Spaces Still Available for Practice Management

On Wednesday, April 11, world-renowned veterinary practice management speaker Dr. Lowell Ackerman will present a six-part talk designed to benefit both veterinarians and their staff. Topics of the seminar, sponsored by Fort Dodge Animal Health, will include:

- Giving clients what they most want
- Marketing services to existing clients
- Practice web sites: Getting noticed on the net with practice web sites
- Obtaining payment for services rendered
- Ten steps to a more profitable practice
- Strategic profit planning

Dr. Ackerman is a board-certified veterinary dermatologist, an award-winning author, an international lecturer, and a consultant in veterinary practice management. He is a graduate of the Ontario Veterinary College and a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Dermatology. In addition to his veterinary training, he also holds an MPA from Harvard University, an MBA from the University of Phoenix and a Certificate in Veterinary Practice Administration from Purdue University/AAHA.

The seminar begins at 8:00 am, with registration starting at 7:30 am, and will be held at Hamburger University on the McDonald’s Campus in Oak Brook.

CVMA Presents Technician Seminar: The Technician's Role in Pet Oral Healthcare

The CVMA will present a seminar for technicians on Sunday, May 20. Cindy Charlier, DVM, will address the technician’s role in oral healthcare.

Dr. Charlier is a Fellow of the Academy of Veterinary Dentistry and a Diplomate of the American Veterinary Dental College. She presently works at Fox Valley Veterinary Dentistry and Surgery in Elgin, Illinois.

The seminar will run from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm at the Anti-Cruelty Society, 157 W. Grand Avenue in Chicago.

The cost for the seminar is $25. The session is worth three continuing education credits.

To register, please call the CVMA Office at (630) 325-1231.
President’s Thoughts
Dr. Kathleen A. Heneghan

What has the CVMA done for you lately? If I asked all of you that question, what would you say? I ask because I realize it’s been a few years since we last surveyed our membership. In order for us to provide the best service, we need to know what you want from the CVMA. Now, as a devil’s advocate, perhaps you believe that we have not done anything for you lately. If that is the case, please tell us what it would take to for us to get back into your good graces. I cannot stress enough that this is YOUR organization. We are the largest region of veterinarians in Illinois and the largest regional VMA in the nation. Talk about strength in numbers – be proud!

However, it seems that we only hear from a vocal few of you. If you have ideas that may help us to further strengthen the CVMA, please let us know or consider volunteering as a committee member. We do not ask for a huge time commitment, only a desire to make a difference. We have committees that are working every day for your best interests, but I fear that we have not relayed that information to you. For those of you without an answer to my first question, I’d like to volunteer a few of my own.

Every year, your CE Committee brings nationally known and respected speakers to your own backyard. These people are not just specialists, they literally “wrote the book” on all sorts of veterinary topics. Simply by attending the CVMA seminars on Wednesdays, you fulfill your yearly CE requirement without even having to leave the Chicagoland area.

For those of you who cannot attend our Wednesday seminars, our Membership Committee has been busy lining up guest speakers to give complimentary Tuesday night lectures on various topics. Did you attend the financial management seminar in February? If not, mark you calendar for upcoming talks on nutrition, feline medicine and more.

Speaking of meetings: your Technician Committee has already secured local, board-certified veterinary dentist, Dr. Cindy Charlier for a dental day seminar on May 20th at the Anti-Cruelty Society. Also under consideration are two free dinner meetings for both veterinarians and technicians. Sign up and help your technicians meet their CE goals.

The Legislative Committee works tirelessly to stay up-to-date on animal and public health issues throughout the city and surrounding counties. Did you realize we have committee members from all sides of the city and outlying suburbs? If issues in your area threaten your ability to practice good medicine, let us know so that we can be your advocates.

Space does not permit me to detail all of the good work your committees have done, so I’ll address the rest later. Our dedicated committee and Executive Board Members volunteer their time to provide all of us with these essential services. We have not been so great at ”tooting our own horn” in the past, but I wanted to let you know why your CVMA membership has value.

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Customer feedback and perceptions are important information for every profession in order to gauge performance and value in the marketplace. A recent American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) consumer survey indicates some extremely positive results for veterinarians and the services they provide.

The public perception study conducted by the AVMA surveyed more than 3000 households, of which 60 percent owned a pet or multiple pets. The survey results, published in the February 2007 issue of DVM News state that 93 percent of the pet owners surveyed believe the quality of care their veterinarian provides rivals that of their own, personal medical care. The results also indicate that the bond between humans and animals is so strong that it is driving up the perceived value of veterinary services while decreasing the perception that veterinary service costs are just “high fees.”

