutering pets; advocates believing that these procedures are animal cruelty could seek the appointment of a guardian in those situations. NYSVMS will continue to oppose guardianship legislation and actively seek to ensure that the bill does not get introduced in the Senate.

**Buoy’s Law**

NYSVMS opposes legislation that would expand mandated notification requirements to owners of pets for prescribed medications. Senator Boyle (S.664) and Assemblyman Englebright...
reintroduced legislation that would impose a requirement on a veterinarian who prescribes or otherwise provides medication for an animal to notify the owner of the animal verbally and in writing of the potential risks and side effects of the medication prior to prescribing it. When a veterinarian repackages prescription medication prior to prescribing or providing it to a patient, he or she would be required, pursuant to this legislation, to provide a copy of the manufacturer’s warning label or informational insert to the owner of the animal. For the second year in a row, the legislation was not referred out of either the Senate Agriculture Committee or the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

NYSVMS has explained to the bill sponsors that veterinarians already ensure that pet owners are fully briefed on all of the most common risks and side effects associated with a medication being administered to his or her pet. In addition to describing risks and side effects, veterinarians traditionally go a step further, discussing which of the potential side effects would be the most disconcerting, and at which point to call the office or bring their animal back in to be seen. Passage of this legislation would be burdensome, would duplicate current efforts of veterinarians, and could lead to costly adjustments for veterinarians, including hiring new staff in order to meet the new requirements.

This past spring, Assembly staff reached out to NYSVMS with some proposed amendments to the legislation. Unfortunately, those changes did not eliminate the requirement to advise nor did they eliminate the problematic liability created by the requirements proposed in the bill. NYSVMS appreciated the outreach and the opportunity to continue to explain its concerns with the legislation.

**Reporting Animal Abuse**

NYSVMS has successfully opposed legislation that would require veterinarians to report suspected animal cruelty.

Senator Boyle (S.621) and Assemblywoman Rosenthal (A.4904) reintroduced legislation requiring veterinarians to report any incident and disclose records to the police where the veterinarian suspects that the animal was abused. This legislation was never reported out of either the Senate or Assembly Higher Education Committees. Enactment of this type of legislation would expose veterinarians to liability if they do not report instances of animal abuse. The existing law encourages veterinarians to report instances of animal abuse by offering them immunity for criminal or civil penalties for reporting instances of animal abuse, but this legislation could unnecessarily impose liability on a veterinarian where the veterinarian fails to report a case of abuse. Further, NYSVMS would support legislation that would provide expanded immunity from liability for veterinarians for reporting suspected abuse of food production animals, which are not currently covered under the law.

Over the course of the 2017 legislative session, Assembly staff reached out to NYSVMS to ask additional questions about our position on this legislation. NYSVMS appreciates the efforts of the legislature to engage in discussions about problematic legislation.

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Robert Weiner, VMD
Candidate for 2018 NYSVMS President-Elect

Robert Weiner, VMD is a native of Boston, Mass. but was raised in Claymont, Del. He attended Archmere Academy (alma mater of former Vice President Joe Biden) and the University of Pennsylvania, where he, as the first University Scholar in Veterinary Medicine, earned Bachelor of Arts (1977) and VMD (1980) degrees. Dr. Weiner gives sandwich generation a special meaning by being the son and father of veterinarians. Ben Weiner, now 96 years old, graduated from Middlesex University in 1944 (and Alfort in 1951) and Eric Weiner graduated from the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine in 2015. When all three are present in the same room, the greeting “Dr. Weiner” causes three heads to turn.

Bob became a New Yorker by accepting his first veterinary position at Hylan Animal Hospital in Staten Island. A year later he joined County Animal Hospital in New City. The original plan was to eventually return to Delaware, but to paraphrase John Lennon “Life is what happens when you are busy making other plans.” Bob met Ronna in Rockland County and the two set down roots and four children later (Marc, Eric, Lara and Scott) he is still in New City—proud to be a New Yorker. Bob became a co-owner of the hospital in 1985 and the sole owner in 1998.

Bob became a diplomate of the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners in 1988 and recertified in 1996, 2006 and 2016. He was past Secretary and Newsletter Editor (during the 1980’s and early 1990’s) of the WRVMA and President of WRVMA 1989 and 1990. He was the WRVMA representative to the NYSVMS from 2008 until 2016 and is currently the chairman of the Leadership Development Committee and the Regional Taskforce. He is a member of the LVT and Budget Committees as well. He holds membership in the AVMA, AAHA, AAV, AAFP and VMG. Bob has been an annual speaker for the 4H Veterinary Science program in Rockland County for more than 30 years. He is a past chairman for the Dogs Walk Against Cancer for the American Cancer Society Rockland County Chapter.

