October CE: Soft Tissue Surgery

The title of the October meeting, "Soft Tissue Surgery — Take Home Techniques" will be presented by Dr. Dan Smeak, Professor of Surgery at Colorado State University. He is a keynote speaker at many veterinary surgery symposia in Europe, North and South America, Africa, Korea, and Japan. His main academic interests are soft tissue surgery and surgical training of veterinary students and residents.

Techniques to be covered during this lecture will include:
- Avoiding Intestinal Dehiscence
- Paramedian Approaches to the Caudal Abdomen
- Easy Gastrropexy and Splenectomy
- How to Close Wounds Even More Cosmetically.

Pre-registration fee is $125 for CVMA members, $175 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 10/7 lecture, please call (630)325-1231 or email: cvma@chicagovma.org no later than Friday, 10/2.

Member Updates

Finance Lecture Reschedule: Thursday, November 5
- Complimentary finance lecture: "Basic Financial Planning for Veterinarians" with Lisa Stasi, CPA, MST will be held on Thursday, November 5, at 8:00PM at the CVMA office. Please call the office to sign up, as seating is limited.

Blogging with Steve Dale
- Join us online! The CVMA has collaborated with Steve Dale and will now be a part of his Pet World blog. Our volunteer public education committee members will be involved in posting on the blog. Here is the link for viewing and posting comments: http://www.chicagonow.com/blogs/steve-dale-pet-world/

The CVMA Foundation is now up and running!
It’s finally here! The CVMA Foundation has been approved. We now have a 501c3 designation for accepting and dispensing donations. The goal of the foundation is to provide financial assistance to owners of animals needing treatment, education to the public regarding animal care, and disaster relief for animals in need.

And, we need lots of help to make it all happen! Are you able to assist? If not, what about your staff, clients, family, and/or friends? We need volunteers with business, marketing and/or promotion experience. This opportunity is for members as well as non-members! If you or someone you know can add value to our worthwhile cause, call the CVMA office and be a part of this exciting project!
2009 Executive Officers
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President’s Thoughts
Dr. Yuval Nir, 2009 CVMA President

Did you know that the CVMA is one of the most prominent regional veterinary associations nationwide? This happens thanks to member involvement, enthusiasm and volunteering. The CVMA has developed numerous excellent programs such as the continuing education seminars, the pet loss helpline, public education activities and much more. These programs have been successful due to a continuous flow of new volunteers and ideas that shape the future of the association and the profession.

Our environment is densely populated and very rich in resources. This opens the doors to endless opportunities and access to so many local resources, leveraging this huge potential. We can physically communicate between ourselves, and with others, with relative ease and accomplish what we need in a short time. The CVMA is interacting with organizations and entities (media, pet organizations, schools, government, etc.) in our region and collaborating on relevant pet issues. We are constantly helping with solutions to improve pet care and health. Promoting veterinary medicine and responsible pet ownership will solve many of the existing problems and also help grow the profession.

As you may know, we have established a foundation, which will help us raise funds for future activities in the area of public education, community involvement, welfare medicine, veterinary student support and more. This will allow us to expand the CVMA and engage in activities, in a manner that was not possible before. Now we can get donations and possibly, educational grants and expand our reach to new horizons.

The foundation has to be built and organized. We need volunteers to help shape and form the different activities and committees of the foundation. If you can help or have ideas, please call the office.

It is so exciting to see work in progress getting done. I thank you all for the efforts and time. The CVMA is moving into the future with more activities and programs and will continue to do so for generations to come. Being a part of this association is simply a great privilege.

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Immediate Volunteer Opportunities Available
Helpline
Historian Committee
Human Animal Bond Committee
Vet Technician Committee

Please contact the CVMA office with any questions or to sign up with one of these essential Committees.
Here We Go Again—Courtesy of the Chicago Tribune
David Saidel, DVM—Legislative Chairman

“Preventing Fatal Dog Attacks. Pit bulls account for almost half of fatal dog bites. Should they be banned?”

These eye catching headlines were in the Parade Section of the September 13, 2009, CHICAGO TRIBUNE. The contributors, J. Scott Orr and Lamar Graham, apparently were influenced by the internet. You can find this same information on the internet, but if you delve further, you can come away with different facts. In September of 2000, the CDC/AVMA reported that 76 out of 238 (32%) Dog Bite-Related Fatalities were blamed on pit bulls. However, if pit bull-type was used as the breed designation. There are approximately 20 breeds that can exhibit the pit bull look. The Human DBRF numbers came from news accounts and the HSUS registry databank. It is very difficult to collect accurate dog bite data because there is no centralized reporting system. The information is typically relayed through a variety of sources such as neighbors, police, veterinarians, emergency rooms and dog owners. It is virtually impossible for observers to make reliable breed identifications to tell if the pit bull-type is a pit bull. Only costly DNA testing can tell us definitively what breed we are dealing with.