And, even more positive, veterinarians ranked first in honesty when compared with the following professionals – physicians, attorneys, teachers and politicians. The survey results also note that while 61 percent of these respondents had noted a rise in veterinary service fees, two thirds believe economic inflation was the cause, and another half believed it was drug companies driving up the costs.

This type of positive feedback should make everyone in the profession feel good about the fact that the services and care they provide are viewed as worthwhile and valued by their customers. It also calls upon the profession to continue to maintain this level of value and performance as well as to seek ways to improve upon customer satisfaction in the future.

As CVMA members, you benefit from consistent high-quality continuing education by nationally known speakers. Our annual practice management seminar, along with lectures on medicine and surgery, allow the CVMA to play a key role in helping you achieve even greater success. Of course, we need to also educate the pet owning public as well. From weekly WMAQ-TV (Channel 5) news segments to appearances at local career fairs and pet shows, our volunteer members promote the profession while assisting future clients to find veterinarians – which is an added value your CVMA membership offers to you.
Highlights: January 16, 2007, Executive Board Meeting

The Executive Board Meeting of the Chicago Veterinary Medical Association was called to order on Tuesday, January 16, 2007, at 8:00 pm. by President, Dr. Kathleen Heneghan.

Secretary’s Report:

Dr. Elizabeth Robertson presented the minutes from the November 21, 2006, Executive Board Meeting.

Motion made, seconded and passed for the approval of the November Executive Board Meeting minutes.

Committee Reports:

Judicial - In response to a request from the committee, Mr. Norm Bloch, general counsel for the Association, made a recommendation that judicial complaints and related files be retained/stored for five years.

Motion made, seconded and passed to accept Mr. Bloch’s recommendation that judicial complaint files be retained for five years.

Membership - Dr. Liz Robertson presented the following doctors for membership in the Association: Dr. Sandra Mendez Cruz, Dr. Mary Ubatuba, Dr. Cheryl Schoessow, Dr. Maria Manrique, Dr. Laura Pratscher, Dr. Anton Spatz, Dr. Mohammad Alsam, Dr. Valerie Aldridge, Dr. Megan Welbourne, Dr. Lucia Lemmer, Dr. Thomas Brooks, Dr. Saundra Sample, Dr. Tracy Peckham and Dr. Kathryn Long.

Motion made, seconded and passed for the acceptance of these doctors for presentation before the General Membership at the March 14, 2007, General Membership Meeting.

New Business:

It was noted that there were conflicts with the February and March Executive Board Meeting dates, due to the Western States Conference and the AAHA Conference.

Therefore, it was recommended that the February and March Executive Board meetings both be changed from the 20th to the 27th of each month.

Motion made, seconded and passed to change the Executive Board Meetings in February and March to the 27th of both months.

Motion made, seconded and passed for adjournment of the meeting at 9:51 pm.

Veterinary Hospital Planning, Design, and Construction

Do you need to improve practice image and efficiency, or start a new practice, but are unsure how to start?

We can provide the information that will guide your decisions and make project success normal.

We can help answer your questions:

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- What have other veterinary hospitals done and found successful?
- Who are the players needed and how are they best assembled?
- How much will it cost and how long will it take?

We can:

- Refine the definition of your needs and priorities.
- Evaluate the feasibility of possible solutions.
- Inspect and review possible sites for feasibility, constructability, and cost.
- Complete all permitting, design, and construction.

Contact: Joe McCarthy  P: 708-547-5096  E: jfmcCarthy@ntsourc.com
CVMA ENCOURAGES PET OWNERS TO BE AWARE OF HEARTWORM: PREVENTION IS ESSENTIAL IN FIGHTING THIS DANGEROUS DISEASE

(Hinsdale, IL – April 2, 2007) — With the approach of spring and warm weather, the Chicago Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA) is alerting dog and cat owners about the importance of heartworm disease prevention. Heartworm, a serious disease that is spread by mosquitoes, can be easily prevented and treated, if diagnosed early.

Heartworm can be found in both dogs and cats, but is most common in dogs. As its name implies, heartworms live in the blood of a dog or cat’s heart and adjacent blood vessels. Adult heartworms produce offspring – microfilariae – which circulate in the infected animal’s blood. When a mosquito bites an infected animal, it obtains and carries blood with microfilariae. In roughly two weeks, the microfilariae become infective larvae – the necessary evolutionary step in transmitting heartworm. When these larvae-infected mosquito bite another cat or dog, the infection is transmitted.

