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Encourage tag sales

We are excited to have a fresh new look to the ALVMF spay/neuter tag. Encourage clients and friends to purchase a tag and/or make a donation to the Spay/Neuter Fund through the ALVMA website. Our primary source of funding for this program comes from the sale of these license plates and the donation check-off on the Alabama income tax return. Flyers to distribute at your clinic promoting the license plate program are available at your request at no cost to you.

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A member recently asked me how many staff members work in our office. She had noticed that the phone had been answered by several different people over a short time period. Since we had an unusual event last month – one staff member left – I wanted to give you a brief update on the Franz Management Services team. Many of you have come to know Roberta Norris through interaction at CE meetings and by phone over the past six years. Roberta left Franz Management last month to move to Tennessee. She was a valuable employee and will be missed; we all wish her well in her move and her future endeavors. As you know from our electronic communications, Tara Beasley joined us in February as Director of Meetings and Events. I know you will want to welcome her when you see her in June at the Emerald Coast Veterinary Conference.

Franz Management currently employs five full-time and three part-time team members to carry out the work of the associations we manage. You will find additional information about the full-time team on the following page in this issue of the Alabama Veterinarian. Our staff is here to serve you, and we all appreciate the opportunity to work with you.

The Alabama Veterinary Medical Association works for you through a combination of Franz Management staff and a vast array of volunteers. These volunteers, comprised of your elected officers, executive board members, committee and task force chairs and members, provide the leadership for the ALVMA. The officers and constituent-association elected representatives comprise the decision making body of the ALVMA; the committees or task forces do much of the work related to their areas of expertise. Some of the committees are established in the Bylaws while others are convened for a special purpose. The dedication of those who serve is critical to the mission of the ALVMA. As an example, many of you have used the information that comes from the ALVMA Public Health Committee in your practices or media interviews. We are fortunate to have dedicated member veterinarians who develop this time sensitive information for us to provide to our media veterinarians, to each of you as members, and for use on the ALVMA website and publications.

The executive director, assistant executive director and other Franz Management employees coordinate and carry out the board-directed initiatives of the ALVMA. All of these positions are staff and are paid through the contract the ALVMA has with Franz Management Services. Many day-to-day functions are more consistently and efficiently handled by staff members. The ALVMA has a good system in place that utilizes the consistency of staff as well as the expertise of energetic volunteers.

The balance between staff and volunteers varies within organizations; some associations have sufficient staff to carry out all of their programs and others are very lean on paid staff. These lean-staff organizations rely on volunteers to perform the routine work that often would be handled by staff.

As with your veterinary practice, a stable staff is good for your ability to provide a constant level of service. I am proud of the longevity and the abilities we have in our team at Franz Management. We work for YOU, the members, under the direction of the executive board. Please let us know how we may be of service. We hope to see you at the Sandestin Resort for the ALVMA Annual Meeting this summer.

Charles F. Franz, DVM
Tara Beasley
Tara Beasley has joined the ALVMA as director of Meetings and Events. Tara has worked in the financial services industry for 12 years and most recently held the role of area marketing manager for a financial corporation. She is excited to bring her experience in event planning and serving clients to the ALVMA. Tara graduated from Troy University with a bachelor's degree in business administration with a concentration in marketing. She resides in Pike Road, Ala., with her husband, daughter and dog, Cooper. When not relaxing at the beach with her family, Tara enjoys traveling, live music and cheering on the New England Patriots.

Linda Cargile
Linda Cargile has served the membership of the ALVMA since May of 2006 as an employee of Franz Management Services, LLC. Linda is the director of membership, and handles most of the association calls and general financial transactions for the association, to include administering the Alabama Spay/Neuter Tag Program on behalf of the ALVMF. Linda has been married to her husband, Ronnie, since 2003, and is the proud owner of C & R Seldom Rest Ranch just south of Montgomery. Linda has four children, and enjoys spending time with her grandchildren, being outdoors, gardening, and caring for her goats and chickens on the farm.

Bradley M. Fields, DVM, MPH, CPH, DACVPM
Dr. Fields serves as the assistant executive director of the ALVMA, and executive director of the ALVMF. Brad has been involved in organized veterinary medicine at the local, state and national levels since 2001, and has a passion for continuing the success of the state association and making it a more valuable asset to Alabama’s future. Brad lives on a farm in Pike Road, Ala., just outside of Montgomery, with his two dogs, Ella and Pippa, two cats, Samantha and Bart, and an assorted lot of other critters, goats, ducks and plenty of wild hogs. Brad received his doctorate in veterinary medicine from Auburn University’s College of Veterinary Medicine in 2005, a master’s in public health in epidemiology from the School of Public Health at the University of Alabama at Birmingham in 2007, and received his bachelor’s from Western Kentucky University. Brad is specialized in veterinary public health and epidemiology, and has been board certified by the American College of Veterinary Preventive Medicine since 2009. Brad also serves his country as a major in the U.S. Army Veterinary Reserve Corps and is assigned to the 7350th Veterinary Medical Detachment in Montgomery. Brad deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in 2010 and 2011 and operated a veterinary treatment/trauma center in the Helmand Province. He is an adjunct faculty member at the UAB School of Public Health and affiliate professor at Auburn University’s College of Veterinary Medicine.

Charles F. Franz, DVM
Dr. Franz owns Franz Management Services and currently serves as the executive director for four veterinary associations: Alabama Veterinary Medical Association, Society for Theriogenology, American College of Theriogenologists and the Theriogenology Foundation. He was born and raised in Montgomery, and graduated from the Auburn University CVM in 1981. Earlier in his career he practiced small and large animal medicine and surgery in the Montgomery area. Afterward, he co-founded and served as CEO of Sunbelt Veterinary Supply, a veterinary distribution company servicing veterinarians in 10 southeastern states. He has been involved in association management and served as executive director of the Alabama VMA since 2001. He is the proud father of two sons, ages 29 and 27, and welcomed his first grandchild in April of this year. He and his wife, Nita, reside in Montgomery with their dog, George. His interests include fishing and kayaking.

Linda Tynan
Communications professional Linda Tynan joined the ALVMA staff in February 2013 as director of communications and public relations. Linda brings 28 years of experience in communications, marketing, public relations and graphic design to ALVMA. Linda graduated from Auburn University in 1986 with a bachelor of fine arts degree in visual communications, and has held positions as an art director, creative director, creative communications manager at Civil Air Patrol National Headquarters and director of communications for the Alabama Pharmacy Association. An avid animal lover, Linda has three dogs, Pancho, Tinker and Chili, all of which are rescues. Linda has two sons and three grandsons. She lives in Montgomery with her husband, Jim, and enjoys tennis, painting, decorating, horsebackriding, traveling and spending time with family and friends.
President John F. Kennedy once said, “One person can make a difference, and everyone should try.” This truly applies to our chosen profession of veterinary medicine.

I have met many of our members during my travels throughout the state, and the level of volunteerism and mentoring by our members is second to none. Our members have served in leadership positions from the community level to the national level. Membership and participation in organized veterinary medicine on the local, state and national level is of the utmost importance. Membership is as important today as it has been in the past. Membership in the ALVMA ensures your voice is heard on the issues that affect you everyday. The ALVMA is your association, working on your behalf, on local, state and national issues, enhancing and promoting veterinary medicine.

In the past few months we have held a series of very successful regional meetings throughout the state. We are also in the final stages of completing a thorough examination and update of our constitution and bylaws. The Power of 10 initiative is now underway. Through this program we will be providing mentorship and leadership development opportunities to recent graduates. This project will help us to develop strong leaders for the future. The Veterinary Wellness Committee has been a model program for the country. In March, we were well represented in Chicago at the AVMA round table on wellness. We are working closely with the veterinary schools and schools of veterinary technology. Our members serve as preceptors for students of veterinary technology to meet the requirements for licensure.

I have visited both Auburn University and Tuskegee University and participated in the white coat ceremonies, which were huge successes at both universities.

I have the distinct honor to serve on the Auburn University Alumni Advisory Council and the Tuskegee University Deans Advisory Council. Dr. Calvin Johnson, dean of Auburn, and Dr. Ruby Perry, dean of Tuskegee, have both been strong supporters of the ALVMA and they are instrumental in producing talented, skillful and productive veterinarians of the future.

The ALVMA supports both schools with scholarships and with a financial advisor for the students. We also support SCAVMA in their service projects and their efforts to spread the word about veterinary medicine.

This spring, I will administer the veterinarian’s oath during commencement exercises at both Auburn and Tuskegee. It will be my pleasure to welcome the 2016 graduating class into our profession.

This year, in addition to our other membership benefits, we have partnered with Plumbs Veterinary Therapeutics to provide access to our members at a reduced rate. We have also partnered with Lifelock to provide our members with identity theft monitoring at a reduced rate.

Are you the one person who will make a difference in our profession? Are you willing to try? Start by joining the ALVMA and become an active member.

The Emerald Coast Veterinary Conference is June 1-5 at the Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort. This CE event is unlike any other. Presenting CE in an unrivaled setting has contributed to ECVC’s growth and popularity. Register now and make reservations early by visiting www.EmeraldCoastVC.com or call 800-622-1038.

TC Branch
Warm and wonderful weather greeted attendees of the 25th Annual Conference for Food Animal Veterinarians this year. Many of the attendees took advantage of the beautiful surroundings of the 4-H Center in Columbiana, Ala. and brought their significant others with them to enjoy excellent CE, a peaceful location, great food and great camaraderie for the weekend of February 19-21, 2016.

Ten speakers offered their expertise on subjects about diseases of food and fiber animals, upcoming changes to the veterinary feed directive, cow-calf profitability and record keeping, cattle and their diseases, as well as two hours of legal review lectures. A hands-on lecture and wet-lab was implemented this year for the Sunday session, and breeding soundness evaluations, sample collection and slide preparation were integrated to finish the conference strong! The US Department of Agriculture provided updates, as did the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries, the Alabama Cattlemen’s Association, the Alabama Farmer’s Federation, the Alabama Veterinary Medical Association, the Auburn University Department of Animal Sciences and the National Cattlemen’s Beef Association. In addition, some of the members of the Alabama State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners were in attendance for the audience to ask questions of and receive guidance on how to handle some issues related to licensure and regulation.

Sixty-six attendees from eight different states enjoyed getting their education hours at one of the few remaining large animal specific conferences. The ALVMA is grateful for our sponsors of the event, which included Zoetis Animal Health, DVM Consultants, Long Term Care Strategies, Merial Limited, and Multimin.

Saturday evening everyone enjoyed happy hour with the exhibitors and then the traditional steak dinner with fixins. Afterwards a large number of the attendees took part in the Downie Awards and practice tips portion of the conference. Dr. Tony Frazier from Montgomery, Ala. took home the trophy specially made by Dr. Arvele Marshall. Dr. Terry Staten was the master of ceremonies for the event.

The ALVMA Board of Directors met on Saturday for much of the day, and the ALVMF Board of Directors met on Sunday morning, both boards accomplishing their tasks.

Make your plans now to attend the 26th annual Conference for Food Animal Veterinarians. Those dates will be March 10-12, 2017. Details and registration information will be on the ALVMA website at alvma.com later this year.

Get your spay/neuter license tag today!

Support the efforts of the Alabama Veterinary Medical Foundation. Portions of your tag fee are tax deductible and provide funding to aid Medicaid recipients with the cost of spay/neuter surgeries provided by ALVMA veterinarians participating in the program. You may also check off the box on your income tax return and support this program.
The ALVMF Board is excited because of the many new activities that are happening with your foundation. Our new management team has hit the ground running with enthusiasm and vigor. A new database of supportive prospects and donors is being developed; Names and contact information provided by you is essential to grow our donor base. Fortunately, we now have the software to develop an amazing secure database for our donors to make contributions and provide feedback. Please help and share with confidence.

