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WEE LITTLE DRAGONS

A male weedy sea dragon at the Monterey Bay Aquarium swims with some of his newly hatched babies in Monterey, Calif., on August 2.

Randy Wilder / AP

President's Message

Dr. Deirdre Chiaramonte



Welcome back after our summer hiatus. I hope you all had a great summer. Hard to believe we are heading into autumn.

I would like to thank you for advocating for our profession. After a five-year battle the New York State Senate and Assembly voted in favor of (S.B.2742 & A.B. 8867) a bill incorporating animal dentistry into the veterinary medicine practice act. The bill was signed into law August 11, 2014 by our governor and immediately took effect upon signature. New York State joined our neighbors, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Vermont and Maryland, all who implemented these changes earlier. Additionally, the Veterinary Medicine Mobility Act (H.R. 1528) was signed into law by the president. Thank you for all your hard work and efforts. Our memberships efforts were substantial enough to support these bills. At this time we need your continued support to defeat the Fairness to Pet Owners Act (H.R. 4023). Please contact your congressional representatives and senators to protect our patient's safety.

Our annual summer baseball outing on August 16th was a success (except for the Staten Island Yankees!). It was a beautiful evening and many VMANYC members, friends and family enjoyed the outing. The NYS Veterinary Conference is right around the corner with a great line-up of speakers presenting a progressive continuing education program.

The executive Board has been busy over the summer. The Board is scrutinizing our by-laws, establishing a local veterinary outreach program, constructing a dental brochure for members to handout and much more. Stay tuned.

As always, we all encourage everyone to participate in the VMANYC and become involved in your organization. Be on the look out for nominations forms to be emailed. Please participate if you are able. Enjoy the fall.

Respectfully,

Deirdre Chiaramonte, DVM, ACVIM, CCRT, CVA



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The liaison committee interacts with our local specialty hospitals, educational institutions and not for profit organizations and lists in this column any information which is relevant for our membership. Specifically, we highlight continuing education which is complementary to our membership and new hires in specialty areas. Please contact us if your hospital has information that you would like to share with our membership

The Animal Medical Center's Continuing Education:

Register On Line at <http://www.amcny.org/pipseminars>

PARTNERS IN PRACTICE TUESDAY (7 TO 8:30PM) CLINICAL WORKSHOPS

SEPTEMBER 9: RADIOLOGY READING— WHAT'S YOUR DIAGNOSIS, PRESENTED BY Dr, Anthony fischetti

SEPTEMBER 23: EXOTIC PET MEDICINE, PRESENTED BY DR. KATHERINE QUESENBERRY

OCTOBER 4: LEPTOSPIROSIS, PRESENTED BY DR. RICHARD GOLDSTEIN

OCTOBER 21: RADIATION THERAPY - THE ESSENTIALS, PRESENTED BY DR. RACHEL ST-VINCENT

NOVEMBER 11: DENTISTRY - RADIOGRAPHY AND CLINICAL OPTIONS, PRESENTED BY DR. STEPHEN RIBACK

NOVEMBER 18: CARDIOLOGY CASES - DIAGNOSIS & RX

DECEMBER 2: REHABILITATION SIMPLIFIED, PRESENTED BY DR. LEILANI ALVAREZ

PIP COMPREHENSIVE CONFERENCES—8AM TO 4PM

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19: Veterinary Technician Updates - Tips and Techniques.

Presented by Megan L. Brashear, LVT

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14: Internal Medicine.

Presenter TBA

REGISTER ON LINE: <http://www.amcny.org/pipseminars>

QUESTIONS? CONTACT DR. PHILIP FOX AT PHILIP.FOX@AMCNY.ORG OR CALL 212.329.8606

PIP VETERINARY TECHNICIAN LECTURES 6 TO 7PM, 6TH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM

SEPTEMBER 4: TOPIC AND SPEAKER TBA

SEPTEMBER 28: TOPIC AND SPEAKER TBA

NOVEMBER 4: TOPIC AND SPEAKER TBA

DECEMBER 4: TOPIC AND SPEAKER TBA



Two Diamondback Rattlesnakes began to digest a mouse only to realize they were both scoffing the same meal. The amusing moment was captured by wildlife photographer Paul Murray in South Africa.