Advances in veterinary research have created medications and procedures that have greatly improved the treatment of heartworm disease in dogs. Prompt detection and early treatment are essential to successfully cure the disease. In addition, preventative drugs are available to pet owners as part of their routine care. The drugs are available in a variety of formats and when administered monthly prevent the larvae from developing into adult heartworms.

A heartworm test must be performed prior to administering any preventative medications. Severe or even fatal reactions may occur if preventative drugs are administered to dogs already infected with heartworm, so an annual or bi-annual blood test to screen for the disease is often recommended. Radiographs, x-ray films and other, sophisticated laboratory tests may also be used to detect heartworm disease. Pet owners should also be aware of the following symptoms which may indicate their dog is suffering from heartworm: difficulty breathing, coughing, listlessness/lethargy, weight loss and a rough hair coat. If not detected and properly treated, heartworm can lead to congestive heart failure and death.

While seen less frequently in cats, heartworm poses a much greater danger with an outcome that is most often deadly. Currently, there are no medications approved to treat feline heartworm. Canine medications may be used to treat the disease, but may cause serious side effects, including lung failure and death. Currently, the approach is to treat the disease’s symptoms, in the hopes that the animal will outlive the life cycle of the worms (which is about two years in a feline). Symptoms of feline heartworm include: coughing, rapid breathing, weight loss and vomiting. However, these symptoms are often inconsistent and are common to other diseases. Diagnosis of feline heartworm is difficult, and requires outside laboratory tests, radiographs and ultrasound studies.

Cat owners should be aware that, like dogs, there are heartworm prevention drugs available for felines. Preventative medications are encouraged for cats living in a heartworm/mosquito infested area, or if owners are planning on visiting such an area with their cat. The medications are administered monthly, as with dogs, and are available through your veterinarian.
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Relief veterinarian listing fees: $50 for CVMA members and $100 for non-members. Listings run from December/January issue to October/November issue. Fees shall be applied for the current year through October/November issue and will be assessed come the December/January issue. The listing shall appear in the CVMA Bulletin as well as on the CVMA web site. To be added, contact the CVMA Office at (630) 325-1231. The CVMA does not endorse any veterinarian listed in the Relief Veterinarians section. The Association does not attest to the veterinarians’ ability to practice veterinary medicine or to the conduct of the individual.
Dr. Theobold suggested the following treatment: anesthetize the dog, express the excretion through the duct and then use a rectal ointment for several days. The glands treated in this manner, usually become normal in 24 hours, while those abscesses that are opened may take three to five days or longer. Surgery should only be done after the gland has become normal.

Anal fistulae result of perianal abscesses occur. Surgical treatment is difficult and all diseased tissue must be removed. Healing takes several weeks. Medical treatment is not always successful. Liquid sulfonilmides and warm packs are the best medical means, but surgery is best.

Proctatitis may be due to infected sacs and is characterized by frequent defecation, painful spasms of the sphincter and followed by ulceration. Treatment is the removal of the sacs. Dr. Theobold then gave us a description of his operative technique illustrated with slides.

In closing, Dr. Theobold invited all members to come to the American Animal Hospital Association meeting to be held in Atlanta, Georgia, April 18-22.

Following the presentation, the secretary read a letter from the director of the health department of Cook County concerning the length of time required for rabies observation.

There was a motion for adjournment and it passed.

Robert C. Glover
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**Classifieds**

Classified Ad Charges: CVMA Members, $50/issue. Non-members, $100/issue for Bulletin only. $25/members and $50/non-members per month for CVMA web site. 60 word limit. Payment must accompany ad. Ads exceeding 60 words will be edited by the CVMA. "To Be Given Away" and "Job Want" ads from students and technicians are free, 40-word limit. Submit ad in writing, on or before the 15th of the month prior to month of publication.

**Practice/Equipment/Other**

**For Sale:** Established solo AAHA practice in near southwest suburb. Quality practice in double storefront location with attractive lease for 5 years with two 5-year options. Priced for quick sale—owner must sell due to family health concerns. Serious inquiries only. (708) 533-5922.

**Kragness Animal Hospital:** Equipment for sale: Summit Hill (Nova 325) X-ray machine, Shoreline Walkon scale, Shoreline v-fold surg. table, drug cabinet, Shoreline kennels - too many sizes to list. Call Kent at (773) 568-2800.

