Public Education: We’re Starting 2015 with a Bang

The Public Education Committee has made some significant strides within the last few months. With the help of Mr. Eric Voogd, new committee chairs, Dr. Priya Bhatt & Dr. Monique Lewison, are excited to follow Dr. Anthony Coronado in shaping the direction of the organization and how we educate the public.

It’s important to inform our veterinarians that the predominant goal of their Public Education Committee is its focus on educating individuals and families regarding the benefits of early care, preventive care, and the benefits/risks associated with caring for a pet. In 2015, CVMA plans to exercise guidance in key areas and build upon strategic relationships within government and private sector entities for the long-term benefit of the veterinary profession & pet owners.

In order to educate the public, we must be active in public events. Two events that started 2015 with a bang were the International Kennel Club Show at McCormick Center and the Family Pet Expo at Arlington Race Track. Our volunteer veterinarians were well-received by the public at both events. We look forward to participating in more events that are educational opportunities for the public and fun for our volunteer veterinarians, so please watch for those.

Additional methods of educating the public include: participating in school events (from grade school to college), AND re-designing brochures in areas of preventative care, zoonotic diseases and behavior management.

This year, the PE Committee aims to also educate our veterinarians. We want our CVMA members to know who our board members are. We are

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Spring is in the air! The first quarter of 2015 is almost over and the warm weather has started to arrive. The snow has melted and soon the green grass and leaves will return. With that, the busier seasons of our profession also return. Heartworm testing, vaccinations, and new puppy visits start anew. As the year ramps up, it’s important to keep up to date on the ongoing and upcoming items that affect our profession as well as new benefits that the CVMA has to offer.

As spring is in the air; so is legislation. A year ago, we first alerted you regarding the Companion Animal and Consumer Protection Ordinances proposed, and since passed, by both the City of Chicago and Cook County. As you are aware, both of those ordinances have been challenged in federal court. The lawyers of the plaintiffs have contacted the CVMA to discuss one of the lawsuits as they feel that our stance favors their position. I want to take this opportunity to be very clear regarding the CVMA’s position. Our main issue regarding the ordinance is that, among other concerns, it would not have its intended effect of crippling the large scale breeding operations, but would actually benefit them. As veterinarians, we know the demand our clientele has for purebred dogs and cats and/or the designer breeds as well as the lengths they will go to obtain them. In our evaluation, it was clear to us that the ordinance would eliminate the “middle man”, the pet store, and drive people directly to these breeding operations, whether in person or via the internet, resulting in increased profitability for these unethical organizations. In addition, the ordinances invalidate the Illinois “Puppy Lemon Law” which gave pet owners legal remedies and protections when they purchased pets from retail pet stores. With the stores now only able to offer pets for adoption, sourced from shelters, the law would no longer apply and also would not apply to pets purchased directly from breeders, especially if the breeder was from another state. Anticipated results: pets suffer, pet owners suffer, and unethical breeders become richer. The CVMA is not “on the side” of unethical breeders or pet stores, we simply see a significant challenge with the current approach and feel there is a better way; in fact we know there is. The State of Connecticut and Suffolk County in New York faced similar challenges, as have many other areas of the country. They proposed a very reasonable and workable ordinance to address the same issues we face here. If you have interest, please contact yourself or the CVMA directly for samples of their solutions and/or links to their websites. www.cga.ct.gov/2014/ACT/PA/2014PA-00077-R00SB-00445-PA.htm