Picture: Paul Murray/Caters

News from Blue Pearl Veterinary Partners:

Continuing education lectures are free and open to all area veterinarians. There are also veterinary technician CE lectures which are open to all veterinary technicians and assistants. Registration is required and is done by contacting Dr. David Wohlstadter at david.wohlstadter@bluepearlvet.com. Dinner begins at 7 PM and the lectures start at 7:30 PM. BluePearl is approved as a New York State sponsor of CE for veterinarians and veterinary technicians. Unless otherwise noted, lectures are given in Brooklyn, Queens and Manhattan at the addresses listed below:

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410 West 55th St
(Bet 9th and 10th Avenues)
New York, NY 10019

Queens
107-28 71st Rd
(Bet Austin St and Queens Blvd)
Forest Hills, NY 11375

Brooklyn
32 4th Ave
(at Pacific St)
Brooklyn, NY 11217

August 2014

Neurology (for veterinarians)

Speaker: TBD

August 19-Queens

August 20-Manhattan

August 21-TBD

September 2014

Cardiology (for veterinarians)

Speaker: TBD

September 16-Queens

September 17-Manhattan

September 18-TBD

October 2014

Ophthalmology (for veterinarians)

Speaker: TBD

October 14-Queens

October 15-Manhattan

October 16-TBD

November 2014

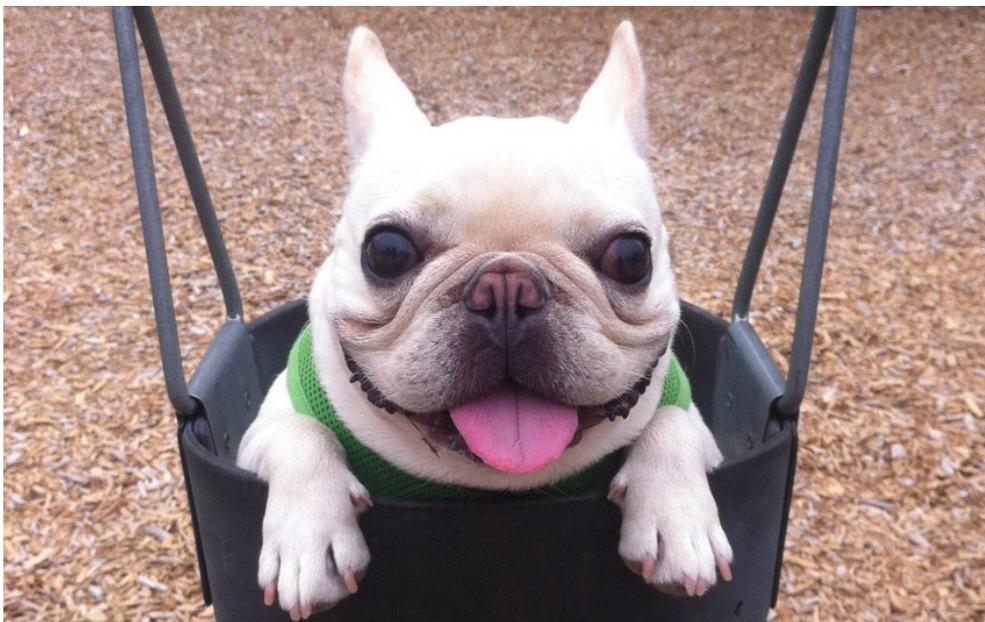
Oncology (for veterinarians)

Speaker: TBD

November 18-Queens

November 19-Manhattan

November 20-TBD



Sir Charles Barkley, a French bulldog from Seattle, Washington, has become an internet sensation. His daily photos have attracted him an Instagram following of more than 115,000 fans. Named after the former basketball player Charles Barkley, Sir Charles has been racking up the orange hearts on Instagram since the first day his owners, Melissa and Paul, met his breeders and took pictures of the adorable pup.

Picture: Caters

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Calendar of Events

Program Committee

Dr. Mark E. Peterson, Chairman , Dr. Deirdre Chiaramonte, Dr, Sally Haddock

The schedule of the VMA of NYC Continuing Education meetings for the 2014 calendar year is listed below, including the speakers and topics. All meetings will be held at Cicatelli Associates, 505 Eighth Avenue (b/w 35th & 36th St) on the 20th floor, NYC. The meetings will start at 7 PM. Please bring photo ID with you to allow entry into the facility. **Members of the VMA of NYC are automatically registered to attend the meetings**, but guests need to be added to the attendance list in advance of each meeting date.

