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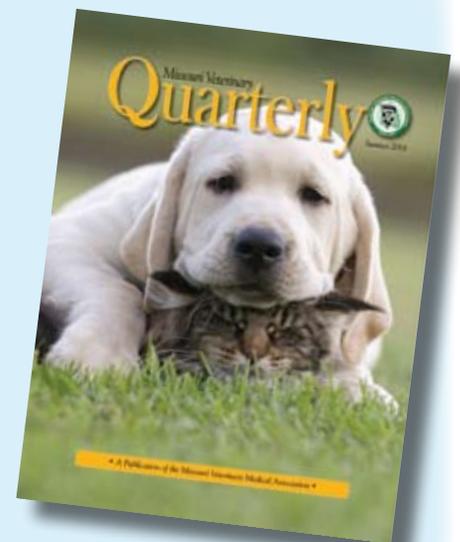
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**On the Cover...**

Visit these critters at the new MVMA website - [www.movma.org](http://www.movma.org). The site offers new and improved database capabilities; online purchase of products through the MVMA store; website search engine; and a more robust social media environment.

We hope you will enjoy the enhanced features and ease of use that the new site offers.

(See website article on page 16.)



## From the Board Chair



Craig Payne, DVM

At the spring board meeting there was a lot of discussion about whether the MVMA should take a position on the Right to Farm amendment that will appear on the August ballot. Under some situations it is easy to determine what our position should be on an issue. Such is the case when there is a bill that attempts to redefine the practice of veterinary medicine. In other situations that decision is not so obvious which is the case with the Right to Farm amendment.

As the debate over Right to Farm ramps up in the coming months, some may question why the MVMA decided to support the amendment even though it does not directly impact our profession. The primary reason for the decision lies in the fact that many of our members have clients that are farmers or they are farmers themselves. In addition, the agriculture community, in good faith, has supported some issues in the past that are dear to MVMA. The MVMA leadership felt that by supporting the amendment we were directly and indirectly supporting our members and friends.

I would encourage everyone to at least become familiar with Right to Farm which is discussed later in this issue. If you have additional questions please contact your district representative who has volunteered to be a spokesperson for the MVMA on this issue. Their contact information can also be found in the Right to Farm article.

Enjoy your summer and take care.

Craig A. Payne, DVM, MS

## From the Executive Director



Richard Antweiler

Hello MVMA Members, You have been seeing big changes lately in our online presence. Our new website is now up and running and we urge you to go to [www.mvma.org](http://www.mvma.org) to check it out. With the new website comes a powerful backend database that is very rich in collaborative tools. Our committees will have their own web page and online communities and be able to interact more seamlessly than ever before.

Also in the coming months you will see a more robust offering of online continuing education. Our spring webinar series was again a success, and we look forward to its future growth.

You have provided your staff with a great cadre of elected leaders. I am always impressed with the high quality individuals who take on the adventure of helping guide us to the future.

If you have a question or opinion, or you want to make sure we are informed of an incident or issue, or

if you just want to say hi, we are always happy to take your call at the MVMA office. Thanks very much for your membership and participation in the MVMA.

Richard Antweiler



### **The Association's Mission:**

As Missouri's statewide veterinary organization, Missouri Veterinary Medical Association's mission is to serve the members, promote the veterinary medical profession, and enhance veterinarians' ability to advance animal and human health.

# Happenings...

## MVMA PEOPLE & EVENTS

### MU-College of Veterinary Medicine Graduates 112 in 65th Commencement

The University of Missouri College of Veterinary Medicine graduated 112 new veterinarians May 16 during the college's 65th annual commencement. Dean Neil C. Olson, DVM, PhD, served as the master of ceremonies for the event.

During her commencement address, Janet Donlin, DVM, chief executive officer of the American Veterinary Medical Association Professional Liability Insurance Trust, shared some of the lessons she has learned in the years since she earned her doctor of veterinary medicine degree.

She said she finds inspiration in a quote by Steve Jobs: "Don't just live a life; build your life."

"To me that really resonates," Donlin told the graduates. "The fact that you're sitting in these chairs means that you get that. You are building your life."

David Prigel, DVM, president of the Missouri Veterinary Medical Association, led the graduates in reciting the Veterinarian's Oath. Ron Cott, DVM, associate dean for Student and Alumni Affairs and director of Advancement, presented the graduating class for investiture, which was conducted by Linda



MVMA president, Dr. David Prigel, leads the graduating class in reciting the Veterinarian's Oath.

Berent, associate dean for academic affairs, Bill Fales, PhD, professor of veterinary pathobiology, and Mirae Wood, DVM, assistant teaching professor of veterinary medicine and surgery. Former Missouri Supreme Court Judge Ann K. Covington, a member of the UM Board of Curators, conferred the doctor of veterinary medicine degree to the class members.

Members of the Class of 2014 selected Nathan Feyerabend to give a response on their behalf.

"It certainly feels unreal to be standing here celebrating this day, which once seemed so far away," he said. "Years of hard work, sleepless nights and occasionally substandard hygiene have all culminated in this moment."

Feyerabend recalled the challenges the graduates faced throughout their four years of veterinary college, from their first two years in the classroom through their clinical experiences, in which he said, "We dressed like doctors, talked like doctors and ran around like marathon runners." "No matter where this great profession takes you, remember to enjoy the journey," Feyerabend said.



A little help with the ol' mortar board.

### Members Make Capitol Visit, Meet Legislators

Fourteen MVMA members visited the State Capitol in Jefferson City on March 4th to talk with their legislators about important issues regarding veterinary medicine in Missouri.

On the agenda was to remove the sunset provision for the large-animal student loan bill, and opposing the exemption of certain animal husbandry practices from the definition of "veterinary medicine" among other issues.



Members meet with Senator Dan Brown, DVM during their visit to the Capitol.

### MVMA Student Outreach

MU-CVM students were invited to "Lunch and Learn" session on April 16 at the Adam's Conference Center on the college's campus.

A complimentary lunch was served to the 162 students during presentations made by Cliff Miller, DVM, Legislative Committee chair and Richard Antweiler, MVMA Executive Director.

Dr. Miller covered various legislative issues that may have a future impact on Missouri's veterinary community including HB 877.

Mr. Antweiler discussed the benefits of organized medicine and how the MVMA is working for all veterinarians to promote the profession and prevent negative legislative proposals that directly affect students' future as a veterinarian.

# West Central VMA District Discusses Scholarship, Student Loan Bill

Minutes for Saturday, March 8th, 2014 • Hawgs & Heifers; 450 Hwy 240, Fayette, MO

Meeting called to order by President Dr. Chad McNeal

Reports:

Dr. Jessica Stroupe, WCVMA Vice President:

- WCVMA will give a \$400.00 scholarship to a current veterinary medicine student at the University of Missouri to be announced at the Honors Banquet.

MVMA report from Dr. Charles Berry:

- Veterinary Day at the Capitol was held on March 4th and had a nice group present.
- Planning for the 2015 MVMA Convention is underway. It will be held in St. Charles and there is an executive meeting on April 6th to discuss ideas.

University of Missouri report from Dr. William Fales:

- New VMDL director is Shuping Zhang.
- Encouraging everyone to contact your Missouri Legislatures to remove the sunset on HB 1998 and SB 859 which would end the Student Loan Food Animal Program.
- The National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN) is requesting an appropriation of \$15 million in new funding in the FY 2015 Agriculture Appropriations bill. Some of this money would go to the VMDL.

Dr. Ken Vroman:

- Dr. Dana Gillig is MVMA's veterinarian of the year. Dr. M.B. Jones is MVMA's volunteer of the year.

Dr. Peggy Thompson gave a program on "Keeping Calves Healthy."

Respectfully submitted,

Mallory Schehr, DVM

## MVMA Welcomes Lauren Wood to Jefferson City Office

The MVMA welcomes Lauren Wood to the Jefferson City office as Executive Assistant. She will be answering your phone calls, working with database entry and giving Museum tours. She is working alongside Bobbie Fluegel in a part-time position.

Lauren is originally from the Jefferson City area. She graduated in 2011 with a Bachelor's degree in History from the University of Central Missouri.

She currently lives in Columbia, Missouri with her husband Patrick, 7 month old son Grayson, and cat Nike. Lauren loves to travel, spend time with family, and read Jane Austen. Her dream is to someday be able to travel around the world visiting as many countries as possible.

We hope you will welcome Lauren to the MVMA staff the next time you call.



Lauren Wood

### In Memory

#### Howard W. Dickman, DVM

Perryville, Mo.

Passed Away: April 29, 2014

Survived by: his wife, Susan;  
daughter, Janice; and son, John.

#### J. Ross Fleetwood, Jr., DVM

Montgomery City, Mo.

Passed Away: April 30, 2014

Survived by: his wife, Marilyn;  
and two sons, Chauncey and Stephen.

#### Charles E. Martin, DVM

Troy, Mo.

Passed Away: May 5, 2014

Survived by:  
three sons, Tony, Jim and David.

# 2015 Missouri Veterinary Medical Association Officer Candidates

*Note: Official ballots will be mailed on or before September 1, 2014.*

## Candidate for President-Elect

Mel Falk was raised on a cow-calf/swine farm in the flint hills south of Manhattan, Kansas, and received his DVM from KSU in 1974. He practiced mixed animal medicine for a year before moving to Independence, Missouri where he worked as a small animal veterinarian and then built Hidden Valley Animal Hospital in 1993. The hospital received the Merit Award for hospital design by Veterinary Economics magazine, the Business Beautification Award by the city of Independence, and later became an AAHA hospital.

Falk is on the KCVMA board, and is the Kansas City delegate to the MVMA executive board. He has served on several committees of the MVMA; presently the PAC Chairman. He was also a charter member of the first animal emergency clinic in Eastern Jackson County and on the executive board for several years.

