



Acceptance speech 2017-2018

President of the MdVMA

Expressing Appreciation and Gratitude

by Frederick (Rick) Lewis, President

Today I gratefully and very humbly accept the position of president of the MdVMA for 2017-2018.

Thank you to all our families, guests, colleagues, students, and our dedicated sponsors. Thank you for your support.

We will enter in to our third year of the MdVMA Strategic Plan. Many of our goals set by Past Presidents: Drs. Tom Armitage, Justin Sobota, Bob Silcox, and outgoing president Richard Streett III have been achieved, and we will continue to focus on our STRATEGIC PLAN in the coming year.

Power of 10 continues.

Legislative and finance Committees remain very strong and effective thanks to Dr. Jim Reed and Lauren Michalski. We will continue the mantra "if it is not in the budget it is not permitted" so that we continue to remain financially diligent. The legislative committee work this past year was hectic and sometimes dramatic in that legislators needed to be contacted and testimony presented before the Maryland Assembly sometimes on very short notice. Lauren Michalski testified on behalf of our association when our Veterinarians were not



Passing of the gavel from MDVMA President Dr. Rich Streett to incoming MDVMA President Dr. Rick Lewis.

available on short notice. Our Maryland State Veterinarian, Dr. Mike Radebaugh was vital to the effective presentation of our position to the legislature as well as Drs. Jim Reed and John Brooks and others.

The Legislative work of the MdVMA is highlighted by the effective support and expert guidance of our lobby firm in Annapolis, Alexander and Cleaver. Specifically, Moira Moynihan is our Government Relations expert and Hanna Garagiola is our Legal Counsel. Moira and Hanna are truly essential for our preparation and presentation of our position before the General Assembly.

This Summer Conference we introduce our new MdVMA

logo design. We also launch our new website hosted by Social Red Dog. Thanks to our web site planning committee: Dr. Justin Sobota and Dr. Peter Lotsikas, along with our Executive Director Lauren Michalski and to Louise Devanny.

We are grateful that our MdVMF has been well served by Dr. Dick Street Jr., Dr. Mike Erskine, my Dad Dr. Fred Lewis Sr., and the rest of the MdVMF Board and MdVMA members. The MdVMF grants scholarships to Maryland residents pursuing all levels of Veterinary Medical Education. Dr. Carvel Tiekert reminded us all to support the MdMF

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Delegate Newsletter Report

by Andrew O'Carroll, DVM and Jenny Krueger, DVM

A warm greeting to you from your alternate delegate, Dr. Jenny Krueger, and I. We hope you enjoyed the unusually temperate August we had this year. Last month, we traveled to Indianapolis for the AVMA convention and the 2017 summer session for the AVMA's House of Delegates. While every session is rewarding by getting updates on what's affecting our profession around the country, this trip was particularly productive. To read more specifics about what is discussed below, please visit the AVMA's website, click on the governance tab, then click the 2017 HOD Resolutions and By-Law Amendments link.

Continuing to prove to be a productive tradition, this session's Veterinary Information Forum (VIF) once again stimulated in-depth discussion about a selection of topics of high importance to our profession: marijuana therapies for animals, prescription drug monitoring programs and opioid prescribing (a new topic for our state), the rise in prevalence of emotional support animals, careers in public veterinary practice and a continued discussion on telemedicine and the veterinarian-client-patient relationship. I personally spoke in front of the house regarding the confusion and frustration I've heard about our state's prescription drug monitoring program and I voiced concern about public health implications with the rise in emotional support animals. Ultimately, the House made some solid recommendations to the Board of Directors on how the AVMA can assist with these issues.

We had presented before us a large number of resolutions and by-law amendments to address and vote on during this session: 10 in total! All of these were important in their

own right and many demonstrated the AVMA's commitment to be immediately on top of issues affecting our profession. The resolutions addressed the topics of stem cell use in veterinary medicine, the veterinarian's role supporting selection and use of service, assistance and therapy animals, the importance of federal veterinarians in food safety and emergency response, the handling of companion animal remains, veterinary hospice care,

The AVMA was successful in having continued funding of the veterinary medicine loan repayment program to help provide service to rural America.

telemedicine and a revision of the model veterinary practice act to incorporate a section on telemedicine. For the two by-law amendments one addressed constituent allied veterinary organization inclusion in the House and other reorganized the Student American Veterinary Medical Association (SAVMA).