Even the critical group, DogsBite.org, refers to pit bulls and pit bull-type interchangeably in their April 2009 report. DogsBite.org goes on to say, “Due to selective breeding practices that emphasize aggression and tenacity, this class of dogs (pit bulls) negatively impacts communities the most.” Nothing is mentioned about bad owners and bad breeders.

In their TRIBUNE article, Orr and Graham refer to Jim Graham, a councilman from Washington D.C., who said, “Anyone who has been near a pit bull can tell you why they need to be banned.” Graham added the following jumble-gram. “There is something endemic in this breed that prompts violence and cruelty when raised in the wrong hands.” Councilman Graham seems to be gullible and misguided by killer dog hype.

Two years ago, an elderly couple stood before the Lincolnwood Village Council and said they were menaced by a neighbor’s pair of pit bulls. Even though a veterinarian and several dog breeders spoke on behalf of good dogs, the village council voted to severely restrict pit bulls.

In 1991, the United Kingdom enacted its Dangerous Dogs Act (amended in 1997). It outlaws four breeds: the pit bull, Japanese tosa, dogo Argentino and fila Brasileiro. In order to own these breeds, the government requires that there be a Certificate of Exemption. These certificates can only be granted after the animals are neutered, insured, tattooed with an exemption code and microchipped. The RSPCA and the British Kennel Club insist that the Act has not reduced dog attacks nor dealt with irresponsible breeders and owners.

It has never been proven that breed specific laws have helped public safety.

A committee of experts in the Netherlands proved that their breed ban had not reduced dog bites. Accordingly, the Netherlands repealed its breed ban in 2008. More recently, Italy repealed its BSL in April of 2009.

Throughout history, other dogs have been the focus of fear. For instance, during the period of slavery in the United States, the Bloodhound became the object of dread due to

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CVMA Members Expanding Their Services and Opening New Clinics!
Elizabeth Cuthright, DVM—Membership Committee

We would like to bring attention to some of our member clinics, both new and expanding.

In Skokie, Animal 911 is an urgent care practice offering progressive emergency veterinary care and high quality critical care nursing. They have expanded to 24-hour care. This comes as a much needed service to local clinics. This also adds to the already existing daytime services of specialty practices in the same building of Drs. Susan Horton, Mary Grabowski, Katy Parr and Deanne Strat of Chicago Animal Exotics and Dr. Susan Yohn of Internal Medicine Referral Services.

A little closer into the city is Dr. Eileen Murphy at West Wrigley Animal Hospital, who recently opened her small animal practice. Dr. David Gonsky joins those ranks in the heart of the city with West Loop Veterinary Care Center.

For those members who are interested in starting up their own clinics or enhancing current clinics, remember to phone the CVMA office for assistance. We are always compiling new information from members of helpful conferences, materials, and professionals they have worked with to help them get moving in the right direction. We wish all these member doctors the best of luck.
2009 Relief Veterinarians

Dr. Christine Appleyard (WSU $7)
Companion Animal / Saturday Only
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Small Animal
South / SW Suburbs
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Relief veterinarian listing fees: $100 for CVMA members and $200 for non-members. Listings run from December/January issue to October/November issue. The listing shall appear as a print ad in the CVMA Bulletin and on the CVMA web site for easy access by our members. 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. If you would like your name added to the Relief List, please contact the CVMA office.
The meeting for this month was called Saturday, September 4th, instead of the second Tuesday which was the date of the AVMA meeting. President Hughes called the meeting to order at 8:30 PM in the Sherman House Parlor.

Roll call revealed 24 members and several distinguished visitors present, including Drs. W.H. Dalaymple and T. Chandler.

President Hughes stated that this meeting date had been advanced to avoid conflicting with the national meeting and to conduct final arrangements for the same.

Outstanding committees

AVMA—A.H. Baker, chairman, reported very satisfactory progress by all subcommittees.

Secretary Robertson read a report of the proceedings of the social committee’s meeting which was accepted. Treasurer Dyson reported having accepted $1740 and prospects of collecting $2535.