September 3, 2014

Speaker: Rodney Bagley, DVM, DACVIM
Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine
Topic: Neurology

October 1, 2014

Speaker: Cindy Charlier, DVM, FAVD, DAVDC
Fox Valley Veterinary Dentistry and Surgery
Topic: Dentistry

November 5, 2014

Speaker: Kim Selting, DVM, MS, DACVIM
University of Missouri College of Veterinary Medicine
Topic: Oncology

December 3, 2014

Speaker: Tammy Grubbs, DVM, MS, PhD, DACVAA
Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine
Topic: Anesthesiology/ Pain Management

Remember, our Continuing Education program is meant for our VMA of NYC members, so please do not ever hesitate to provide your input and suggestions for great speaker or timely topics to make our C.E. program the best it can be. I can always be contacted via email at mark@animalendocrine.com or feel free to call me in my office (212.362.2650) if you have any suggestions.



I'M GONNA GETCHA!

A dog runs to catch a frisbee disc during the European Dog Frisbee Championships in Poland on August 10. Marek Zakrzewski / EPA

Membership Spotlight

Dr. Ann Hohenhaus

Q1. Where did you grow up and when did you move to NYC?

I was born in central Minnesota, attended high school and college in Maryland and moved to NYC in 1986 when I was accepted into The AMC's internship program.

Q2. Why did you become a veterinarian and when did you know that you would become one?

My father (Minn '56) and his father (Chicago Veterinary School '16) before him were veterinarians. There was no family expectation that I would become a veterinarian, but somehow I couldn't imagine being anything else. I had my first coveralls and Tingley boots at 2 years of age.

Q3. Where did you go to veterinary school?

Cornell

Q4. What was your first job as a veterinarian?

I worked at Guilderland Animal Hospital for 1 year after graduation. Guilderland is a mixed animal practice just west of Albany.

Q5. Where do you practice now, and how long have you been there?

I have worked at The Animal Medical Center for 28 years.

Q6. What pets do you have?

We have Albus Froggy, a three toed African albino frog; an eel fish and Plato, a giant leopard Plecostomus. We are a serial foster kitten family and just returned our 33rd and 34th foster kittens to the ASCPA.

Q7. What are your hobbies/interests?

I love to cook and make a real dinner nearly every night. I also enjoy walking in Central Park early in the morning and getting in a bit of bird watching before going to work.



DR. ANN HOHENHAUS

**NYC VMA
MEMBER
SPOTLIGHT**

Congratulations to Dr. Hohenhaus for receiving the prestigious DeBakey Journalism Award! Please see page 9 to see the press release.



Dr. Ann Hohenhaus Wins the Prestigious DeBakey Journalism Award

YARDLEY, PA – Vetstreet.com and the Animal Medical Center in New York City today are pleased to announce that Dr. Ann Hohenhaus has won a prestigious 2014 DeBakey Journalism Award in the Online category for her article "[Dogs Go To Bat Against Lou Gehrig's Disease](#)." The award will be presented tonight at an awards dinner ceremony in Washington, DC, hosted by the Foundation for Biomedical Research (FBR).

Dr. Hohenhaus, an ACVIM board certified veterinary oncology and small animal internal medicine specialist, is a member of the Vetstreet.com Veterinary Advisory Board and is a frequent contributor to the site. She is also on staff at the Animal Medical Center where she specializes in treating cancer patients.

Dr. Hohenhaus's awarding winning article is a fascinating comparative medicine look at amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) in humans and canine degenerative myelopathy (DM) in dogs. The article was inspired by Dr. Hohenhaus's attendance at the November 2013 Zoobiquity Conference in New York City, an event that seeks to highlight connections between human and animal health. In the article, Dr. Hohenhaus recounts the work of Missouri University veterinary neurologist Dr. Joan Coates and how it has positioned dogs and canine research models to be key players in understanding more about both ALS and DM. Dr. Coates' multi-institutional research is backed by funding from the National Institutes of Health and the ALS Association.