For better or worse, we received a brief legislative update from the AVMA's Governmental Relations Division (GRD). It was brief this time around because, for a change, there was little on the legislative front affecting our profession. The AVMA was successful in having continued funding of the veterinary medicine loan repayment program to help provide service to rural America. On a positive note, the repeated sponsor of the Fairness to Pet Owners Act, the bill which would require veterinarians to provide written prescriptions, Jason Chaffetz retired earlier this

year and there is little expectation for it to return. On a negative note, there is still no sign of the USDA's new soring rule, which would have outlawed the practice of horse soring, from taking effect because of the current administration's executive order on halting new regulations.


Be sure to monitor your email accounts come either October or November for another email from us regarding the summer House of Delegates meeting. We will want your continued feedback on both topics affecting you in your practice as well as the resolutions presented to us. Please ensure these emails are not being caught up in your spam folders as well.

Lastly, we said goodbye this summer to our representative on the Board of Directors, Dr. Mark Helfat. Serving as the Board chair in the final year of his 6-year term, Dr. Helfat worked tirelessly to represent our district, and profession as a whole, with honor and diligence. We wish him the very best as he returns to his practice in southern New Jersey. Replacing him is Dr. Michael Bailey of Pennsylvania. Dr. Bailey is a board-certified radiologist from Idexx who no doubt will continue in the tradition set by Dr. Helfat. Please join me in welcoming him and wishing him the best. You can find more information on Dr. Bailey on the AVMA website.

As always, it is an honor to represent you and our great state in the AVMA's House of Delegates. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any concerns you wish to have presented to the AVMA. We wish you all the best for this coming fall and winter.

MVMA Welcomes Our Newest Members

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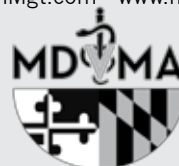
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A Common Mission — Healthy Travels of a Working Service Animal

by Gary C. Norman, Esq. L.L.M.



Pilot, guide dog—and 2017 summer conference program cover model.

Partnering with a guide dog means so much more than a kind of assistive device. I work with my second guide dog Pilot, a sweet and a loyal Goldadore. Having a sidekick has been a major part of my brand since first partnering with a guide dog in August 2001. Personally, caring for Pilot comprises a task I happily bear in his honor. Keeping these special dogs healthy comprises a goal on which all of us might agree. Given the importance of dogs, such as Pilot, I want continuously to explore how we might collaborate in fostering the health of service animals.

No matter the venue at which I may be engaged, I encounter a range of fans of Pilot. As such, a common interest inherently exists with the sighted world on a range of problems or concerns involving the blind. For instance, I often hear these type of words, if sentiments. “I wish I could bring my pet to work.” I may even hear about a long-deceased pet dog or thoughts from others regarding their love of animals. Whenever I encounter these sentiments, I draw back. I reflect upon my unique visibility as a leader whose disability has fostered a special status — the caretaker of a sidekick. I believe real

power of commonality exists in these brief encounters.

Pilot amplifies any room with a mixture of his beauty and his congenial manner, including, at the Maryland Commission on Civil Rights. But keeping him healthy has been an important role for me as team captain. I have been blessed with the partnership of good veterinarians with both my first guide and with Pilot in such issues as traveling to the European Union. While I can afford these important services, not all service animal handlers are so blessed. It is with the work of community veterinarians like yourselves that keeps service animal teams working and visible in the community. Without your help and support and many times pro bono care, many service animals would not perform at their optimum capabilities.

The power of partnerships among the animal medical community and the working animal community to sustain other human and animal relationships continues to be vital in our ever-global world. With help from veterinarians, working animals can fulfill their important roles and humans can ensure their sidekick is around for years to come.

Award of Recognition for Dr. Lotsikas

A distinguished veterinarian is one who is successful in their career path and demands respect for their knowledge and skills. Dr. Peter Lotsikas certainly embodies these traits. Peter is also a distinguished father and husband.