Mel's civic activities include volunteering as a nation officer of the YMCA's Indian Guides, coaching many of his sons' basketball teams, and serving as school board officer at Messiah Lutheran School, and the executive board of both Messiah and Timothy Lutheran Church.

Along with his wife, Koko, he has raised four sons. Two are graduates of the University of Missouri, Columbia, and the other two graduates of West Point and the Air Force Academy; All married with two children.

*"We have never faced as many challenges to our profession as we are today. The Missouri legislature is considering a bill that could drastically alter the practice of veterinary medicine. If we are going to improve our profession, let's commit to building strong organizations through our state and national associations, and then voice our concerns to the legislators. We must not only organize but energize our membership. This commitment starts with each individual veterinarian doing their part. My candidacy for vice president is my answer to the call to serve. I would appreciate the opportunity to work with the MVMA leadership."*

Mel Falk, DVM



## Candidate for Secretary-Treasurer

Shelia Taylor, D.V.M. is a 1992 graduate of the University of Missouri-College of Veterinary Medicine. She is currently an instructor in bioclinical sciences at Ozarks Technical Community College in Springfield, MO as well as continuing to practice medicine on a relief basis.

Dr. Taylor currently serves on the MVMA Executive Board as Secretary-Treasurer, and is a longstanding member of the Veterinary Technician Committee and currently also serves on the Recent Graduate Task Force. She has also served on the Convention Planning Committee.

*"Since becoming involved in organized Veterinary Medicine, I have a much greater understanding of what our state and national organizations can do for us whether we currently work day to day in private practice, are in industry or regulatory medicine, academia, or wherever our veterinary education takes us. Serving as your Secretary-Treasurer for the past few years has made me appreciate the profession and the members of our association even more. Therefore, I am once again running for the position of Secretary-Treasurer because for your Association to work for you, we must have a financially sound association. The officer teams and state office have worked hard to maintain the standards of the association and I wish to continue that honored tradition in this position with the help of my fellow officers, district delegates, and you the members. Thank you for your time and your support."*

Shelia Taylor, DVM



*Please return your ballots by October 1, 2014.*

## Candidate for Vice President

Cliff Miller, DVM is a 2000 graduate of the University of Missouri College of Veterinary Medicine. After practicing in Kansas City, he opened Green Hills Veterinary Clinic, a mixed animal practice in Moberly in 2003. He and his wife, Suzanne, live in Moberly with their three boys aged 7, 4, and 2. He is actively involved with a cow calf operation with his father.

Dr. Miller is a member of the AVMA, MVMA, AABP, and AETA. His civic involvement includes the Moberly Rotary Club, University of Missouri Extension Council Board Member, and Knights of Columbus Council 995. Dr. Miller has mentored countless veterinary students through preceptorships and enjoys teaching tomorrow's veterinarians. He was instrumental in starting Moberly's "HOUNDS" program which places unwanted dogs with offenders in Moberly's prison for training and rehabilitation. Within the MVMA, Dr. Miller has served multiple terms as the Northeast District president, been involved with several MVMA committees, and is in his second term as the Northeast District delegate to the MVMA board. He also currently serves as the chairman of the legislative committee for the MVMA.

*"My involvement in the MVMA has been a very rewarding experience. By serving on the legislative committee, my eyes have been opened to the many challenges facing veterinarians from outside influences and how crucial the MVMA is to the health of our profession. I hope to continue my service as your vice-president and help protect your livelihoods."*

Cliff Miller, DVM



## Candidate for Vice President

Paul Smith, DVM, graduated from the University of Missouri in 1985 with a BA in history. He spent the next seven years as an active duty officer in the Air Force and then returned to the University of Missouri to earn his DVM in 1998. After graduating from veterinary college, Dr. Smith practiced mixed animal medicine for nine and a half years in Concordia, MO. He currently teaches full-time in the Veterinary Technology program and the Biology department at Metropolitan Community College-Maple Woods campus. In addition to teaching, Dr. Smith is a Colonel in the Air Force reserve. After receiving his DVM degree, he became a Public Health officer and then Commander of the 442d Medical Squadron at Whiteman AFB, MO. Dr. Smith recently returned to active duty to serve a six month tour as the 319th Medical Group Commander at Grand Forks AFB, ND. In this position, he oversees 185 personnel and a \$6.1M annual budget in order to meet the health care needs of nearly 7000 military members and civilian beneficiaries.

Dr. Smith is the current West Central VMA delegate to the MVMA executive board and is a past President, Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer of the West Central VMA. He's been a member and President of the Lafayette County 4-H fair board and a 4-H leader. Additionally, he served seven years on the Concordia R-II School District board of education.

Dr. Smith, and his wife Rhonda, have four children: Nichole, married to Jason Bobbitt; Jennifer, married to Matt Saitz; Seth, married to Lisa Smith and Hiliary, engaged to Matt Howdeshell. They also have one grandson, Oliver Bobbitt.

*"My veterinary degree and veterinary medicine have been a source of great opportunity for me. They've opened doors to experiences and challenges, as well as, professional and personal growth, not experienced or available to many other professions. The MVMA is the same way, it opens doors to opportunity for its members, whether it be representation, services or continuing education, that can't be realized without it. I appreciate this chance to run for Vice President and serve the MVMA; and look forward to the prospect of helping it, help us all achieve more through the opportunities it gives us."*

Paul Smith, DVM



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**NOTE:** Vice president candidates are listed alphabetically in the "Officer Candidate" article in this issue of the "Quarterly". Candidates names and bios will be reversed on the official ballot mailed by September 1, 2014.

# HIGHLIGHTS AND ACTIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

## Highlights and Actions of the MVMA Executive Board Meeting April 6, 2014 Jefferson City, Mo.

*The Missouri Veterinary Medical Association met April 6, 2014 at the MVMA Executive Office in Jefferson City, Missouri. The following are highlights. All formal actions were moved and seconded by board members, and all motions carried, unless noted otherwise:*

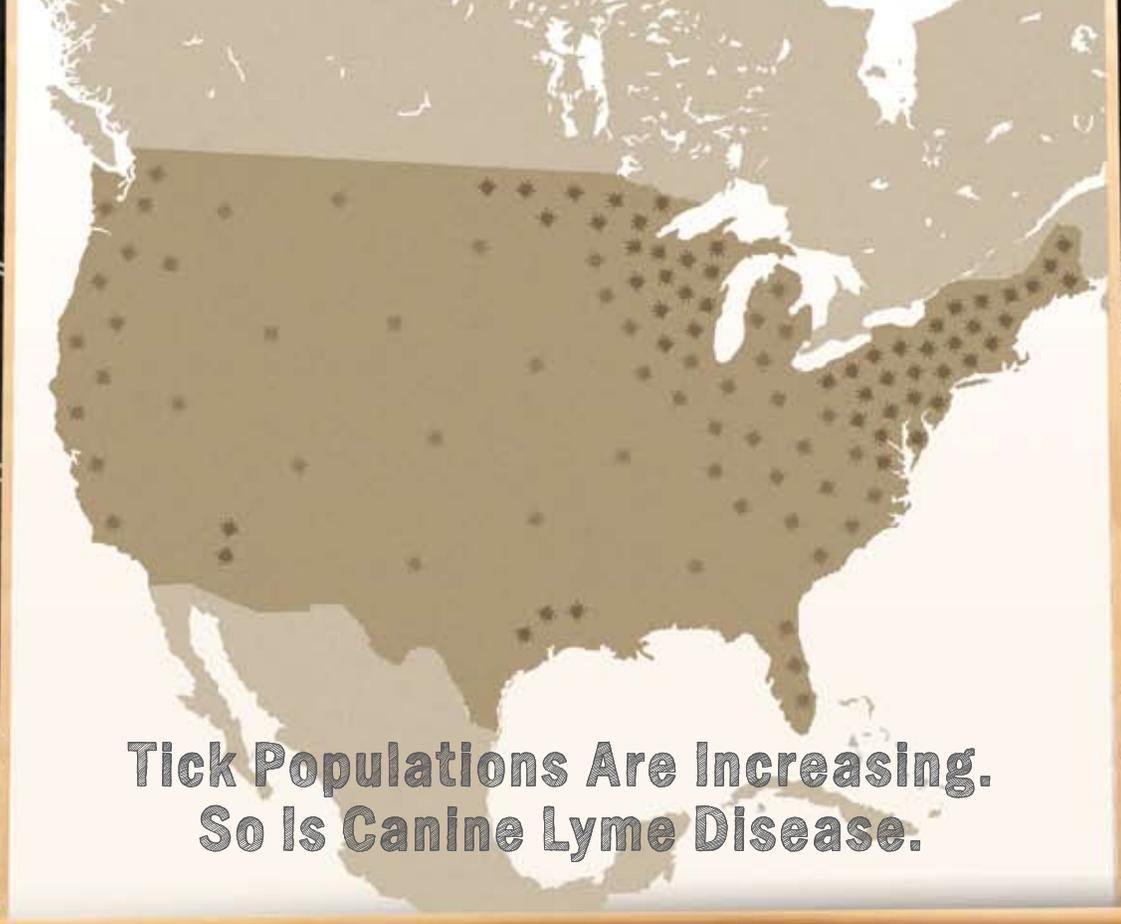
- The MVMA Executive Board reviewed and approved the minutes and financial reports of the association.
- Reviewed the Strategic Plan
- Approved the Budget for 2014-2015. The board approved a budget for 2014-15 reflecting \$571,375 in expenses and reserve maintenance and corresponding income of the same amount.
- 2015 Annual Convention plans were discussed including a pilot project of offering Thursday/Friday (2-day) registrations. The Marketing Task Force is constructing a working group of approximately 20 practices that will meet at the 2015 Convention for a round table discussion to share challenges and solutions from their individual practices in hopes to generate solid marketing ideas that can be shared with other members.

