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OUR PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Hello and Happy March!

A quick introduction - I am Becky Dietlin, a small animal practitioner and private practice owner working in Washington Twp. I am your 2024 SEMVMA president. I'd like to thank Dr. Emily Socks for serving out her term as president, and Dr. Nicole Grube for finishing her duties on the board in 2023.

We kicked off 2024 with our annual membership celebration at the Royal Park Hotel. The comradery and food were fabulous as always! The Royal Park is a lovely venue, although we realize it's not a central location for our members; for 2025 we are looking at venues that will be closer for our south and west side members. As always, a great big thank you to Barb Locricchio for all the behind-the-scenes work she does to help keep things running smoothly starting at the membership celebration each year and ending with our last CE in December and everything in between!

We had a productive and informative membership celebration this year. You received information in December regarding a proposed amendment to our constitution allowing a Licensed Veterinary Technician a seat on the board, and the votes are in - the amendment passed! If you have a technician you feel would be a good fit, please give them the application inside this publication.

Our speaker Megan Spedoske, LMSW, AAT from MSU gave us insight into mental health and well-being for ourselves and those around us. In a world that can be filled with so much stress and negativity, let's try to do a better job of looking out for one another in 2024. I challenge each of you to find 1 person in the field and check in with them - send a text, an email, go grab coffee. Let your coworkers, associates or classmates know that you're available to talk to.

We have a lot in store for our members in 2024, we finished our '23-'24 CE series this month and are already finalizing our schedule for the '24-'25 series. The CE Committee prides themselves on finding

nationally renowned, engaging speakers for the full-day events, and this series is shaping up to be no different. Remember, the SEMVMA offers free technician CE, see the Tech CE brochure for full details. All work and no play? That's no fun! Don't forget we have the annual golf outing in August, and we are also looking into a group ticket block at Jimmy John's Field in Utica for a family fun event this summer. More details will follow as we get closer.

We are a part of the greatest profession, let's try to be the positive change we are looking for in the world around us.

— *Dr. Becky Diellin*



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2023/2025 CONTINUING EDUCATION

VETERINARY PROGRAM

10/23/2024 – Dr. Kate Myrna–Ophthalmology

11/2024 – TBD

12/11/2024 – Dr. Sara Jablonski–Gastrointestinal

02/12/2025 – Dr. Sheilah Robertson–Palliative Care/Hospice

03/12/2025 – Dr. Justine Lee–Emergency Medicine

Sign-in for the conference begins at 8:15 am, with the seminar beginning at 9:00 am. Continental breakfast and full lunch are included. The seminars will conclude at 5:00 pm.

TECHNICIAN PROGRAM

10/23/2024 – Dr. Kate Myrna–Ophthalmology

11/2024 - TBD

12/11/2024 – Annette Engler, LVT, CVPM, CCRP–Client Handling: Tips and
Tools for Technicians, Front Office Staff and Veterinarians

02/12/2025 - Dr. Sheilah Robertson–Palliative Care

03/12/2025 – Mallory Olson, LVT, VTS – Recover Protocol for CPR

Sign-in and dinner for the conference begins at 5:45 pm with the seminar starting at 6:30 pm. The seminars will conclude at 8:30 pm. For each SEMVMA member in your practice, one technician or staff member can attend each of the seminars for FREE. The cost for additional staff members or for the staff of non-SEMVMA members is our regular charge of \$35. You must RSVP to ensure a meal and proceedings. Seminars will be held at the Management Education Center - 811 West Square Lake Road, Troy, MI, (248) 879-2456

You can attend our meetings in person or virtual, your choice!
Please contact Barb at the SEMVMA Office to register (248) 651-6332
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-2023 ACADEMY MEMBERS-

Steven Bailey, DVM, DABVP – Exclusively Cats Veterinary Hospital
Kathy Christy, DVM – Oakland Hills Veterinary Hospital
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Michelle Meyer, DVM – Serenity Animal Hospital
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Julie Sherman, DVM – Serenity Animal Hospital
Dave Smith, DVM – Leader Dogs for The Blind
Sandy Smith, DVM – Animal Health Clinic of Fenton
Emily Socks, DVM – Oakland Hills Veterinary Hospital
Stephanie Tallis, DVM – Animal Medical Center of Troy
Laura Van de Grift, DVM – Oakland Hills Veterinary Hospital
Kelly Wilson, DVM – Leader Dogs for The Blind

The Southeastern Michigan Veterinary Medical Association developed the SEMVMA Academy to celebrate the commitment of veterinarians to the continual improvement of their professional knowledge and competence achieved through continuing education. The Academy is the first institution in the State of Michigan to recognize and reward veterinarians for their commitment to advance their continuing education. Academy members must have earned at least 50 hours of continuing education.



SAVE THESE
DATES!