I have had the great personal experience of having Peter perform surgery on our cat’s fractured leg as well as abdominal surgery for our late chocolate labrador. It is rare to find a surgeon who is compassionate, humble, skilled, knowledgeable, and also a great communicator such as Peter. We are all thankful and appreciative of his efforts in Maryland and throughout the country. I personally enjoy our conversations in sports medicine and how the equine field is similar and different to what he provides in small animal. Veterinary medicine is a small world and I am always proud to hear from the public regarding their adoration with Peter. Even my wife, who is a small animal veterinarian, thinks that he is pretty great ☺.

Peter’s leadership in the field of sports medicine is well known and has enabled him to open Skylos Sports Medicine in two locations, both in Ellicott City and Frederick. His dedication to family and veterinary medicine is distinguished and deserves this award of recognition.

Congratulations, Peter!



Dr. Peter Lotsikas, Skylos Sports Medicine (with daughter Gia) receives the Distinguished Veterinarian Award

Secure Milk and Secure Beef Supply Plans — The Role of the Veterinarian

by Molly Lee, DVM

Center for Food Security and Public Health, Iowa State University

Veterinarians have a tremendous responsibility— and opportunity— to help their clients prepare for a possible foot and mouth disease (FMD) outbreak. While eradication of FMD, should it occur in the U.S., is the ultimate goal, the old approach to FMD response— massive depopulation— is no longer workable except in a small outbreak. The size, structure, efficiency and extensive movement in cattle production will likely require alternative response options to manage disease spread, such as vaccination and allowing animals to recover. In an FMD outbreak, beef and dairy operations may be subject to movement controls and producers should be prepared for the measures necessary to manage potential disruptions in animal and product movement. The Secure Milk Supply (SMS) and Secure Beef Supply (SBS) Plans were established to help producers, and their veterinarians, prepare for and ultimately survive an FMD outbreak and offer strategies for cattle operations, even those with no evidence of FMD infection, to maintain movement. SMS and SBS are science - and risk-based business continuity plans funded by the USDA and developed in collaboration with industry, government officials, and veterinarians at Iowa State University, Kansas State University, University of Minnesota, and University of California-Davis. Poultry specific business continuity plans provided a valuable resource and mechanism for mitigating negative impacts to the poultry industry during the 2014-15 Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza outbreaks. The voluntary SMS and SBS Plans give herd veterinarians the tools they need to help their clients implement key business continuity strategies. Using the resources provided in the SMS and SBS Plans, veterinarians can teach on-farm observers to recognize abnormal health events or clinical signs that may indicate early FMD infection and encourage them to promptly report concerns. Herd veterinarians are also a

critical resource in educating on-farm biosecurity managers, helping them to determine their Line of Separation, or “LOS”, to keep disease off the operation, and developing whole-farm enhanced biosecurity plans based on the known exposure routes for FMD. To learn more about this important responsibility, and the opportunities available to assist your clients with business continuity planning please contact:

- Maryland Animal Health Program, Maryland Department of Agriculture (50 Harry S. Truman Parkway, Annapolis, MD 21401) 410-841-5810, animalhealth.mda@maryland.gov
- Carolyn Peterson, Peterson Dairy Consulting LLC (Maryland Bio-Security Consultant) 804-212-5839, carolynpetersonconsulting@gmail.com

For more information about the SMS and SBS Plans, and to find resources visit securemilksupply.org and securebeef.org

Summer Students' Experiences

I really enjoyed the fact that the conference had multiple talks/lectures on the same topic. This year, I really enjoyed learning so much on urology (on the small animal side). As for the social events, they were great as always. They are occasions to meet practicing veterinarians and ask questions.

– Stephanie Paultre

I had so much fun at the MVMA conference again this year. My favorite moments were learning more about equine joints, urology and getting to network with so many great veterinarians. All of the vendors were great to talk with as well and visiting with them allowed me to ask questions and learn more about products I will be using in practice. Thank you all for putting on another great conference and making it possible for students to attend!