- Reviewed Missouri's current C.E. requirements, and asked the C.E. Task Force to make a recommendation to the Board at its next meeting.
- A consensus was reached to schedule the Policy Forum for October 26, 2014 at a Jefferson City location.
- Approved an MVMA Lunch & Learn at the University to expose more students to MVMA's legislative mission.
- Received a report that Senate Bill 646 would take the licensing of animal care facilities out from under the Department of Ag and place under Professional Registration. For now efforts have been successful to block this legislation. House Bill 2175 would change language to state "that an agent or employee of an animal's owner may care for and treat any of the owner's animals without a veterinary license". This language would negate the veterinarian license. Defensive efforts are in place to keep the legislation from moving, but a watchful eye is needed to detect if it gets slipped into another bill as an amendment
- Discussed the AVMA Delegate positions. Dr. Linda Scorse will be stepping down after the July AVMA Convention. Dr. Strubberg is a candidate for the delegate position. Other candidates for the delegate and alternate delegate positions will be considered. Members are encouraged to make their availability for these positions known to the officers or the Executive Director. A final decision will be made at the next MVMA board meeting in September.
- After extensive discussion, approved support of the Farming Rights Amendment to be voted on in August. Currently 16 states have a "Right to Farm" law. It was directed that educational



**MISSOURI VETERINARY  
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(Highlights cont. from page 8)

information about the amendment be distributed to the membership.

The Executive Board also:

- Reviewed the specifics of the Heartland Regional Veterinary Leadership Conference and encourages MVMA members to attend.
- Reviewed a calendar of events.
- Reviewed plans for the “MVMA Spring Webinar Series” offering free continuing education for members in May and June.
- Reviewed efforts to secure appointments to the Missouri Licensing Board.
- Heard a report of the MU College of Veterinary Medicine by Dean Neil Olson.

*The Board also reviewed the minutes of all MVMA committees and other entities. Minutes of these committee meetings can be accessed through the MVMA website, [www.mvma.org](http://www.mvma.org) under the “Volunteer” tab.*

## AVMA Delegate Position Open

MVMA members interested in serving as MVMA's delegate to the AVMA should contact Richard Antweiler at the MVMA office (573-636-8612).

The position has a three-year term with possible reappointment and entails two meetings of the House of Delegates each year.

The position is also an ex-officio seat on the MVMA Board of Directors which meets three times annually.

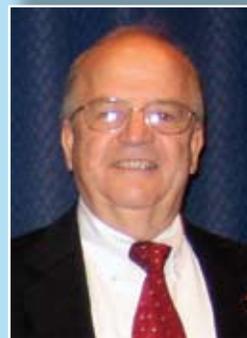
The MVMA board of Directors will make the appointment from the field of declared candidates at its September 2014 meeting.



# Member Spotlight

After 10 years, Dr. David Hopson retired to greener pastures on May 31, 2014.

Dave grew up on a beef cattle farm in Arkansas; received a Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Science from the University of Arkansas; a Master of Science degree in Ruminant Nutrition from Oklahoma State University; a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) degree from the University of Missouri; and a Master of Public Health (MPH) degree from the University of Texas.



*Dave Hopson, DVM*

After a short time in veterinary practice, Dave completed 22 years in the U.S. Army and retired in 1996 from the US Army Veterinary Corps. After military retirement, he worked several years as a Dairy Specialist with the University of Missouri Extension Service. He served as the Deputy State Veterinarian for Missouri from 1999 until 2004. He was responsible for administration and management of animal disease control programs, animal emergency management, and the Missouri State Meat Inspection Program. In 2004, Dave took the position of Regional Epidemiologist with the USDA in the Eastern Region office. During his time as Regional Epidemiologist, he worked with states in the Eastern Region on all cooperative programs and the BSE surveillance program. In 2005, he became the Area Veterinarian In Charge for Missouri. He managed USDA programs to protect the health of livestock and poultry.

Dave worked closely with the Missouri Department of Agriculture on animal disease surveillance activities, veterinary professional training, animal disease emergency preparedness and response procedures, and veterinary accreditation for practitioners and was a lecturer at many MVMA conventions covering topics ranging from avian influenza and Newcastle disease to animal health emergency response.

All of us in the MVMA wish Dave a great, fun-filled retirement.

The American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA) has invited Marcy Hammerle, DVM to participate in a task force for developing new guidelines for veterinarians in the area of behavior.

Dr. Hammerle is a 2003 graduate from the University of Missouri. She became a board certified diplomate of the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners (ABVP) in canine and feline medicine in 2011. She is a member of the AVMA, MVMA, AAHA, AAFP and AAH-ABV. Dr. Hammerle owns and manages The Pet Doctor in O'Fallon, MO. She credentialed her practice as an AAHA practice in 2007 and as an AAHA accredited referral practice in 2012, making it the first in St. Charles County.



*Marcy Hammerle, DVM*

Dr. Hammerle is presently chair of the MVMA Veterinary Technician Committee.

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CE  
& Events**

**July 2014**

**13** Team Training: It's What's Up Front That Counts! St. Louis, Westin Hotel. Boost client loyalty, increase satisfaction, build effective communication skills. 5.5 hours CE. Go to [www.vmc-inc.com](http://www.vmc-inc.com)

**25** USDA APHIS Canine Care Workshop. 8:15 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Registration at 8:00 a.m. Courtyard by Marriott, 3301 Lemone Industrial Blvd., Columbia, Mo 65201. No-cost workshop. 6.5 hours CE. Seating limited. Call 816-737-4202 for information and to register.

**August 2015**

**22-25** CVC in Kansas City. Great continuing education. Hundreds of exhibitors. Go to [www.TheCVC.com](http://www.TheCVC.com) for information. MVMA and MAVP members receive discounts. See ad on page 28 of this issue.

**September 2014**

**25-28** Southwest Veterinary Symposium. Held at Fort Worth Convention Center, Fort Worth, TX. 50 hours of CE offered. 225 exhibitors. Budget friendly. See ad on page 31 for more information. Visit [www.SWVS.org](http://www.SWVS.org) for registration details.

**October 2014**

**4-5** Fall Trail Ride for Veterinarians, Practice Staff and Friends. Panther Creek Campground. Join us for a beautiful fall trail ride in Tusculumbia, Mo. To speak with the host and to make reservations, contact Dr. Mary Lamar [mlamardvm@gmail.com](mailto:mlamardvm@gmail.com) or call 573-489-8363. CE sponsored by Bayer and Novartis.

**4** MVTA/KVTA Fall CE Conference will be held at the Kansas City Zoo on October 4, 2014. This fun-filled day will include 5 hours of CE covering a variety of topics. Visit [www.movta.org](http://www.movta.org) or [www.ksvta.org](http://www.ksvta.org) for more details.

**January 2015**

**23-25** 123rd MVMA Convention. St. Charles Convention Center, St. Charles, Mo. Over 18 hours CE and more than 60 exhibitors. Awards Banquet, \$10,000 Foundation Drawing, Speed Networking, fellowship and fun.

**mark your**

**calendar!**

**August 7-17**

**2014 Missouri State Fair. Sedalia, Mo.**

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Only  
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Or In Calves To Be Processed For Veal

**BRIEF SUMMARY:**  
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**CAUTION:**  
Federal (U.S.A.) law restricts this drug to use by or on the order of a licensed veterinarian.  
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**PRODUCT DESCRIPTION:**  
Each mL of Baytril® 100 contains 100 mg of enrofloxacin. Excipients are L-arginine base 200 mg, n-butyl alcohol 30 mg, benzyl alcohol (as a preservative) 20 mg and water for injection q.s.

**INDICATIONS:**  
**Cattle - Single-Dose Therapy:** Baytril® 100 is indicated for the treatment of bovine respiratory disease (BRD) associated with *Mannheimia haemolytica*, *Pasteurella multocida*, *Histophilus somni* and *Mycoplasma bovis* in beef and non-lactating dairy cattle; and for the control of BRD in beef and non-lactating dairy cattle at high risk of developing BRD associated with *M. haemolytica*, *P. multocida*, *H. somni* and *M. bovis*.

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**RESIDUE WARNINGS:**

**Cattle:** Animals intended for human consumption must not be slaughtered within 28 days from the last treatment. This product is not approved for female dairy cattle 20 months of age or older, including dry dairy cows. Use in these cattle may cause drug residues in milk and/or in calves born to these cows. A withdrawal period has not been established for this product in pre-ruminating calves. Do not use in calves to be processed for veal.

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**PRECAUTIONS:**

The effects of enrofloxacin on cattle or swine reproductive performance, pregnancy and lactation have not been adequately determined. The long-term effects on articular joint cartilage have not been determined in pigs above market weight.

Subcutaneous injection can cause a transient local tissue reaction that may result in trim loss of edible tissue at slaughter.

Baytril® 100 contains different excipients than other Baytril® products. The safety and efficacy of this formulation in species other than cattle and swine have not been determined.

Quinolone-class drugs should be used with caution in animals with known or suspected Central Nervous System (CNS) disorders. In such animals, quinolones have, in rare instances, been associated with CNS stimulation which may lead to convulsive seizures. Quinolone-class drugs have been shown to produce erosions of cartilage of weight-bearing joints and other signs of arthropathy in immature animals of various species. See Animal Safety section for additional information.

**ADVERSE REACTIONS:**

No adverse reactions were observed during clinical trials.

**ANIMAL SAFETY:**

In cattle safety studies, clinical signs of depression, incoordination and muscle fasciculation were observed in calves when doses of 15 or 25 mg/kg were administered for 10 to 15 days. Clinical signs of depression, inappetence and incoordination were observed when a dose of 50 mg/kg was administered for 3 days. An injection site study conducted in feeder calves demonstrated that the formulation may induce a transient reaction in the subcutaneous tissue and underlying muscle.