**Veterinarian Positions Available**

**Animal Care Center:** Chicago area practice seeks full-time dedicated, enthusiastic and compassionate veterinarian. Practice high-quality medicine and advanced surgery at our fully equipped, modern facility Benefits include major medical, AVMA/CVMA dues, licensing fees, CE stipend and days off for meetings. Sharing profit program and early ownership opportunities. Contact Chrissie Zazony at (815) 690-7097 or Dr. Anthony Kremer at (815) 405-1300.

**Antioch Animal Hospital:** Associate veterinarian wanted for small animal medicine and surgery in Antioch. Full service animal hospital with in-house lab, color flow Doppler ultrasound, endoscopy, blood pressure and other modern equipment. Experienced and competent staff. Growth area with good schools. Located 50 miles from downtown Chicago in north suburbs. Salary is base of $65,000 with a production bonus. Call Dr. Passarella at (847) 395-0636.

**Arboretum View Animal Hospital:** Seeking a highly motivated veterinarian who is board certified or has completed residency training in internal medicine. Generous compensation package including base salary, percentage bonus, health insurance, 401k, CE, association dues and more. Contact Thomas Lassiter, DVM, 2551 Warrenville Rd., Downers Grove, IL 60515. Phone (630) 963-0424. Fax: (630) 963-0537. www.avah.org.

**Arboretum View Animal Hospital:** Emergency and Critical Care Department is seeking a full- or part-time veterinarian. Prior emergency experience or internship is required. A positive attitude, excellent communication skills, efficient team-oriented work habits and a desire to share knowledge are essential requirements. Send CV to Alexis Newman, DVM, 2551 Warrenville Rd., Downers Grove, IL 60515. Phone (630) 963-0424. Fax: (630) 963-0537. www.avah.org.

**Arboretum View Animal Hospital:** Seeking highly motivated veterinarian who is board certified or has completed residency training in surgery. Facility includes three surgical suites, full in-house lab, endoscopy, radiology, fluoroscopy, CT, MRI, nuclear medicine and more. Base salary, percentage bonus, health insurance, 401k, CE, association dues and more. Contact Thomas Lassiter, DVM, 2551 Warrenville Rd., Downers Grove, IL 60515. Phone: (630) 963-0424. Fax: (630) 963-0537. www.avah.org.

**Arlington Cat Clinic:** Cat clinic in Arlington Heights needs a 4th, full-time doctor for well-established, family-owned hospital. In-house lab, endoscopy, ultrasound, dental X-ray. Must have good surgical skills. Competitive salary and benefits. Fax resume to Dr. Esbensen at (847) 398-5431 or e-mail to catdoc5@aol.com.

**Arlington Heights Animal Hospital:** Seeking full-time, dedicated, enthusiastic and compassionate veterinarian to join our professional staff. Established 7-doctor practice located in an affluent NW suburb of Chicago. The right candidate will have general surgical skills, ability to build strong relationships and a good bedside manner with clients and patients. Competitive salary and benefits. Please contact Dr. Stephen Camp at (847) 593-1898 or svcamp@covad.net.

**Darien Animal Clinic:** Position available for full- or part-time associate veterinarian in well-established, AAHA accredited practice in Darien. Excellent neighborhood area to live and work. Must possess basic surgical skills. Our facility is well equipped, including ultrasound. Excellent compensation and benefits. Call Dr. Richard Morris at (630) 655-1888 or fax resume to (630) 655-1377.

**DuPage Animal Hospital:** Immediate position for an associate veterinarian to join our busy, four-doctor AAHA accredited practice in Villa Park, IL. Work with a dedicated staff and good clients. Our facility is equipped with ultrasound, laser, digital X-ray machine, video otoscope and much more. New grads welcome to apply. Send resume to Dee McDonald. Fax: (630) 834-0324. E-mail: dupageanimalhosp@sbcglobal.net. Phone: (630) 834-8242.

**Elmwood Grove Animal Hospital:** Full-time or part-time veterinarian needed for progressive, AAHA accredited small animal practice just NW of the city. Great staff and clients, lots of toys, paperless practice. Contact Drs. Larry Fox or Kathleen Heneghan. Phone: (708) 456-6700. E-mail: egah@chicagovet.net.