Our dedicated Facebook page, Twitter account, phone and fax numbers, and PayPal accounts have been established. The website is in final stages of development and will be available soon after. All of these wonderful additions will be of little benefit without your input and support. Please begin your contributions by having your entire family, staff and clients go to our Facebook page and share, like, and provide positive and helpful comments. Your contributions by having your entire family, staff and clients go to our Facebook page and like us.

Your help is also needed to:

1. Place a new rack containing information cards with our new 2016 spay/neuter tag design in your office. Please let us know that we may send this information to you.
2. Purchase and encourage your family, staff and clients to purchase the spay/neuter license plate and donate to the foundation through the Alabama Income Tax Check Off. Direct donations by check, credit card and PayPal are also gladly accepted.
3. Include a message through your social media about the license plate sales and the Income Tax Check Off.

4. Purchase patient sympathy cards from the Foundation or send a contribution in honor of a pet or friend. We can also send the card for you upon your contribution to the Foundation with request.

To expand the leadership outreach, the Foundation board, has established the advisory council for the foundation. Please be in contact with individuals with influential leadership skills from around the state to join our team in an advisory council. Contact me if you need more information. Students from Auburn University and Tuskegee University will also join the board in exofficio positions. As we review our goals and missions, we want to be ever mindful of our original mission “To enhance the well-being of animals and the human-animal bond.” Yet we realize that we cannot embark on all of the many projects that we would like. We need you to let us know what your preferred goals are for us to tackle initially.

Thus far, spay/neuter expansions and disaster preparedness have been first and foremost. Our spay and neuter contributions continue to reduce the number of unwanted cats and dogs. The need for disaster preparedness was clearly demonstrated during our natural disasters of the past.

Thanks to Dr. Allen Riley, we will have a fundraising event for ALVMF at the Southern Vet Conference in August in Birmingham. We need your support to make this event successful. Planning is now being done as we determine the exact nature of this event. We invite you to share your ideas and join us to make this a successful event. Our Vice President, Beth Franklin is chairing this event and would really like to hear from you or a member of your staff. Her contact information is hibeth@aol.com.

Below is contact information for the other officers. Please contact us with questions, comments, or suggestions.

Best wishes,

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Spay/Neuter License Plate Program

The ALVMA and the ALVMA Foundation introduced the spay/neuter license plate in 2007, in an effort to develop a program to help low-income families with costs involved with spaying and neutering their pets. After an advertising campaign and enough tag pre-sales, the ALVMF initiated the Spay/Neuter License Plate Program in 2009. Through the program, proceeds from statewide tag sales offset the cost of spay/neuter surgeries performed at participating hospitals throughout the state of Alabama. From 2009 - March 31, 2016, 23,176 tags have been sold or renewed; 15,566 surgeries have been performed; and $762,985 has been paid to ALVMA veterinarians in the state. Currently, there are 67 veterinary hospitals participating in this program. A co-pay of $10 per cat or $20 per dog must be paid by the Medicaid recipient, but the remaining balance is paid to veterinarians through a grant supported by the license plate sales. There is a limit of two animals per household per year. Clinics must apply for permit numbers prior to surgeries, and will receive reimbursement from the Foundation by check the last week of each month.

How to participate

Enroll in the program

To participate, all veterinarians in the hospital must be members of the ALVMA or have applied for membership. The hospital must be located in Alabama. Once enrolled, surgeries are pre-approved at the ALVMF office by email, fax or phone. Reports from the hospital consisting of surgical forms, copies of Medicaid cards, photo ID, Program Report Forms and reimbursement amounts must be submitted to the ALVMF office on a monthly basis and then payment is disbursed to your clinic.

Encourage tag sales

Our only sources of funding for this program come from the sale of these license plates and the newly implemented donation check-off on the Alabama income tax return. Flyers to distribute at your clinic promote the license plate program, are available for free, and will be sent upon your request.

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ALVMF recognizes scholarship award recipients

The ALVMF is proud to announce the recipients of the Aaron Groth and MK Health Scholarship Awards for the 2015-2016 year!

**Dr. and Mrs. A. H. Groth, Jr. Scholarship Award**

The Executive Board of the ALVMA established the scholarship in October of 1999. Each year, the ALVMF in conjunction with the ALVMA awards a $2,500 scholarship to a student from Auburn and from Tuskegee that is academically in the upper third of his or her class, has completed the second year of veterinary school, is an achiever of excellent moral character, is active in the Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association, and other programs, and has demonstrated leadership qualities, but not necessarily as an officer. Financial need can be considered but is not a qualification.

**Dr. M. K. Heath Memorial Scholarship**

The award goes to an Auburn University sophomore, junior, or senior veterinary medicine student based on scholarship and financial need. The baseline for scholastic consideration is a GPA of 3.0 or greater on a 4.0 scale. The financial need portion is based on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid information.

AVMA Leadership Conference recap

submitted by Hanna Lamb

I was recently awarded the opportunity to attend the AVMA Veterinary Leadership Conference in Chicago over the weekend of January 7-10, 2016 as an Emerging Leader for the state of Alabama. I am honored to have been selected as the recipient to attend this conference as a representative for the Alabama Veterinary Medical Association and would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to the ALVMA and the AVMA.

The Veterinary Leadership Conference started with registration and an introduction session. This being my first AVMA conference, I was interested to hear how the following three days would go as I have always been interested in organized veterinary medicine and am constantly looking for opportunities to grow as a leader in the veterinary community. It was enjoyable hearing leaders within the AVMA speak about different issues facing the veterinary profession while also meeting individuals with similar interests to my own at the small group meetings we attended on night one. The small group topics I attended helped me learn more about the economics of the veterinary profession in regards to student debt load and how to be an outstanding associate in a large volume practice, both of which are very beneficial to me in everyday practice. These sessions also gave me a multitude of networking opportunities to become acquainted with people involved in a wider range of veterinary medicine than what I am normally exposed to at medical/surgical conferences.

The next two days were spent attending sessions to help develop “Critical Skills for Emerging Leaders.” These four lectures included topics revolving around emotional intelligence as an application to leadership, how to use influence in veterinary practice, skills for constructive conflict resolution, and remembering why we went into veterinary medicine in the first place. The sessions were not only informative and instructive, but most importantly, they were interactive and kept everyone entertained and involved which made learning enjoyable for the entire day.

I find myself applying many of the skills I developed during these sessions to not only my everyday veterinary practice but also to life in general. Other discussions I thoroughly enjoyed included Dr. Elizabeth Strand’s “Stomping Out Compassion Fatigue” which helped me recognize that I am not the only one who may struggle occasionally with being compassionate on a daily basis. The numerous plenary sessions with various members of the boards and district caucuses to discuss a variety of topics plaguing the veterinary profession today were also interesting to listen to as everyone’s opinion was voiced and respected despite differences of opinions. These meetings gave me the most insight on how to be influential in the veterinary community, both on a state and federal level in regards to organized veterinary medicine.

Without the generosity of the Alabama Veterinary Medical Association, I would not have had the opportunity to attend such an invigorating conference to kick start my year in such a refreshing way. I am looking forward to applying all of these newly acquired leadership skills to not only my own small animal practice but specifically to my leadership role in the new Power of 10 leadership program and becoming more active in organized veterinary medicine in the near future. I would highly suggest the Veterinary Leadership Conference to anyone interested in growing his or her veterinary career further.
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A Heartworm is a highly preventable disease, but we haven’t yet turned back the tide of heartworm infection, which affects more than a million dogs and an unknown number of cats. Now is the time to get the knowledge you need to make a real difference in reducing heartworm incidence and dealing with challenging client concerns.

Q What topics will be covered this year?
A You will hear a number of high-interest heartworm topics discussed during the Triennial Heartworm Symposium. Highlights include:
- Heartworm resistance: Burning ember or conflagration?
- Heartworm diagnosis: Is heat treatment for everyone?
- Alternatives to melarsomine and doxycycline
- Coughing cats: HARD or hype?
- What is new and important about Wolbachia?
- Coyotes: What is their role in HWD?
- Pharmacological management of heartworm complications
- Quiet time: Surviving heartworm treatment—practical hints on behavioral modification
- Heartworm treatment for shelters and financially challenged clients
- By attending this conference, you will have the opportunity to meet and speak with the world’s leading experts, while earning up to 20 hours of CE credit and a free year’s membership in the AHS.

Q Ok, I’m convinced. Where do I sign up?
A Just go to heartwormsymposium.com and register for the conference, which will be held at the beautiful New Orleans Ritz-Carlton Hotel—then click on the link to reserve your discounted room. The earlier the better—not only does the conference offer great early-bird, members-only and day rates, but early registration also gets you the best price on your room.

C’mon down. You don’t want to miss this meeting!
**What inspired you to pursue a career in veterinary medicine?**

I’ve wanted to work with animals in some capacity for as long as I can remember. Veterinary medicine allows me to help a large number and variety of animals.

**What type of veterinary medicine do you practice and why did you choose it?**

Small animal general practice. I like the human-animal bond that exists between owners and their pets.

**Where did you study?**

I did my undergraduate studies at Judson College, and then attended Auburn University College of Veterinary Medicine.

**Who is your role model/mentor?**

In life, my mother; she’s the strongest and most compassionate person I know. I try to emulate her whenever I’m interacting with others, personally or professionally. Professionally, it would be hard to identify a single role model or mentor; I’ve been blessed to have learned from so many. Dr. Goodwin and Dr. Sternenberg have been my most constant role models, and I feel fortunate to have been able to work and learn from both of them.

**What do you enjoy most about your job?**

I enjoy being able to help others. When I help a sick pet recover, and see the joy and relief that the owner experiences, that for me is what makes this job so rewarding.

**How did you get involved with the ALVMA?**

First through the student chapter at Auburn, and my boss is an ALVMA member.

**What is the hardest part of your job?**

The cruelty and neglect cases. Seeing animals that are sick and hurt because no one cared.

**What advice can you offer someone entering veterinary school?**

Having passion for this profession is a must, but it’s equally important to maintain a balance with your personal life, family and friends.

**Where do you see yourself in five years?**

Working hard but hopefully a little less stressed.

**Why would you recommend that someone join ALVMA?**

The ALVMA offers a great opportunity for networking, providing both peer and professional support.

**How has being involved with the ALVMA helped you professionally?**

The ALVMA has helped me to grow professionally, I’ve been provided opportunities through their young leaders program that have allowed me to better understand how our professional organizations work and the supportive role they provide, and allowing me to interact with a wide number of other members, each of whom have something to share, something that I’ve been able to learn.

**What is the last movie you watched?**

I don’t remember the last time I went to see a movie, but I watched “Dope” on Netflix.

**When I’m not working, you’ll find me…**

...hanging out with family and friends, usually around the house.

**What was the most memorable part of your college experience?**

The friends I made. I wouldn’t have made it through vet school without them, Erica Oller, Nathan Glaza, Loral Sayre, and Charity Miller.
What was the last song you sang?
Um, whatever was on the radio on my ride into work this morning.

What do you feel is your biggest challenge just starting out?
Self doubt; it took me a while to feel really confident in myself.

Where would you go if you could go anywhere? Why?
The great pyramids in Egypt. The idea of seeing something that massive, and man made, I just feel that would be awe inspiring.

If you were stranded on an island, what three things would you want to have?
Steel knife, flint, and my toothbrush. If I can make fire, I can do anything.

What accomplishment are you most proud of?
Other than graduating and passing boards? The thing I’m most proud of isn’t something I’ve done by myself, but something I’ve worked toward with a team, and it’s Bark for Life, a dog walk event that is hosted annually in support of the American Cancer Society. Having lost someone close to me, this event is a way for me to do something to help others.

What makes you laugh out loud?
Small puppies, they’re just so roly poly and uncoordinated but so enthusiastic about everything.

If you could meet anyone (dead or living) who would it be and what would you ask them?
My grandfather; I never got to meet him, and I would love the opportunity to sit with him and have a full conversation and just find out what sort of person he was from his own perspective.

What book are you reading?
I’m in between books at the moment. I’m looking to start Dave Ramsey’s “Complete Guide to Money.”