The Weiners are long-time active members in the New City Jewish Center. They are ardent tandem bicyclists and enjoy taking long motorcycle trips. Bob is a late-life skier (Ronna snowboards). They belong to the Doubles of the Garden State D-O-G-S (tandem cycling club), Rockland Bike Club and the Hudson Valley Harley Owners Group and the American Motorcycle Association.
New NYSVMS Office

NYSVMS moved our headquarters to larger office space the week of July 17. We are still located within the Great Oaks office park, just moved from building 100 to 300. The new address is: 300 Great Oaks Blvd., Suite 314, Albany, NY 12203. The phone number and fax number remain the same.

The new office features more open space with areas for work stations for future employees. There are also separate rooms for the kitchen and office equipment.

Upcoming Events

NYSVMS Hall of Veterinary Health at the NYS Fair
Aug. 23- Sept. 4, 2017
New York State Fair, Syracuse, N.Y.
Check out the new exhibits sponsored by Boehringer Ingelheim, and daily live presenters.

NYS-VC Fall 2017
Oct. 6-8, 2017
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NYSVMS and Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine are co-sponsoring the 10th annual NYS-VC Fall October 6 through 8, 2017 at Cornell CVM. This year’s conference will combine the best of baby boomer wisdom and millennial fresh ideas from veterinary medicine, human medicine, and business. By attending NYS-VC Fall, you will be transformed by new ideas and how to put them into practice immediately.

Highlights include: 22 CE credit hours, lectures that emphasize treatment and management with vital details, innovative sessions combining live and distance learning, interactivity, and topics never presented before at veterinary conferences. You can participate in the conference’s first-ever honey bee track, attend lectures and labs with outstanding small and large animal speakers, socialize with colleagues at the Welcome Reception and Celebration Dinner and see the completed, transformational renovation of the veterinary college.

This year’s conference brings you multiple tracks covering more than five different species and mandated controlled substance courses. Attend the special Honey Bee Health and Husbandry track focusing on honey bee biology and management, common diseases, hive inspection and medical care. You can also take part in the comprehensive dentistry laboratory courses.

Once again, there is a NYS-VC photo contest! Send in photos of your veterinarians, technicians or staff at work and in action with patients. Photos that are chosen for future conference marketing will be entered into a drawing for one Spring or Fall full conference registration. The winner will be announced at the Fall Conference during the Celebration Dinner on October 7, 2017. Submission deadline is: September 1, 2017. Winners will be required to submit a release. Send high resolution jpeg to staff@nysvms.org.

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<td>Equine News Hour GILLIAN PERKINS, DVM, DACVIM and Norm Ducharme, DVM, MS, DACVS</td>
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**THE FINALE:** Two generations of veterinary medicine (baby boomer/millennial)! This conference has been about the implementation of our work and our lives. We grow through knowledge and understanding not only of our profession but of the choices in life. We learn from those who have gone before us and we learn from those who go next.

Come and learn a bit more, but this time with an exhilarating dazzle as Dr. Bill Miller shares what he will teach to his daughter, Dr. Julia Miller (she will be his dermatology resident)! But wait there is more! He will ask her questions and she will reply in song (yes, she is an accomplished singer).

**SPECIAL PRIZE:** if you have stayed for the entire conference give yourself a pat on the back and if you are present you may be a winner! At the finale put your name in the box and we will draw 3 names who will win back their entire registration fee and others will win books.

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IN MEMORIAM

Colleagues Who Will Be Missed

Robert E. Cornell, Jr. ‘55
Robert Eastwood Cornell, DVM passed away on March 24, 2017 at his home in Charlotte, N.C., surrounded by his loving family. Bob was born on January 9, 1932 in Port Chester, N.Y., to the late Robert E. Cornell, Sr. and Dorothy (Kaiser) Cornell. Bob attended Cornell University as an undergraduate and received a DVM from Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine in 1955. A proficient rider, he joined the polo team, and was a member of the Alpha Chi Rho Fraternity and Alpha Psi Fraternity, the national veterinary fraternity. After spending two years in the U.S. Air Force at Andrews AFB, Bob moved to Greenwich, Conn. and opened an equine practice, and later opened his own small animal hospital in Riverside, Conn. Bob was a longtime resident of Greenwich, Conn. and Vero Beach, Fla. He was an avid golfer and tennis player, enjoying the courts and courses at both the Greenwich Country Club and the Sea Oaks Beach and Tennis Club. He was known for his beautiful singing voice.