**Glencoe Animal Hospital:** Associate needed for progressive animal hospital in Chicago's northern suburbs. Completely renovated, well-equipped facility. Affiliated with and adjacent to AERC, a 24-hour critical care and multiple specialty practice. Full benefits. Please contact Dr. Gene Koski at (847) 835-1302.
Veterinarian Positions Available

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**Kragness Animal Hospital:** Full- or part-time veterinarian needed for small animal clinic in Chicago. Average 32-35 hours per week. No emergency hours. Competitive salary, medical insurance, education and retirement benefits. Recent grads welcome. Craig Kragness, DVM. Kent Kragness, Manager. Phone: (773) 568-2800. E-mail: krag411@comcast.net.

**Lake Street Animal Hospital:** Seeking full/part-time talented, self-motivated 3rd veterinarian. We are a growing, progressive, AAHA accredited, small animal practice located in the NW suburbs of Chicago. New graduates are welcome. No emergency or on-call duty required. Send resume or contact Dr. Jennifer Styrsky at (630) 894-6220. Fax: (630) 307-8195. E-mail: jenstyrsky@sbcglobal.net.

**McKillip Animal Hospital:** Veterinarian needed at progressive, client-oriented animal hospital in upscale Lincoln Park/Wrigleyville neighborhood on Chicago's North Side. Salary commensurate with experience. No emergencies! Contact Dr. Allen Glater or Dr. Anthony Brizgys at McKillip Animal Hospital. Phone: (773) 248-7266. Fax: (773) 248-6879. E-mail: drzhicago@aol.com.

**New North Animal Hospital:** Looking for an experienced, dedicated, full-time veterinarian to join our growing animal hospital, located in Chicago's Old Town. We offer a friendly/helpful, dedicated staff, benefits and competitive salary. Surgical experience required. Fax curriculum vitae to Bel Jackson at (312) 944-8254.

**North Avenue Animal Hospital:** Four-doctor, AAHA accredited hospital looking for full-time associate. New, fully, equipped facility with excellent support staff and clientele. Dogs/cats only. Looking for compassionate, personable team player that loves working with people and pets. Competitive salary/benefits. Great location in heart of Bucktown. Please contact Marie at (773) 278-1330, Option 6, on M-W-F only, 10 am to 5 pm.

**Oak Park and Ambassador Animal Hospitals:** Two state-of-the-art animal hospitals located in Oak Park and Hanover Park. Both include advanced diagnostic equipment - ultrasound, endoscope, IV pump, etc. We have achieved the highest AAHA accreditation and have maintained a superior reputation for over 50 years in practice. New graduate welcome for full/part-time schedule. Excellent compensation, great team and friendly environment. Please phone Dr. Bascharon at (630) 605-2659.

**PAWS Chicago:** PAWS Chicago non-profit is expanding! Flexible scheduled work, usually 7-hour day on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday or Sunday. Spay and neuter cats and dogs, all sizes. Will need to perform 35 sx/day. No days required - all relief work and scheduled in advance. Please e-mail resume to lhinze@pawschicago.org or fax to (773) 521-1082. Call Clinic Director, Laura Hinze, for details at (773) 521-1408, x226. Come help us create a no-kill Chicago.

**Plainfield Veterinary Hospital:** Two-doctor practice in SW suburbs seeks full-time veterinarian with caring attitude. Well-equipped facility with excellent support staff opportunity. Practice experiences high quality medicine and advanced surgery. Full benefits include medical, AVMA/CVMA dues, licensing fee, stipend and days off for CE, sharing profit program and early ownership opportunities available. Contact Dr. Paul Blaso at (815) 405-1400.

**Prairie State Veterinary Clinic:** Seeking full– or part-time associate for high-quality small animal practice. Great location in the SW suburb of Orland Park in a newly remodeled clinic. Excellent long-term support staff, loyal clientele, competitive compensation. Visit our web site at www.flemingvet.com. Contact Connie at (708) 349-3331. E-mail: dogdoc7@sbcglobal.net.

Practice Personnel

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**Kragness Animal Hospital:** Seeking vet tech/assistant, full- or part-time, for small animal clinic in Chicago. Flexible hours. Salary commensurate with experience. Health insurance provided. Contact Kent Kragness, Manager. Phone: (773) 568-2800. E-mail: krag411@comcast.net.

**LePar Animal Hospital:** CVT with interest in rehabilitation needed for facility opening in southwest suburbs. Experience and rehab certification preferred but will train motivated individual. We use acupuncture, chiropractic, electromagnetic therapy, conventional medicine and physical therapy. Salary/benefits negotiable and commensurate with experience. Send resume to Dr. Joe Whalen, 3811 W. 95th Street, Evergreen Park, IL 60805. leparvet@interlync.com. Fax: (708) 423-3484.