What do you think has been the most significant change/advancement in veterinary medicine in the last five years?
There have been so many, covering a wide range of fields, but I have appreciated the advances in pain control options, especially for cats.

What five adjectives best describe you?
Kind, thoughtful, passionate, fun, and laid back.

Professionally, if you could change something, what would it be?
The distrust that seems to be building in the community toward the veterinary profession. We are not the selfish, money hungry individuals that some would make us out to be. Maintaining an image first and foremost as medical professionals dedicated to the health and well-being of our animal patients, and through them, the community-at-large.

What is your simplest pleasure?
Chocolate.

When was the last time you did something for someone else and what was it?
This may sound silly, but I let someone check out in the Walmart line in front of me several days ago. He had two items and I had a huge cart full of stuff, he seemed to really appreciate it. It’s not a big thing, but I’ve found that sometimes it’s the small kindnesses of strangers that can turn a bad day into a good one.

What is your favorite quote?
Be yourself. Everyone else is already taken.

I still want to learn how to…
Perform a thorough echocardiogram and ball room dance.

The Power of 10 Leadership Program provides 10 recent graduates (graduated from a college of veterinary medicine with a DVM degree in the years 2009-2016) with four leadership development sessions over a twelve-month period. ALVMA provides topic experts and meeting expenses at no charge for participants to attend sessions that not only convey the key learning points about leadership, but also deepen the understanding of class members on a number of related topics. Apply today at alvma.com.
Don’t Forget to Dot Your I’s
And Cross Your T’s

A news article from your
State Veterinarian Dr. Tony Frazier

Veterinarians are known for doing a lot of things well. But generally speaking, expert penmanship is not on that list. I am not saying that all of us have poor penmanship, but let’s face it; many of us would not get above a “C” if we were being graded for our penmanship. It’s not that we try to write illegibly. It just happens. I once had someone ask me if we took a class to learn to write in some encrypted code when we become veterinarians. I was a little offended, but once when I couldn’t read something I had written I realized I needed to be a little more conscientious about my penmanship.

I suspect that by now some of you are asking yourselves, “Where is Dr. Frazier going with this?” Well, I’m glad you asked. Not long ago someone who was in charge of an equine event told me that many of the Coggins tests that were presented were simply unreadable. We have a law in this state that requires a negative Coggins test to be presented at all events where horses and other equidae are comingle. The person or people putting on the event are responsible for assuring that all participating horses have a negative Coggins test. And please note this. If the person checking the Coggins papers cannot read them because of illegible writing, they are well within their rights to refuse entry of that horse into the event.

Hopefully, none of you will ever be involved in a situation where sloppy writing gets a horse turned away from an event. It can be very embarrassing for the client and ultimately cause you to have something less than a good day. And I suppose in certain circumstances, there could be some liability associated with an incident like that.

Most of you have never and will never deal with a horse that is positive for Equine Infectious Anemia. However, there are some common practices that are occurring regularly in the state of Alabama that has us taking a closer look at the disease. There are several “tracks” across Alabama where quarter horse races are held. Sometimes these tracks are referred to as “brush tracks.” Anyway, we are told that a common practice used on these horses prior to racing is to give them blood from another horse to increase oxygen-carrying capacity. I realize that this practice is absolutely illegal for Olympic athletes, but we are certainly not talking about anything close to the Olympics. I am not sure of the legality of this practice from a veterinary practice act standpoint. I am just letting you know that such things go on and we need to remain vigilant about EIA.

Also, while I am on the subject of filling out official paperwork correctly, I want to visit a few common errors made when filling out Certificates of Veterinary Inspection (health papers). It is important to make sure that you use a correct address for the consignor and consignee. The CVI serves more purposes than to present the paper at an agriculture check point when crossing into certain states, entering a show event, or shipping a pet by air. Of course different states have different requirements for entry of various animals into their states. However, all states have requirements for CVI’s on most or all animals entering into their states. These requirements change from time to time so it is good to check with the state of destination prior to writing the CVI. If you need phone numbers for other State Veterinarian offices, you can call my office at 334-240-7253 and we can get you that information.

Occasionally, we will see CVI’s that come into our office with the consignor listed as, “Rodeo” and the address, “Montgomery, Alabama.” And while they most likely are referring to the SLE at Garrett Coliseum, we are not likely to make that assumption. It may have been long enough ago when you became accredited, that you may have forgotten that improperly completing a CVI is a violation of the accreditation agreement. I know that these mistakes are almost never intentional. But for purposes of disease exposure and traceability, we need you to be as accurate as possible.

I would also mention that a few years ago, someone from another state called my office extremely upset about a dog that was shipped from Alabama. There were some discrepancies on the CVI and they had retained an attorney to “go after” the veterinarian who had written the CVI. I can’t remember the specific details, but when we pulled our copy of what the Alabama veterinarian had sent us, it became apparent that someone had added quite a bit of information after the certificate had left the veterinarian’s possession.———case closed. I just bring that up to remind you to not leave blank spaces on official documents that someone else can “doctor” after leaving your office. Draw lines through blank spaces where test results or even additional animals could be added.

I will close by reminding you that using electronic Coggins tests such as those offered for a fee by Global Vetlink will end the problem of illegible test papers. There are also various electronic CVI’s that are offered. In fact, we are working with a data storage company, USA Herds, that may give us the ability to offer a free electronic CVI that you can use. It will take some time to reach critical mass when most veterinarians will be using these electronic forms. These forms are saved in such a way that they are both readable and cannot be tampered with. Until then, don’t forget to dot your i’s and cross your t’s.
When most veterinarians start their practice, they wisely consult with a lawyer to set up the form of their business entity, an accountant or tax professional to advise them as to accounting and tax issues, a banker to establish a line of credit to fund the practice and establish a banking relationship, and an insurance agent to be sure that the practice is shielded from potential liability. However, many practices, like many small businesses, do not revisit these concerns and advisers on a regular basis to update various matters to accommodate changes that have occurred in the practice as time passes, or contingencies that can devalue the practice or interrupt its smooth, efficient, profitable operation.

In situations where a practice has joint ownership; a junior doctor who intends to succeed the owner; or other arrangements touching on the ownership and management of the practice, the expectations regarding these types of relationships and how the practice will evolve as circumstances change should be in writing to ensure that the intent of the parties is realized. Typically, this is done in what is known as a buy/sell agreement. Such agreements should anticipate potential issues like death, disability, divorce, practice breakup, retirement, or the addition of other potential owners. Another key provision of a buy/sell agreement is proper funding to ensure that the business transfers as intended, when an owner retires, passes away, or otherwise leaves the practice. Vehicles for funding such buy/sell agreements include sinking funds, life insurance policies that accumulate value in addition to a death benefit, bank loans, and the potential use of personal assets. The value of the practice should be reviewed and updated on a regular basis, and any formula in the buy/sell agreement should also be revisited to ensure that it still makes sense as time passes.

Planning is advisable for situations where the practice owner or other key person dies or becomes disabled. Failure to plan for such contingencies and do appropriate tax and estate planning can in many cases ensure that the government receives a disproportionate windfall in taxes that could have been avoided. There are several options or combinations of insurance products that can be purchased very cost-effectively, early in the life of owners or a practice, that can yield substantial benefits personally, to the practice, and in dealing with contingent liability and funding issues. A practice owner would be wise to review these types of life insurance opportunities before potentially becoming a high risk or uninsurable as time passes. In certain cases, a life insurance policy may be purchased that allows for the opportunity to periodically increase the value of the insurance available at future mileposts, that can be purchased regardless of the health of the employee, thus locking in insurability in case of deterioration of the health of the insured. There are also convertible insurance products which have similar attributes. Insurance for replacement income during disability should also be considered.

It is also wise to think through succession plans for practice owners and key employees and consider competitive factors. In the event of a permanent or temporary absence, how will the practice fill the void? Is there a succession plan as to who would step up, and incentives in place to retain key employees who could potentially leave and become your competitors? What happens if a highly-competitive spay and neuter clinic opens up across the street? What happens if a well-funded veterinarian builds a practice in your neighborhood and siphons off your clients and employees? The current law in Alabama requires a veterinarian to own a veterinary practice in the state, with some minor, temporary exceptions. However, the continued viability of this requirement is in question, and this restriction does not exist in certain other jurisdictions. Could your practice survive competition with a well-funded, national company operating a practice across the street?

It is often said that a failure to plan is planning to fail. The earlier a practice owner plans for his or her retirement, the better off he or she will be. Making the assumption that the practice, as an asset, can be sold upon retirement, and that proceeds received from that sale will maintain a person’s retirement standard of living, and in every case be sufficient for the owner, is potentially dangerous. If no valuation has been done with respect to the value of the practice, how can a practice owner know what value it will have when it is sold? There is also no guarantee the practice will be sold at the time preferred by the owner. Unanticipated circumstances can put an owner in a situation where he or she has to sell earlier or later than planned. Will this cause a significant reduction in the value of the practice received by the owner? Will your silent partner, Uncle Sam, receive a disproportionate share of the proceeds?

Creating value with assets outside of the practice itself is another way to help reduce risk for an owner. Owning the real estate and building associated with the practice creates additional value for the owner, which can be separated from the business of the practice itself upon sale, if desired. In addition, there are "qualified" and "non-qualified" benefit and compensation plans with potential tax benefits to a practice that can help create value for the owner, as well as employees.

In summary, to help protect the value of your practice over time, the considerations and professionals discussed above should be visited and revisited on a periodic basis, and changes must be considered and made to accommodate personal issues and desires, external forces, and unforeseen contingencies. Being complacent or ill-prepared to address these issues might significantly affect the value of your ongoing practice, or its value at sale. Get going, and do not put it off.
New graduate member profile

**Name:** Martha Lukey, DVM, RN

**Residence:** Hartselle, AL

What inspired you to pursue a career in veterinary medicine?
I have wanted to be a veterinarian since I was a child, because I was fascinated with all kinds of animals. During the senior year of my pre-veterinary curriculum in college, my husband, who was in the military, got orders to go overseas. We decided to start our family, always planning that I would go back to veterinary school. Four children later, I decided to go to nursing school, because it would allow me to work part-time and be available for my family. After working in nursing for several years, the desire to be a veterinarian was stronger than ever. I began to re-take pre-requisite courses because my previous coursework was considered out of date. We ended up in southern Alabama for my husband’s job, where I was fortunate enough to apply and be accepted at Auburn University College of Veterinary Medicine at the age of 48.

What type of veterinary medicine do you practice and why did you choose it?
I enjoy working with a variety of species. I am privileged to work at the North Alabama Cat and Bird Veterinary Clinic owned by Dr. Jan Strother. We provide care for birds, small mammals and some reptiles, as well as dogs and cats. I did an externship with Dr. Strother during veterinary school to gain some avian experience. Her clinic and staff are amazing. After my husband accepted a job in northern Alabama, I immediately applied to work for her.

Who is your role model/mentor?
My mother and my husband are my life-long role models. My mother was widowed at a young age with five children to care for. She worked hard for many years as a retail clerk, sacrificing so her children could have a good life. She always put family and friends first. My husband also believes in hard work, education and caring for family and friends. He has supported me throughout my long road to veterinary medicine.

Dr. Strother and her long-time associate Dr. Elaine Moore are my current role models and mentors. My veterinary training was scant regarding birds and exotics. Dr. Strother and Dr. Moore both have many years of experience with a variety of species. As a new veterinarian, I have their wealth of knowledge to draw upon, and I know that they have my back. They have very different styles when relating to clients, but their clients love them both and recommend them highly. I feel free to be myself with clients because of their examples and support.

What do you enjoy most about your job?
I love the variety in my work. Every day is a new adventure. I enjoy caring for dogs and cats, and I never know what other species I may get to see.