– Jennifer Malkus

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fund raiser 25th Annual Golf Classic.

Dean Cyril Clark and a number of VMCVM Students, welcome and thank you for attending:

This past year I have attended the 2017 White Coat Ceremony for matriculating Veterinary Students at The Virginia Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine, and it was an honor to welcome the incoming Veterinary Students and to encourage their participation in the MdVMA student chapter.

It continues to be a pleasure to work with Dean Cyril Clark to promote and support the Veterinary College. Mike Erskin, Director of the Equine Medical Center in Leesburg, and Valerie Regan, Director of the Center for Public and Corporate Veterinary Medicine at VMCVM.

Grateful acknowledgement also to Dr. Elizabeth Crook who is now a Captain in the US Army – she has been very helpful in establishing an effective Maryland student chapter at VMCVM.

Dean Samal and Dr. Nathan Trablante have continued diligently at the College Park Campus working with Maryland students both in the Veterinary Program as well as Pre-Vet and Agriculture. Thank you so much for your work at the U. of Md. College Park Campus.

Dr. Andrew O'Carroll DVM (mentor of the year at the VVMA conference last year) and Dr. Jenny Krueger DVM our AVMA delegates have kept our MdVMA on top of important issues and provided thoughtful insight into AVMA governance.

Dr. Rich Burgess

(MdVMA president elect) added a CE Advanced Small Animal Surgical Skills day to our MdVMA fall schedule. The Surgical Skills Day provided exceptional CE for the participants and offered a Fall MdVMA Conference opportunity. Future plans for the fall CE may include alternating with an Equine Lab possibly so that the program would alternate every other year, small animal then large animal (equine), suggested by Dr. Justin Sobota and Dr. Teresa Martinoli (MdVMA Equine Practice Bd Member).

Dr. Brent Volker has made our bovine conference extraordinary. The conference

Community sometimes.

Dr. Tom Armitage has worked effectively to keep our other conferences informative and timely. I will also look to Dr. Bob Silcox and Dr. Justin Sobota for conference speakers in the coming year. All are past MdVMA presidents.

Some of my other mentors come to mind and they are still very active in their support for the MdVMA, namely: Dr. John Brooks, Dr. Carvel Tiekert, Dr. John Moffa, and Dr. Jack Casper. Dr. John OMara and Dr. Ed Jendrick to name a few.

Thanks also to all our dedicated committee chairpersons and our

shelters until just a very few years ago.

Other opportunities and goals may include:

1. development of a Forensic Veterinary Medicine, diagnostic laboratory in College Park

2. Shelter Medicine focus to include: VMCVM, the CCBC Vet Tech program, BARCS, county shelters, SPCAs, ASPCAs, Corporate Associates, local and state government, MDA

3. CCBC RVT program currently has full AVMA Accreditation. The RVT program at CCBC is in need of a New building or acceptable structure.

We support the Vet Tech Program at CCBC and Dr. Carol Schwartz, Dr. Shawn McNamara, and Dr. Jeff Hess.

The veterinary Technical School has plans to build a new facility or at least move in to modular units temporarily to meet facility standards for AVMA Accreditation. The CCBC Vet Tech Program has been accredited by the AVMA through 2019. Dr. Peter Lotsikas has also been a mentor and a board member of the CCBC Vet Tech Program. We are grateful that Lois Simmons, CCBC Director, School of Health Professions Admissions Office is here with us today at our summer conference. The AVMA Accredited Vet TECH Program at CCBC is of vital importance to our MdVMA and the Veterinary Profession overall.