In swine safety studies, incidental lameness of short duration was observed in all groups, including the saline-treated controls. Musculoskeletal stiffness was observed following the 15 and 25 mg/kg treatments with clinical signs appearing during the second week of treatment. Clinical signs of lameness improved after treatment ceased and most animals were clinically normal at necropsy. An injection site study conducted in pigs demonstrated that the formulation may induce a transient reaction in the subcutaneous tissue.

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Liabilities & Net Assets**

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**CURRENT ASSETS**

**Undesignated Assets:**

Cash – checking	\$144,697.14
Money market account	65,941.61
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**Total Undesignated Assets** \$214,981.62

**Designated Assets:**

Cash – MSFQAP	6,186.40
Cash – MAVP	1,164.05

**Total Designated Assets** 7,350.45

**Total Current Assets** \$222,332.07

**FIXED ASSETS**

Office equipment & furniture	51,940.91
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(49,576.08)

**Total Net Fixed Assets** 2,364.83

**OTHER ASSETS**

Investment in MVMA, LLC	209,462.00
Note receivable – MVMF	19,000.00

**Total Other Assets** 228,462.00

**TOTAL ASSETS** \$453,158.90

**LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS:**

**CURRENT LIABILITIES**

Funds Held for Others	3,446.87
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**Total Current Liabilities** 3,446.87

**UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS**

Undesignated Net Assets	\$442,361.58
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**TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS** \$453,158.90

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# MVMA Launches New, More Robust Website

The MVMA office has completed a database and website transition from the previous provider "Affiniscap" to the new provider "Your Membership".

With the transition comes new database capabilities, including a store and a more robust social media environment.

The target date for the transition was June 5. Though a few of features are still in development, the website is 90 percent complete and found at the same address: [www.movma.org](http://www.movma.org).



## NexGard™ (afoxolaner) Chewables

**CAUTION:** Federal (USA) law restricts this drug to use by or on the order of a licensed veterinarian.

**Description:** NEXGARD™ (afoxolaner) is available in four sizes of beef-flavored, soft chewables for oral administration to dogs and puppies according to their weight. Each chewable is formulated to provide a minimum afoxolaner dosage of 1.14 mg/lb (2.5 mg/kg). Afoxolaner has the chemical composition 1-Naphthalenecarboxamide, 4-[5-[3-chloro-5-(trifluoromethyl)-phenyl]-4, 5-dihydro-5-(trifluoromethyl)-3-isoxazolyl]-N-[2-oxo-2-[(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amino]ethyl].

**Indications:** NEXGARD kills adult fleas and is indicated for the treatment and prevention of flea infestations (*Ctenocephalides felis*), and the treatment and control of Black-legged tick (*Ixodes scapularis*), American Dog tick (*Dermacentor variabilis*), and Lone Star tick (*Amblyomma americanum*) infestations in dogs and puppies 8 weeks of age and older, weighing 4 pounds of body weight or greater, for one month.

**Dosage and Administration:** NEXGARD is given orally once a month, at the minimum dosage of 1.14 mg/lb (2.5 mg/kg).

**Dosing Schedule:**

Body Weight	Afoxolaner Per Chewable (mg)	Chewables Administered
4.0 to 10.0 lbs.	11.3	One
10.1 to 24.0 lbs.	28.3	One
24.1 to 60.0 lbs.	68	One
60.1 to 121.0 lbs.	136	One
Over 121.0 lbs.	Administer the appropriate combination of chewables	

NEXGARD can be administered with or without food. Care should be taken that the dog consumes the complete dose, and treated animals should be observed for a few minutes to ensure that part of the dose is not lost or refused. If it is suspected that any of the dose has been lost or if vomiting occurs within two hours of administration, redose with another full dose. If a dose is missed, administer NEXGARD and resume a monthly dosing schedule.

**Flea Treatment and Prevention:**

Treatment with NEXGARD may begin at any time of the year. In areas where fleas are common year-round, monthly treatment with NEXGARD should continue the entire year without interruption.

To minimize the likelihood of flea reinfestation, it is important to treat all animals within a household with an approved flea control product.

**Tick Treatment and Control:**

Treatment with NEXGARD may begin at any time of the year (see **Effectiveness**).

**Contraindications:**

There are no known contraindications for the use of NEXGARD.

**Warnings:**

Not for use in humans. Keep this and all drugs out of the reach of children. In case of accidental ingestion, contact a physician immediately.

**Precautions:** The safe use of NEXGARD in breeding, pregnant or lactating dogs has not been evaluated. Use with caution in dogs with a history of seizures (see **Adverse Reactions**).

**Adverse Reactions:** In a well-controlled US field study, which included a total of 333 households and 615 treated dogs (415 administered afoxolaner; 200 administered active control), no serious adverse reactions were observed with NEXGARD.

Over the 90-day study period, all observations of potential adverse reactions were recorded. The most frequent reactions reported at an incidence of > 1% within any of the three months of observations are presented in the following table. The most frequently reported adverse reaction was vomiting. The occurrence of vomiting was generally self-limiting and of short duration and tended to decrease with subsequent doses in both groups. Five treated dogs experienced anorexia during the study, and two of those dogs experienced anorexia with the first dose but not subsequent doses.

**Table 1: Dogs With Adverse Reactions.**

	Treatment Group			
	Afoxolaner		Oral active control	
	N <sup>1</sup>	% (n=415)	N <sup>2</sup>	% (n=200)
Vomiting (with and without blood)	17	4.1	25	12.5
Dry/Flaky Skin	13	3.1	2	1.0
Diarrhea (with and without blood)	13	3.1	7	3.5
Lethargy	7	1.7	4	2.0
Anorexia	5	1.2	9	4.5

<sup>1</sup>Number of dogs in the afoxolaner treatment group with the identified abnormality.  
<sup>2</sup>Number of dogs in the control group with the identified abnormality.

In the US field study, one dog with a history of seizures experienced a seizure on the same day after receiving the first dose and on the same day after receiving the second dose of NEXGARD. This dog experienced a third seizure one week after receiving the third dose. The dog remained enrolled and completed the study. Another dog with a history of seizures had a seizure 19 days after the third dose of NEXGARD. The dog remained enrolled and completed the study. A third dog with a history of seizures received NEXGARD and experienced no seizures throughout the study.

To report suspected adverse events, for technical assistance or to obtain a copy of the MSDS, contact Merial at 1-888-637-4251 or [www.merial.com/nexgard](http://www.merial.com/nexgard). For additional information about adverse drug experience reporting for animal drugs, contact FDA at 1-888-FDA-VETS or online at <http://www.fda.gov/AnimalVeterinary/SafetyHealth>.

**Mode of Action:**

Afoxolaner is a member of the isoxazoline family, shown to bind at a binding site to inhibit insect and acarine ligand-gated chloride channels, in particular those gated by the neurotransmitter gamma-aminobutyric acid (GABA), thereby blocking pre- and post-synaptic transfer of chloride ions across cell membranes. Prolonged afoxolaner-induced hyperexcitation results in uncontrolled activity of the central nervous system and death of insects and acarines. The selective toxicity of afoxolaner between insects and acarines and mammals may be inferred by the differential sensitivity of the insects and acarines' GABA receptors versus mammalian GABA receptors.

**Effectiveness:**

In a well-controlled laboratory study, NEXGARD began to kill fleas four hours after initial administration and demonstrated >99% effectiveness at eight hours. In a separate well-controlled laboratory study, NEXGARD demonstrated 100% effectiveness against adult fleas 24 hours post-infestation for 35 days, and was ≥ 93% effective at 12 hours post-infestation through Day 21, and on Day 35. On Day 28, NEXGARD was 81.1% effective 12 hours post-infestation. Dogs in both the treated and control groups that were infested with fleas on Day -1 generated flea eggs at 12- and 24-hours post-treatment (0-11 eggs and 1-17 eggs in the NEXGARD treated dogs, and 4-90 eggs and 0-118 eggs in the control dogs, at 12- and 24-hours, respectively). At subsequent evaluations post-infestation, fleas from dogs in the treated group were essentially unable to produce any (0-1 eggs) while fleas from dogs in the control group continued to produce eggs (1-141 eggs).

In a 90-day US field study conducted in households with existing flea infestations of varying severity, the effectiveness of NEXGARD against fleas on the Day 30, 60 and 90 visits compared with baseline was 98.0%, 99.7%, and 99.9%, respectively.

Collectively, the data from the three studies (two laboratory and one field) demonstrate that NEXGARD kills fleas before they can lay eggs, thus preventing subsequent flea infestations after the start of treatment of existing flea infestations.

In well-controlled laboratory studies, NEXGARD demonstrated >94% effectiveness against *Dermacentor variabilis* and *Ixodes scapularis*, 48 hours post-infestation, and against *Amblyomma americanum* 72 hours post-infestation, for 30 days.

**Animal Safety:**

In a margin of safety study, NEXGARD was administered orally to 8- to 9-week-old Beagle puppies at 1, 3, and 5 times the maximum exposure dose (6.3 mg/kg) for three treatments every 28 days, followed by three treatments every 14 days, for a total of six treatments. Dogs in the control group were sham-dosed. There were no clinically-relevant effects related to treatment on physical examination, body weight, food consumption, clinical pathology (hematology, clinical chemistries, or coagulation tests), gross pathology, histopathology or organ weights. Vomiting occurred throughout the study, with a similar incidence in the treated and control groups, including one dog in the 5x group that vomited four hours after treatment.

In a well-controlled field study, NEXGARD was used concomitantly with other medications, such as vaccines, anthelmintics, antibiotics (including topicals), steroids, NSAIDs, anesthetics, and antihistamines. No adverse reactions were observed from the concomitant use of NEXGARD with other medications.