Entertainment Chairman E.L. Quitman reported that in addition to the boat ride, automobile ride, reception and music, etc., that Mrs. M.H. McHelly had offered to give a theater party to the ladies which had been accepted with due acknowledgment. He also reported that a card party had been arranged on Wednesday evening given by members of the ladies auxiliary. He then read the program of the entertainment for the AVMA. Dr. Quitman wished to know what expenses he could incur for the automobile trip. Motion made and carried to set aside $500 for the automobile ride.

Programs and Badges

Dr. C.A. White submitted a copy of the program which owing to short space of time was gotten out in a hurry. Cost $40.75. He submitted and explained the different badges officers having in addition the name of the officer printed in gold letters $12.00. Badges were ordered including $36.00 for the ladies auxiliary with a total cost of $211.58.

Motion made and carried that Dr. Dyson be empowered to pay in advance also to procure a liberal amount of ice.

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### Practices For Sale/Lease

**E.L. Minard:** Small animal clinic in northwest suburbs of Chicago available for purchase, as owner prepares to retire. Will assist with transition as long as needed. Owner financing may be available. Experienced and dedicated staff. Great clients! Contact Dr. Minard: (847) 695-1151 or email: katherineminard@sbcglobal.net.

### Practice Equipment

**Prairie State Veterinary Clinic:** Henry Schein walk-on scale. Small Pelton Crane autoclave. Make offer. Prairie State Veterinary Clinic, Orland Park. (708) 349-3331.

### Services Available

**Fred Rothschild:** CLU, RHU and David Rothschild have advised more than 400 veterinarians. For AVMA Group Life and Health information, underwritten by New York Life Insurance Company, New York, NY, as well as your investment needs, contact us at (847) 673-5040 or rothschild-ins@mcleodusa.net for analysis.

### Practice Personnel

**Golf Rose Animal Hospital:** Experienced Technicians Sought for 24-Hour Animal Hospital in Schaumburg. Come and join our progressive, close-knit staff. Enjoy the pace and expertise of a large emergency hospital without getting lost in the crowd. Use your current skills and learn many more. We are a busy ten-doctor practice with full medical and surgical services. Flexible hours, all shifts available. Salary commensurate with experience. Benefit package provided. Fax resume to (847) 885-8352 or call (847) 885-3344.

### Veterinarian Positions Available

**Animal Ark Veterinary Clinic:** 4-doctor, AAHA accredited hospital is looking for full- or part-time associate. New, fully equipped facility with excellent support staff & clientele. We're looking for a compassionate, personable team player that loves working with people and pets. Excellent opportunity for professional growth and long-term association. Competitive salary & benefits. Great location in the heart of Chicago. Fax resume and cover letter, with salary requirements, to Animal Ark Veterinary Clinic at (773) 442-6507 or email Practice Manager, Jennifer Landini at: jennifer@animalark.us. Our website is: www.animalark.us

**Animal Emergency and Referral Center:** Energetic emergency veterinarian who practices high quality medicine in a fast-paced environment, blending what is in the best interest of both the patient and the client. Applicants must possess a diverse skill set to handle a busy and often complicated emergency case load. Contact Sheri: srothschild@aercenter.com & visit our website: www.aercenter.com.

**Animal Medical Center of Chicago:** Vibrant/growing practice in Chicago seeks a full or part-time veterinarian to join our enthusiastic team. Candidate will be energetic, self-motivated, experienced and possess excellent surgical and communication skills. Attentive, committed and highly skilled staff. At AMC, you'll be given the freedom to practice quality medicine in a state-of-the-art environment including digital radiography, ultrasound, endoscope, vetroscope and a full dental suite. Competitive benefits including health insurance, vacation and continuing education allowance. Please email doctors@animalmedicalcenterofchicago.com, or fax resume with cover to (773) 525-3280, Attn: Lys. www.animalmedicalcenterofchicago.com EOE.

**Banfield, The Pet Hospital:** Chief of Staff and Associate Veterinarian positions available in several hospitals located in the greater Chicago area. Practice quality medicine and surgery in a supportive team environment. Several Associate positions are reserved for new graduates, and include our mentorship program! Excellent benefits and generous compensation plan. Email your resume to Dr. Sue Martin at: sue.martin@banfield.net.

**CARE Animal Emergency Services:** Experienced Veterinarian needed for night, weekend and holiday emergency work in West and Southwest Chicago suburbs. Please email resume to: animalcare@drtony.com or call: (815) 405-1300.