Letters of support have been requested by Dr. Carol Schwartz, Director of the Vet Tech Program at CCBC regarding new facilities needed to maintain their AVMA Accreditation. Time is of the essence over the next 18

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in the spring in Hagerstown provides very useful and timely CE. Last year's speaker was Dr. Lloyd Reitz. His family owns and runs a large dairy farm in Williamsport Pennsylvania. Dr. Reitz helps run the farm in addition to speaking at conferences and managing his Veterinary Business and family. Dr. Reitz will be President of the PVMA this year. My mentor and Dad (Dr. Fred T. Lewis Sr.) started out as a young rural veterinarian in Williamsport, Pa and my brother Dr. Jim Lewis was born in Williamsport. Small world for our Veterinary

committee members for their essential work in promoting the programs in the MdVMA

I would like to see an evolution of educational and diagnostic opportunities in Maryland. I look forward to working with rescue groups and animal shelters this coming year. Dr. Melissa Jones has done an amazing job as Chief of Staff running shelter hospitals in Baltimore County and Gillian Lotz-Hopkins our industry council Delegate who can bring assets and people together. The Baltimore County Shelters and the Baltimore City Shelter (now BARCS) were kill

months. Dr. Schwartz will get us more information on where to send letters of support.

Individual wellness is a key factor in our personal and professional success, as well as our knowledge and education. The MdVMA is an asset to help us network and identify available resources in this regard also. We as Veterinarians are required to take care of our families, patients, clients, and businesses so don't forget to take care of yourselves as well.

I will have a tough time keeping up with Dr. Elizabeth Cottrell (MdVMA vice-president), Dr. Shawdawn Salmond-Jimenez, and Dr. Nicole Fenner with their hard work and energetic progress in public relations and membership.

Thank you all, I have missed many names, but each member is essential. We serve for you.



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Golden Retriever Beats Odds

by Dr. Matthew Keats

Parker, a six year-old male neutered golden retriever, referred from internal medicine, presented for a surgical evaluation. Three weeks prior to this, he had suffered a self-limiting episode of vomiting and diarrhea. During the diagnostic phase of that episode, the primary care veterinarian found a thoracic mass that was detected peripherally on a survey abdominal radiograph. Additional thoracic radiographs showed that the mass was a large, solitary nodule thought to be located in the accessory lung lobe (Figure 1). Subsequently, a contrast esophagram ruled out esophageal involvement.

After performing an abdominal ultrasound to screen for metastatic disease, the internal medicine service noted no abnormalities, which indicated that the mass could not be detected with ultrasound.

Parker was then admitted for a CT scan of the thorax to evaluate the surgical possibilities of removing the mass. The CT scan confirmed that the mass was located in the accessory lung lobe, compressing the caudal vena cava and diaphragmatic cupola. Contrast enhancement also made visible multifocal irregular mineralized opacities within the mass.

Two days later, Parker returned for surgery to remove the mass. The surgeon performed a standard right 6th intercostal thoracotomy removed the mass by lobectomy of the accessory lung lobe. The mass was found to be very firm and surprisingly dense. The dog recovered well and was discharged two days postoperatively without incident.

The histopathologic diagnosis was pulmonary chondroid hamartoma, which is

a benign, non-neoplastic condition. Hamartomas are thought to be developmental and are described as an abnormal mixture of cells collecting into a tumor-like mass. A commonly seen clinical manifestation is in the skin and appears as small, horn-like dermal projections. This diagnosis in the lungs is very rare and appears to have been reported only once in the veterinary literature in canines but is more common in humans.

In general, based merely on the size of the mass, the prognosis for large canine lung tumors is typically poor; median survival times of 1 year can be expected in patients with well-differentiated pulmonary adenocarcinomas when measuring fewer than 5 cm in diameter. However, in this case, the prognosis was excellent. Other factors that typi-

cally convey a worse prognosis are lymph node metastasis, high histologic grade, non-peripheral location, and the presence of clinical respiratory symptoms. Obviously, other differential diagnoses should always be considered, and they include granulomatous disease, histiocytic sarcoma, squamous cell carcinoma, anaplastic carcinoma, pulmonary adenoma, and metastatic lesions. Fortunately, Parker is expected to do well long-term and made a complete recovery from surgery by the two-week recheck.



Figure 1. Lateral thoracic radiograph demonstrating a soft-tissue mass in the caudal thorax.