**Storage Information:**

Store at or below 30°C (86°F) with excursions permitted up to 40°C (104°F).

**How Supplied:**

NEXGARD is available in four sizes of beef-flavored soft chewables: 11.3, 28.3, 68 or 136 mg afoxolaner. Each chewable size is available in color-coded packages of 1, 3 or 6 beef-flavored chewables.

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## **2014 Animal Archives Pet of the Year**

"Meenie": Cat owned by Ashley and Aaron Howard, Harrisburg, Mo. Veterinarian: Dr. Katie Darr, MyZoo Animal Hospital, Columbia, Mo.

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# Choices of Beef



More than one million beef farmers and ranchers raise cattle in every state in the country. They use the diverse resources available in their local areas to produce nutritious, safe and delicious beef. For consumers, that means there are

a variety of beef choices such as grain-finished, grass-finished, natural and certified organic beef. From the pasture to the plate, the entire food chain works together to ensure high-quality and healthy beef for Americans.

## All beef is:

### Grass-Fed

All cattle spend a majority of their lives eating grass on pastures

### Natural

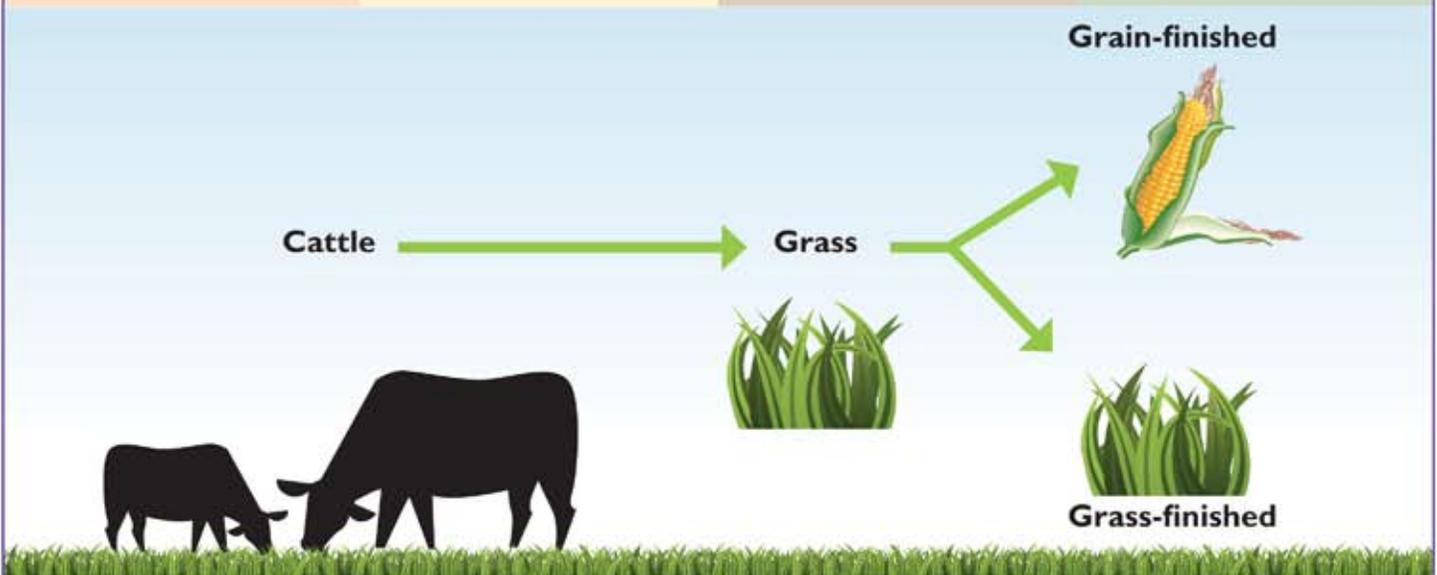
Most beef does not contain any additives and is not more than minimally processed<sup>1,2</sup>

### Nutritious

Beef is a powerful protein and an excellent or good source of 10 essential nutrients

### Safe

Vigilance on farms, rigorous safety inspections and strict government guidelines ensure the highest level of safety



## Beef can be:

### Grain-finished

- Cattle spend most of their lives grazing on pasture, then spend 4 – 6 months in a feedlot
- Fed scientifically and healthy balanced diet of grains, such as corn, wheat or soybeans
- May judiciously be given FDA-approved antibiotics or growth promoting hormones
- May be given vitamin and mineral supplements
- Have continuous access to clean water and room to grow and roam



### Grass-finished

- Cattle spend their entire lives grazing on pasture
- May judiciously be given FDA-approved antibiotics or growth promoting hormones
- May be given vitamin and mineral supplements
- Can be difficult to produce year-round in North America due to changing seasons and weather conditions



### Naturally raised

- Cattle can be grain-finished or grass-finished—look at the label for details
- Have never received antibiotics or growth promoting hormones
- May be given vitamin and mineral supplements
- Must be certified by USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service<sup>3</sup>



### Certified organic

- Cattle can be grain-finished or grass-finished, as long as the feed is 100% organic
- Have never received antibiotics or growth promoting hormones
- May be given vitamin and mineral supplements
- Must be certified by USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service<sup>4</sup>
- Look for the official label



# Foundation Update

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS FROM  
YOUR MISSOURI VETERINARY  
MEDICAL FOUNDATION

## National Pet Week: “Celebrate Healthy Pets!”



Hundreds of participants proudly parade their pets during annual “Pet Parade” festivities held in Jefferson City, Mo. The event is sponsored by local veterinary clinics.

Communities throughout Missouri celebrated National Pet Week, May 4-10, in their own special way. This year’s theme for the national event was “Celebrate Healthy Pets” The AVMA Auxiliary chose this year’s theme to promote the importance of good health care for their family pets.

The AVMA and Auxiliary founded the event in 1981, and the celebration has spread throughout the United States. The purpose of National Pet Week is to foster responsible pet ownership, recognize the human-animal bond, and increase public awareness of veterinary medicine.

In conjunction with the national event, mid-Missouri veterinarians and their staff held the annual “Pet Parade” event in downtown Jefferson City. On May 10, the Capitol city hosted over 300 pet owners and their pets as they marched from the Cole County Courthouse to the State Capitol lawn. Jennifer Peters along with her crew: Lesa Robinett, Gabrielle Mattox, Shelia Rustemeyer and Stacey Bates managed the event.

After the parade, participants gathered for contests including Best Costume, Best Pet/Owner Look-a-like and Funniest Mixed Breed. Prize baskets, donated by local veterinary clinics and pet supply companies, were awarded to the big (and small) winners.

Clinics sponsoring the event included: Animal Medical Center of Jefferson City, Crago Veterinary Clinic, Quail Valley Veterinary Clinic, Woodland Animal Hospital, All Paws Medical and Behavioral Center, Summit Veterinary Services, Weathered Rock Veterinary Clinic, Westside Veterinary Clinic, and Southwest Animal Hospital.

And the winners are...



Poodle in the pink.



Me and my “Buds”.



Get your clinic out there! Think about sponsoring your own Pet Week fun for your neighborhood in May 2015.

## “Meeni” Voted 2014 Foundation’s Animal Archives Pet of the Year

The Missouri Veterinary Medical Foundation (MVMF) has announced the winner of the 2014 Animal Archives “Pet of the Year”. The Archives offers an internet-based memorial program devoted to departed pets. This year’s winner is “Meeni”, a domestic shorthair cat owned by Ashley and Aaron Howard of Harrisburg, Mo. Her veterinarian was Katie Darr, DVM of My Zoo Animal Hospital, Columbia, Mo.



“Meenie” - 2014 Animal Archives Pet of the Year.

“Meeni” was one of six nominees in this year’s competition. Nominees are chosen from the previous year’s submissions to the Archives. During 2013/2014, the public was invited to vote online for their favorite departed pet based on its life story and the bond between the pet and its owners.

Voting was “nose to nose” throughout the year with close competition from “Brownie”, a mixed-breed dog owned by Sandy Geissler. Nearly 4,000 votes were cast for the six candidates. An Honorable Mention goes to the other Pet of the Year candidates: “Mo”, “Sophie”, “Cocoa” and “Clyde”.

Ashley and Aaron were very happy that their pet won the competition. “Thank you for nominating her! It’s such an honor to us! We are so proud of her and miss her terribly! But having her honored like this means so much to our little family! We always knew she was an amazing cat but never imagined her being an Animal Archive of the Year!

“I can’t thank the My Zoo staff and Dr. Katie enough for everything they’ve done for us. They really do love the animals they care for and that’s all I’ve ever wanted in a vet.”

“Thank you so much for having a website dedicated to those pets that are no longer with us. It really does make the grieving process easier and lets the world know Meeni existed and that she was loved to the edge of the universe and back!”

To view the 2014/2015 candidates and to vote for your favorite pet, go to the Animal Archives of Missouri website at [www.mopetmemorial.com](http://www.mopetmemorial.com).

## Highlights and Actions of the Missouri Veterinary Medical Foundation Saturday, April 12, 2014 • Jefferson City, Mo.

Prior to the meeting, the MVMF Board of Directors hosted a reception honoring newly elected members of the Veterinary Honor Roll.

Dr. Bill Shore introduced Dr. Jim Thorne of Columbia, and presented him with an Honor Roll plaque.

- Dr. Ken White introduced Dr. Bill Schabbing of Jackson, and presented him with an Honor Roll plaque.
- Dr. Brian Heuring introduced Dr. David Morris of Sikeston, and presented him with an Honor Roll plaque.
- Dr. Ed Migneco gave a biography of Dr. Suzanne Saueressig of St. Louis, and honored her posthumously by presenting an Honor Roll plaque to her niece, Maria Shank.

