Give Back to the Veterinary Profession

NMVMA Seeks Alternate Delegate for AVMA

Sadly, Dr. Don Dykhouse has chosen not to continue as AVMA Alternate Delegate from New Mexico. We are thankful to Dr. Dykhouse for representing NM for the past three years. He has served with passion, dignity and dedication and for that, we are very grateful. Thankfully, Dr. Dykhouse will be staying on until just after the AVMA Annual Conference in July.

The NMVMA is now seeking a dynamic individual to be the next AVMA Alternate Delegate. The next AVMA alternate delegate will have a unique opportunity to travel, learn and experience amazing adventures while helping fellow veterinarians and giving back to the profession! Qualifications that will be considered include: experience in organizations on a local, state or national level; excellent communication skills in order to convey concerns of the NMVMA to the AVMA and vice-versa. Furthermore, the AVMA Alternate Delegate must be able to perform the duties of the AVMA Delegate in the event of a temporary absence.

Approximately 2 weeks annually are spent attending out of state meetings. The Alternate Delegate will be expected to attend both the Leadership Conference and the AVMA Annual Conference. There is a House of Delegates meeting at both of these. Additional time, of course, will be required to prepare for these meetings. This individual will also have the ability to obtain CE while attending AVMA Leadership and the Annual Convention. Along with the AVMA Delegate, the Alternate Delegate will be invited to attend the NMVMA at the quarterly meetings. Although the AVMA pays for most of the travel expenses, delegates can expect to spend approximately $1,000 to $1,250 annually for incidentals and other expenses. In the past, as budget has allowed, the NMVMA has contributed some funds to help offset expenses.

In seeking a new Alternate Delegate, the new by-laws state that, “One delegate and one alternate shall be nominated by the Executive Board and approved by the general membership in accordance with the election procedures, presented in Article II, Section 3, e.” This position is a three year term. At this time, we would welcome the names and resumes of anyone interested in this position.

NMVMA Represented at Two National Meetings

The AVMA Veterinary Leadership Conference was held in Chicago this past January 8 – 10 in Chicago. The mission of the Veterinary Leadership Conference is to ‘develop leaders for the benefit of the individual and the veterinary profession’. This meeting also serves as the Winter Session, where delegates review, discuss and vote on various resolutions and amendments which effect our profession.

The NMVMA was represented by President Linda Locklar and President-Elect T. Murt Byrne. Megin Nichols, DVM, was selected to attend as the NMVMA emerging leader. Also in attendance from New Mexico were our delegate and alternate: Terry Jantzen and Don Dykhouse, and AASRP President, Jim Fallen.

The conference is mainly made up of workshops designed to increase state associations and AVMA member’s awareness in areas of legislative advocacy, communications and personal growth. It is also a great opportunity for leaders of state organizations to get together and discuss the problems and possible solutions which affect us all.

An important part of the VLC involves the district caucus meetings. This is an afternoon session held separately by members of the AVMA's eleven districts. New Mexico is in district IX, (AZ, CO KS, NM, OK UT). After some discussion regarding the proposed amendments and resolutions which delegates will vote on in the coming sessions, state leaders were allowed time to discuss more local topics. Representing the NMVMA, Dr Byrne reported on the on-going scope of practice issue with the chiropractors. He thanked many of the other state association leaders and AVMA staff who had helped with information and language during our negotiations in the 2009 legislative session. Although no legislation was proposed, significant progress has been made in our legislative awareness and advocacy. The NMVMA expressed our desires and concerns for a more proactive and enforceable practice act.

It was evident that most of the issues New Mexico faces are issues other states have or are also dealing with. Scope of practice and practice act enforcement are major concerns, as they were at last year’s caucus meetings, and the AVMA State Legislative Advocacy meeting held last November in Tampa, FL (attended by Dr. Byrne and NMVMA Executive Director, Tamara Spooner).

The involvement of the NMVMA in these national meetings is essential in our State legislative dealings. The information and networking between state associations is invaluable in our ability to protect our profession, patients and clients at the legislative level.