How did you get involved with the ALVMA?
I learned about the ALVMA during orientation at Auburn, when Dr. Charles Franz came and spoke to us and gave us each a copy of the veterinarian’s oath. The ALVMA continued to send speakers to us throughout our four years of school, keeping us informed of veterinary issues in our state and nationwide.

What is the hardest part of your job?
The hardest part of my job is when clients are unable to afford the best standard of care I want to offer their pet. People from all walks of life have pets and love them dearly. I am thankful that, at our clinic, we work very hard to help clients as much we can within their budget.

What advice can you offer someone entering veterinary school?
a. Be unique. Make yourself stand out from the crowd. Veterinary schools see thousands of applicants with a degree in biology that worked for a veterinarian for a few years. Take your pre-requisites, but major in another field that interests you and...
that makes you employable. Get some life experience and pay off some undergraduate student loans before jumping into more debt. Being older did not stop me from getting into veterinary school – I think it helped. I was different and therefore memorable. Veterinary schools want students that have counted the cost and are truly committed to their course.

b. Once you are in, pace yourself. Most veterinary students are driven individuals. You need to realize that you cannot have it all and do it all in every period of your life. Make time for your family or friends every day, and take some time to relax, unwind and exercise. Integrating the things you are learning is much more important that getting 100% on every exam. Also, keep your options open: you may plan to be a small animal practitioner, but fall in love with equine work.

Where do you see yourself in five years?
I hope to still be in mixed small animal practice, possibly pursuing board certification in avian medicine. I also hope to be able to incorporate working with small ruminants. Occasionally, I try to talk my boss into seeing goats and alpacas at the clinic.

How has being involved with the ALVMA helped you professionally?
I am involved with The Power of 10 Leadership Program, which is designed to develop leadership skills in recent graduates. I also learned about Dr. Strother and her clinic through a professor and some information on the ALVMA website.

What book are you reading?
I am currently reading several books about chickens and about landscaping with edible plants. Now that we are settled, I look forward to gardening again. I also plan to get some bantam chickens this year.

Where would you go if you could go anywhere? Why?
I would enjoy going on a photography safari in East Africa. I want to see elephants, rhinos and lions up close in their native habitat.

What is the last movie you watched?
In the theater I recently saw “Star Wars: The Force Awakens.” We watch a lot of old movies and newer DVD releases at home.

When I’m not working, you’ll find me...
...reading, cooking, gardening or doing fiber arts such as crochet or spinning fiber on my spinning wheel.

What was the most memorable part of your college experience?
The semester and summer before I began veterinary school, I was able to volunteer at the Southeastern Raptor Center at Auburn University. I was able to work in the hospital as well as with healthy raptors that are used for teaching and demonstration. I also took an elective two week rotation at the SRC during my final clinical year. Working with these majestic birds was a privilege.

Why would you recommend that someone join ALVMA?
I joined the ALVMA to help keep myself apprised of veterinary issues in my state and nation. I have also taken advantage of free continuing education provided by the board.

What do you feel is your biggest challenge just starting out?
My biggest challenge is time management. It has been an uncomfortable transition going from a few patients daily as a student, to many patients. I think it will be an ongoing challenge to efficiently provide high quality care and teaching.
Nominating Committee report

The Nominating Committee of the Alabama VMA has announced its recommendations for candidates for the 2016-2017 Executive Board. Voting will be done strictly through mailed ballots. Please make sure these ballots are returned to the Association office by May 18. If you did not receive your ballot please contact the Association office. Dr. Hal Pate automatically advances to president, the recommendations include:

President-Elect – Dr. Charles W. Ashwander – Decatur, AL
Dr. Ashwander received his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from Auburn University in 1979. After graduation he returned to practice in Decatur where he grew up around veterinary medicine. Charles’ dad, Dr. Ray Ashwander, graduated from the School of Veterinary Medicine in Auburn in 1942. Dr. Ray is a past president of the ALVMA and served the ASBVME for 45 years. Charles’ mother Elizabeth was the first ALVMA Auxiliary president. After Dr. Ray Ashwander retired, Charles has continued to practice for twenty-nine years.

Charles is very active in his community. He has been a member of the Lions Club for 35 years and is a Melvin Jones Fellow. He recently received the Paul Harris Fellow from Rotary Club. Dr. Ashwander has been an active member in the North Alabama VMA since graduation. He has served many years in the past as the North Alabama VMA representative to the ALVMA.

Charles and his wife Barbara have two sons and four grandchildren. They are very active in First United Methodist Church in Decatur. They enjoy being with their grandkids, boating on the Tennessee River, and attending Auburn Football games.

Vice President – Dr. Hank Lee – Atmore, AL
Dr. Lee grew up on a working row-crop and beef-cattle operation in South Alabama. He graduated from Auburn University's College of Agriculture in 1996 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Animal and Dairy Sciences. This was followed by his DVM from the Auburn University College of Veterinary Medicine in 2000.

He and his wife, Lacey, own a busy three and one half doctor mixed-animal practice in Atmore. Dr. Lee works as a large animal veterinarian with a primary focus on equine lameness and surgery. Their practice lies within the borders of the family farm on which Hank was raised. Hank and Lacey have two children, Emily and Gus, who enjoy spending time in and around their parents’ practice.

Hank has been a member of the ALVMA since graduation from veterinary school and currently serves as the ALVMA board member-at-large. He is passionate in his promotion of Alabama’s veterinarians and the service that these veterinarians provide to the citizens of this state. Hank understands that the decisions we make today regarding our profession will impact everyone, setting precedents that will extend beyond the foreseeable future and the boundaries of our state.

Treasurer – Dr. Ralph Womer – Auburn, AL
Dr. Womer received his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from Auburn University in 1969. After graduation, he spent three years as deputy commander MEDDAC, for Veterinary Activities and as Assistant Preventive Medicine Officer in the U.S. Army at Fort Wolters, TX, before returning to Auburn, AL. In Auburn he practiced with Dr. John Saidia at Auburn Veterinary Hospital before being hired by Auburn University, School of Veterinary Medicine where he spent one year as an instructor in the Department of Small Animal Medicine.

In 1973 Dr. Womer opened the Village Veterinary Clinic in Auburn, AL where he practiced for 26 years. After selling his clinic in 1999, he spent the next seven years as a relief veterinarian in Alabama, Florida, Georgia and Texas and as a Veterinary Hospital Evaluator for the Alabama State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners. In 2006, in partnership with Dr. Dan Kuykendall, he opened Moore’s Mill Animal Hospital in Auburn.

In addition to practice, Dr. Womer has served professionally as the president of the Alabama Veterinary Medical Association as well as vice-president, president elect and president of his local veterinary association. He also served as treasurer of the Alabama Academy of Veterinary Practice for many years.

In his community Dr. Womer is a life member and has served as president of the Kiwanis Club of Auburn. He has also held office as treasurer for the Auburn Aids Outreach and local Hospice organization.

He and his wife Carol have two children and two grandchildren. In his spare time he enjoys writing poetry and memoir pieces, playing golf and attending OLLI classes. Both he and his wife are also Master Gardeners.

Member-at-Large – Dr. Alan Jones – Hazel Green, AL
Dr Alan Jones, a native Arkansan, enrolled in Auburn’s Forest Engineering curriculum in the Fall of 1979. After failing to conceptualize the true meaning of f(x), and camping out at the calculus teacher’s office door for a year, he still managed to be awarded a $50 scholarship for the highest GPA in the School of Agriculture, worth in today’s dollars, at the most, $24.98. Dr. Jones eventually graduated from Kansas State’s College of Veterinary Medicine in 1987, practiced in Ohio, and Kansas, before moving to the Huntsville area in 1989, opening a mixed animal practice where he’s still employed. Dr. Jones and his wife, Ellen, are most proud of having seen all five of their children graduate from college, four of which from Auburn, and even escorted his oldest daughter Jennifer across Pat Dye field as part of the homecoming court. Dr. Jones’ present head count is six grandchildren, four dogs, and two cats. Dr. Jones is former president of the Madison County VMA, and currently serves as their constituent representative and legislative liaison, as well as chairman of the ALVMA Public Relations committee.

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A Word from the Treasurer

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as the treasurer of the Alabama Veterinary Medical Association this past year. Several years ago, I was asked by a group of my colleagues to consider running for this office and I agreed. I found that many, if not all, of the responsibilities of this office had been assumed by Franz Management. As this situation had not been addressed in our bylaws, the treasurer had become an office in name only. Our first order of business was to address this through the Constitution and Bylaws Committee. They have rewritten several parts of the bylaws to bring them more in line with reality.

Under the new bylaws, the Treasurer will not be responsible for the assets of the Association, but will oversee them. The treasurer will also oversee deposits as well as payment of all expenses of the Association, and will require a detailed financial report from the executive director on a monthly basis or more often as needed. Other duties of the office include membership on the Executive Board, the Finance Committee and Board of Managers of the Emerald Coast Veterinary Conference.

To these ends I am maintaining a duplicate set of records on QuickBooks at my residence and the Executive Director is sending me a portable copy of our books each month. This allows me to go back over fifteen years of the Association’s financial records with relative ease. I also have access to our several bank accounts. These records, both with the Executive Director and with me are, of course, open to any member, in good standing, of the Association.

While I am not an auditor, I have spent considerable time researching the bookkeeping methods used by Franz Management and have found them to be exceptional. Dr. Franz has been extremely helpful in working with me and has been forthcoming with any information I have requested. The financial health of our association, while suffering from excess legal bills over the last four years, is good.

Personally, I feel that if our country were managed with the same diligence that we have had, we would not presently be 19 trillion dollars in debt.

During the next several months, I plan to research our relationship with the Emerald Coast Veterinary Conference. I admit that I am not as familiar with the operation of this group as I should be and I plan to rectify that situation.

I would entertain any questions from members of the Association, or from anyone interested in running for this office, as I expect my time here to be limited.

Dr. Ralph Womer, Jr.

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ALVMF News

The ALVMF is excited to announce that financial support from the “Maddies Fund” has been awarded to support awareness and advertisement for the Spay/Neuter License Plate Tag program and the Alabama Income Tax check off program! A generous grant of $10,000 will greatly enhance our ability to promote this keystone project of the Alabama Veterinary Medical Foundation.

If YOU haven’t gotten an ALVMF spay/neuter license plate tag, please consider it!

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Professionally, if you could change something, what would it be?

I would push to integrate more exotic animal training in all veterinary schools. Many emerging diseases are from wild animals and exotic sources. Also, more people than ever own exotics, and they seek veterinarians that can knowledgeably care for their animals. We have clients that come from several hours away to our clinic, because they cannot find a veterinarian in their area willing to care for their birds and exotic pets.

What accomplishment are you most proud of?

Raising four wonderful children with my husband.

When was the last time you did something for someone else and what was it?

Every day at work I direct my clients to reliable sources of information about their pets. I think debunking misinformation is one of the most valuable things I do for them and their animals.

I still want to learn how to...

...shoe a horse and shear a sheep.
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2016 Emerald Coast Veterinary Conference - Sun, Fun and CE at the beach!

The Emerald Coast Veterinary Conference is a continuing education event unlike any other and we have a great meeting in store for you this year. White sand beaches and a world-class golf and beach resort create an environment that attracts the best speakers. Outstanding CE in an unrivaled setting has contributed to ECVC’s amazing growth and popularity.

The four-day event offers 20 hours of CE in the mornings, and endless opportunities for relaxation and fun on Florida’s Gulf Coast. Loaded with informational sessions and fun activities, this will be an opportunity to learn, relax, network, and put your toes in the sand. The ALVMA will hold it’s general business meeting at 4:00 p.m. in the Baytowne Wharf Conference Center, followed by the exhibit hall opening reception on Wednesday evening. The exhibit hall will be packed with exhibitors offering new information on the latest veterinary products and services.