Many of you are members of the ISVMA and recently the ISVMA and CVMA offices sent out e-blasts regarding Illinois Senate Bill 108. By the time this bulletin is printed, the bill may have been already been voted on, but there is still opportunity for your voice to be heard. Contact your State Senator and House Representatives to let them know your stance on the bill. Introduce yourself as a veterinarian and, if you are comfortable, offer yourself as a resource for them for this and any upcoming legislative action that impacts the veterinary profession and/or animal welfare. If we don’t make an effort to stand up and represent our profession, I can guarantee you, no one else will. In our absence, the only source of input our legislators will receive will be from shelter and animal rights advocates, people who have little or no veterinary training, yet will influence heavily the development of laws that will directly impact you and your business. If it sounds like I am calling you to action…I am. If you are not familiar with SB 108, please contact the CVMA directly for a copy of a summary as well as the issues identified by the ISVMA. For those of you who want to contact your representatives and senators directly,
A warm thank you goes out to those CVMA members that volunteered their expertise to the CVMA booth at the January IKC Dog Show & the March Family Pet Expo.

Please remember to submit your receipts to the CVMA office so we can reimburse your parking fee and/or expense(s).
New Horizons in Veterinary Public Education

Eric Voogd, Public Education & Media Relations Director

Spring is finally here, and the Chicago Veterinary Medical Association is in full gear. The steadfast dedication of our doctors is to be commended especially during this unrelenting winter season. Through the cohesive teamwork of the Public Education Committee and leadership from Co-Chairs Dr. Priya Bhatt and Dr. Monique Lewison, we have launched an exciting year to advance the science and art of veterinary medicine while educating pet owners and their families.

Even in the middle of snowstorm and blizzard warnings at the beginning of February 2015, the Public Education Committee was operational at the annual International Kennel Club Show. Legislative Committee Chair Dr. Shannon Greeley managed to get to the McCormick Center to retrieve the CVMA and CVMF materials, only to have her vehicle buried by snowplows at her clinic that Sunday. We dug out her vehicle on Tuesday in order to transfer the materials for another public education event scheduled that same week where Dr. Elise Ciribassi spoke at the Girls in Engineering Math and Science (GEMS) program in Township High School District 211.

At the end of February 2015, a long anticipated media opportunity presented itself for the CVMA to discuss responsible pet ownership with a significant Spanish speaking audience across the Chicago metropolitan area. Telemundo (NBCUniversal Television Group division of NBCUniversal) arranged for Dr. Donna Alexander and Dr. Ernesto Perez to do a special segment, which was filmed in the beginning of March and will air soon. As discussed with CVMA President Dr. Anthony Coronado, in the course of the Public Education Committee creating new brochures, we plan to have translations of these materials addressing key topic areas initially made available for electronic download from the CVMA website.

Throughout a number of public education outreach events in the past eighteen months, our doctors have identified topics unique to particular communities which require attention to provide proper preventive care for pets. Not only is there a need to educate a Spanish speaking audience, we also have determined essential message points for Chicago’s Polish speaking community. To insure healthy pets and healthy families, the public education brochures from the CVMA in multiple translations are most beneficial in addition to media interviews in Spanish, Polish, or even Chinese.

As the CVMA participates in initiatives with the Chicago Healthcare System for Preparedness & Response Coalition and Cook County Department of Public Health, the multi-lingual public education brochures represent an awesome and powerful tool for use with your clients. These brochures are also invaluable as the CVMA collaborates with statewide agencies that work throughout ISVMA Region VII. If you have fluency in a foreign language, please contact our Public Education Committee co-chairs and me to share areas where you can potentially contribute.

Finally, on the subject of education, your communication with elected local government and state legislators cannot be emphasized enough as this pertains to helping them to not merely understand the science of veterinary medicine, but also your role as a practitioner in the community where you reside. In the past several months, I have participated in meetings with Illinois State Veterinary Medical Association and closely worked with our ISVMA representatives, ISVMA President Dr. Tracy Myers, and ISVMA Legislative Committee Chairman Dr. Steven Dullard. The Veterinary profession has the never ending task of educating both elected officials and the general public. This requires eternal vigilance so you can best practice medicine and meet the needs of your patients.

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The CVMA is here to help answer your questions and provide tools and talking points to facilitate this dialogue with legislative bodies.