All recipients gave personal comments following the presentations. Many family members and some clinic staff members were in attendance to honor the inductees. Approximately 50-60 persons enjoyed the presentations and light refreshments.

The board meeting followed the reception:

The following topics were discussed:

- Reviewed financial statements, approved minutes, and adopted the agenda
- The Treasurer’s Report was adopted as printed. The Balance Sheet shows equal assets and liabilities at \$263,440.11. Current balance in checking/savings is \$18,894.78.
- Approved a balanced budget with income and expenses at \$79,650.00.
- Discussed the 2014 Drawing Event and entertained several ways of making the raffle more efficient and satisfying for all.
- Approved revisions to the MVMF’s the Gift Acceptance Policies and Guidelines as recommended by legal counsel.
- Reviewed fund balance of the Heritage League, which was \$31,287.83 as of March 31, 2014.

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### A Thank You to Friends and Family of Peggy Zimmerman, Jefferson City, Mo. who passed away April 30, 2014.

Peggy loved her pets and asked for donations to be made the MVMF Veterinary Museum in her honor. The donations will be used to purchase educational items for the children’s area of the Museum.



# Associate Member News Briefs

**In its First Year, Hill's Disaster Relief Network Responds to 11 Major Emergencies, Aids 50 Organizations on Behalf of Pets.** When disaster does strike, the Hill's Disaster Relief Network is positioned to quickly respond with shipments of pet food to communities impacted by disaster. Hill's established the first-of-its-kind national network in 2013 as an extension of its Food, Shelter & Love™ program that provides discounted Science Diet® pet food to more than 800 shelters. In its first year, the Hill's network has delivered free pet food to 50 shelters and veterinary clinics across the country in response to 11 major incidents – including floods in Colorado, fires in Idaho and Arizona, tornadoes in Oklahoma and Kansas, the fertilizer plant explosion in Waco, Texas, and most recently, the mudslide in Washington and tornadoes in the central and south regions of the country.

A consumer resource page on disaster preparedness and safety is at Hill's website, along with more information on Hill's Food, Shelter & Love™ Disaster Relief Network. To request assistance during an emergency, shelters can contact Hill's at [DisasterRelief@hillspet.com](mailto:DisasterRelief@hillspet.com).

**AVImark Veterinary Software has suggestions** on simplifying inventory management.

Having an effective inventory management system in place is vital to a practice's growth and profitability. If you've ever had an inventory issue, you understand the frustration it can cause. Is your inventory count consistently off? Are your inventory reports inaccurate? Is tracking inventory an overwhelming and confusing process? Updating your inventory practices can help.

Start with an evaluation of your inventory accuracy. Why would your inventory count be off? The answer can help us determine the next course of action. Go to [www.avimark.com](http://www.avimark.com) to see the whole article.

**Elanco celebrated World Hunger Day (May 28, 2014)**, by announcing a \$500,000 commitment to Heifer International's East Africa Dairy Development Project (EADD), continuing the company's long-term partnership aimed at breaking the cycle of hunger for those most in need.

EADD aims to provide sustainable livelihoods for one million people in Uganda, Tanzania, and Kenya by 2018. Initiated in 2008, the EADD project has provided extensive training on dairy husbandry, business practices and operations as well as the marketing of dairy products for 179,000 farming families in the region. EADD has grown to be one of the leading market-oriented development initiatives in eastern Africa, earning the farming families more than \$131 million.

To date, Elanco has contributed more than \$3 million to Heifer, providing the gift of training and animals to break the cycle of hunger for families in Indonesia, Zambia and China. In fact, Elanco is currently active in efforts to break the cycle in nearly 40 communities around the world.

Associate Member News contains articles of interest about products or services provided by MVMA Associate Members or Partners For Progress Members. To submit articles, please email [kralston@movma.org](mailto:kralston@movma.org).

(MVMF minutes cont. from page 25.)

- Heard the museum report which included the addition of two new televisions for use in the Museum with the "Old vs. New" displays. Work is continuing with that display in the areas of small medicine and surgery, and equine and production animals. A sample design of a Museum postcard was shared with board members. Current projects are continuing for the children's interactive area.
- Heard the announcement of the 2014 Animal Archive Pet of the Year is Meeni, a black and white cat. Meeni's veterinarian was Dr. Katie Darr from My Zoo Animal Hospital in Columbia
- The motion was made and seconded to pay \$2,000 to MVMA toward our loan balance. With this payment, our balance due will be \$17,000. Motion passed.
- Approved a proposal by the MVMA Veterinary Technician and Practice Staff Committee to recognize veterinary team staff members. The Practice Staff Honor Roll will be based on the Veterinary Honor Roll model. Details of this program will be developed for release to the MVMA membership this summer.
- Approved a motion to add Dr. Marcy Hammerle St. Louis, upon her consent, to the MVMF Board as an ex-officio member to serve representing the MVMA Veterinary Technician and Practice Staff Committee.
- Approved a motion to support the Oxygen Mask Kits for Pets program, if AVMF funding is approved. MVMF support may come through promotion/recruitment, in-kind time donation, and other volunteer activities.
- Approved a motion to donate \$1,000 to Puppies for Parole, \$800 to be taken from our Heritage League Funds and \$200 from the MVMF current budget.

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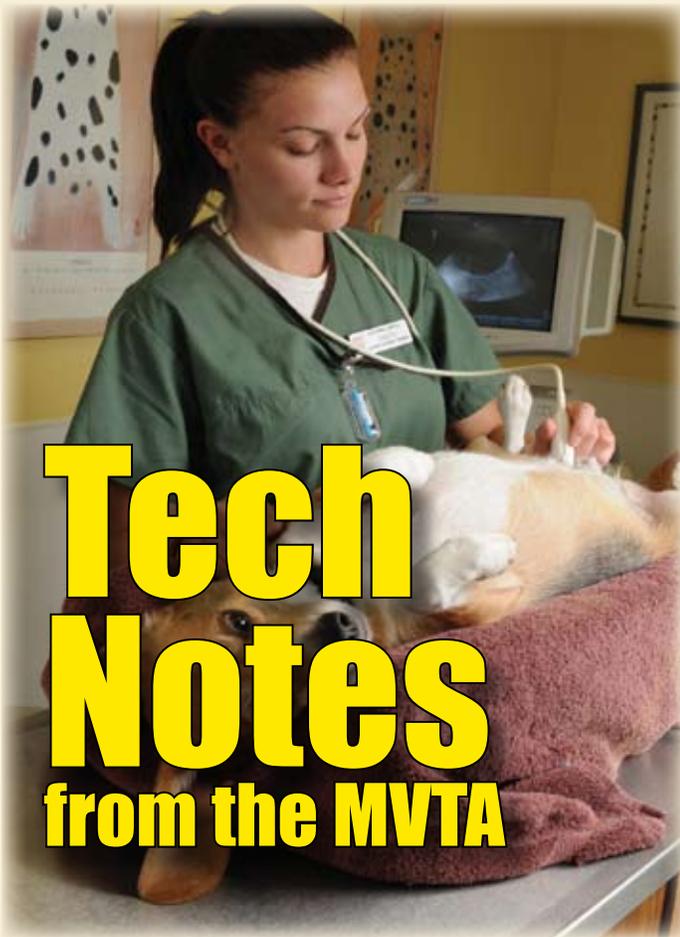
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**T**he Missouri Veterinary Technicians Association (MVTA) has a lot of news to pass along. We would like to start by congratulating all the recent veterinary and technician program graduates. We wish you well as you start your new career in veterinary medicine as well as prepare yourself for the state and national board exams!

The time has come to renew 2014-2015 memberships. The 2013-2014 membership year ends June 30, 2014. Our quarterly newsletters are a members-only benefit as well as generous discounts on our annual fall CE conference registration. Renewing online is easy, just visit [www.movta.org](http://www.movta.org). Although individuals will still be able to attend the annual fall CE conference as a non-member, by paying the 2014 \$30 FULL membership fee (for credentialed technicians), full members will be able to attend for FREE. This is a significant savings over non-member registration fees and a GREAT deal for 5 hours of awesome CE plus meals and a complimentary pass to the zoo!

The Missouri Veterinary Technicians Association (MVTA) is partnering with the Kansas Veterinary Technicians Association (KVTA) to co-host the MVTA/KVTA fall CE conference, which will be held at the Kansas City Zoo on October 4, 2014. This fun-filled day will include 5 hours of CE which will be approved by the Missouri and Kansas Veterinary Medical

Boards. A catered breakfast and lunch will be provided as well as a printed proceedings book to all attendees. In addition, a complimentary pass will be included to visit the zoo exhibits. The fun starts on Saturday, October 4, 2014 at 7 a.m. and concludes at 2:30 p.m. We encourage everyone to stay after the conference to explore what's new at the zoo! Please visit [www.movta.org](http://www.movta.org) or [www.ksvta.org](http://www.ksvta.org) for more details.

Our featured speakers and the topics of their lectures will include:

- "FLUTD-New News in Nutritional Management" by Vicky Ograin MBA, RVT, VTS (Nutrition), NAVTA (President) (sponsored by Hills Pet Nutrition)
- "Block that Pain" by Mary L. Berg, BS, RLATG, RVT, VTS (Dentistry) (sponsored by Wright Career College)
- "Canine Cushing's Syndrome" by Dr. Jill Stohs (sponsored by Dechra)
- "What's all the scratching about? A look at Pruritis, Flea Allergy Dermatitis, and Otitis Externa" by Dr. Michael Breer (sponsored by Elanco)
- "Physical Rehabilitation in Small Animal General Practice" by Stephanie Gilliam RVT, BS, CCRP, VTS (Neurology) (sponsored by Ceva, Doggon' Wheels)

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The Central Veterinary Conference (CVC) is also fast approaching. The conference will be held on August 22-25, 2014 in Kansas City, MO at the Kansas City Convention and Entertainment Center (Bartle Hall.) We would love to see you there! While you are there for the world-class education, please come visit with us in our booth in the main exhibit hall. You can sign up for membership there or just come by to say hello and show us your support.