Thursday begins with plenary speaker Dr. Dawn Bothe speaking on “Veterinary Compounding: The current State of Affairs,” followed by sessions on Wound Management, Heartworms, Emergency Medicine, Infectious Disease, USDA-Aphis, and Pharmacy. After absorbing all of this valuable information, join us as we recognize fellow ALVMA veterinarians for their achievements at the ALVMA Awards Luncheon. Enjoy a round of golf on the Baytowne Golf Course on Thursday afternoon, or play a round of Putt Putt mini golf, something new we’ve added for all ages to enjoy.

Conference guests can make new friends at the Spouses’ Meet and Greet on Friday morning while attendees catch up on the latest information on Small Ruminants, Oncology, Behavior, Emergency Medicine, Gastrointestinal and Infectious Disease. Enjoy a friendly tennis tournament Friday afternoon on the resort’s world-class HydroGrid clay courts. Be sure to make plans to attend this year’s fun family event, the Linger on the Lawn, a fun night for everyone held on the Grand Sandestin lawn. There will be a bouncy house and games for the kids, and entertainment from the band Cool Rayz after dinner. A great time to visit with friends in a fun social setting.

Saturday offers another loaded morning of terrific CE courses in Dentistry, Dermatology, Exotics, Gastrointestinal, and Oncology. There will also be special programs for Poultry and Veterinary Technicians. Saturday evening is time to get together with classmates and catch up at the alumni reception. Look for your school and enjoy spending time with friends and colleagues.

Sunday starts off with a Fellowship breakfast and is followed by another great day of CE programs on Soft Tissue Surgery, Neurology, Dermatology, Dentistry/Oral Surgery, LEAP and Veterinary Technician programs. With numerous topics for educational growth, and resort activities for family
Dr. Dawn Boothe graduated from Texas A&M University in 1980 and completed an internship in small animal medicine and surgery at Auburn University. Back at Texas A&M University, she completed a MS in Physiology and Pharmacology, a residency in small animal internal medicine (becoming certified in 1985), a PharMA Fellowship in Clinical Pharmacology and a PhD in Clinical Pharmacology (1989). She is among the first class of diplomates in the American College of Veterinary Clinical Pharmacology (1991). In 1990, she joined the faculty at Texas A&M University in the Department of Veterinary Physiology and Pharmacology, becoming full professor in 2003. She joined the Department of Anatomy, Physiology and Pharmacology of Auburn University’s College of Veterinary Medicine as professor in 2003, with a joint appointment in the Department of Clinical Sciences. Boothe is director of the Clinical Pharmacology Laboratory which serves over 4000 veterinary practices. Her teaching responsibilities involve second through fourth year clinical students as well as graduate students. Her research interests range from molecular (particularly mechanisms of antimicrobial resistance in canine and feline E. coli) to clinical trials. Boothe is the author of the American Animal Hospital Association’s Small Animal Formulary and Small Animal Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics. She has been awarded a University Achievement Award in Teaching at Texas A&M University, the Jack Mara Scientific Achievement Award for Scientific Achievement awarded by the American College of Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care for contributions in Clinical Pharmacology and the Zoetis (previously Pfizer) Award for Excellence in Research. Boothe is past president of the ACVCP. She currently is a member of the American Veterinary Medical Association’s Task Force on Veterinary Compounding and has been both a delegate to the United States Pharmacopeia Convention and a member of the Nomenclature and Labeling Expert Committee since 2000. Join us in welcoming Dr. Boothe to the 2016 ECVC Conference.
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**WEDNESDAY  June 1, 2016**

11 a.m. – GVMA Board Meeting; 1 p.m. – ALVMA Board Meeting; 4 p.m. – ALVMA Business Meeting, 5 – 6:30 p.m. – OPENING KICKOFF IN EXHIBIT HALL

**THURSDAY  June 2, 2016**

6:30 - 7 a.m. – Coffee in the exhibit hall
7 - 7:50 a.m. – Azalea Ballroom (1 hr.) Veterinary Compounding: The current State of Affairs - Dawn Boothe, DVM, MS, PhD
7:50 - 9:20 a.m. – Breakfast in the exhibit hall; 11 - 11:20 a.m. – Break
1 - 2:30 p.m. – ALVMA Awards Lunch; 2:30 - 5 p.m. – ALVMA Foundation; 1:30 - 5 p.m. – ECVC Golf outing (18 holes on Baytowne Golf Course)

**FRIDAY  June 3, 2016**

6:30 - 7 a.m. – Coffee in the Exhibit Hall
8:40 - 10:10 a.m. – Breakfast in the Exhibit Hall; 11:50 a.m. - 12:10 p.m. – Break
8 a.m. - 12 p.m. – Poultry session - Bayside F/G
9 a.m. – Spouses Meet and Greet Breakfast; 1:30 - 5 p.m. – Pickup Tennis Tournament;
6:30 p.m. - 10 p.m. – Linger on the Lawn (Grand Lawn), Kid’s Games, Drinks, Dinner, entertainment by the band Cool Rayz

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**Wound Management**
Karen Tobias, DVM

9:20 - 11 a.m. (2 hrs)
1. Liver disease in toy breed dogs
2. Wound management

11:20 a.m. - 1 p.m. (2 hrs)
1. Wound closure techniques
2. Wound management

**Heartworm University**
Matthew W Miller, DVM, MS, DACVIM-Cardiology

9:20 - 11 a.m. (2 hrs)
Heartworm University

11:20 a.m. - 1 p.m. (2 hrs)
Heartworm University

**Emergency Medicine**
Bernie Hansen, DVM

9:20 - 11 a.m. (2 hrs)
Respiratory emergencies

11:20 a.m. - 1 p.m. (2 hrs)
Managing acute pain and complications of its treatment

**Infectious Disease**
Adam Birkenheuer, DVM, DACVIM, PhD

9:20 - 11 a.m. (2 hrs)
1. Fever of unknown origin
2. Practical approach to anemia and thrombocytopenia

11:20 a.m. - 1 p.m. (2 hrs)
1. Birkenheuer’s “bone pile”: Interesting internal medicine cases
2. Addison’s Disease: How to catch the “great pretender”

**USDA – Apis**
Melburn G. Stephens, DVM

9:20 - 11 a.m. (2 hrs)
Module 1 - Introduction to NVAP Module 2 - role of agencies, health certificates

**Pharmacy**
Dawn Boothe, DVM, MS, PhD

9:20 - 11 a.m. (2 hrs)
Antimicrobial resistance and design of antimicrobial dosing regimens with a focus on E. Coli

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**Small Ruminants**
David Anderson, DVM, MS, DACVS

7 - 8:40 a.m. (2 hrs)
1. Chemical restraint and pain management in camels
2. C-section and reproductive emergencies in small ruminants

10:10 - 11:50 a.m. (2 hrs)
1. Dental disease in camels
2. Fracture management in camels

12:10 - 1 p.m. (1 hr)
Gastrointestinal disease in camels

**Oncology**
Greg Ogilvie, DVM, DACVIM, DECvim-CA

7 - 8:40 a.m. (2 hrs)
1. Quality of life
2. Diagnostic secrets

10:10 - 11:50 a.m. (2 hrs)
1. 10 Cancer advances
2. Oncology emergencies

12:10 - 1 p.m. (1 hr)
Hemangiosarcoma, Osteosarcoma and Metastatic disease

**Behavior**
Terry Curtis, DVM, DACVB

7 - 8:40 a.m. (2 hrs)
1. Inter-Dog Aggression: Why Dogs Fight
2. Human-Directed Canine Aggression: Why Dogs Bite

10:10 - 11:50 a.m. (2 hrs)
Feline House-Soliling: Part 1 - Not Using the Litter Box Feline House-Soliling: Part 2 - Urine Marking

12:10 - 1 p.m. (1 hr)
Separation Anxiety in Dogs and Cats

**Emergency Medicine**
Bernie Hansen, DVM

7 - 8:40 a.m. (2 hrs)
Emergency and critical care procedures

10:10 - 11:50 a.m. (2 hrs)
Shock syndromes

12:10 - 1 p.m. (1 hr)
Fluid Therapy

**Gastrointestinal**
Michael Willard, DVM, MS

7 - 8:40 a.m. (2 hrs)
1. Disorders causing regurgitation – much more than just megaesophagus (1 hr)
2. Hematemesis/GI blood loss – ulcers are common and are commonly not even suspected

10:10 - 11:50 a.m. (2 hrs)
Chronic small bowel diarrhea in dogs – IBD is not remotely the most common cause

12:10 - 1 p.m. (1 hr)
Canine pancreatitis – the text books are wrong

**Infectious Disease**
Adam Birkenheuer, DVM, DACVIM, PhD

7 - 8:40 a.m. (2 hrs)
1. Seeing the forest through the trees: Getting the most out of your lab work
2. Cytauxzoonosis: a TREATABLE disease that is probably headed your way

10:10 - 11:50 a.m. (2 hrs)
1. Vector-Borne diseases: What tests to run and what to do with the results.
2. Leptospirosis: When to suspect, when to treat and should I consider vaccination?

12:10 - 1 p.m. (1 hr)
How to improve your diagnostic skills: The science behind clinical reasoning and why smart people do dumb things

**Practice Management**
Beth Scott, CPA

7 – 8:40 a.m. (2 hrs)
1. Veterinary Hospital Financial Benchmarks: National Trends that Lead to Profitability
2. Top 20% Most Profitable Hospital Benchmarks and Trends

10:10 – 11:50 a.m. (2 hrs)
1. Key Performance Indicators: Compiling Your Hospital’s KPIs into an Effective Management Tool
2. Managing Labor & Direct Costs

12:10 – 1 p.m. (1 hr)
Profit Enhancement: Leading Your Team to Improve the Bottom Line
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#### SATURDAY  June 4, 2016

**8:40 - 10:10 a.m.** — Breakfast in the exhibit hall

**11:50 a.m. - 12:10 p.m.** — Break

**8:00 a.m. - 12 p.m.** — Poultry session - Bayside F/G

**5 - 6:30 p.m.** — Alumni receptions (Auburn, Georgia, Mississippi State, Florida and Tuskegee)

### Oncology

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| 7 - 8:40 a.m. (2 hrs) | 1. Mast cell tumors  
2. Canine Lymphoma |
| 10:10 - 11:50 a.m. (2 hrs) | 1. Soft tissue sarcomas  
2. Oral Melanoma |
| 12:10 - 1 p.m. (1 hr) | Antioxidants, Bladder tumors and bladder biopsy techniques |

### Exotics

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| 7 - 8:40 a.m. | 1. Medicine of guinea pigs and rabbits  
2. Surgery of guinea pigs and rabbits |
| 10:10 - 11:50 a.m. | 1. Case presentations: guinea pigs and rabbits  
2. Geriatric diseases of pet birds |
| 12:10 - 1 p.m. (1 hr) | Chelonian shell repair |

### Gastrointestinal

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| 7 - 8:40 a.m. (2 hrs) | 1. Protein-losing enteropathies in dogs  
2. Chronic large bowel diarrheas in dogs |
| 10:10 - 11:50 a.m. (2 hrs) | 1. Congenital portosystemic shunts in dogs — much more common and complex than people think  
2. Chronic hepatic diseases in dogs |
| 12:10 - 1 p.m. (1 hr) | Biliary tract diseases |

### Dentistry

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| 7 - 8:40 a.m. (2 hrs) | 1. Oral exam: Part 1 More is missed by not looking than not knowing  
2. Oral exam: Part 2 Intraoral radiography |
| 10:10 - 11:50 a.m. (2 hrs) | 1. Broken faces and other emergencies  
2. Preventing anesthesia complications in the dental patient |
| 12:10 - 1 p.m. (1 hr) | Stress free mandibular canine extractions |

### Dermatology

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| 10:10 - 11:50 a.m. | 1. Breed related dermatoses  
2. Dermatology emergencies…Really? |

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#### SUNDAY  June 5, 2016

**6:30 - 7 a.m.** — Coffee in the hallway outside of classrooms;  
8:40 - 9 a.m. — Break in classroom hallways;  
10:40 - 10:50 a.m. — Break in classroom hallways