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**Veterinary Hospital Planning, Design and Construction.** Site evaluation for feasibility, suitability, and optimal time and cost of project completion. Master budget development for planning, cost control and financing. Design and engineer your site and building, and obtain zoning approvals and permits. Construct the hospital to achieve your goals. Contact Joe McCarthy at (708) 547-5096. E-mail: jfmccarthy@ntsourse.com.
To CVMA regarding the Wings Pet Loss Support Group:

The existence of any sort of support network (or specifically, the CVMA’s efforts) for dealing with the loss of one’s pet was unknown to me until April of 2005. That month, my dear cat Zippy passed away very suddenly — she was over 20 years old, my only pet for her entire life and I felt utterly gutted. In the first few days afterwards, I struggled, in phone calls, to tell friends what had just happened. The struggle came about in just how did I actually express the depth of my hurting and then in what sort of response the support I was getting (vs. wanting) in return.

I couldn’t perceive right at the time that the equation was very out of balance, the amount I wanted to tell and express was way more than others could comfortably absorb all at once. I then called a friend who had lost her 14 year-old terrier some five years earlier, and she was the first to make me aware of the CVMA’s monthly support group, having attended after her dog passed on.

In the weeks until the next meeting, I also learned of the CVMA’s support phone line. I was thrilled to see just how much support existed and I began using the phone line while anxiously the date of the June group.

At the meeting I found all I could want and more—it is simply the best, deepest support, to be listened to and understood by others—in person—who have been through the same experience. After speaking, after crying, I’d feel my body release a wave of tension and hurt. Additionally, I began to learn how I had been putting too much on my friends in how I wanted to be “heard” in my phone conversations.

In attending subsequent meetings I quickly came to see the other great value of the group, that I could give to others, simply by being there as a sympathetic and understanding listener.

It has been 21 months since I lost my kitty and I still find value in attending the support meeting. I am so grateful it exists and am so appreciative of Linda Harper’s wonderful efforts and giving in leading the group.

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Discount to “Body Worlds 2” Exhibit Offered to CVMA Members

The Museum of Science and Industry’s “Body Worlds 2” exhibit offers a wonderful example of animal plastinate.

**Save $3.00 on a daytime or evening ticket for **BODY WORLDS 2** and The Human Body Omnimax® film.**

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You can purchase tickets on-site at the museum, however, same day tickets without reservations are subject to availability. Call (773) 684-1414 and press Option 5 to reserve tickets by phone at least 48 hours in advance of your desired visit date.

For reservations by phone, please provide the following promotional codes to receive your discount:

Daytime tickets: promotional code 2007111  •  Evening tickets: promotional code 2007112

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With offers now out for the Class of 2011, this is a good time to review the admissions process at the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine.

For the past four years, our admissions process was designed to focus on the skills, knowledge, attitudes and aptitudes for success in the veterinary profession. We use grades and GRE only for the initial screening of applicants. The final “order of merit” list for offering admission is based on non-academic aspects of the application (personal statement, etc.), which accounts for 75 percent, and a structured interview looking for communication skills, self-confidence and so on, which accounts for the other 25 percent.

In the most recent admissions cycle, we received 921 applications: 220 from Illinois residents, and 701 from non-residents. From these, the admissions committee selected 137 residents and 192 non-residents who were invited for the interview on February 12. The next few months will reveal the 120 students who will make up the Class of 2011.

On a related note, I’d like to thank Dr. Gerald Pijanowski for his leadership as associate dean for Academic and Student Affairs for nine years. He will be stepping down from that role in May and returning full time to his position as an associate professor.

Jerry has done an excellent job. His tenure in the job included implementation of the revised admissions process, introduction of limited tracking options for fourth-year rotations, and new recruiting initiatives, especially of under-represented populations, through Chicago’s Anti-Cruelty Society and the University’s Principals Scholars Program.

We are seeking to hire from within the faculty a new associate dean, with a 70 percent appointment as well as a new 50 percent position for an assistant dean for Academic Affairs and Curriculum. Mary Kelm will continue to serve in her vital role as assistant dean for Student Affairs. My thanks to Jerry and his staff for their diligent efforts in service to our students and our DVM program.

Dean Herbert Whiteley
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▪ Professional enrichment and communication
▪ Quality continuing education
▪ Dissemination of information to the public
▪ Promoting the health and well being of animals

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