The CVMA Public Education Committee continues to grow with new members and welcomes their invaluable insights. If you want to contribute your expertise in subject matter areas for monthly CVMA public education articles or specialty areas, represent the CVMA in media through print, radio, and/or television, or interact with pet owners and their families at public events, I look most forward to speaking with you. *Dimidium facti qui coepit habet!*

Eric Voogd  
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CVMA Director, Public Education and Media Relations

“The quality of a person’s life is in direct proportion to their commitment to excellence, regardless of their chosen field of endeavor.” ~Vince Lombardi

Welcome New Members!

Please welcome the newest group of CVMA members. These veterinarians joined from 1/28/15 - 3/17/15.  
*Drs. Annika Hoffman, Jessey Jenkins, Audrey Keller, Kimberly Klaasura, Ann Montague, and Kate Pennick.*

We are now 1088 members strong!

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We hope you got a ticket, because Paint Your Pet has sold out!

Thanks to everyone that helped promote our FUNdraiser, and a HUGE thanks to Boehringer Ingelheim for sponsoring the event!

We have many more 2015 FUNraising events planned. Join us soon!

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aware of issues facing the veterinary community and are working to help CVMA members know who they can contact should they have concerns.

It is our goal to help CVMA be a strong, unified force for the general public. We must present ourselves as organized, well-spoken medical professionals. By holding ourselves with the utmost pride for our profession, we impress the value of veterinary medicine to the public.

Lastly, we strive to prepare you to answer the public’s questions in regards to current animal health concerns. The most recent development is the potentially fatal bronchial disease surfacing in Chicago and suburbs. This is more than just kennel cough. Now is the time to ask detailed, open-ended questions of our clients and get as much information as we can. Given the severity of the cases seen, it would be prudent to be aggressive in our diagnostics. Bloodwork, viral panels, and tracheal washes, among other diagnostics, can be extremely helpful in identifying the underlying cause of this outbreak. Then, we need to share our findings to help determine if we are in an endemic area. If you have pertinent information for your area, please always share it with us so that we can put our collective capacity to best use!
Placing Ads
Payment must accompany ad. Bulletin ads are limited to 60 words. Those exceeding 60 words will be edited by the CVMA. “To be given away” and “Job Wanted” ads from both students and technicians are free, 40-word limit. All ads must be submitted in writing, on or before the 15th of the month prior to publication.

Bulletin Rates
Member - $50/issue; Non-Member - $100/issue.

Website Rates
Member - $50/month; Non-Member - $100/month.

Relief Listings
Member - $200/year; Non-Member - $425/year. Ad runs 12/1—11/30, in the Bulletin and online.

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VETERINARIAN POSITIONS

Abell Animal Hospital: Progressive, 3-doctor practice in Chicago's Norwood Park neighborhood seeking a FT/PT veterinarian to join our team. We combine a welcoming environment for clients with state-of-the-art equipment & progressive medical practices. Dedicated team is devoted to exceptional client service & excellent patient care. Competitive salary/benefits including health & liability insurance, PTO, CE, dues and more. Submit cover letter/resume to Simran Singh, DVM at simransingh8@yahoo.com or call (773) 631-6727.

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CARE Animal Emergency Services: Part-time Emergency Veterinarian needed for Urgent Care Facility in Chicago's Southwest Suburbs. We have a doctor going on maternity leave in April, so full-time hours will be available for an 8 week period. Possible permanent part-time schedule available after she returns. Nights, weekends and holiday shifts are required. Interested candidates, please email Suzanne Ward at kremervetsvc@gmail.com or call (815) 609-0555.

Companion Animal Hospitals: Join our growing team! Opening 2 locations in 2015. Seeking dedicated enthusiastic professionals to join our team. Full-time Medical Director and part-time veterinary positions available. P/T veterinarians will work 2 or 3 days/week with at least every other weekend off. Medical Directors offered immediate ownership, without a cash investment. To join our dynamic and compassionate team, our ideal candidate will have strong communication skills and at least 1 year of experience in general medicine and surgery. New, fully equipped facilities. Competitive salary, excellent benefits. Email resume to Dr. Joe Whalen at: drjoewhalen@yahoo.com.