For more information please visit AVMA.org
My Friends, Fellow NMVMA members, and Allied members,

The annual NMVMA directory is one of the benefits and tools of the New Mexico Veterinary Medical Association. Just a few years ago the directory was purchased by members at a nominal cost to help offset the cost of publishing this valuable tool. We no longer charge members for the annual directory. Thanks to the efforts of Tamara Spooner, our association’s Executive Director, and the work of the NMVMA Board, you will find this year’s directory to be even more useful with a listing of specialist members, alternative therapy practitioners, and relief service veterinarians. Our new category of Allied Members include manufacturer’s representatives and a host of other service providers that have a distinct interest in being available to the veterinary professionals in our state. Of course, the directory includes several other contacts that are extremely useful to veterinarians such as the Board of Veterinary Medicine, the Board of Pharmacy, the Livestock Board, AVMA offices, and many other useful and necessary contacts. I suspect you will find the NMVMA Directory to be one of the most useful benefits of your membership. I certainly know my copy of last year’s directory has seen some real heavy duty use around my office.

We are an association dedicated to the advancement of veterinary medicine and the collective interests of our membership. NMVMA is your unified voice in legislative issues, in policy and public issues affecting veterinary medicine, your representative voice in the American Veterinary Medical Association, and your outreach to our young people studying veterinary medicine in universities. The Association can best serve its members by being mindful of their needs and desires. One of many issues that we face now is the costs and the low attendance at the annual meeting. This is a traditional social event for the organization usually held in a major hotel in one of New Mexico’s cities (for convenience most often held in the central area of Albuquerque or Santa Fe) and usually accompanied by a sponsored program cont. on next page

Linda Locklar, DVM

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President’s Letter
President’s Letter cont.

of continuing education. In this issue of the Roadrunner you will find a brief survey of what you might like or dislike about the sponsorship of continuing education with the annual meeting. A similar survey was put out via VETLIST on E mail. If you did not receive this or have not voiced your opinion on this issue, please take a few moments to fill out the survey and note your comments. You can either mail this to the NMVMA office (60 Placitas Trails Road, Placitas NM 87043) or fax it to 505-771-8963. You may also take the survey on the website at www.nmvma.org. Thank you for your interest and participation. We will be directing our plans accordingly.

The organized voice of professional people speaking and representing the knowledge they possess is a powerful force for the good of the public and for the advancement of the profession. Although the legislative issues were not quite the intensity that we have experienced in the past, they are still a large part of organized veterinary medicine’s concerns. Now is the time to get to know your state legislators. Remember, in issues of animal health and welfare, zoonotic disease, and livestock resources, the legislator is going to want to reference a knowledgeable and educated person. That person should be his/her voting veterinarian. Don’t be bashful, this is the way representative government should be working. Your input may be critical to many issues that affect the profession of veterinary medicine.

On the subject of representative voices, Dr. Don Dykhouse, has given notice that he must resign his post as our AVMA alternate delegate. Dr. Dykhouse has been a good and sincere representative for the NMVMA and has regularly attended the AVMA meetings and the planning and leadership meetings of our regional voting block. He has agreed to be at the AVMA convention in Atlanta in July but will be stepping down from his post after that meeting. I would like to extend a sincere thank you to Dr. Dykhouse for his time and efforts on our behalf. I will also take this opportunity to announce that the position of AVMA Alternate Delegate from New Mexico will need to be filled in accordance with the association’s by laws. If any members would be interested in this position, please notify the office.

On a more personal note, with the snow pack on the New Mexico mountains at record levels, I hope those of you who favor the winter sports had a truly wonderful season. Now as the snow pack recedes and the streams and rivers swell with what promises to be a much needed heavy spring run off, I hope all of you who enjoy the out of doors in whatever sport or activity you favor have a most wonderful and enjoyable spring and summer.

See you on the trails,
Linda Locklar DVM

IT TAKES A TEAM TO COPE WITH PET LOSS

By Ann Beyke

Veterinarians and their teams are usually on the front line when human clients lose their beloved pets. In many cases, vets and their staff members have long relationships with both the pets and the humans involved so the loss can be equally as upsetting for them, as well. Coping with loss can be easier by utilizing a team approach.

A person who has just lost a pet may feel much shock and disbelief. Another common feeling is anger at the vet and staff, even though the person may know the staff did everything they could to help the pet survive. Each person is unique in his or her reaction to the loss of a pet, as well as the grieving process. For some, there may be a need to gain more information from a trusted veterinarian about how to cope. This need places additional demands on the already limited time of the vet and his/her team.

I often find in working with clients that they question if more could have been done to save a cherished pet. After they move through the initial shock and disbelief, discussing the loss, whether it was an illness, sudden death or old age, may help them understand that they and the veterinarian and staff did the best they could in that particular situation.