Katie Willis

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# Keep Missouri Farming

## Support Amendment No. 1 on the 2014 Ballot

**"Agriculture which provides food, energy, health benefits, and security is the foundation and stabilizing force of Missouri's economy. To protect this vital sector of Missouri's economy, the right of farmers and ranchers to engage in farming and ranching practices shall be forever guaranteed in this state, subject to duly authorized powers, if any, conferred by article VI of the Constitution of Missouri."**

In 2014, Missouri voters will be offered the chance to vote for a constitutional amendment that will permanently protect the rights of farmers and ranchers to engage in farming and ranching practices. Amendment #1 will make farming and ranching a right in Missouri, similar in scope and protection to the speech and religion rights already in Missouri's Constitution. Amendment #1 is critical to ensure the long-term future of agriculture in Missouri. It will create the regulatory certainty necessary of agriculture to remain viable in Missouri and help guarantee that families in future generations can continue to farm and ranch across our state.

Consumers ought to have choices, and Constitutional Amendment #1 Guarantees they will continue to have choices. It will discourage out-of-state interest groups that bankroll the passage of initiatives that impose costly and

unnecessary restrictions on segments of agriculture in Missouri. These same interest groups have successfully pushed restrictions on livestock production in states such as Arizona, California, Florida, Ohio and others.

By strengthening legal arguments against legislation and ballot measures that place unreasonable restrictions on farming and ranching, Amendment #1 will help level the legislative and legal playing field.

### Why is agriculture important in Missouri?

Agriculture production is the engine that drives jobs and businesses from our smallest towns to our largest cities. Missouri's 106,000 farms and ranches produce goods and services valued at approximately \$11.5 billion. In addition, 98 percent of Missouri farms are owned and operated by families, in many cases several generations of the same family.

### Will this amendment interfere with local or state government's ability to regulate agricultural activity?

No. The language of Amendment #1 specifically leaves the power of local government in place under Article 6 of the Missouri Constitution. If Amendment #1 passes local government will have all the same powers. Agriculture will still have to comply with environmental laws regulating clean water and air.

### What activities are protected by Amendment #1?

The amendment's language guarantees "the right of farmers and ranchers to engage in farming and ranching practices," and protects any activity undertaken by farmers and ranchers to raise crops or animals. However, those who violate laws or regulations would still be subject to enforcement action. Bad actors would not be protected.

Find out more at...

[KeepMissouriFarming.org](http://KeepMissouriFarming.org)

### What does it mean?

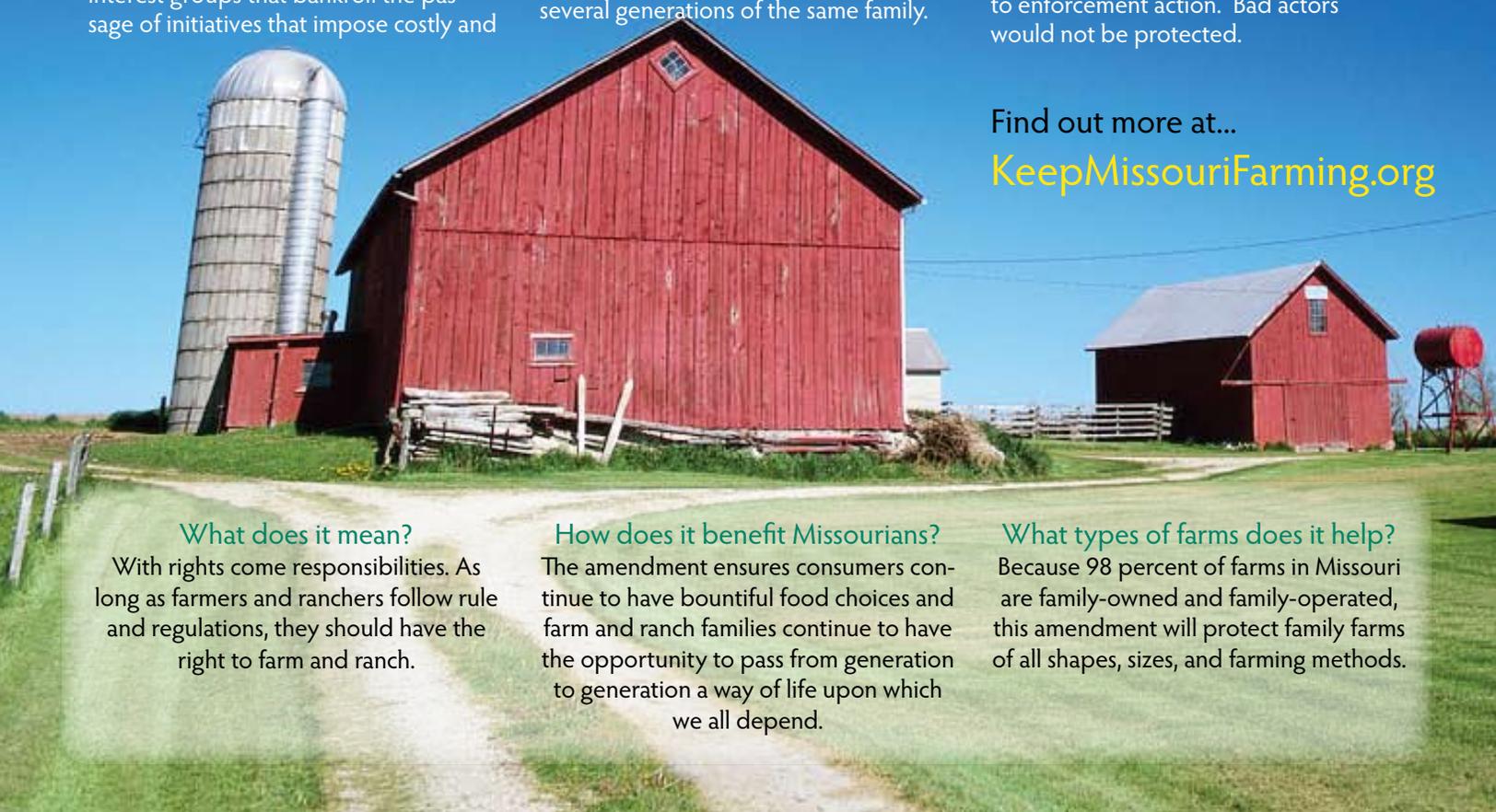
With rights come responsibilities. As long as farmers and ranchers follow rule and regulations, they should have the right to farm and ranch.

### How does it benefit Missourians?

The amendment ensures consumers continue to have bountiful food choices and farm and ranch families continue to have the opportunity to pass from generation to generation a way of life upon which we all depend.

### What types of farms does it help?

Because 98 percent of farms in Missouri are family-owned and family-operated, this amendment will protect family farms of all shapes, sizes, and farming methods.



Driving success are bonds between pets and owners, other relationships

## Report Highlights Growing Practices



By Katie Burns, AVMA

Melrose Animal Clinic and Back Bay Veterinary Clinic, both in Massachusetts, saw revenues increase more than 10 percent for each of the past two years. They are not alone in their success.

An analysis of data from 4,106 animal hospitals across the country found that 23 percent had an increase in revenues of more than 10 percent from 2012-2013. Of those, 44 percent also had an increase in revenues of more than 10 percent from 2011-2012.

The American Animal Hospital Association released the results during its yearly conference in March as part of its annual State of the Industry report. For the report, AAHA and Idexx Laboratories Inc. analyzed data from AAHA-accredited and nonaccredited companion animal practices.

The analysis found that revenues increased at 73 percent of hospitals from 2012-2013. Averaging across hospitals, revenues increased 5.5 percent. The number of active patients, or patients with at least one transaction during the year, increased a mean of 1.4 percent. Patient visits increased a mean of 2.1 percent—2.2 percent for dogs and 1.5 percent for cats.

A small follow-up survey of 202 hospitals found 16 of 46 factors that were significantly different between 21 “consistent outgrowers,” hospitals that saw revenues increase more than 10 percent for each of the past two years, and 65 decliners, hospitals that had a decline in revenues from 2012-2013.

Mike Erickson, PhD, Idexx vice president and general manager, presented the State of the Industry report during the opening session of the AAHA conference. He said the survey examined success factors across four bonds: pets and owners, practice and clients, practice and patients, and veterinarians and staff.

“Collectively, these four bonds represent the essential chemistry that enables a hospital to really be successful and to grow,” Dr. Erickson said.

Two-thirds of consistent outgrowers cited the pet-owner bond as very important to their success, in comparison with less than half of decliners. Consistent outgrowers were more likely than decliners were to see themselves as having a critical role in strengthening the pet-owner bond and to describe their clients as partners in providing the best care possible for pets.

In the area of the practice-client bond, consistent outgrowers were more likely to do the following:

- Invest in community events to build their local reputation.
- Use client marketing software.
- Offer payment plans for preventive care.
- Share something after every visit to show value, such as a report card.
- Schedule the next visit before the client leaves the hospital.
- Follow up with the client after the visit via phone or email.

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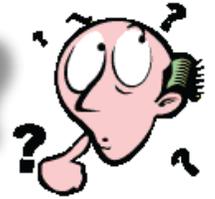
**ADVERSE REACTIONS: Heartworm Negative Dogs:** the most common adverse reactions observed during field studies were pruritus, residue, medicinal odor, lethargy, inappetence and hyperactivity. **Heartworm Positive Dogs:** the most common adverse reactions observed during field studies were cough, lethargy, vomiting, diarrhea, (including hemorrhagic), and inappetence. **Cats:** The most common adverse reactions observed during field studies were lethargy, behavioral changes, discomfort, hypersalivation, polydipsia and coughing and gagging. **Ferrets:** The most common adverse reactions observed during field studies were pruritus/scratching, scabbing, redness, wounds and inflammation at the treatment site, lethargy and chemical odor.