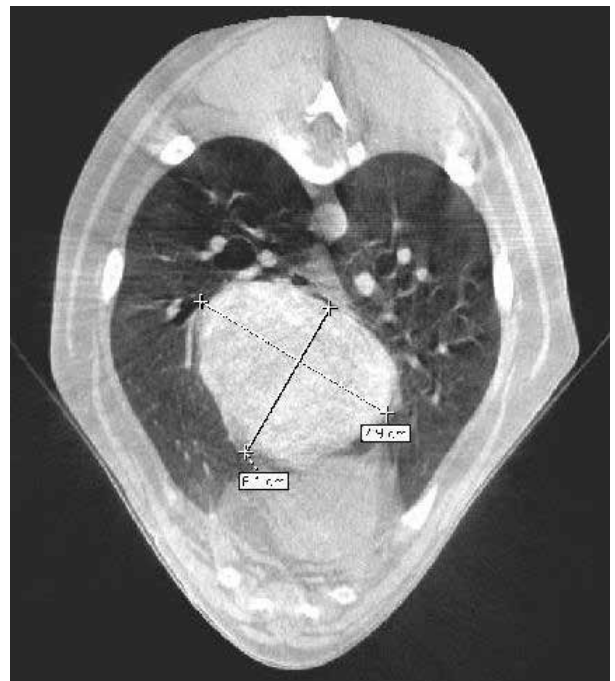


Figure 2. Transverse CT scan section through the caudal thorax of the same mass after IV contrast administration. The mass measures 6.1 cm by 7.9 cm in diameter.

Guess What I Saw?

by Joseph A. Bernstein, DVM, Diplomate ACVD

Long Green Animal Dermatology Center, Baldwin and Annapolis, MD

A 14 yr spayed female Domestic Shorthair feline was presented with a primary complaint of crusting lesions on multiple areas of the body. Relevant history included trials of both antibiotics (Convenia) and steroid (Depo-medrol) with no reported response. Skin scrapes were reportedly negative and DTM fungal culture was negative for dermatophytosis.

On examination, the patient was noted to have multifocal affected areas with lesions ranging from light crusts to heavily crusted plaques on the ventral neck, dorsal right and left paw, left axilla, left inguinal area, and right stifle (Fig 1). The patient was sedated and three 6 mm punch biopsy specimens were taken for histopathology. Histopathology demonstrated plaques of irregular epidermal hyperplasia with moderate to marked hyperkeratosis. There was full thickness dysplasia of the epidermis extending around follicular infundibula. Keratinocyte size and appearance varied from small with hyperchromatic nuclei to large with pale cytoplasm and large nuclei. Occasional groupings of koilocytes with clear cytoplasm and shrunken nuclei were noted indicating papillo-

ma viral cytopathic effect.

Based on classic clinical presentation and histopathologic confirmation, a diagnosis of Bowenoid Squamous Cell Carcinoma (SCC) in Situ was made. The disease in humans, first reported as a precancerous dermatosis by Bowen in 1912, has long been known as Bowen's disease. The disease in veterinary medicine is most commonly seen in older cats (mean 12 yrs). As demonstrated in this patient, the classic presentation is of multifocal crusting lesions including non-sun-exposed haired areas. The term, in situ, refers to SCC that is restricted to the epidermis which has not broken through the basement membrane to become invasive squamous cell carcinoma. It is important to distinguish Bowenoid SCC clinically from the more common actinic SCC-in situ



Figure 1

that is typically seen in lightly pigmented patients in areas of sun exposure. Unlike the actinic SCC, Bowenoid SCC has an established papillomaviral causation as demonstrated by viral cytopathic effect on histopathology as well as papillomavirus immunohistochemistry staining of epidermal cells in some cases. If allowed to progress, lesions may become locally invasive SCC, but metastasis has not been demonstrated. Surgical excision of individual lesions may be performed; but because in situ lesions have not invaded below the epidermis and the numbers of lesions may make surgical excision impractical, less invasive techniques that remove the epidermis are commonly employed for therapy. These include: curettage, cryotherapy, topical chemotherapy with Imiquimod, and CO2 laser ablation. New lesions usually arise, so ongoing monitoring

and multiple treatments are needed over time.