**Cleveland Veterinary Clinic P.C.:** Established small animal practice in South Elgin seeks personable and energetic full-time practitioner to join the team. Ideal candidate must have a passion for surgery, the ability to effectively manage medical cases, and 3-5 years of experience. Practice buy-in is an option. Call (847) 697-4066 and ask for Kenlyn or email resume to Kenlyn_vass_cvc@sbcglobal.net. Our website is: www.cvc.vetsuite.com.

**Escanaba Animal Hospital:** Relief veterinarian for weekdays, 10AM-7PM. No Wednesdays or Saturdays. Please call Dr. Raju: (773) 375-2433.
Lakeland Animal Hospital: Associate veterinarian wanted for a progressive, 4-doctor, AAHA certified practice in McHenry, IL (~60 miles NW of Chicago). We are a well-equipped and team oriented facility. No after hours emergency duty. New graduates are very welcome. Come join our team in a growing community that is close enough to Chicago to enjoy what the big city can offer and far enough away to have many outdoor recreational opportunities. Phone Dr. Michael Dunn at (815) 385-6925.

Loving Care Animal Clinic: We are CO2 laser equipped and have an excellent support staff. Our clientele is friendly and family oriented. Looking for an experienced compassionate DVM to join our team. Perks include incentive bonuses, C.E., membership dues, IRA, no emergency duty and a great work environment. Please send resumes to Dr. Joanne Carlson via fax (847) 670-8466 or email Dr. Carlson at: carlsonjll@sbcglobal.net. www.lovingcareanimalclinic.com

PAWS: Join the PAWS Chicago Clinic team as Spay/Neuter surgeon (dog & cat) from 8:30AM to ~3PM. Hours available Tue, Wed, Thurs, Sat, Sun. Must be able to perform 35 S/N per day. No customer exams or surgery prep. No minimum number of shifts. Contact Clinic Manager for information and details. Email Paul Cobb, PCobb@pawschicago.org or fax: (773) 521-1082, or call (773) 475-9431. We are a HVHQN Non-Profit Clinic with 80,000 surgeries done and counting!

Ridge Animal Clinic: PT or FT Associate needed for companion animal practice SE of Chicago (Lansing, IL). Friendly, professional staff. Strong interest in client education is essential. Practice equipped with surgical laser. Competitive salary, benefits and potential ownership. Contact Kerri Katsalis, DVM at (708) 474-3100 or by fax: (708) 474-2870.

Yorkville Animal Hospital: Veterinarian wanted for new state of the art facility in Yorkville. Must be self motivated and a good leader. Needs to feel comfortable in surgery and exam room, experience with exotics helpful. Fax resume to Dr. Jason Long (630) 385-4063 or call (630) 882-6060.

CVMA's HUMAN ANIMAL BOND COMMITTEE will be hosting a training seminar in Grief Counseling
⇒ Earn 5 hours of CE credit
⇒ Open to Veterinarians and their Staff
⇒ $50 fee

...and consider this: if you sign up to regularly volunteer for the Pet Loss Helpline, the $50 fee will be reimbursed to you!
⇒ Once monthly commitment
⇒ Assist others at a time of need
⇒ $50 fee...waived!

Please contact the CVMA office at (630) 325-1231 if you are interested in attending this valuable training session. Seating is limited.
Test Your Knowledge of the New Curriculum

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

By now I hope you’ve heard quite a bit about the innovative Illinois Integrated Veterinary Professional Curriculum developed by our College and implemented this fall with the current first-year students in the Class of 2013.

Let’s see how much you know!

1. Which of the following approaches is not used in the new curriculum?
   A. “Pre-enforcing” basic sciences concepts by introducing them first in a clinical context
   B. Optimizing live animal use in the curriculum by allowing students to build confidence in their clinical skills through use of models and simulations
   C. Peer teaching, where fourth-year students partner with first-year students on the same clinical rotation
   D. Building individualized portfolios of clinical learning for students as they log every patient case they observe, track the clinical procedures they perform, prepare case reports or presentations, and contribute clinical terms and definitions to an online wiki
   E. Ensuring that students are matched with clinical settings they already know and find comfortable