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**Note:** The relief veterinarians listed above have been taken from the latest MVMA database. Availability may change.

In the area of the practice-patient bond, consistent outgrowers were more likely to do the following:

- Provide a stress-free environment.
- Review the complete diagnostic history for a pet.
- Trend diagnostic results to detect changes.

In the area of the veterinarian-staff bond, consistent outgrowers were more likely to do the following:

- Set goals and measure progress.
- Conduct daily rounds and staff stand-up meetings.
- Invest in practice management technology and improvements in work flow.
- Commit the team to higher standards, including AAHA accreditation.

Consistent outgrowers also were more likely to report success with preventive medicine.

### Caring environment

Melrose Animal Clinic in Melrose, Mass., is among the consistent outgrowers from the survey. Dr. Stewart Silverman owns the four-veterinarian practice.

Dr. Silverman said one way that the practice fosters the bonds between pets and owners is by helping address pets' behavioral issues. Another is by hiring people who love pets, and, therefore, really relate to clients.

Customer service is a priority, Dr. Silverman said, starting with having someone answer the telephone with a smile. The practice offers flexible hours, an inviting facility, and modern technology. Clients receive report cards, and the team also follows up with clients.

"We try hard to make their experience here unique, pleasant, friendly, warm, thorough, and top quality," Dr. Silverman said. "We bond with them, and we care about them, and we care about their pets."

The practice has a team environment with open lines of communication, Dr. Silverman said. Team members give each other a "bone" by putting a note in the shape of a bone in a box for doing something good. The team reads the notes at monthly meetings.

Dr. Silverman believes other practices also have the opportunity to grow. He said, "If each practice develops their own recommendations for pets in each life stage and pets with common medical diagnoses and focuses on delivering those recommendations to each of their pet owners, we will significantly improve both the quality of care and the financial strength of our practices."

### Mindset

Dr. Michael Cavanaugh, AAHA chief executive officer, noted that the State of the Industry report revealed that growers as well as decliners exist even in depressed areas of the country.

Dr. Cavanaugh espoused the philosophy that the veterinary profession needs to treat pet owners as partners, as experts on their own pets.

He added that many veterinarians find the concept of a practice culture to be nebulous. Nevertheless, he believes a practice's culture is what drives its success.

Later in the year, AAHA and Idexx plan to publish the full results of the survey in a white paper.

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## From Your Veterinarian

# Top 10 toxins: Protect your dog from common dangers

Chocolate, grapes and raisins may be delicious to you, but they can be toxic to pets.

**T**he veterinarians and toxicology experts at Pet Poison Helpline have released their top 10 list of household items that generated the most poison consultations for dogs and cats in 2013. The items below are presented in order of frequency, with number one being the item that caused the most emergency calls to Pet Poison Helpline. If at any time you think your pet has ingested a toxin, call your veterinarian.

### Top 10 toxins for dogs

**1) Chocolate:** Dark equals dangerous! Baking and dark chocolate are the most toxic, and milk chocolate can be dangerous if ingested in large amounts.  
**2) Xylitol:** This sweetener found in sugarless chewing gum and candy, medications and nasal sprays causes

a rapid drop in blood sugar and liver failure only in dogs (not cats).

**3) Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs):** Ibuprofen, naproxen and so on, found in products such as Advil, Motrin and Aleve, are not easily metabolized by dogs; ingestions can result in stomach ulcers and kidney failure.

**4) Over-the-counter cough, cold and allergy medications:** Those that contain acetaminophen or decongestants, such as pseudoephedrine or phenylephrine, are particularly toxic.

**5) Rodenticides (mouse/rat poison):** These may cause internal bleeding (brodifacoum, bromadiolone and so on) or brain swelling (bromethalin), even in small amounts.

**6) Grapes and raisins:** These harmless human foods may be tasty to you,

but cause kidney damage in dogs.

**7) Insect bait stations:** These rarely cause poisoning in dogs—the bigger risk is bowel obstruction when dogs swallow the plastic casing.

**8) Prescription ADD/ADHD medications:** Amphetamines such as Adderall, Concerta, Dexedrine and Vyvanse can cause tremors, seizures, cardiac problems and death in pets.

**9) Glucosamine joint supplements:** Overdoses of these tasty products typically only cause diarrhea; however, in rare cases, liver failure can develop.

**10) Oxygen absorbers and silica gel packets:** Iron-containing oxygen absorbers found in food packages or pet treats can cause iron poisoning. Silica gel packs, found in new shoes, purses or backpacks, is rarely a concern.



## What to do if your pet gets poisoned

First, take a deep breath. The more calm, cool, and collected you are, the sooner you can seek the correct medical attention. Then get a handle on the situation by taking the following steps:

1) Remove your pet from the area. Make sure no other pets or children are exposed to the area, and safely remove any poisonous material.

2) Check to make sure your pet is breathing normally and acting fine otherwise.

3) Collect a sample of the material, along with the packaging, vial, or con-

tainer. You'll need that information to help your veterinarian or a pet poison expert assess the situation.

4) Don't give your dog any milk, food, salt, oil, or any other home remedies. Doing so will likely complicate the poisoning.

5) Never induce vomiting without talking to your veterinarian or a pet poison expert—doing so may be harmful.

6) Get help. Program your veterinarian's phone number into your phone, as well as an emergency veterinarian's number and a pet poison hotline number. There are two 24-hour hotlines:

Pet Poison Helpline at 800-213-6680 (\$35 per call) and the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animal's Animal Poison Control Center at 888-426-4435 (\$65 per call).

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# Top 10 toxins: Protect your cat from common dangers

Lilies may be beautiful in your home, but they can cause kidney failure in your cats.

The veterinarians and toxicology experts at Pet Poison Helpline have released their top 10 list of household items that generated the most poison consultations for dogs and cats in 2013. The items below are presented in order of frequency, with number one being the item that caused the most emergency calls to Pet Poison Helpline. If at any time you think your pet has ingested a toxin, call your veterinarian.

## Top 10 toxins for cats

**1) Lilies:** Plants in the *Lilium* species, such as Easter, tiger and Asiatic lilies, cause kidney failure in cats.

**2) Household cleaners:** Most general-purpose cleaners (Windex, 409)

are fairly safe, but concentrated products such as toilet bowl or drain cleaners can cause chemical burns.

**3) Flea and tick spot-on products for dogs:** Those that are pyrethroid-based (Zodiac, K9 Advantix, Sergeant's) cause tremors and seizures and can be deadly to cats.

**4) Antidepressants:** Cymbalta and Effexor topped Pet Poison Helpline's antidepressant list in 2013. The drugs can cause severe feline neurologic and cardiac effects on ingestion.

**5) Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs):** Cats are even more sensitive than dogs to drugs such as ibuprofen and naproxen. Even veterinary-specific NSAIDs such as carprofen and meloxicam should be used with caution.

**6) Prescription ADD/ADHD medications:** These drugs have the same

toxic effects in cats as in dogs.

**7) Over-the-counter cough, cold and allergy medications:** Those that contain acetaminophen are particularly toxic to cats, as they damage red blood cells and cause liver failure.

**8) Plants containing insoluble calcium oxalate crystals:** Houseplants such as peace lilies, philodendron and pothos can cause oral and upper gastrointestinal irritation, foaming at the mouth and inflammation when ingested by cats.

**9) Household insecticides:** Most of these household sprays and powders are fairly safe, but it's best to keep cats away from plants after application until the products have dried or settled.

**10) Glow sticks and glow jewelry:** These "toys" contain a chemical called dibutyl phthalate. When it contacts the mouth, pain and excessive foaming occurs, but signs quickly resolve when the cat eats food or drinks water.



## What to do if your pet gets poisoned

First, take a deep breath. The more calm, cool, and collected you are, the sooner you can seek the correct medical attention. Then get a handle on the situation by taking the following steps:

1) Remove your pet from the area. Make sure no other pets or children are exposed to the area, and safely remove any poisonous material.

2) Check to make sure your pet is breathing normally and acting fine otherwise.

3) Collect a sample of the material, along with the packaging, vial, or con-

tainer. You'll need that information to help your veterinarian or a pet poison expert assess the situation.

4) Don't give your dog any milk, food, salt, oil, or any other home remedies. Doing so will likely complicate the poisoning.

5) Never induce vomiting without talking to your veterinarian or a pet poison expert—doing so may be harmful.

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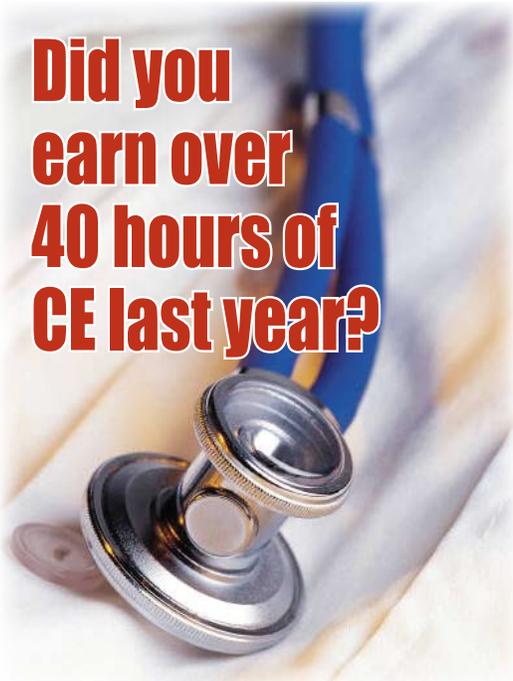


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