Forest Glen Animal Hospital: Well-established, family owned two-doctor practice located in Northwest Chicago is looking for a compassionate and motivated FT Associate Veterinarian. Owner and staff strive for client education, prevention, diagnostics, and medical/surgical treatment which lends itself to an excellent work environment for growth and professional development. Practice was established in 1963 and recently moved to a fully renovated well-equipped hospital with dental suite, surgical suite, digital radiography and full in-house diagnostics. We are looking for an enthusiastic and personable individual to join our team. We offer a competitive salary and benefits. Please send resume to Dr. Orals at adorals@msn.com.

March Animal Hospital: We are seeking a dedicated, enthusiastic professional to join our hospital in Arlington Heights, IL. We are looking for someone with at least 2 years experience in general medicine and surgery. Email resume and references to: officemanager@mah1.com.

Plainfield Veterinary Clinic: Full-time/part-time veterinarians needed for busy practice located 40 miles SW of Chicago in Plainfield, IL. Great clientele and staff! Veterinary & DEA Licensing fees, professional liability, and medical insurance provided. CE stipend included. All major holidays paid and off! No E/R hours. One 3-day weekend a month. Paid vacation time. Visit our website: plainfieldvetclinic.com to learn more about us! Send resume to vetdbr@hotmail.com or contact Dr. Blaso at (815) 405-1400.

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For Relief Veterinarian listing information, contact the CVMA office at: (630) 325-1231. The CVMA does not endorse any veterinarian listed in the Relief Veterinarian section. The Association cannot attest to the veterinarians' abilities to practice veterinary medicine or to the conduct of the individual.
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#### TECHNICIAN POSITION

**Blum Animal Hospital:** Experienced veterinary technician wanted to join our 8 veterinarian, 50+ employee, progressive, AAHA small animal hospital. Responsibilities include surgery assistance, endoscopies, x-rays, anesthesiology, dentistry, lab procedures, ultrasounds and client education. Looking for full-time including rotating Saturdays. Competitive salary/benefits including 401K. Submit cover letter/resume to: Kimberly Cerny, 3219 N. Clark St, Chicago, IL 60657. Or email: kimberly@blumvet.com.

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**Important Information for your Service Animal Clients.**

The American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists® (ACVO®) will host its 8th public service event providing free screening eye exams to Service Animals in the month of May, 2015.

Approximately 260 ACVO® board certified veterinary ophthalmologists will donate their services to provide complimentary screening eye examinations to Service Animals across America and Canada. Best of all, the Service Animal’s owner/agent will incur no cost for these screening services. It is anticipated that through these efforts, Service Animal health can be improved and potential disease averted for thousands of animals.

Qualification information and registration available at: www.ACVOEyeExam.org.

Registration is open from April 1-30 & Complimentary eye screenings take place in May.

Referring practitioners, please follow this link for more details: www.acvoeyeexam.org/2015/GPReferrals/GPmain.shtml
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Dr. Laura Garrett, a boarded veterinary oncologist who joined the College of Veterinary Medicine faculty in 2006, was recently selected as chief of staff of the Veterinary Teaching Hospital. The chief of staff position is part of a new administrative structure in the hospital that will be implemented upon the retirement of Dr. Brendan McKiernan, who has served as hospital director since July 2011.

Under the new structure, Dr. Karen Campbell, head of the Department of Veterinary Clinical Medicine, will have authority over both the department and the teaching hospital. A hospital administrator who is not a veterinarian will oversee operational and financial matters, and a hospital board comprised of hospital section heads and two elected faculty members will assist in hospital governance, especially in matters related to patient care. The chief of staff will chair the hospital board and work with the hospital administrator under the direction of the department head. Dr. Garrett was selected for the role by a vote of the faculty in the Department of Veterinary Clinical Medicine.

