



Bulletin

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April CE Seminar – Practice Management

Dr. Christine Merle to Speak on *Creating Your Practice's Destiny*



Christine Merle, DVM, MBA, CVMP

Does it seem like increases in client expectations and the quantity of medical knowledge has you working harder than before? Is your practice's "path to success" full of curves and bumps that are leaving you mystified?

Dr. Christine Merle, DVM, MBA, CVMP, will examine those questions and many others during her April 16 CVMA Continuing Education program on Practice Management. Dr. Merle's day-long interactive seminar for veterinarians and practice team members, entitled "Creating Your Practice's Destiny," can help you learn how to take back control over your time.

"Creating Your Practice's Destiny" will help you learn about:

- Identifying the elements that lead to financial success in veterinary practice.
- Setting medical and science standards.
- Implementing effective training programs.
- Performing a strategic analysis of your practice.

This seminar will include lots of take-home information and opportunity for discussion that will help you run your practice more efficiently and increase your economic success.

The CVMA is pleased to welcome Dr. Merle as a lecturer. She is a small animal practitioner from Chicago who is currently a consultant with the Brakke Veterinary Management Group. Dr. Merle holds degrees from the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine and DePaul University Kellsted Graduate School of Business. She is also a Certified Veterinary Practice Manager.

Dr. Merle has written articles and

done numerous interviews for the media on such topics as organizational behavior and integrating marketing into private practice by focusing on staff and client education. Her seminars for clinic staff and national veterinary associations are also much in demand; she was recently named the 2008 NAVC Conference Practice Management Speaker of the Year.

Registration for the Practice Management CE program is \$130 for CVMA members and \$150 for non-members. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m., and the session begins at 8:00 a.m. To pre-register for the April 16 seminar and avoid a late fee, contact the CVMA office at (630) 325-1231 or e-mail cvma@chicagovma.org no later than Friday, April 11, 2008.

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President's Thoughts

Dr. Shannon Greeley

Spring is in the air and that means many things to many people, but to most veterinarians in our area it means the start of heartworm season. In light of the changing heartworm disease risk profiles post-Katrina, I have included a link to the American Heartworm Society's website <http://www.heartwormsociety.org/> for their current prevention, diagnosis and treatment guidelines for dogs and cats. They also have valuable pet owner information available on this site as well. Don't forget, ferrets get heartworm disease too.

I am pleased to announce that our membership total (as of 3/9/08) is 853 (775 active members and 78 life members). This truly reflects the value you place on your CVMA membership and your commitment to supporting our profession. Our goal is to continue to serve the membership and our profession well. To this end, we have organized a CVMA Executive Board Strategic Planning session for the end of April. As always your input is needed and greatly appreciated. A good example of your input in action is the change in our Continuing Education location. The feedback regarding the new CE venue (Drury Lane, Oak Brook) has been overwhelmingly positive and our vendors are equally pleased with the new layout and location. As of 3/9/08, we have 177 CE package members with 197 substitute members. That means nearly 1/4 of our members utilize our local CE programs for the bulk of their CE needs. Please feel free to thank Dr. Andrea Wurzer and her committee for all of their hard work in preparing such stellar CE programs for us.

As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

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From the Administrator's Desk

Richard V. Susralski

Congratulations to CVMA Life Member and Lifetime Merit Award Winner, Dr. Bruce Little on his recent retirement from the American Veterinary Medical Association. He has helped to guide the veterinary profession through the AVMA for the past 22 years. Dr. Little graduated Kansas State in 1965 and practiced veterinary medicine in Illinois for 20 years before joining the AVMA in 1985. Dr. Little has now joined the Pets Best Pet Insurance Board of Directors. We wish him well in his new adventure as he continues to be a strong and guiding force in the field of veterinary medicine.

Historian Column

75 YEARS AGO 1933

Dr. Raymond Wise, Historian

Meeting called together for the Chicago Veterinary Medical Association on February 14, 1933, by President Dr. Miller.

