March CE: Internal Medicine

The Role of FAT as an Endocrine Organ

Dr. Deborah Zoran’s presentation will focus on the timely topic of Canine and Feline Obesity. Practitioners will learn about the Multisystemic Effects of Obesity and the Significance of Effective Weight Management. In addition, she will review Feline Pancreatitis, Canine PLE, and Feline Colitis/Constipation.

Dr. Zoran has been a member of the Texas A&M University staff since 1996. She is actively involved with clinical, teaching, and research activities in small animal nutrition, gastroenterology and feline medicine.

Pre-registration fee is $125 for CVMA members, $200 for non-members. On-site registration is an additional $30. Registration begins at 7:30 AM and the session begins at 8:00 AM. To pre-register for the March 24 lecture, please call (630)325-1231 or email: cvma@chicagovma.org no later than Friday, March 19.

Complimentary Dinner CE: Canine Influenza

CVMA is teaming up with Intervet Schering-Plough Animal Health to offer a complimentary dinner meeting discussing Canine Influenza Virus with a leading expert in the field, Dr. Cynda Crawford.

DATE: February 24th, 2010
TIME: 6:30 PM Registration
7:00 PM Dinner and Discussion
LOCATION: Maggiano’s in Oak Brook
240 Oakbrook Court
Oak Brook, IL, 60523
(630) 368-0300

This seminar offers 2 hours of CE credit. And...there is no cost to attend!

Seats are Limited! To guarantee a seat at this event, you must pre-register with CVMA.

To register for the February 24th lecture, please call (630)325-1231 or email: cvma@chicagovma.org no later than Friday, February 19.

If you are registered for 2010 courses and have not received your Name Badge mailing, please contact us and we’ll resend it.
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President’s Thoughts

Dr. Ajaz Ahmad Alvi, 2010 CVMA President

Greetings to you and yours. And, my best wishes for a very Happy and Healthy New Year!

I thank you so very much for giving me an opportunity to serve as your 2010 Executive Board President. I have been a loyal member of this organization for the last 33 years and feel very strongly towards organized veterinary medicine. We, as a profession, need organized veterinary medicine more today than ever before. The threat is real...various interest groups are constantly trying to take away many services that rightfully belong to the veterinary profession. Your Chicago Veterinary Medical Association has been very much involved in dealing with these issues through our board and various committee members. Many thanks are due to all committee and board members for their relentless hard work. However, they cannot do it alone. It is of the utmost importance that more of our membership be involved in association affairs. I urge you to become involved in the CVMA’s Board or any of our Committees.

As Board President, one of my goals for this year is to enhance your membership benefits. One of the biggest benefits is getting continuous education at a very modest price; we will explore other avenues for more tangible benefits. Also, I intend to call a special meeting with independent owners of hospitals/practices to see how best we can attend to their needs.

During these tough economic times, though difficult, it is imperative for our organization to promote veterinary medicine. To accomplish this, we will need your help. I request to you all to give your ideas and input; please do not leave it to the Board of Directors alone. I assure you that your Board will do its level best, but do not forget the old saying:

“Two Heads Are Better Than One”

Thank you,

Ajaz Alvi, DVM
Email: alvidvm@aol.com
Phone: (708) 496-0511

Volunteers Needed to Staff the CVMA Booth

Please contact the office to attend either or both of these shows! As a volunteer, you will receive free admission to the event and reimbursed parking fees.

IKC Dog Show at McCormick Place, February 26-28
Family Pet Expo at Arlington Race Track, March 19-21
Over the years, my practice has seen its fair share of talkative clients. During their extended appointments, they feel the need to talk about what is hot in veterinary medicine. In recent months, the subject of Guardianship versus Ownership has been coming up surprisingly often. Even though I never discuss religion or politics in my exam rooms, Guardianship and its politicalness has crept in. Recently, Mrs. X, while cradling her new Akita-Poo puppy, wanted to talk about the harshness of the term Owner. She feels her puppy is a beloved member of her family, not an owned slave or a piece of property. Mrs. X was in agreement with the animal rights activists that Guardian is a kinder word than Owner. I told her that in order to talk about the term Guardian there needs to be an understanding of the legal and practical applications.