**7 - 8 a.m.** — Fellowship breakfast

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| 7 - 8:40 a.m. (2 hrs) | 1. GDV update  
2. Intestinal surgery: Why did it leak? |
| 9 - 10:40 a.m. (2 hrs) | 1. Intestinal surgery in cats: How does it differ?  
2. Urinary tract obstruction in cats |
| 10:50 – 11:40 a.m. (1 hr) | Videos of Practical GI Surgical Procedures |

### Neurology

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| 7 - 8:40 a.m. | 1. Vestibular disease in the dog and cat: An overview and treatment  
2. Diagnosis and management of paresis and back pain in dogs |
| 9:00 - 10:40 a.m. (2 hrs) | 1. Inflammatory diseases of the CNS  
2. Management of Epilepsy in dogs: From simple to complex |

### Dermatology

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| 7 - 8:40 a.m. (2 hrs) | 1. Is it MRSA? A case based update on Staphylococcal infections  
2. Challenges in Dermatology: Resistant Otitis |
| 9 - 10:40 a.m. (2 hrs) | 1. Feline dentistry  
2. Oronasal fistulas in dogs |

### Dentistry/Oral Surgery

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| 7 - 8:40 a.m. | 1. What’s new in veterinary dentistry Part 1  
2. What’s new in veterinary dentistry Part 2 |
| 9 - 10:40 a.m. (2 hrs) | 1. What went wrong  
2. Enhancing the client experience: A best practices workshop |

### LEAP Legal and Pharmacy

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| 7 - 8:40 a.m. (2 hrs) | 10 things practice leaders can do for a healthier team and practice  
2. Support of the Pain and Stress Free Patient Experience: What's out there to help? |
| 9 - 10:40 a.m. (2 hrs) | The Human Animal Bond and the Client and Patient Experience: Make them love you. |

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## Poultry Program

### Friday, June 3 (8 a.m. - Noon)

**Moderator - Dr. Karen Burns Grogan**

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<td>Investigation of Enterococcus cecorum</td>
<td>Luke Borst</td>
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<td>Nutrition for broiler breeders</td>
<td>Dave Burnham</td>
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<td>Biossulture programs for coccidiosis</td>
<td>Jeff Courtney</td>
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<td>Evaluation of bone defects in coccidia vaccinated broilers fed high calcium diets</td>
<td>Victoria Drouet</td>
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<td>Caution: Don't Query 'White Chicks'… it's not what you think</td>
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<td>Practical biosecurity</td>
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### Saturday, June 4 (8 a.m. - Noon)

**Moderator - Dr. John Glisson**

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<td>Compartmentalization for Primary Breeders</td>
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### 2016 Poultry Program Speakers

- Dr. Monique Franca: Assistant Professor, PDRC, University of Georgia
- Dr. Luke Borst: Assistant Professor, College of Veterinary Medicine, NC State University
- Dr. Dave Burnham: Corporate Nutritionist, House of Raeford
- Dr. Jeff Courtney: Veterinarian, Pilgrim's Pride
- Dr. Chuck Hofacre: Professor, PDRC, University of Georgia
- Dr. Victoria Drouet: MAM Candidate, PDRC, UGA
- Dr. Phil Stayer: Corporate Veterinarian, Sanderson Farms
- Dr. Joel Cline: Veterinarian, Wayne Farms
- Dr. Brian Jordan: Assistant Professor, Depts of Poultry Science and Population Health, UGA
- Dr. Don Ritter: Veterinarian, Mountaire Farms
- Dr. Tyler Gamble: MAM Candidate, PDRC, UGA
- Dr. Dulmelis “DG” Sandu: MAM Candidate, PDRC, UGA
- Dr. Travis Schaal: Veterinarian, Hyline International
- Dr. Denise Brinson: Senior Coordinator, NPIP
- Dr. Doug Anderson: Veterinary Director South GA, Georgia Poultry Laboratory Network
- Dr. Tami Kelly: Director, Mitchem Sparks Veterinary Diagnostic Lab, Boaz, AL

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| Thurs-Fri | Fri-Sat | Sat-Sun | Thurs-Sat | Thurs-Sun | Fri-Sun |
| Vet Tech/Staff/Practice Managers* | $295 | $395 |
| Recent Grad* | $250 |
| Spouse/Guest* | $75 |
| Spouse/Guest Name: ____________________________ | 
| Purchasing Agent* | $25 |
| Student* | $100 (limited to first 15 students) |

| Proceedings | 
| Printed Proceedings (FREE) | Flash/jump drive ($50) |
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| Availability of continuing education is not guaranteed after May 6. |

| Continuing Ed | 
| Thursday, June 2 | 
| I plan to attend the morning keynote session |
| Backyard poultry | Emergency Medicine | Heartworm University |
| Infectious Diseases | Pharmacy | USDA - APHIS | Wound Management |
| Friday, June 3 | 
| Behavior | Emergency Medicine | Gastrointestinal | Infectious Diseases | Oncology |
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| Alumni Meeting (Sat.) | Free |
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1. Member pricing includes ALVMA/GVMA members and members of any other state VMA.
3. Veterinary technician/staff registration includes the technician track on 6/4 & 6/5. Veterinary technicians may attend other sessions outside of the technician tracks at the veterinarian's discretion.
4. Recent graduates are DVMs who graduated from veterinary college in 2015 or 2016.
5. Spouse/guest badges are required for guests who wish to access the exhibit hall, including the daily breakfast. No one will be allowed admission to the exhibit hall without a badge. Children under 16 are not permitted in the exhibit hall 6/2 – 6/4.
6. Admission to exhibit hall only from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm 6/2-4. Does not include breakfast.

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SCAVMA member profile

ALVMA Tuskegee Student Representative

Name: Adam Griffith

What inspired you to pursue a career in veterinary medicine?
Since I was a child, I have always loved working with and rescuing animals. Growing up I was told I was going to be a veterinarian because my family members and close friends saw the compassion I had for animals. Along with their motivation and my desire to help animals, the decision to pursue a career in veterinary medicine was effortless.

What type of veterinary medicine do you want to practice and why did you choose it?
I would like to practice small animal medicine. I feel that small animal medicine has a more diverse client base, which will allow me to see a wide variety of disease and conditions.

Who is your role model/mentor?
My mother is my role model.

What do you enjoy most about your veterinary medicine?
Veterinary medicine grants me the opportunity to implement my critical thinking and problem solving skills. I enjoy the thrill of searching solutions.

How did you get involved with the ALVMA?
As the Tuskegee University School of Veterinary Medicine SCAVMA president, I was required to give quarterly reports and updates concerning our chapter during the ALVMA board meetings.

What is the hardest part of veterinary school?
The hardest part of veterinary school is having to study, take classes, and be in clinical rotations all at the same time. It has been a challenge to embrace the fact that I no longer have free time.

What advice can you offer someone entering veterinary school?
Veterinary school is not impossible; however, it can be challenging. The thing that makes it so challenging is that you are getting an abundance of information all at once. One important factor to veterinary school and being successful is adequate time management. My advice would be to study and stay on top of the material. Do not procrastinate, and spend at least 20 minutes a day reviewing material.

Where do you see yourself in five years?
In five years, I see myself working as a successful small animal practitioner and business owner in southern California. Hopefully, by that time I will be almost finished paying off my student loans from veterinary school.

Why would you recommend that someone join ALVMA?
The ALVMA has the best interest of veterinarians in mind, and it would be beneficial to be a member of this prestigious organization.

How has being involved with the AVMA Student Chapter helped you?
Being involved with the AVMA Student Chapter has afforded me the opportunity to work with my fellow classmates, peers, TUSVM faculty, staff and alumni on issues that deal more with students rather than veterinary medicine.

How has being involved with the ALVMA helped you professionally?
Being involved with the ALVMA has allowed me to network with and meet veterinarians from a variety of specialties and career paths.

What is the last movie you watched?
The last movie I watched was “London has Fallen.”
When I’m not working, you’ll find me in Williams Bowie Hall studying and laughing with my friends who are also supposed to be studying.

What has been the most memorable part of your college experience?
I don’t think I have a most memorable part of my college experience; the entire experience has been memorable.

What was the last song you sang?
The last song I sang was “I Feel Good” by Fred Hammond.

What do you feel will be your biggest challenge just starting out?
I believe the biggest challenge to me starting out is figuring out what to do with all of my free time.

Where would you go if you could go anywhere? Why?
I would go to Argentina because I have been to six of the nine continents, and I have not been to South America yet.

If you were stranded on an island, what three things would you want to have?
I would want to have sunglasses, a beach chair, and a good book.

What accomplishment are you most proud of?
I am most proud of my matriculation through veterinary school thus far while remaining in good academic standing.

What makes you laugh out loud?
Hearing a good clean joke and Terry Perry’s character “Madea” make me laugh out loud.

Professionally, if you could change something, what would it be?
I would get rid of student loans.

What is your favorite quote?
My favorite quote is “If you do what you love you’ll never work a day in your life” by Marc Anthony.

If you could meet anyone (dead or living) who would it be and what would you ask them?
It would be President Barack Obama. I would ask him how much sleep does he get on an average day while holding one of the most stressful jobs in the world, and what was it like being the first African American President.

What five adjectives best describe you?
Dedicated, determined, objective, compassionate, and self motivated are adjectives I would use to describe myself.

When was the last time you did something for someone else and what was it?
Yesterday, I made dinner for my friend because she was studying for an important exam.

I still want to...
...learn how to speak Spanish fluently and play the guitar.

New ALVMA Member Benefit!
The ALVMA has partnered with LifeLock, Inc. to offer ALVMA members a group rate which offers security and savings. LifeLock, the leader in identity theft protection, works relentlessly to protect their members’ identities so they can live freely with confidence in an always-connected world. From early detection and alerts to world-class remediation, LifeLock has the tools to help make personal information safer and more secure, giving members peace of mind. Learn more about LifeLock, Inc. and the plan that would best suite your needs at http://store.lifelock.com/enrollment. Use promo code ALVMA.
The ALVMA continues to distribute press releases to statewide media and the Medivets listserv based on preventive health care and seasonal topics. Press releases on Walk Your Pet Month, Pet Dental Health Care Month, National Poison Prevention Month and Heartworm Prevention Month have been sent out this year. Additional information from the ALVMA Public Health Committee was distributed on Mosquito Born Diseases. A news release was distributed promoting the new ALVMF Spay/Neuter tag design and the overall program. This year’s ECVC conference brochure was mailed out to over 17,500 veterinarians in Alabama and surrounding states. We continue to send out monthly eNewsletters with valuable information for members. If you are not receiving these, please contact the ALVMA office or log in to the website and check your email address and settings. Like us on Facebook, and share our posts with your friends and clients. Find information on current veterinary topics updated regularly and posted on the ALVMA website for your convenience.

2016 PR calendar

January
Walk Your Pet Month
February
National Pet Dental Health Month
World Spay Day - February 24
March
Poison Prevention Awareness Month
April
National Heartworm Awareness Month
World Veterinary Day - Last Saturday in April
May
National Dog Bite Prevention Week - May 15-21
June
ALVMA Awards Recognition
July
Pet Safety in the Summer Heat
August
Check the Chip Day - August 15
September
World Rabies Day - September 28
October
Our Oath in Action Event
November
National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week (First full week of November starting with a Sunday)
December
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ALVMA Member Benefit: Upcoming educational webinar topics

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1) Contracts & Negotiations: May 11, 2016
* How to calculate your value to your employer
* What can you negotiate into your contract
* What are standard benefits to expect
* Common Clauses in contracts such as non-compete clause

2) Finances: July 6, 2016
* Managing your monthly expenses
* Managing your Cash Flow

3) Student Loan Repayment Options: September 14, 2016
* Detailed commentary on current options
* How to choose the right repayment option for you

4) Protecting Assets: November 9, 2016
* Financial products and service you need
* Disability, Life, Personal Liability Insurance
* Financial Documents everyone should have for protection

* Investing and planning ideas to take advantage of what the tax code allows
What inspired you to pursue a career in veterinary medicine?
Being able to combine an interest in medicine with a love of animals.