The following members were present: Dr. Miller, Dr. Lacroix, Dr. Kilfay, Dr. Merillat, Dr. J. Jaffry, Dr. Humphrey, Dr. Sweeny, Dr. Montgomery, Dr. Trinkham, Dr. Hoskins, Dr. Hederen, Dr. Frost, Dr. Quitmann, Dr. Ebright, Dr. Urbank, Dr. Parks, Dr. Bartlett, and Dr. Christensen. Dr. Heimshine was visiting.

Minutes were suspended.

A report was given about the gift for Dr. Khuen, with the gift being a certificate for \$10.00 in merchandise at Marshall Field's.

New Business: The Cat and Dog Hotel was discussed, as it is listed under Dog and Cat hospitals and that the Donnelly Red Book gave this hotel as a place to take your dog for medical care. Dr. Quitmann made a motion that the president see the Donnelly Corporation personally, seconded by Dr. Parks. Motion carried.

Dr. Frost reported regarding Lederlees' unethical procedure of selling vaccine to laymen. Dr. Kilfay also spoke about Lederlees selling to Kennels. General discussion about ethical vaccine houses followed. Dr. Frost made a motion that we back the Illinois Veterinary Medical Association in regards to the Veterinary Practice Act in any action they may take. Seconded by Dr. Kilfay, with motion losing by one vote. Dr. Merillat gave a description of a new operation for prolapse of the vagina in bitches.

President Dr. Miller appointed Dr. Frost and Dr. Kilfay Program Committee for next meeting. Meeting adjourned 11:00 P. M.

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Congratulations

Dr. Tony Kremer

Kremer Veterinary Service, Minooka

On winning the first-ever Veterinary News Network Rising Star Award in the Television Category
Awarded at the Western Veterinary Conference.

Legislative Update

By David A. Sidel, DVM

The state of California has passed a law to protect pets from domestic violence. This joins six other states that have legislation protecting pets from such violence. It has been shown that many victims of domestic violence do not leave their situations due to fear of safety to their pets.

The AAHA says, "Seven states, including Colorado and Connecticut, now include pets in orders of protection against domestic violence. In addition, Nevada and Indiana adopted legislation that changes the definition of domestic violence to include injuring or killing a pet, and many other states have proposed similar legislation."

The Ohio House of Representatives is now considering a bill that will remove certain breed specific language from the definition of vicious dogs in their state law. The AKC supports such laws that: "establish a fair process by which specific dogs are identified as dangerous based on stated, measurable actions; impose appropriate penalties on irresponsible owners; and establish a well-defined method for dealing with dogs proven to be dangerous. The AKC also strongly opposes any legislation based on specific breed or phenotypic classes of dogs."

CVMA Member Spotlight - Dr. Peter Hartman

Advancing Veterinary Medicine Through Enhancing Practice Management

It's time to shake things up a bit here at the CVMA Bulletin! Our members get to hear from our director, president, committee heads, and even Dean Whiteley at the UIUC. The Bulletin Committee would like to hear more from our members, especially those who may not be active on a committee but are enhancing veterinary medicine through their own outreach.

For this reason we are bringing back the Member Spotlight, starting with Dr. Peter Hartman. Dr. Hartman has been a member of the CVMA, as well as the ISVMA and AVMA. Dr. Hartman is a 1999 UIUC DVM graduate. In March of 2006, he dedicated himself to building a successful practice, opening Valley Lakes Veterinary Clinic in northwest Round Lake, Ill. In his search to provide quality medicine through continuing education he became involved with the Chicagoland Veterinary Managers Group. CVMG was founded in 2007, and Dr. Hartman was elected to a Directors at Large position on the Board of Directors. He was also appointed to a position on the organization's C.E. Committee. The CVMG is currently establishing its not-for-profit status and growing its membership.