Bob was preceded in death by his wife, Claire Curley Cornell. He is survived by his children, Carolyn and her husband Paul Donohue of Charlotte, N.C. and Jim and his wife Kelly Cornell of Darien, Conn., and his grandchildren.

Robert A. Moore ’57
Robert A. Moore, DVM of Mashpee, passed on Feb. 5, 2017. He leaves behind his children, Jeff Moore of Holliston, and Mary Scalli of Spring, Tex.; his three grandchildren; his daughter-in-law Carol Moore and son-in-law, James Scalli; his brother and sister-in-law, George and Rosemary Moore of West Caldwell, N.J., and their three children; and his sister-in-law, Jean Rosseau.

Bob was born to Joseph and Frances Moore and raised in Teaneck, N.J., with a childhood dream to become a veterinarian. Upon graduation from Teaneck High School, he graduated from Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine in 1957. Bob married his college sweetheart, Jane Purdy, on July 18, 1959 in East Aurora, N.Y., and they were blessed with two children whom they raised in Walden, N.Y. Dr. Moore loved serving his clients in Walden and the surrounding areas for 40 years at Walden Animal Clinic, which he had founded and grown into a successful practice. Bob and Jane were involved in Goodwill Presbyterian Church and then later were founders of Mid-Hudson Christian Church. Bob served on the Board of the Walter Hoving Home for several years and was an active prison ministry volunteer for Prison Fellowship International. After selling their veterinary practice in 1996, Bob and Jane retired to Poultney, Vt. In 2008 they relocated to Mashpee, Mass. to be closer to their children. They became involved in the Osterville Baptist Church. He lost Jane to lung cancer three years ago.

Harry Prussner ’72
Harry Prussner, DVM passed away on June 5, 2017 in Titusville, Fla. at the age of 70. He leaves behind his beloved wife of 11 years, Gloria, sisters Lori and Nancy, family members and many close friends and associates, all who loved him dearly.

Born and raised on Long Island, the son of Harry and Betty, he graduated from Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine in 1972. He was a longtime resident of Greenville in upstate N.Y., where he practiced veterinarian medicine for 30 years before moving to Florida in 2006. He continued his practice in Brevard County with the same unwavering dedication, devotion and love for his patients that he showed all his life. Harry was constantly attending seminars and learning new procedures to update his knowledge of current medical practices to better serve his patients.

An avid golfer, he was a member of Indian River Preserve Golf Club in Mims, Florida.

John C. Meyer ’59
John Charles Meyer, DVM of Silver Spring, Md., passed away suddenly June 22 in his home. John is survived by his wife of 54 years, Elinor Meyer; his daughter, Kimberly Meyer; son, Gregory Meyer and wife Alison and their children; preceded by his son, Carlton Meyer and survived by daughter-in-law, Kelly Meyer and their children, son, Bradley Meyer and wife, Leslie and their children. John is preceded by his loving parents Heinz and Anna Meyer; Brother, Vernon Meyer and Brother-in-Law, Roger Laundy.

John was a graduate of Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine in 1959. After which, he served two years as a First Lieutenant in the United States Army. He then devoted his life to his family and career. John was a loving husband, father, grandfather and uncle. He was known for his compassion for animals and nature. He will most certainly be remembered for his warm smile and willingness to listen and lend comfort to both his clients and their companions at Marymont Animal Hospital.

John loved listening to classical music, watching public television and visiting beautiful gardens.
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NYSVMS will once again hold the Hall of Veterinary Health at the Great NYS Fair August 23-September 4, 2017.

Several new interactive exhibits were added last year including:
- Comparative Anatomy featuring real animal skulls, Dress Like a Surgeon, Teddy Bear ER, Journey Through Imaging, Preparing your Pet for a Vet Visit and Building your Own Stethoscope.
- A sponsorship from Boehringer Ingelheim and with these funds have added the following:
  - Comparative Anatomy Exhibit: Added to last year’s new exhibit are white boards with skeletons of a cow, horse, cat and dog that kids can color using dry erase markers.
  - Dental exhibit: An updated exhibit with information on dental issues for all species.
  - Tick-borne Disease/Rabies Display: A standalone pedestal exhibit focusing on the importance of tick-borne diseases including Lyme as well as on rabies.
  - Welcome station: A welcome station to greet people with maps to guide attendees around the exhibit.

The Hall will also feature daily live presentations with animals ranging from reptiles to birds to mini ponies, as well as a live first aid demonstration every day at 3 p.m. Thank you to Central NY VMA for your sponsorship.

Check out the Hall of Veterinary Health section on our website: www.nysvms.org which includes a video of highlights from last year’s event and the HVH Facebook page for updates.

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