"Veterinarians play a crucial and ever-expanding role in demonstrating the interdependence of species; medically, environmentally, and emotionally. That the DeBakey Award has been given to a veterinary journalist highlighting the important work of a fellow veterinary practitioner and researcher is a tribute to the profession," said Dr. Beth Thompson, Medical Director and Publisher of Vetstreet.com and *Healthy Pet* magazine. "Vetstreet.com is honored to have such a distinguished contributor and advisor on our team and we congratulate Dr. Hohenhaus on her award," Dr. Thompson added.

"The Animal Medical Center congratulates Dr. Ann Hohenhaus on winning the notable 2014 DeBakey Journalism Award in the Online category for her very compelling article entitled: "Dogs Go To Bat Against Lou Gehrig's Disease." This article, which showcases the important collaborative efforts between veterinarians and physicians, will help broaden awareness for and the importance of a species-spanning approach to medicine," said Kathryn Coyne, CEO of The Animal Medical Center.

About Dr. Ann Hohenhaus

Dr. Ann Hohenhaus, DVM, DACVIM, received her board certification in both oncology and small animal internal medicine from the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine. She is also a Certified Veterinary Journalist by the American Society of Veterinary Journalists.

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About the Animal Medical Center

The Animal Medical Center, located on the Upper East Side in New York City, is a non-profit veterinary center that has been a national leader in animal care since 1910. As an academic veterinary hospital, the AMC promotes the health and well-being of companion animals through advanced treatment, research and education. The AMC staff is comprised of over 90 veterinarians who utilize an interdisciplinary team approach combining expertise across 25 specialty areas and services to care for your pet 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. For more information about the AMC, please visit www.amcny.org

About the DeBakey Awards

Named in honor of the FBR's late chairman Dr. Michael E. DeBakey, the awards recognize outstanding journalism that highlights the role of biomedical research. The FBR established the awards in 2002 to strengthen the bridge between the scientific community and the media.

News From the AVMA

Veterinary Medicine Mobility Act is now law

On Aug. 1, President Barack Obama signed into law the long-awaited Veterinary Medicine Mobility Act (H.R. 1528), making it legal for veterinarians to provide complete medical care to their patients beyond their clinics and across state lines. This is a major victory for the veterinary profession and the healthcare of our nation's animals!

The AVMA had been diligently working on getting this bill passed for nearly two years. The association's Governmental Relations Division met with the Drug Enforcement Administration and members of Congress and their staff many times to explain why a restrictive provision within the Controlled Substances Act needed to be amended so veterinarians would be permitted to use all of the medications available to provide the best care for their patients beyond their clinics. The AVMA helped raise awareness by running several advertising campaigns in D.C. publications, conducting interviews with media, and developing many communications resources to help educate our members, the public and Congress on the importance of this bill.

Over 130 veterinary medical and other organizations joined the AVMA in its advocacy efforts. Those efforts were amplified with the help of AVMA's members, who rallied together in an urgent call to action, sending more than 27,000 letters to their elected officials in support of the bill.

What's next? The AVMA has developed an FAQ document for members and is in the process of updating tools on DEA registration numbers to help members better understand how this new regulation directly affects them. In the meantime, we advise any veterinarian who is unclear about how to comply with the new law to consult the Diversion Control Program Manager at their respective Drug Enforcement Administration field offices for more information.

The AVMA would like to thank everyone for their outpouring of support for this bill. It proves that together, we can accomplish great things on behalf of the veterinary profession!

WHAT DO YOU DO IF YOU'VE GOT A JUMBO-SIZED ITCH? Barcroft





DOGSITTING: A dog sits on a buffalo who is cooling off in the Ravi River in Lahore, Pakistan, on August 28.

Moshin Raza/ Reuters



HOTEL FOR DOGS

Atlas enjoys a double bed, fluffy pillows and a flat-screen TV in his luxurious suite at D Pet Hotel Chelsea in New York.
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WANTED: Part-time or per-diem vet with interest in preventive and shelter medicine needed for one or two days a week with Williamsburg, Brooklyn clinic. New York State license and prior experience required. Email resume to feltonvet@verizon.net or fax to 718-388-6968.

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ANIMAL CARE & CONTROL OF NYC (AC&C) has many new and exciting job openings available at this time. If you love working with animals and helping people they may have a great career opportunity for you. Some of the positions that are available are Communications Associate, Volunteer Liaison, Veterinarian, Licensed Vet Tech, Animal Care Officer, and Animal Control Officer. If you are interested in learning more about the available positions or want to apply, please visit their website at www.nycacc.org.

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