Basically, a Guardian has very limited rights against outside interference from third parties. On the other hand, an Owner of property has Constitutional rights not to be deprived of that property without Due Process. Due Process insists on higher standards and more stringent legal procedures to remove an animal from an Owner. A Guardian can be quickly appointed with ease by a judge. Under existing human laws, a ward of the state can have its Guardian removed without a hearing or trial. If the Owners of the animals become Guardians it is the state and not the individual who owns the animal. Currently, there is no state that has the ability to financially act as an owner. As a ward of the state, a ward has legal rights that can be recognized in court. Consequently, animal owners could be subject to civil law suits filed by third parties on behalf of an animal.

There can be cases where needed veterinary treatment might exceed the Owner's ability to pay. Guardianship can require that Owners take on financial hardships.

Under Guardianship, owners may no longer have the option for non-health euthanasia. Currently, veterinarians cannot release animal medical records without an owner's permission. Under Guardian a veterinarian may choose to keep or release records if he/she believes it to be in the animal's best interest.

The sale or transfer of an animal from one Guardian to another might not be legal. There is a possibility that a third party could stop any transfer if it is thought to be in the animal's best interest.

Homeowners insurance policies might not cover claims due to animal-related damage. Under Guardianship law, animals would no longer be classed as property.

In states that require Guardian Registries, there could be the need for costly background checks, bonding and conflict-of-interest evaluations.

Guardianship could interfere with the government's efforts to control and quarantine animals and require vaccinations.

The use of dogs as guide, hearing, or search and rescue dogs might not be acceptable under Guardianship.

There are people who would like to use our concern for animal welfare to make some profound changes. They would like us to change our owner/pet relationship to Guardianship. As innocent as it sounds, one could be giving up serious rights and taking on burdensome financial obligations i.e. all this by inserting the term Guardian into ordinances, state laws and the legal system.

I would like to thank the American Veterinary Medical Association and the Missouri Veterinary Medical Association for some of the valuable information used in this article.

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100 Years Ago: February 8, 1910

Raymond Wise, DVM—Historian

The regular Monthly Meeting was held on this date at the Palmer House.

The President and Vice President being absent, Dr John F. Ryan took the chair at 9:30pm. Roll call was omitted, very few members were present.

It was moved that this Society, through Secretary, JM Parks extend to President SH Baker its heartiest congratulations and best wishes for a long and happy wedded life. Carried.

After a general discussion on personal experiences in everyday practice the meeting adjourned at 11pm.

John M Parks, Secretary
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The State We’re In and Our Focus on the Future

Herb Whiteley, Dean, University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine

With the financial woes of the state of Illinois in the headlines daily, I want you to know how our College is responding to these challenging times.

For the fiscal year ending June 30, we will be returning 3.65 percent of our budget. For the fiscal year beginning in July, we will be cutting considerably more, likely around 10 percent, or $2 million, though the final amount is still unknown.

What I do know is that our College is visionary, collaborative, and strong. We will manage the many changes ahead by staying focused on our priorities.

Above all, our top priority remains the quality of education for veterinary students—your future colleagues.

Last year, our College launched the Illinois Integrated Veterinary Professional Curriculum. The process of implementing this new program has been transformative for our College. Faculty members from the basic and clinical sciences have forged unprecedented collaborations in the classroom. Students have spent considerable time outside the classroom, experiencing veterinary medicine in immediate and diverse settings. Everyone involved has provided feedback to help us shape and improve the curriculum.

Last year, we also opened the Chicago Center for Veterinary Medicine, another major achievement for our long-term visibility and success in better serving animal owners and the veterinary profession in Illinois and recruiting students from underrepresented populations.

We accomplished these goals because of the bright minds and unwavering commitment of our faculty, students, and staff and because the Illinois veterinary community partnered with us. Those same resources will see us through the coming budget restrictions.

Thank you for your interest and support. If you would like more information on our budget situation or would like to know how private giving makes a difference for students and the work of the College, please contact me at dean@vetmed.illinois.edu.
To kick off our SitterCity.com Member discount service, we are having a working parent round table and play date on Tuesday, April 6th.