What type of veterinary medicine do you want to practice and why did you choose it?
Undecided, I am currently leaning towards small animal medicine.

Who is your role model/mentor?
My role model/mentor is Dr. Kendon Kuo, an Emergency and Critical Care Clinician at AUCVM. I look up to his ability treat animals while remaining goofy and passionate about teaching students.

Why would you recommend that someone join ALVMA?
Meet great people and to be a part of an encouraging environment that supports being part of a community and continuing education.

What do you enjoy most about your veterinary medicine?
Helping animals when they cannot help themselves.

How has being involved with the ALVMA helped you professionally?
Connections and continuing education opportunities.

What is your favorite quote?
“All of the animal except for man know that the principle business of life is to enjoy it” –Samuel Butler.

What was the last song you sang?
“Save it for a rainy day” –Kenny Chesney.

What do you feel will be your biggest challenge just starting out?
Confidence.

Where would you go if you could go anywhere? Why?
Fiji - relaxing water wildlife

If you were stranded on an island, what three things would you want to have?
Dog, blanket, clean water.

What accomplishment are you most proud of?
Getting into vet school, and succeeding thus far.
What do you think has been the most significant change/advancement in veterinary medicine in the last five years?
The increased focus on wellness, preventative medicine, and the incorporation of acupuncture/holistic medicine in the veterinary field.

What is your simplest pleasure?
Ice cream.

What makes you laugh out loud?
My own awkwardness.

What book are you reading?
"Anatomy of the Horse" haha.

What adjectives best describe you?
Driven, fun, happy.

Professionally, if you could change something, what would it be?
Clients believing that veterinary visits are expensive because we want it that way.

When was the last time you did something for someone else and what was it?
Letting friends’ dogs out when they are having a stressful/busy day.

If you could meet anyone (dead or living) who would it be and what would you ask them?
Dr. Wilford Bailey, he must have been an amazing person to get such a great Veterinary Teaching Hospital named after him. I would ask him about his time at Auburn and his advice for a young veterinarian.

I still want to learn how to...
...proficiently ride a horse!

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Second Companion Animal Theriogenology Resident

Dr. Carla Barstow joined the College of Veterinary Medicine as a recipient of the American Kennel Club Theriogenology Foundation Companion Animal Residency in Theriogenology.

Auburn is one of four veterinary medicine colleges nationally to receive a companion animal residency, and Dr. Bartow is Auburn’s second resident to be fully funded by the AKC/ AKC Canine Health Foundation.

Barstow earned her DVM from the University of Minnesota, and entered private practice in Florida, where she was encouraged to expand her theriogenology training.

“We are excited to have this residency position and Dr. Barstow, who has extensive experience in the dog show arena,” says Dr. Robyn Wilborn, a faculty clinician in the Theriogenology Service.

“We are proud to continue our ongoing commitment to canine health research,” said Dennis Sprung, president and CEO of the AKC. “Helping to cultivate future veterinarians and health researchers is essential to the wellbeing of all dogs.”

“Purpose-bred dogs make valuable contributions to our society from helping those with disabilities to public safety,” said Dr. Charles Franz, executive director of the Theriogenology Foundation. “The developments made in clinical theriogenology enhance responsible dog breeders’ ability to produce healthy litters that can continue to aid our societal needs.”

Faculty Perform Surgery on Kentucky Derby Winner

Auburn veterinary medicine faculty Dr. Hui-Chu Lin and Glen Sellers were part of a medical team that performed surgery on Kentucky Derby winning horse War Emblem.

They served as the anesthesiologists to geld the championship horse, and were called into service because of their expertise and relationship with Dr. Bryan Waldridge ’91, the veterinarian at Old Friends, a thoroughbred retirement home in Georgetown, Ky., where War Emblem lives.

The 2002 Kentucky Derby and Preakness Stakes winner came to Old Friends in 2015, when he was returned to the U.S. by Japanese owners, who purchased the horse in 2003. U.S. law required imported stallions to cover two mares twice to ensure they are not infected with or a carrier of Contagious Equine Metritis.

“We tried everything and exhausted every option, but War Emblem refused to breed his mares, and so we were left with no choice but to geld him,” said Dr. Waldridge.

At 17 years old, War Emblem was a high risk for a gelding operation. “It is not often that we are called upon to anesthetize a high profile horse like War Emblem, and his being a race horse and his age made anesthesia more challenging,” Dr. Lin said.

Dr. van Ginkel Remembered

Dr. Frederik W. van Ginkel, who died Feb. 20, is remembered for his efforts to advance the research and graduate instruction mission. He was 59.

“Frits was a dedicated scholar and a proponent of rigorous graduate education,” said Dean Calvin Johnson. “He integrated graduate education into research by serving on numerous graduate advisory committees. Frits’ collegiality, scientific discernment, and contributions to the scientific and educational work of our institution will be deeply missed.”

Dr. van Ginkel had been a faculty member in the Department of Pathobiology since 2004. He was active in research in mucosal immune responses as well as training graduate-level students as well as DVM students. In recent years, he contributed extensively to collaborative projects investigating the immune response of chickens to viral infections and vaccines.

New Equine Surgery Faculty

Dr. Lindsey Boone, Ph.D., DACVS-LA, recently joined the college as an assistant clinical professor of equine surgery.

Dr. Boone was in an equine sports medicine and surgery referral practice in Tryon, N.C., prior to joining Auburn. She earned her DVM from the University of Georgia, completed an internship in large animal medicine and surgery at Texas A&M University, and a large animal surgery residency at UGA.

She served as a large animal clinical instructor in Equine Surgery at Georgia while completing her Ph.D. in physiology and pharmacology.

Students Conducting Preceptorships

The Class of 2016 is spending the remaining weeks of their education under the supervision of veterinarians around the world, gaining real-world experience in their chosen disciplines. The eight-week preceptorship allows students to apply what they have learned in classrooms, laboratories, and clinical rotations.

The 116 students have chosen a variety of specializations and locations – 27 are gaining professional experience in Alabama, 24 are in Kentucky, and others are more distant, including Germany, Hawaii, San Diego and Hardin, Mont.

More on the College; Events

For more about the college, as well as a calendar of events and activities, go online to www.vetmed.auburn.edu.
Tuskegee’s School of Veterinary Medicine Host First Annual Toy Drive for Tots at George Washington Carver Elementary School

TUSVM showed the spirit of giving through hosting the First Annual Toy Drive for Tots on Dec. 11 at the George Washington Carver (GWC) Elementary School located in Tuskegee.

“The 2015 ‘Toy Drive for Tots’ was an inspired vision between the veterinary students and the TUSVM administration. So as the semester came to a close, we were all reminded of the true spirit of the holiday season and to be thankful and giving,” said Dr. Ruby Perry, dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine, Nursing and Allied Health (CVMNAH).

GWC Elementary School had a total of 288 boys and girls in all three classes consisting of pre-kindergarten, kindergarten and first grade. TUSVM had the goal of providing each child in these classes with one gift. To accomplish this, the school was divided into three sections: TUSVM’s senior class (fourth year students) – gifts for the Pre-k children; TUSVM second and third year students – gifts for the kindergarten children; and TUSVM first year students and the faculty and staff – gifts for the first grade children.

Since the Class of 2019 (Liz Griffin, president) was responsible for the holiday decorations, they also took the lead with organizing the toy drive with the other veterinary students, and was also responsible for providing Santa and Santa’s elves. The TUSVM faculty and staff assisted as Santa’s helpers to distribute the toys to the students.

“I am truly proud of our students, faculty and staff because a giving spirit is what they expressed with the children at GWC Elementary School. The little ones were so appreciative and precious. For some, this gift may very well have been the only one they received at Christmas,” Perry said.

The teachers and administration at George Washington Carver Elementary School and the Macon County School Board were very appreciative that the Tuskegee University School of Veterinary Medicine had selected their students to participate in the inaugural “Toy Drive for Tots” program.

“I agree with Dean Perry that our TUSVM family truly came together to make the toy drive a success. Not only did each child receive one toy but we had additional toys available in which we donated to GWC’s toy drive as well,” said Dr. Roslyn Casimir, associate dean for student affairs in the CVMNAH.

TUSVM Class of 2019… First Class Selected Through the Veterinary Medical College Application Service

The historic move of TUSVM joining the Veterinary Medical College Application Service (VMCAS) was officially recognized with the first year class of 2019. TUSVM joined VMCAS in spring of 2015 and realized the benefit of the service with the application period for the 2015-2016 year which started on May 13, 2015. Student applications for enrollment in the fall of 2016 at TUSVM were accepted through the VMCAS website at http://www.aavmc.org/Students-Applicants-and-Advisors.aspx. Prior to VMCAS, TUSVM processed applications in-house. VMCAS is managed by the Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges.

“I pushed for the change when I was interim dean. The scope of VMCAS, combined with its ability to integrate information and the continual addition of technological enhancements, made it simply the best option for TUSVM. VMCAS gives us exposure to an expanded applicant base and access to a greater suite of applicant services,” said Dr. Ruby Perry, dean.

The Tuskegee University School of Veterinary Medicine (TUSVM) held a two-day Orientation Program on Aug. 18-19, 2015 to introduce the first-year class (Class of 2019) to the veterinary medical school.

Phi Zeta Research Day Awards

The Fourth Annual Phi Zeta Research Day was held on Friday afternoon in conjunction with the 16th Annual Biomedical Research Symposium. The purpose of Phi Zeta Research Day is in line with the mission of the Phi Zeta Veterinary Honor Society, which is “to recognize and promote scholarship and research in matters pertaining to the welfare and diseases of animals.” The Phi Zeta Research Day committee thanks the following companies for their generous sponsorship of the students’ awards: Zoetis, Purina, Bayer and Royal Canin.

During the Research Day event, the students shared their research with the scientific community as well as shared their data with the diverse audience.
The Spring semester has begun at Auburn University and Auburn’s SCAVMA has many exciting meetings and events planned for the semester. The chapter welcomed students back to Auburn after winter break with an annual social event which allowed for students to take a night to catch up before classes resumed.

Starting off the semester Dr. Cherie Buisson, a Mississippi State Graduate, owner of Helping Hands Pet Hospice, and a featured author for DrAndyrkoark.com presented “A Happy Vet.” Dr. Buisson’s lecture taught students about work-life balance, self-care, and compassion fatigue. Next, Dr. Donna Sollie, an expert on mentoring as well as the Assistant Provost for Women’s initiatives at Auburn University gave a schoolwide lecture on “MENToring and WOMENtoring the Veterinarians of the 21st Century.” This event was coordinated by Dr. Charlie Hendrix and funded by a grant that AUCVM received from the AVMA.

The most popular event of the semester so far was a joint lunch lecture with VBMA featuring Ethan Dawe. Ethan Dawe is the Owner and Founder of Innovative Financial Solutions. He has been hired by the Alabama VMA to meet individually with our students to assist us with information on finances, debt management, and loan repayment. His lunch meeting provided information on loan repayment, taxes, budgeting, and how to live with student debt.

We are very excited about our Annual Silent Auction on April 1, 2016 which will raise money to support Auburn Veterinary Students traveling to the AVMA Symposium. This year a plethora of students are traveling to symposium including members of our Executive Board and members of Auburn’s Palpation Team.

Upcoming meetings for this semester include an active shooter training given by Chance Corbett, the Associate director of Emergency Management for the Auburn university Department of Public Safety and Security. The last meeting of the semester will be a joint meeting with Zoetis. Dr. Brad Fields and Dr. James Wenzel will be presenting on emergency preparedness. SCAVMA Members will also be participating in the first annual OTS 5K. They money raised from this event will go to a variety of Cancer organizations.