“As chief of staff I will serve as a facilitator for the day-to-day work of the many people involved in the teaching hospital,” said Dr. Garrett. “My goal is to improve empathy between coworkers and lead groups toward more autonomous problem solving.”

Dr. Garrett currently serves as past president of the Veterinary Cancer Society and is active in the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine. In addition to her clinical service and teaching in oncology and her involvement in clinical trials of new anti-cancer agents, Dr. Garrett has long pursued an interest in communication skill education and has played a major role in integrating that subject into the Illinois veterinary curriculum. She was recently named director of communications training in the college’s Clinical Skill Learning Center, which opened its Communications Center last fall.

Dr. Garrett is a Bayer Animal Health Communication faculty member, having completed the course in 2007 along with Cheryl Weber, student services coordinator and grief educator at the college. This year, two additional Illinois faculty members will be trained at the weeklong program.

Dr. Brendan McKiernan, an internationally renowned specialist in respiratory diseases of dogs and cats, started his academic career at Illinois in 1974 as an internal medicine resident and subsequently joined the faculty. As a faculty member, he founded and served as first president of the Veterinary Comparative Respiratory Society. In 1998 he joined a private specialty practice in Denver, CO, and later moved to a practice in Medford, OR, spending 13 years in private practice before returning to Illinois as hospital director in 2011.
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**Wings Meetings are held at 7:30pm, the first Wednesday of each month in the CVMA office. Meetings will be held April 1 & May 6.**

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**COMPLIMENTARY CE:**

**Compassion Fatigue**
April 13 - 6:30-8:30pm

Sponsored by Hinsdale Pet Cemetery & The Welcome Waggin’ Mobile Veterinary Service. Event takes place at:

**Hinsdale Pet Cemetery**
6400 S. Bentley Avenue
Willowbrook, 60527

This session discusses the difficult emotional aspects of caring for animals and their people. Joy Davy, a licensed clinical professional counselor, will discuss how professionals can protect themselves against Compassion Fatigue and how they can recognize the signs if it starts...in themselves or their colleagues.

**Attendees will earn 2 CEUs.**
(RACE-approved & managed by the ChicagoVMA).

Snacks and Refreshments will be served. Talk is open to veterinarians & support staff (limit 3 per practice, please). Seating is limited!

**To register, call or email the CVMA by Thursday, April 9.**

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**ContinuEd Feline Symposium**
**Pearls in Feline Medicine and Surgery**

**May 1-2, 2015**
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. - both days

Embassy Suites Chicago Downtown/Lakefront
511 N Columbus Drive • Chicago, Illinois

Don’t miss the feline continuing education event of the year!
Sixteen hours of CE featuring nine world-renowned speakers, including an opening keynote address with Dr. Marty Becker.

**Topics will include:**
- Fear-Free Feline Practice
- Low-Stress Handling in Cats
- Feline Emergency and Critical Care
- Feline Toxicology
- Feline Dentistry and Oral Diseases
- Feline Ophthalmology
- Feline Lower Urinary Tract Disorders
- Feline Dermatology
- Feline Pain Management & Rehabilitation

**Discounted registration fees for Chicagoland veterinarians and veterinary technicians.**

Complete information and registration is available at [www.continu-ed.com](http://www.continu-ed.com)
Our Mission:
Chicago Veterinary Medical Association’s purpose is to provide its members opportunities for:

- Professional enrichment and communication
- Quality continuing education
- Dissemination of information to the public
- Promoting the health and well-being of animals

Our Vision:
The membership of the CVMA is dedicated to the health and well-being of animals through its nurturing of the human animal bond. The CVMA will strive to fulfill the diversified needs of its members by offering innovative member services and public awareness, cultivating membership involvement and providing nationally recognized CE programs.