According to Dr. Hartman, the benefits of the organization to his practice were immediate. Every month, Dr. Hartman is able to implement one new positive change in his practice that he brings back directly from the CVMG monthly meetings. He also touts the ability of drawing on the collective experience of the group in all aspects of veterinary management and truly views the CVMG as a support network. As part of his C.E. committee responsibilities, Dr. Hartman was very involved in the CVMG's first C.E. event covering OSHA and Disaster Preparedness for the Veterinary Practice, which was held in Wheeling, Ill., this past March. Members interested in further information regarding the CVMG should contact Dr. Hartman at (847) 270-0880 or via e-mail at valleylakesvc@sbcglobal.net. The CVMA applauds his efforts and hopes to see this association flourish. We would love CVMA member feedback from other members' experiences with the CVMG as it grows.

Aside from his active involvement in the young and upcoming CVMG, Dr. Hartman shares his life with his wife, two dogs, and a cat. When not practicing veterinary medicine or researching the most current anesthesiology techniques, Dr. Hartman enjoys sneaking away to do some clay pigeon shooting.

Who will be next in our CVMA Member Spotlight? Please email or phone suggestions to the CVMA office contacts listed on the last page of the Bulletin.

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Practice/Equipment/Other

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Southwest Suburbs: Southwest Suburban veterinary clinic will be available for sale. Package includes real estate, equipment and customer list. For information, contact Hal Brown (708) 226-2727.

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The Animal Doctor: We are an AAHA accredited small animal/exotic practice looking for a FT personable, compassionate, certified or trained Veterinary Technician who enjoys client interaction and applying medical skills. Competitive salary, CE package (CVT), health benefits. Please send resume to The Animal Doctor, Attn: Denise, 600 Industrial Dr., Unit L, Cary, IL 60013. phone: 847-516-8190. fax: 847-516-8624. email: denise.c@theanimaldoctor.net.

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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.

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. J. F. McCarthy, contact Joe McCarthy at (708) 547-5096, website www.jfmccarthyconstruction.com.

Veterinarian Positions Available

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Blackhawk Veterinary Hospital: Wisconsin, Janesville - Practice smarter not harder. Full-time associate small animal practice. Great schedule so you can have life outside the practice. Associate needed who has excellent communication skills, practices high quality medicine and can excel at customer service. We need the right person to grow with us and to help enhance the culture/philosophies of our hospital. Production based pay. Benefits. Please email resume to julierober@hotmail.com.

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CVMA Public Education Committee Report

The Public Education Committee met March 2, 2008. Co-Chair Dr. Larry Fox submitted the following report:

1. The WMAQ-TV "Vets on Pets" segments are going well, and CVMA members and topics have been scheduled to appear through June. The committee will finalize the last six months of 2008 appearances at the end of April.
2. CVMA shared a booth with U of I at the IKC show. There was a fair amount of CVMA participation.
3. Dr. Heneghan would obtain banners and handouts for the CVMA booth at the Chicagoland Family Pet Show March 15-17. A call was sent out for more volunteers.
4. The annual Chicago White Sox Dog Days of Summer is set for June 2, 2008 at U.S. Cellular Field. Dr. J.B. Bruederle will be asked to head up the event.
5. The committee will contact Star Events to plan for next year's Dog Jog. Dr. Mayer and Dr. Heneghan will coordinate the effort.
6. Display & Handouts for career days and other events - Dr. Kremer will contact our printer to see what he has on file regarding displays and handouts for career days and other events. Most of our material is believed to have been lost during flooding at a committee member's home. The board will be asked to fund a new display board, and a new brochure is planned that will describe the CVMA to members of the public.
7. The committee may attempt to search CVMA hard disks for lost files in regards to past histories of leptospirosis. There have been reports that there is an outbreak of leptospirosis currently.