For those with unanswered questions about their pet’s death, I encourage them to make a list to discuss with their veterinarian. This may not only eliminate numerous calls to get answers about their pet’s death but can provide an excellent opportunity to maintain a positive relationship with the vet and help the person begin to heal. Acknowledging the person’s loss and sadness is important, even though time may be limited.

For those clients with aging pets, I suggest they have a conversation with their veterinarian about end-of-life issues. It’s never an easy subject, but for some people, knowing the process in advance may eliminate a roller coaster of emotions when it comes to a decision about euthanasia. Helping people understand some of the physical symptoms that can occur at the end of life may help them make a well thought out decision that causes less anguish and guilt.

The loss of a pet can be devastating. A holistic approach that provides a client with information about an impending loss as well as resources, and a caring and supportive team, will help to alleviate some of the stress associated with the loss of a pet.

Ann Beyke M.A., LPC maintains a private practice working with those who have lost or anticipate the loss of an animal companion and she facilitates pet loss groups throughout the Albuquerque area. She can be reached at 505.265.3087 or www.petlosscounselor.com.
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**Notables and Appreciation**

Congratulations to Kris Bannon, DVM who passed her Dental board exams, and is the first Board-Certified Veterinary Dentist in the state of New Mexico!

Thank you to Dr. Danois Salas for volunteering for Career Day at Sombre del Monte Elementary School in Albuquerque.

Bill Brainerd was featured on National Public Radio discussing the lack of rural veterinarians in New Mexico.

If you have any newsworthy items or announcements that you’d like to include in the Roadrunner, please contact the NMVMA office.

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**Congratulations to NMVMA Scholarship Recipients!**

**Cassandra Lapham-Simpson**  
CSU

**Taylor Green**  
KSU

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**Continuing Education Corner**

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**NMVMA Represented at 2010 AgFest**

Emily Walker, DVM, Murt Byrne, DVM, Senator Kent Cravens, Heidi Hamlen, DVM at 2010 AgFest.
**Official Equine Identification**

The 134.2 KHz 15 digit isocompliant microchip is considered official identification in horses by the USDA and NMLB. The “840” 15 digit is considered official ID and is being phased into use. The “840” microchip is a country of origin identification, which will enable owners to travel with their horse(s) within the U.S., abroad or export their horses more easily. The “900” series microchips are being phased out; however, they will be grandfathered into the system. NMLB veterinarians will coordinate with horse owners and veterinarians to encourage use of the official “840” 15 digit microchips as adjunct identification along with registry tattoos and herd brands. NM veterinarians can order the 840 microchip through the NMLB.

The New Mexico Livestock Board is the sole authority and distributor for registration of brands, marks and electronic identification per NM Statute 77-2-7.2.

**Microchip protocol**

1) Scan microchips, prior to use to ascertain viability of the microchip.
2) Scan the horse for microchips; if the horse already has a microchip, do not insert another microchip.
3) Insert the microchip on the left side, nuchal ligament (approximately middle of neck).
4) Re-scan microchip to ensure microchip viability.
5) The barcodes on the back of the microchip package are to be distributed as follows:
   a) The veterinarian will keep one barcode for their patient records.
   b) The client will receive 2 barcodes, 1 of which the client will give to a NMLB Livestock Inspector for use on the permanent 1H (hauling card).
   c) The veterinarian will then record and forward the owners’ and the horses’ information in addition to the remainder of the barcodes to the New Mexico Livestock Board.
   d) Following microchip insertion, the client must contact a NMLB Livestock Inspector for an inspection and issuance of a new 1H. The data will be entered into the state’s animal ID tracking system. At this point, the microchip becomes that animal’s official identification.

The cost associated with the issuance of a 1H is $30. With prior arrangements, the NMLB Livestock Inspector may be able to be present at the time of microchip application.

Until the microchip is recorded by a NMLB Livestock Inspector and the 1H is issued, the microchip is not recognized as official ID.

125 KHz 9 digit microchips, commonly utilized in small animals are not considered official identification in livestock, including horses. Further, the NMLB and USDA do not recognize the aforementioned microchip as official identification in livestock or horses.

If you have any questions, please call the NMLB at (505) 841-6161.

Dave E. Fly, DVM
State Veterinarian
NMVMA Allied Industry Members

The NMVMA is very much aware of the importance of “community” and we are thrilled to have 15 new members in ours! We hope you will welcome our new allied industry members and think of them first when considering sources for veterinary products and services. This list can also be found on page 36 of the NMVMA Directory and at nmvma.org. If you have a potential allied member in mind please contact the NMVMA office or go to nmvma.org to download a brochure.

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