UPCOMING
ACTIVITIES



Summer Picnic Baseball Game
Double Header 5:30 and 7:30 PM
Jimmy John's Field



29th Annual SEMVMA Golf Outing
Tanglewood Golf Course, South Lyon, MI

Look for additional details on our website

MEMBERSHIP CELEBRATION

This year the Southeastern Michigan Veterinary Medical Association's annual membership celebration was held on January 10th at the Royal Park Hotel in Rochester. There were 77 people in attendance including members and their guests. The bar was graciously sponsored by Faithful Companion. We thank them for all their support! The celebration dinner was kicked off with the incoming president, Dr. Becky Dietlin, presenting Dr. Emily Socks with the "Outstanding Service as President" award for her service during 2023. A few amazing veterinarians earned some well-deserved awards as well. Awards for "Contribution to Community" were presented to Dr. Pierre DePorre for his work spaying and neutering animals to help save sea turtles in Mexico (he was unable to attend this year's dinner because he was in Mexico helping save the turtles) and Dr. Julie Sherman for her work caring for the Sterling Heights police dogs for the past 20 years. The award for "Contribution to Clinical Practice" was awarded to veterinary oncologist Dr. Michele Sauerbrey.

SEMVMA continues to support the veterinary technician program at Macomb Community

College with our scholarship opportunity. The 2024 winners were as follows: 1st place Sarah Brill, 2nd place Catherine Dolin, and 3rd place Kaela Amantis. Congrats to all!

The SEMVMA Student Debt Reduction awards were presented to Dr. Alexis Wilson (Creekside Animal Hospital, MSU 2023) and Dr. Taylor White (Madison Veterinary Hospital, MSU 2022).

SEMVMA council members were installed including Drs. Kathy Christy, Frank Carmona, Pierre DePorre, and Michelle Meyer, President Dr. Becky Dietlin, President-Elect Dr. Kaitlin Lonc, and Vice President Dr. Barbra Easton. Dr. Nicole Grube completed her commitment to SEMVMA and we thank her for all her hard work over the years. We finished the evening with a presentation by counselor Megan Spedoske on veterinary well-being.

If you were unable to attend this year's membership celebration, we hope that you consider attending next year. Mark your calendar for January 8, 2025.



Dr. Michelle Meyer presenting Dr. Michele Sauerbrey with the award for "Outstanding Contribution to Clinical Practice."



Dr. Becky Dietlin presenting the Macomb Community College veterinary technician scholarship awards to winners Sarah Brill (1st place), Catherine Dolin (2nd place), and Kaela Amantis (3rd place).



Dr. Michelle Meyer presenting Dr. Julie Sherman with the award for "Outstanding Contribution to the Community."



Megan Spedoske, LMSW, AAT from Michigan State University gave us insight into mental health and well-being for ourselves and those around us.



Dr. James Wright and Mrs. Jan Wright enjoying the evening together.



Dr. Becky Dietlin presenting Dr. Emily Socks with the award for "Outstanding Service as President."



Dr. Becky Dietlin presenting Drs. Alexis Wilson and Hannah Clark with membership certificates as we recognized all of the 2023 new members

WORLD ASSOCIATION OF VETERINARY DERMATOLOGY HAS GIFTS FOR YOU!

As private practitioners, how can we keep up with the ever-expanding body of scientific knowledge in our field? How can we remain competitive in different specialty areas? Where can we turn for accurate, concise and problem-specific information?

The World Association of Veterinary Dermatology is strongly committed to advancing the field of veterinary dermatology and allergy, to empowering practitioners at all levels in their pursuit of high-quality care. To this end, they have created 3 sources of cutting-edge, relevant and succinct information which are available to all veterinarians without cost. They are available indefinitely on the **WAVD website (<http://wavd.org>)**.

First, there are five articles of Consensus Guidelines.

For each of them, a team of veterinary specialists with high-quality and advanced knowledge in that field have searched the literature for articles related to that topic. The articles were reviewed for quality and relevance, as well as type of study and number of patients. From this mountain of information was created a structured article presenting the very useful information in a guidelines format. Consensus Guidelines presently available on the WAVD website include:

- Recommendation for approaches to methicillin-resistant staphylococcal infections of small animals: diagnosis, therapeutic considerations and preventative measures
- Diagnosis and treatment of dermatophytosis in dogs and cats
- Diagnosis and treatment of demodicosis in dogs and cats
- Biology, diagnosis and treatment of Malassezia dermatitis in dogs and cats
- Equine allergic skin disease

Second, Guideline Summaries.

The consensus guidelines are in-depth and expansive. Therefore, Guideline Summaries were also published. The core clinical information was trimmed down to 2-3 typed pages of the most necessary and relevant data. Guideline summaries presently available on the WAVD website include:

- Demodicosis
- Dermatophytosis
- Approaches to Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcal Infections
- Biology Diagnosis and Treatment of Malassezia Dermatitis

Third, instructional webinars are available.

Level 1 webinars are tailored to practitioners and senior veterinary students who wish to confirm/advance their clinical skills in dermatology. There are also Level 2 topics available, which present more advanced or specialized material.