CO2 laser ablation was chosen as the treatment for this patient (Fig 2). The patient was sedated with dexdomitor and butorphanol. Lesions were ablated with a continuous wave, 10 watt setting for most areas with 18 watts utilized for a thicker exophytic area. A 3 mm tip was utilized. Areas were charred and then wiped with gauze moistened with saline. Once bleeding was achieved over each area indicative of epidermal removal, the areas were treated with a final pass of the laser. The patient underwent the procedure again 2 months later to ablate a few remaining affected areas. Healing was excellent. The owners were informed that recheck appointments were recommended every 3 to 4 months to identify new primary lesions for planning of repeat procedures in the future.



Figure 2

The Maryland HealthCare Professionals Program — An Alternative to Discipline

is Available to Assist Veterinarians

The Maryland HealthCare Professionals Program (MHPP) is a private, confidential, non-disciplinary program that works to advocate for the health and well-being of all veterinarians licensed by the Maryland Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners. The MHPP provides a confidential, private setting to address issues that have become problematic and may potentially impact the ability to practice veterinary medicine. The MHPP assists with problems such as alcohol and other substance use issues, psychiatric illness, cognitive impairment, behavioral issues boundary violations that do not include sexual misconduct as well as any concerns related to personal or professional stress. The MHPP is HIPAA-compliant and protects the confidentiality of those we serve as set forth under state and federal law. The MHPP is operated through the Center for a Healthy Maryland, the charitable 501(C)(3) affiliate of MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society. The Maryland Board of Veterinary Examiners recommends that Veterinary Practices and other reporting entities, when appropriate, use the MHPP as a helping alternative to the disciplinary process.

If you are a veterinarian with a problem – you can get help from the MHPP.

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MDVMA's Lifetime Achievement Award— Tom Armitage, DVM-Country Veterinary Hospital

Dr. Tom Armitage is a past President of the Maryland Veterinary Medical Association and current chair of the CE committee. He is also member of the Western Maryland Veterinary Association where he served as President. Tom is always there to lend a hand, provide his perspective and make sure the MDVMA is at the forefront of providing membership value to its members. After his term as President, Tom stayed on as a Director on the MDVMA Board, participating in the current five-year strategic plan building and for the past 3 years has provided us with outstanding CE programming for

the Veterinary Clinic in May and the Summer Conference in June. What doesn't Tom do for us?

Dr. Armitage, Co-Chief of Staff at this hospital, Country Veterinary Hospital in Mt. Airy, MD is a graduate of the Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine. A native of Ohio, he also attended Miami University of Ohio and Ohio State for his undergraduate education. Dr. Armitage moved to the area upon graduation in 1980 and started his career as an associate in the practice. He finds the problems presented to him every day in veterinary medicine fascinating and challenging, and has a

particular interest in surgery. It is because of his willingness to serve both the Association, his practice and his community

that we award Tom with the MDVMA's Lifetime Achievement Award.



Dr. John Kable presents the Lifetime Achievement Award to Dr. Tom Armitage as awarded by President Dr. Rich Streett.

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131st Summer Conference



Dean Cyril Clarke swears in the MDVMA 2017-18 Officers: Drs. Richard P. Streett III, Dr. Frederick (Rick) Lewis Jr., and Dr. James B. Reed



Legislative Dream Team: Drs. Rich Streett and Jim Reed with Alexander Cleaver Government Relations Consultant, Moira Moynihan



Dean Clarke meets with MDVMA officers to kick-off the 131st Summer Conference



It runs in the family: Drs. James, Rick and Fred Lewis.



Left to right: Dr. Betsey Crooke, Chair of the College Committee, Dr. Rick Lewis, incoming MDVMA President and Dr. Valerie Ragan, Director, Center for Public and Corporate Veterinary Medicine at the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine Conducting a Career Transition Workshop at the 131st Summer Conference



MDVMA proudly hosts Virginia-Maryland Students at the 131st Summer Conference



Dr. Dick Street, Jon Frank (speaker), Dr. Rick Lewis, Dr. John Brooks and Dr. Rich Streett —Engaging discussion for the Retired Veterinarians program



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CE Calendar

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Mid-Atlantic States Veterinary Clinic: May 17, 2018

MDVMA Summer Conference: June 24-26, 2018



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