Committee Classified Ads:

Calling All Techies – Wanted. Enthusiastic individual to chair the CVMA Website Committee. Must be knowledgeable in updating web content and able to provide creative web design ideas. Net heads preferred. Please contact Dr. Greeley @ animalassociate@aol.com

Help Needed With The Helpline - As mentioned at the March General Meeting, the Human Animal Bond Committee is in need of volunteers to help with the Wings Support Group. If anyone has had training with the C.A.R.E. Pet Loss Help Line at the University of Illinois CVM, please contact Dr. Lori Coughlin at catlover5@aol.com for more information.

Looking For The Past – Our historian, Dr. Ray Wise, is looking to archive the CVMA Bulletins and is missing many of the early editions 50's, 60's. If you have these or any earlier items of historical significance to the CVMA, please contact the CVMA Office at cvma@chicagovma.org. Don't worry; your items do not need to be relinquished, as we can arrange for photographing or photocopying them for archival purposes.

Help Us Get It Done – We have a cold and empty chair on the Bylaws Committee waiting to be filled by an individual who loves reading and writing, as well as re-reading and re-writing. This critically important committee will be vital to helping us implement the future goals of our association. Please contact Dr. Greeley @ animalassociate@aol.com

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Your College in Chicago: An Update *By Dean Herb Whiteley*



The University of Illinois Chicago Center for Veterinary Medicine is continuing to move forward, with a lot of help from our friends.

As you know, we are opening a facility at 2242 West Harrison in space leased from the University of Illinois at Chicago. Initially we will offer small animal primary care services there, with the presence of a board-certified internal medicine specialist soon to follow. Students will be engaged in providing animal care and managing the business side of this fast-paced practice.

Ultimately this location will also serve as our headquarters for recruiting students from underrepresented groups, collaborating with biomedical researchers in Chicago, and connecting with new donors.

We expect eventually to offer specialties such as oncology, dentistry, behavior, dermatology, and ophthalmology here, working either with College faculty or with Chicago-area specialists.

I'd like to thank the local practitioners and members of the Chicago and Illinois State VMAs who have met with us to give their input on this exciting initiative.

Serving on our advisory board are Drs. Kathi Berman, J.B. Bruederle, Cindy Charlier, Jeff Fortman, and Natalie Marks. Faculty advisers for this initiative are Drs. Anne Barger, Tom Graves, and Sandy Manfra.

A subcommittee of these groups is reviewing applications for primary care veterinarians.

Our focus over the summer will be on designing the space and developing the programs.

We are working with Bailey Edward Architecture, a firm with offices in Chicago and Champaign that specializes in laboratory design and renovations of existing facilities, and Animal Arts/Gates Hafen Cochrane, architects who have garnered 30 design awards from *Veterinary Economics* since 1986. We hope to begin construction this fall and open for business in early 2009.

Students would begin completing rotations there in summer 2009, but we have involved students throughout the planning process. Students interested in business and practice management have participated in every stage, from creating a business model to working with architects.

We are looking forward to having a facility in Chicago, knowing it will help us strengthen relationships with Chicago-area practitioners. It will be a home base for providing continuing education for veterinary professionals and otherwise supporting the profession in the Chicago-area.

If you have any questions or ideas about this venture, please get in touch with me at dean@cvm.uiuc.edu. I welcome your feedback and look forward to hearing from you.

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Dermatology

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- Intradermal Testing
- Diagnosis and Management of Ear Disorders
- Comprehensive Allergy Management

Ophthalmology

Elizabeth Adkins, DVM, MS
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- Treatment of Diseases of the Eye
- Glaucoma Diagnosis and Management

Internal Medicine

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Brett Wasik, DVM
Practice Limited to Internal Medicine

- Ultrasound/Echocardiography w/Color Flow Doppler
- General Internal Medicine
- Endocrinology
- Rhinoscopy/Bronchoscopy
- Endoscopy/Cystoscopy
- Endocrinology/Gastroenterology/Nephrology
- Radioiodine I-131 Therapy