We will be multitasking, like all good parents, by discussing the challenges of being a working parent while allowing our little ones to socialize. Snacks and toys will be provided. This effort is being hosted by Dr. Eileen Murphy at West Wrigley Animal Hospital, 3416 N. Ashland Ave, Chicago with assistance from Dr. Elizabeth Cutright, both of whom will be participating with their one and two year old children.

We hope this proves to be beneficial to our members, whether the result is a simple and fun play date or our members leave with a few good tips on how to better juggle their busy lives. We tentatively have this scheduled from 12-2pm, but this time can be adjusted pending member response and need. Please phone the CVMA office for more details. PS, Sox fans welcome!

**Working Parent Round Table and Play Date—April 6**

**Elizabeth Cutright DVM, Membership Co-Chair**

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**Meeting Minutes**

*Please notify the CVMA office if you find that any corrections need to be made to these minutes.*

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**November 2009 CVMA Executive Board Meeting Minutes Summary**

An Executive Board Meeting was called Tuesday, November 17, 2009 at 8:10pm, presided by Dr. Yuval Nir.

Correspondence:

1. Dr. Rubin’s retirement.
2. Notification by member of a company that does dental procedures not performed by veterinarians; will refer to Peter Weber for advice on how to pursue.
3. Comments about the bylaw revisions- some minor changes. Legally, may not be able to change after they have been sent to members; Norm Block will need to address: relating to the President serving as the immediate past-president. And relating to applications to be approved by the Executive Board.

December General Meeting Attendance- Dr. Nir asked that all Executive Board members attend, if possible; there are many important topics to be voted on.

Dr. Nir thanked the members of the board for all of the work that was done this year. This is his last meeting as CVMA President.

**Report of the Administrator, Richard Susralski**

Read list of Achievements/Changes that happened throughout the year.

Annual Membership and CE Billing Status: sent out along with CE brochures, 80 responses back so far.

Paradise 4 Paws Discount- Day boarding/spa Offered a discount for CVMA meetings, They were a new exhibitor at CVMA meeting.

**Report of the secretary, Dr. Alexis Newman**

Minutes from the October 2009 meeting

**Motion made, seconded and passed for approval of the October EB meeting minutes**

**REPORT OF THE TREASURER, Dr. Bala Rengarajan**

Financial Update- majority of income comes in December and January. P & L was reviewed.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Animal Welfare, Dr. Amir Shanan**—Committee’s first year. Last week Dr. Shanan attended a meeting- companion animals are a very small portion of Animal Welfare concerns (food animal, lab animal, and less shelter medicine are more significant).

The CVMA Animal Welfare Committee [AWC] mission is to develop projects that, directly or indirectly, benefit the welfare of animals and human communities in the Chicago area and also benefit the CVMA membership. The projects will involve collection and analysis of data, formulation of evidence-based solutions, and planning and implementation of such solutions in collaboration with other animal welfare organizations and the UI CVM. The AWC members currently include veterinarians in private practice, university practice and shelter management.

The committee plans to select 1-3 projects for development in 2010. A detailed action plan will be presented to the CVMA BOD in March 2010.

**Communications, Dr. Glen Romney**—Urged the Board to look at new website: Not open to everyone yet- need to send IP address to the person doing this. Rich will send directions out to board members so they can look at the website in development.

Dr. Romney will produce guidelines for advertisements that are in the bulletin; these guidelines will be printed in the bulletin early 2010.
Continuing Education—The CVMA office staff and CE committee is in the process of securing sponsorship for 2010 CE meetings. Three firm commitments and one soft commitment have been secured to date. Dr. Miz would like to commend the CVMA office staff for an outstanding performance in creating the best CE brochure to date.

Marketing—Richard has been working with Dr. Natt to develop branding for all material produced by the CVMA and the new website. Discussed need for more brochures and information to distribute to the public. It was suggested that the Helpline should have information at events, as well as information from other committees.