2. Which of the following is not a feature of the first eight weeks of the program?
   A. Students have few requirements and responsibilities
   B. Students complete week-long rotations in eight settings selected from a possible two dozen to ensure a variety of clinical exposure
   C. Students meet as a class for colloquia three times a week to learn about communication, veterinary careers, finances, and other topics
   D. Students complete online modules on breed and species identification and on drug calculations
   E. Students are assessed weekly by experienced veterinary technicians on such skills as venipuncture, suturing, sterile surgical preparations, positioning for radiographs, animal restraint, and intubation

3. After the first eight weeks, the new curriculum includes all of these components except which one?
   A. Three eight-week courses on “Structure and Function,” with a more conventional lecture and lab format, but infused with a strong clinical focus, complete the first-year coursework
   B. Coursework in the second year addresses “Pathobiologic Basis of Disease” but includes another eight weeks of week-long clinical rotations augmented with colloquia, online learning, and hands-on activities in the Clinical Skills Learning Center
   C. A milestone examination designed to assess students’ knowledge and identify areas for remediation will be administered in the second and third years of the program
   D. Students will spend a total of 10 months in a clinical setting over the four-year program
   E. Students pursue professional development to round out their education in areas they wish to strengthen or explore during the final eight weeks of the new curriculum

If you answered “A,” “B,” and “D,” you have an excellent grasp of the strategies and components used in the Illinois Integrated Veterinary Professional Curriculum.

In fact, you should consider getting more involved with students by becoming a mentor, inviting a student into your clinic through the primary care rotation program, and supporting students through donations to scholarships or sponsorship of the new Clinical Skills Learning Center.

To find out more about how you can be involved, please write to me at dean@vetmed.illinois.edu.
2010 CVMA Slate of Officers
Shannon Greeley, DVM—Nominations Committee

Listed below is the proposed slate of CVMA Officers for 2010. These candidates will be voted on for the listed positions during the General Membership Meeting on December 9, 2009. Nominations are open to all members. If you would like to make any additional nominations, please direct them to Dr. Shannon Greeley, animalassociate@aol.com, (708) 636-0303 or the CVMA office, cvma@chicagovma.org, (630) 325-1231.

**Executive Board**
- **President**
  Ajaz Alvi, DVM

- **President-Elect**
  David Saidel, DVM

- **Treasurer**
  Bala Rengarajan, DVM

- **Secretary**
  Alexis Newman, DVM

- **Past President**
  Yuval Nir, DVM

**Board of Directors**
- **3-Year Directors**
  Ericka Haynes, DVM
  Natalie Marks, DVM
  Glen Romney, DVM

- **2-Year Directors**
  Lori Civello, DVM
  Jessica Miller, DVM
  Raminder Natt, DVM

- **1-Year Directors**
  Gurdial Basran, DVM
  David Gonsky, DVM
  Georgianne Ludwig, DVM

**Committee Volunteer Opportunities**
2009 Executive Board

The CVMA committees are as strong as our volunteers. Whether a veterinarian volunteers on a one-time basis or on an ongoing basis, that one person can make a difference. The CVMA encourages you to participate in events and voice your opinion. We have a few openings for volunteers within the following committees. If you are interested, contact the CVMA office for more information.

- **Helpline and Human Animal Bond**
  Historian
  Vet Technician
August 2009 CVMA Executive Board Meeting Minutes Summary

Minutes from 5/19/09 Executive Board Meeting were reviewed. **Motion Made, Seconded, and Passed to approve the minutes**

Dr. Alvi presented the 2009-2010 Budget Draft to the Board. The new Continuing Education Price Structure was discussed. The changes include increasing non-member rate from $175 to $200/mtg, discontinuing the 6-seminar package as we will be having 7 seminars this year, and changing to a tiered payment structure for members: $125 for 1 meeting, $100/mtg for 2-4 meetings and $85/mtg for 5+ meetings. **Motion Made, Seconded, and Passed to approve the new Continuing Education Pricing. Motion Made, Seconded, and Passed to approve the 2009-2010 Budget.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Membership** ï Dr. Shannon Greeley read the list of names of veterinarians that will be presented for membership at the September 9, 2009 General Meeting: Drs. Tracey Hlede, Joseph B. Harder, Ethan Mosley, Kathryn McFadden, Joshua Locher, Jennifer Blake, Anne Bellen, Brent Salazar, Michelle Ramczyk, Silvana Beloiu, Jennifer Marzec, and Matthew Bauer. **Motion Made, Seconded, and Passed to approve of new members.**

**Bulletin/Website** ï we received a proposal to upgrade our website. The new design is web based, more interactive, and will be able to communicate with different applications.