Radiation Oncology

Jayne Looper, DVM
American College of Veterinary Radiology-Radiation Oncology

- Definitive Radiation Treatment for Companion Animal Tumors
- Palliative Treatment for Cancer Pain
- Radiation Therapy

Oncology/Hematology

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- Care of Cancer Patient
- Chemotherapy
- Tumor Biopsy & Localization
- Medical Management of Pain

Radiology

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- Ultrasonography
- General Radiology
- Computed Tomography
- MRI

Neurology

Heidi Barnes, DVM
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Miyu Mercier, DVM
Neurology Resident

- Cutting edge management of neurologic disorders through use of EMG, muscle/nerve biopsy, MRI, and spinal fluid analysis
- Surgical capabilities include, but are not limited to, spinal disorders such as disc disease and neoplasia, and intracranial diseases such as neoplasia and hydrocephalus

Surgery

Steven Abel, DVM
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Nancy Zimmerman, DVM
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- Orthopedic
- Soft Tissue
- TPLO
- Minimally Invasive Surgery (thoracoscopy, laparoscopy, arthroscopy)

Critical Care

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- Traumatology/Critical Care
- Transfusion Therapy
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January 2008 Executive Board Minutes Summary

The Executive Board Meeting of the Chicago Veterinary Medical Association was called to order on Tuesday, January 15, 2008, at 8:30 p.m. by President Dr. Shannon Greeley.

Secretary's Report:

Dr. Cutright presented the minutes from the November 20, 2007 EB meeting.

Motion Made, Seconded and Passed for approval of the November 20, 2007 Executive Board Meeting minutes. Dr. Greeley noted that CVMA will need to verify and correct the remainder of the by laws affected by ISVMA change noted in the minutes.

Membership Committee Report: Dr. Cutright reported:

The following doctors were presented for Membership into the Association: Drs. Erin Redeker-Goelitz, Konstantin Konstantinov, Jennifer Maloney, Alice Maloney, Amanda Hasse, Lindsay Miller, Roberta Skipor, Sarah Turek, David Brdecka, Alison Muehrcke, Heather Delmagori, and Dr. Sarah Beechler.

Motion Made, Seconded and Passed for acceptance of these doctors for presentation before the General Membership at the March 12, 2008 General Membership Meeting.

Motion Made, Seconded and Passed for adjournment of the Meeting 10:34 p.m.

February 2008 Executive Board Minutes Summary

The Executive Board Meeting of the Chicago Veterinary Medical Association was called to order on Tuesday, February 26, 2008, at 8:07 p.m. by President Dr. Shannon Greeley.

President's Report: Dr. Greeley reported:

Vet Management Group request to handout info at March CE. Request denied as to not set precedent for groups requesting to use the CVMA CE forum to hand out information; groups may purchase an exhibitor booth if they wish to display or hand out information.

Motion Made, Seconded and Passed to sell the CVMA mailing list to VM Group to help them promote their organization.

Secretary's Report:

Dr. Cutright presented the minutes from the January 15, 2008 EB meeting.

Motion Made, Seconded and Passed for approval of the January 15, 2008 Executive Board Meeting minutes.

Treasurer's Report:

Dr. Rengarajan recommended that CVMA switch its banking account to Chase Bank.

Motion Made, Seconded and Passed to switch banks from MB Financial to Chase Bank.

Membership Committee Report: Dr. Cutright reported:

The following doctors were presented for Membership into the Association: Drs. Erin Allison Vossmeier-Roberts, Mary Wilder, John Green, Susan Reis, Daniel Sanchez, Jeni Goedken, Brandy McGreer, Kathleen Wilson, Laura Brazelton, Maia Chan, David Luaces, Karen Wernette, Laura Brandt, Michael Mazzei, Christopher Shirkey, and Sophie Gill.

Motion Made, Seconded and Passed for acceptance of these doctors for presentation before the General Membership at the March 12, 2008 General Membership Meeting.

Motion Made, Seconded and Passed for adjournment of the Meeting 10:00 p.m.

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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.