Membership Update
1. Our Personal Finance Lecture was held Nov 5, in the CVMA office. Lisa Drabicki Stasi CPA, MST covered a wide variety of topics related to financial planning including investment, home ownership, planning for retirement, taxes, and estate planning. A very interactive question and answer session followed. One member asked if we were going to do more lectures like this because she found it very useful. Rich suggested we request for members to send us any non-medicine related meeting topics in which they might be interested.

2. Update on new membership benefits: VIN has agreed to consider a discounted member option for CVMA members. Dr. Post is currently in negotiations with VIN.

Dr. Bauer has assisted in the completion of the CVMA Mentor Packet for participating hospitals. UIUC Vet Med is currently hosting a Saturday workshop at the Anti-Cruelty Society to further mentorship endeavors. They currently have a list of students in the city of Chicago hoping to shadow local vets. This is a good time to roll out the packets to our members wishing to be mentors to grade/high/college students and start a list of members offering to be mentors. The Membership Committee would like to ask the board to start off our efforts by each board member offering their hospital as a potential shadow location once our mentor packets are finalized. We will match students by zip code to the closest clinic, where possible.

Sitter City - 2010 CVMA members may be eligible to receive either a 20% rebate on an annual membership or one free month of a monthly membership with SitterCity.com. CVMA will reimburse the first 25 CVMA members that apply for the rebate. To apply, members must fax or email a paid SitterCity membership and the office will reimburse, up to the first 25 submissions. This is a limited time offer. Rebate eligibility is contingent upon active membership in 2010.

3) Reading of the new members: Drs. Mark Piechocinski, Adam Calcutt, Lyndon Conrad, Mandy Hoyt, Janine M. Williams, and Karen Gadberry. Motion made, seconded and passed to accept these new members.

Nominations, Drs. Greeley/Nir—Awards Nominations: Lifetime Service: Dr. Shelley Rubin CVMA Merit: Dr. Greeley and Dr. Heneghan President’s Service: Steve Dale
Motion made, seconded and passed to accepts these members for award nominations.

Public Education—Dr. Ericka Haynes: Navy Pier Pet Expo status report given.

ISVMA Representative Committee, Dr. Arndt—ISVMA Convention just held in Peoria. Attendance was very down compared to other years, but there were walk-ins. Some costs were reduced; endoscopy wet lab was cancelled. Meetings will be in Lombard, then Peoria, then possibly Lombard or Schaumburg. Finances were reviewed; year ending June 30th, ISVMA had ~$30,000 profit from year; big decrease in number of certified veterinary technicians program - very few in attendance in Peoria.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
Foundation Update, Dr. Lori Civello Trip to AVMF (in AVMA) to meet with their Marketing person and Executive Director.

Task Force for Companion Animals, Dr. Greeley No update from the meeting with the Task Force. Action item remains- survey presented out of task force to send to DVMs in Chicago- Regarding Needs Assessment for hospital in Chicago; wanted feedback from CVMA on the survey.

Task List, Dr. Yuval Nir—Dr. Nir reviewed the Task List. Some items have been completed, some will be ongoing and carried over to 2010.

NEW BUSINESS
Last board meeting for Dr. Greeley (as past president) and Dr. Nir (as president). Dr. Nir would like Dr. Greeley to consider a position as an ISpecial Advisorâ€­for the CVMA Board to point out issues to the board that may have been missed. Need to adopt a resolution to create the Special Advisory Committee. Motion made, seconded and passed to create a Special Advisory Committee. Dr. Nir appointed Dr. Greeley to head the committee.

Meeting was adjourned at 10pm.

December 2009 General Meeting Minutes Summary
The general membership meeting of the Chicago Veterinary Medical Association was called to order on December 9, 2009 at 12:12 pm by President Dr. Yuval Nir. The meeting was held at Hamburger University in Oak Brook, IL, in conjunction with the CVMA CE Meeting on Pain Management with Dr. James Gaynor.
REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR, Richard Susralski
Rich reminded members that membership dues renewal letters went out at the beginning of November and are due to the office by December 31st, 2009. At that time, we will be generating response letters and sending name badges for anyone that has registered for CE courses. Rich reminded everyone that Hamburger University has a strict policy that anyone entering the facility must have some form of identification on them at all times. If someone would prefer to wear their own hospital name badge, it is acceptable.