**Continuing Education** ï The CE Committee has secured all speakers for the 2010 Lecture Series. All dates have been set and the venue is to be Hamburger University.

**Human Animal Bond** ï Richard Susralski discussed planning a Pet Loss Support Helpline training seminar.

**Legislative** ï Dr. David Saidel discussed the Task Force on Companion Animal Welfare & Public Safety’s proposed amendment to the Dangerous Dog Ordinance. Also discussed was the new law that all shelter animals in the City of Chicago must be spayed/neutered and micro-chipped.

**Nominations** ï Dr. Shannon Greeley explained nominees for the 2010 Board will be discussed at the September Board Meeting for publication in the Oct/Nov Bulletin.


REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR

Richard Susralski presented a list of names for possible Life Membership. The 2010 list is not yet finalized for vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**Foundation Update** - Dr. Lori Civello reported the application has been submitted to the IRS for approval.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15PM.

September 2009 General Meeting Minutes Summary

Dr. Nir reported on the changes to the staffing of the CVMA Office. Richard Susralski is now the full time Executive Director and Danielle Rothe has returned from maternity leave. Also noted, a student called to shadow a veterinarian before going to vet school. He asked for anyone interested in being a mentor to contact the office.

REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR

Rich reported on the new partnership with Loyola Executive Education Program. The CVMA will have a booth at the Great American Pet Expo at Navy Pier, Nov 14/15. Volunteers needed, anyone interested in working the booth, please contact the office. Rich then updated the status of the CVMA Foundation. We hope to be operational by year end. Interested Foundation committee volunteers should contact the CVMA office.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

Minutes from the June 24, 2009 General Membership Meeting were read by Danielle Rothe. **Motion Made, Seconded, and Passed to approve the minutes**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Membership** ï Danielle Rothe read the list of names of veterinarians presented for membership into the organization: Drs. Tracey Hlede, Joseph B. Harder, Ethan Mosley, Kathryn McFadden, Joshua Locher, Jennifer Blake, Anne Bellen, Brent Salazar, Michelle Ramczyk, Silvana Beloiu, Jennifer Marzec, and Matthew Bauer. **Motion Made, Seconded, and Passed to approve these doctors to be admitted to membership.**

**Human Animal Bond** ï Dr. Lori Coughlin discussed an upcoming Grief Counseling Training for Doctors and staff. Committee also needs new volunteers.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT-ELECT

Dr. Alvi reviewed the 2009/2010 Budget. **Motion Made, Seconded, and Passed to approve the 2009/2010 Budget as presented.**

Meeting adjourned at 12:38PM.
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its use in catching runaway slaves. In the 20th century, the German Shepherd replaced the Bloodhound as an object of dread. In 1925, a New York magistrate advocated that German Shepherds be banned—they were actually banned in Australia from 1928 until 1973. Later, the Doberman Pinscher was the focus, followed by the Chow; then the Rottweiler; and now the Pit Bull. In the beginning of the 20th century, the Pit Bull had a very good reputation. The American Bull Terrier was used on a poster to promote the World War I effort. In 1928, a pit bull was used to help sell Buster Brown Shoes. The most popular of the Our Gang pets was Pete the Pup, a pit bull. Then, in 1976, the Animal Welfare Act made it illegal to traffic dogs for dog fighting. The news media began to run reports about owners who used these strong pit bulls to fight other dogs. Soon, the exaggerated tales of super-strength dogs attracted the type of people who use dogs improperly. The sensationalized reports involving pit bulls soon gave the public the wrong impression of the dogs that of criminal activity. The small amount of these dogs being used for negative purposes has given a bad reputation to the millions of good pit bull home companions.

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water and necessary toiletries such as soap and towels.

Clinics

Dr. McKillip reported a call for clinical subjects had been sent but only three responses were received. A canvas of members present resulted in over thirty subjects being offered. Dr. Jaffray was instructed to purchase as many as six suitable cases and pay $5 per head. Dr. Chandler offered three interesting surgical cases from some distance out of the city, the clinic committee to pay express charges one way. Motion made and carried to accept. Motion made and carried that two excellent mattresses 12ft by 10ft be purchased. A letter from "Hauoman and Durmò was reported offering to supply free all necessary instruments for clinical work.

It was reported that the Auxiliary had voted against the customary group photo of members, ladies and friends of the AVMA Convention. After considerable discussion a motion was made and carried to have the photo taken at the banquet.

Adjourned 12:15 PM - J.M. Parks, Secretary

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- 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.