In terms of wellness events at Auburn, SCAVMA is in the process of planning our annual Stress and Wellness Week. This week will have themed days that include Meditation Monday, Talk it out Tuesday, Water Wednesday, Therapy Thursday, and Food Friday. We hope to incorporate fun stress relieving activities such as massages and meditation with the importance of nutrition. The program will once again be fully funded by the All for Students Grant.

In regards to next semester, we are looking forward to our 2nd Annual Tails and Trails 5K in the middle of August. We hope to have more information out about this event in the near future!

Tuskegee & Auburn White coat ceremonies

Drs. T.C. Branch, Dan Kuykendall, and Brad Fields attended the TUSVM White Coat ceremony on November 2, 2015. Dr. Branch coated the Alabama veterinary students during the evening, and provided leadership and congratulatory remarks to the Class of 2017.

Drs. T.C. Branch and Dan Kuykendall attended the official AUCVM White Coat ceremony on January 31, 2016. Dr. Branch coated the Alabama veterinary students during the evening, and provided leadership and congratulatory remarks to the Class of 2017. A reception and social gathering was held immediately before the ceremony. Friends, family, and associates of the honored students were well represented!
Dear ALVMA,

Thank you for your support of Tuskegee University School of Veterinary Medicine’s chapter of SCAVMA. In appreciation of your generosity, we would like to share with you the activities we have been able to provide for our students and what is to come!

Our biggest event thus far was our first Spay/Neuter Day! It was a great success with 23 surgeries that involved 80% participation from faculty and students. Due to their support and the support of our sponsors, we were able to provide these surgeries at no cost to the local community. We hope to continue this event as a tradition that is offered every semester so that we can have a great educational experience for our students while giving back to the community. Our sponsors included Humane Society Veterinary Medical Association, AVMA All for Funding, Veterinary Products Laboratories (VPL), Omega Tau Sigma, and Bovine Club.

We also held two Lunch & Learns with Ms. Felicia Watson from AVMA Life. Ms. Watson gave us some very informative lectures about proper résumé writing skills and interview etiquette. It was a great two-day series that surely profited our students, as this is knowledge they will be using now and into their future careers. We hope to continue providing speakers such as Ms. Watson so our students can learn about those skills that are not typically part of the veterinary curriculum but are highly beneficial in the “real world.”

Two students represented our school at the Legislative Fly-In sponsored by SAVMA and the AVMA Governmental Relations Division. Tuskegee SCAVMA was able to provide for these students to travel to Washington, D.C. to meet with fellow veterinary students and veterinarians in this two-day workshop. The Legislative Fly-In introduced our students to the legislative process and even allowed them to participate in lobbying Congress on the “Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program (VMLRP) Enhancement Act” (S. 440) and the reauthorization of the “Higher Education Act.”

Our future endeavors for the remaining semester is to promote healthy lifestyles via a “TUSVM SCAVMA Health Week.” During this week we are encouraging students to participate in exercise, meditation, and healthy diets via themed days such as Meditation/Motivation Monday, Water Wednesday, Trail Mix Thursday and Fit Friday. We are even offering prizes to winners of a week-long step competition and giving out various prizes and awards to participants.

To continue providing such activities, we are holding a Silent Auction. With donations from local businesses, we are able to advertise for them while raising funds for Tuskegee SCAVMA to continue our work. We hope it will be a great success, so feel free to join us at the auction or with donations!

All these things would not be possible without your support and the participation of our students, faculty and staff. We are proud to say that TUSVM’s overall SCAVMA membership is at 95 percent with 100 percent membership in the first, second, and third year classes. We hope through these experiences, Tuskegee students will take away lessons and skills to become amazing professionals.

Thank you again and keep looking out to see how your continued partnership with TUSVM SCAVMA yields a remarkable generation of veterinarians!

Sincerely,

TUSVM SCAVMA
Welcome new members
Please welcome those who have joined the Association since October 2015

Drs:
Shelby Agnew    Huntsville, AL    Auburn 2013
Brian Anderson  Foley, AL        Tennessee 2011
Scarlett Anderson Gulf Shores, AL  Auburn 2009
Emily Beason    Russellville, AL  Mississippi State 2015
James C. Brown  Florence, AL     Mississippi State 2013
Consuela Byrd   Jefferson, AL    Tuskegee 2008
Natalie Cane    Jefferson, AL    Louisiana State 2006
Roslyn Casimir Whittington Opelika, AL  Tuskegee 2002
Aida C. Jones    Madison, AL     Mississippi State 1994
Kimberly Crosslin Mobile, AL       Auburn 2014
David Dismukes  Birmingham, AL      Auburn 2004
Devin Doherty   Opelika, AL       St. George’s-West Indies 2011
William Earley  Hoover, AL        Auburn 2005
Aimee Emory-Crow Montgomery, AL    Auburn 2004
Katryna Fleer    Richwood, WV     UC-Davis 2008
Nikki Hamilton-Cox Shelby, AL      Florida 2000
Dayna Haupt     Hoover, AL        St. George’s-West Indies 2011
Rhessa Houston  Jefferson, AL    Tuskegee 2007
Elizabeth Irizarry Montgomery, AL   Auburn 2012
Mark Jandrlich  Rainbow City, AL  Auburn 1985
Kandace Jordan  Jefferson, AL     Auburn 2000
Natalie Kane    Birmingham, AL    Auburn 1987
Amy Knight      Atmore, AL        Auburn 1984
Johnna Lee      Morgan, AL       Ross- West Indies 2008
Lorraine Linn   Selma, AL        North Carolina State 1990
Laura Macedon  a Morgan, AL      Auburn 2015
Michelle Madison Stevenson, AL       Auburn 2015
Rachel Moe      Mobile, AL        Pennsylvania 2009
Sylvia Moore    Madison, AL       Tuskegee 2007
Sarah Prather  Baldwin, AL        Mississippi State 2014
Ashley Randle  Montgomery, AL    Auburn 2009
Jocelyn Richardson Dothan, AL    Auburn 2008
Katherine Schmidt Madison, AL    Auburn 2015
Charla Sims    Madison, AL        Auburn 2003
Sarah Tankersley Madison, AL     Mississippi State 2013
Jennifer Thompson Tuscumbia, AL    Tennessee 2013
Alan Younk      Saint Louis, MO  Iowa State 1983

Fourteen former members have been reinstated:
Drs.
Susan Hall              Laura Nicely
Joel Haynes             Beth Overton
Charles Hendrix         David Parvin
Eric Jensen             Tammy Stumpff
Linda Knight            Melissa Thompson
Susan Lockaby           Philip Smith
Lee Ann McGill          Robert Syfrett

In memoriam

Dr. Louis Charles “Bud” Cardinal, Jr., 87, longtime Montgomery resident died peacefully at home January 12. Dr. Cardinal was preceded in death by his parents: Louis Charles Cardinal and Ruth Watson Cardinal; a brother, Tom Watson Cardinal; two sisters, Ruth Maureen German and Winifred Davis Wells. Dr. Cardinal graduated from Hurst Military School in Montgomery and Alabama Polytechnic Institute (Auburn) with a B.S. Agriculture and a Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine. While at Auburn, he was a member of the Phi Delta Theta social fraternity and Omega Tau Sigma professional fraternity. He was a member of the Montgomery Rotary club and was recipient of the Paul Harris Fellowship Award as well as a long-term member of First United Methodist Church. Over his long career Dr. Cardinal practiced large and small animal medicine for the Montgomery Stockyard, Kenmore-Cardinal Animal Hospital and Cardinal-Dunn Animal Hospital. He served as president of both the Central Alabama Veterinary Medical Association and Alabama Veterinary Medical Association, 20 plus years as Legislative Chairman and was on the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners. He was a charter member of the American Heartworm Society and served both on the Alumni Council of Auburn School of Veterinary Medicine and the Advisory Committee of the Animal Sports Medicine Program. Dr. Cardinal was the recipient of the Alabama Veterinary Medical Association Distinguished Service Award. He was known for his innovative surgical procedures and passionate care of all his patients. Dr. Cardinal, a dedicated outdoorsman, conservationist, inspired and mentored many. His legacy toward the preservation and care of the flora and fauna of his beloved state of Alabama is evidence by his many contributions to the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and the Alabama Wildlife Federation. He served as a member and Chairman of the DCNR’s Conservation Advisory Board, where he worked diligently for positive game-and-fish laws and regulations. With the AWF he served as an officer and participated in numerous AWF projects. Upon retirement from veterinary medicine, he worked as Legislative Liaison for AWF. Of particular note was his leadership and work toward to establishment of the AWF Headquarters at Historic Lanark. Dr. Cardinal was a recipient of the AWF 1999 Walter L. Mims Lifetime Achievement Award and 2007 Conservation Educator of the Year. Most of all, Dr. Cardinal is perhaps best known for his keen interest in quail and bird dogs. He was a leader in bird-
dog field trials throughout the south and actively managed for both wild birds and development of workable quail release systems. He was a Board Member of the National Amateur Shooting Dog Championship Association and his white and liver pointer, War Eagle, is remembered by many for his win in the 1963 National Shooting Dog Championship at Union Springs, Alabama. At the time, Dr. Cardinal was one of the youngest, true amateurs to win the national title as owner, trainer and handler. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Clare Holmes Bowman Cardinal; children, Clare Cardinal-Tamplin Jr., Frank Mathison Tamplin, and the joys of his life, grandchildren Marye Tamplin, daughter and son-in-law Marye Bess and Brent Browning, son to win the national title as owner, trainer and handler. He attended Auburn University, where he was a member of Kappa Sigma social fraternity and Alpha Psi veterinary fraternity. He graduated in 1961 with a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree. After serving as an officer in the Army, John returned to Ozark to join Dr. J. P. Faust and later Dr. Bob Snell at Ozark Veterinary Clinic, where he practiced for over 40 years, retiring in 2005. John was an active, life-long member of First United Methodist Church of Ozark. He enjoyed his association with the Ozark Rotary Club, where he served as president and was a recipient of the Paul Harris Fellowship award. He was a long-time member and past president of Vivian B. Adams Board of directors and the Commercial Bank of Ozark Board of Directors. His true passion was serving on the Board of Trustees of Dale Medical Center for over 25 years and chairman of the hospital board for over 20 years. Dr. Tamplin was named Alabama Hospital Associations 2004 Trustee of the year for his devoted service to the health care community.

Dr. John Harris Tamplin of Ozark, AL, died Sunday, September 27, 2015, at his home. He was 79. Dr. Tamplin was preceded in death by his parents Annie Martha (Adams) and Louie Tamplin, his brother Louie Tamplin Jr., all of Ozark, and his cousin Amanda Adams Addington of Charleston, SC. Surviving relatives include his wife Marilyn Mathison Tamplin, daughter and son-in-law Marye Bess and Brent Browning, son Frank Mathison Tamplin, and the joys of his life, grandchildren Marye Grace, Anna Louise and Sara Harris Browning, and cousins Catherine Adams Waid of Dothan, Charlotte Adams Reeves of Eufaula and Joseph W. (Christine) Adams of Ozark. Dr. Tamplin was born July 10, 1936, in Dothan, AL. He graduated from Dale County High School in 1954 where he was very active in the scouting program, achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. He attended Auburn University, where he was a member of Kappa Sigma social fraternity and Alpha Psi veterinary fraternity. He graduated in 1961 with a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree. After serving as an officer in the Army, John returned to Ozark to join Dr. J. P. Faust and later Dr. Bob Snell at Ozark Veterinary Clinic, where he practiced for over 40 years, retiring in 2005. John was an active, life-long member of First United Methodist Church of Ozark. He enjoyed his association with the Ozark Rotary Club, where he served as president and was a recipient of the Paul Harris Fellowship award. He was a long-time member and past president of Vivian B. Adams Board of directors and the Commercial Bank of Ozark Board of Directors. His true passion was serving on the Board of Trustees of Dale Medical Center for over 25 years and chairman of the hospital board for over 20 years. Dr. Tamplin was named Alabama Hospital Associations 2004 Trustee of the year for his devoted service to the health care community.
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