There are two trade shows coming up in the beginning of 2010; volunteers are needed. The IKC Show at McCormick Place, February 25-28 and the Family Pet Expo at Arlington Race Track, March 19-21. Please call the office to volunteer.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY
Minutes from the Oct 7, 2009 General Meeting were read by Danielle Rothe.
Motion Made, Seconded, and Passed to approve the minutes

COMMITTEE REPORTS
Bylaws  Dr. Yuval Nir presented the bylaws changes and asked for a motion to approve changes as presented in member billing notice.
Motion Made, Seconded, and Passed to approve the Bylaws changes
Membership  Dr. Ajaz Alvi read the list of names of veterinarians presented for membership into the organization: Drs. John Rimkunas, Amanda Evans, Elizabeth Emmel, Mark Piechocinski, Adam Calcutt, Lyndon Conrad, Mandy Hoyt, Janine M. Williams, and Karen Gadberry.
Motion Made, Seconded, and Passed to approve these doctors to be admitted to membership.
Dr. Alvi then read the names of members eligible for lifetime membership: Drs. Terry Becker, Roy Hubert, Richard Kilburn, Craig Kragness, Terence Locke, John MacLellan, Jerold Needelman, Ray Norlin, Richard Nye, Mohammad Rahman, Bala Rengarajan and Thomas Welsh.
Motion Made, Seconded, and Passed to approve these members for lifetime status.
Dr. Alvi then read the names of members that passed away in 2009: Drs. Janice Audin, Dennis Agustin, Nathan Brewer, John Gmitro and Erwin Small. Dr. Alvi asked for a moment of silence to honor these fellow members.

New Business: Dr. Kathleen Heneghan read the names of the 2010 slate.
Motion Made, Seconded, and Passed to approve this slate of officers.

Dr. Nir asked for any further comments or discussion from the floor. None heard. Meeting adjourned at 12:25 pm.

2009 CVMA Awards Presentations

- **Lifetime Service Award Recipient:** Dr. Shelley Rubin
- **CVMA Merit Award Recipients:** Dr. Shannon Greeley, Dr. Kathleen Heneghan

**Welcome New Members!**
CVMA would like to welcome the following new members to our strong and growing association. These DVMs joined the CVMA between November 18, 2009 and January 26, 2010.

And, be sure to spread the word about our group. The larger we are, the greater impact we can make on those around us!

- Dr. Katherine Baldwin (IL 98)
- Dr. David Baughman (IL 79)
- Dr. Megan Bender (WI 77)
- Dr. Kathrine Berman (IL 01)
- Dr. Anthony Cappa (IL 66)
- Dr. Stacy Chirillo (IL 00)
- Dr. Jennifer Cook (Wisc-Madison 99)
- Dr. Jennifer L. Deyo (MN 66)
- Dr. Kathryn Everett (TN 98)
- Dr. Rachel Fluegge (Ross 77)
- Dr. Steven Paul Haase (IL 01)
- Dr. Kristin Kamholz (IL 66)
- Dr. Kristen Kennedy (OH 08)
- Dr. Duane Kimmey (Tuskegee 60)
- Dr. Jessica Kriner (owa 99)
- Dr. Karen Kurowski (CA/Davis 77)
- Dr. Jeremy Larson (IL 04)
- Dr. Lynn A Lewin (PA 99)
- Dr. Nick Miller (WI 98)
- Dr. Zakiya Mudiwa (Tuskegee 98)
- Dr. Lisa A. Murray, DABVP (Iowa 66)
- Dr. Meg Ogishi (WI-Madison 00)
- Dr. Jeff Sankey (Ontario 98)
- Dr. Nicholas Szigitvari (IL 99)
- Dr. Kristin Vyhnal (Cornell 66)
Our Mission:
The purpose of the Chicago Veterinary Medical Association 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 providing nationally recognized CE programs, cultivating membership involvement, and offering innovative member services and public awareness.

Highlights of this issue:
March Continuing Education · Trade Show Volunteers Needed
Legislative Column · Complimentary Dinner CE Meeting