Each webinar is approximately one hour long, and presented by an experienced, recognized and respected leader in that aspect of veterinary dermatology. Each topic is clinically relevant for practitioners from entry level to experienced. Level 1 topics presently available on the WAVD website include:

GENERAL AND MULTISPECIES WEBINARS

- The approach to the skin case
- Diagnostic techniques in veterinary dermatology
- Fleas and flea allergy dermatitis
- Cutaneous parasites of dogs and cats excluding fleas and Demodex
- Demodicosis in small animal practice
- Clinical aspects of small animal dermatophytosis
- Malassezia and other miscellaneous fungal diseases

- Proliferative diseases of dogs and cats: an overview
- Leishmaniasis
- A brief history of Veterinary Dermatology

FELINE WEBINARS

- Feline allergic diseases: Proposed new nomenclature from ICADA
- Differential diagnosis of the pruritic cat
- Feline allergic skin disease
- Ventral alopecia in cats - is it dermatological or behavioral?
- Cutaneous manifestations of systemic diseases in cats

CANINE WEBINARS

- Atopic dermatitis: Pathogenesis, signs and diagnosis
- Treatment of canine atopic dermatitis
- Canine adverse food reactions
- Canine staphylococcal pyoderma, Part 1: Clinical features and diagnostic approach
- Canine staphylococcal pyoderma, Part 2: Clinical management and responsible use of antimicrobial drugs
- Canine alopecia: clinical approach
- Hypothyroidism in dogs - What should we be doing?
- Clinical approach to autoimmune skin disease
- Canine otitis externa Part 1: Anatomy, physiology, pathophysiology and diagnosis
- Canine otitis externa Part 2: Management

EQUINE AND DONKEY WEBINARS

- Differential diagnosis of the pruritic horse
- Management of allergic horses
- Scaling and crusting in horses
- Equine nodular dermatitis - non-infectious

- WAVD Clinical Consensus Guidelines for equine allergic skin diseases

EXOTIC ANIMAL WEBINARS

- Skin diseases of rabbits and guinea pigs
- Common diseases of pet birds
- Food Animal Webinars
- Food animal dermatology Part 1
- Food animal dermatology Part 2

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Respectfully submitted,

Ann W. Mattise, DVM

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MEMBER Spotlight

Tasheen Syed, DVM is pleased to announce that his son, **Farees A. Syed, DVM**, will be joining him in his clinic, Pet Doctor in Clinton Township the first week of April, 2024 as a full-time veterinarian. Farees Syed, DVM has been practicing veterinary medicine for 8 years. Tasheen Syed, DVM is delighted that this is happening; as it will take some of the pressure off from his work load.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU! Our goal of this section is to let members know what is occurring in our lives outside of veterinary medicine. Please notify us of your recent family additions, graduations, honors, achievements, fund raising activities, civic group associations, outdoor activities and the like. Please call us at 248-651-6332 or email us at adminsemvma@semvma.com

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Please join us in welcoming the following new members to SEMVMA...

Dr. Alyssa Weeden, University of Illinois, 2015 – Animal Health Clinic, Fenton, MI

Dr. Antonia Langfeldt, MSU, 2023 – Advanced PetCare of Oakland

The 2024 membership committee is composed of 3 members: Barb Easton, DVM Easton@vet-vision.com, Becky Dietlin, DVM bbarrdvm@gmail.com, and Tim Duncan, DVM, Duncan@oaklandanimal.com. Please feel free to contact any of us if you have any questions. If you know of a veterinarian in the area who is not a member but may be interested in joining, please contact any member of the membership committee or the SEMVMA office and we will be happy to send them information.

OPPORTUNITIES

VETERINARIANS

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MEDICAL DIRECTOR

Who you are: have demonstrated leadership with a strong track record of success during times of change, transformation and rapid growth. Board-certified veterinary specialists, experienced ER DVM's, DVM's with military leadership, DVM's with animal health leadership, or DVM's with equivalent experience are ideal. Have at least 5 – 7 years of progressive growth and experience in a veterinary healthcare organization. For more information about MedVet, please visit our website at www.medvet.com or to submit a confidential CV, email Brian Stearns at Brian.Stearns@MedVet.com

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NEWSLETTER ADVERTISEMENT POLICY

In order to preserve the educational and informative purpose of the SEMVMA newsletter, the SEMVMA council adopts the following policy regarding advertising. Ads should be submitted to Barb at adminsemvma@semvma.com

Practices or businesses with a common owner shall be treated as one business or practice for the purpose of this policy (referred to as "Common Owner Business or Practice"). A common owner is a person or entity which owns 5% or more of an entity or practice. Shareholders or sole proprietors of an entity or practice shall be considered an owner along with the entity that holds an interest in the business or practice.

Corporate ¼ page ads are limited to one business, owner or corporation for each issue of the SEMVMA newsletter. This is in the interest of having the newsletter inform the association and not overwhelm them with ads. The SEMVMA council may modify or waive the application of this policy on a case by case basis at the discretion of the council.

Ads will run only once unless a request is submitted to the Administrative Secretary to run longer. Classified ads are \$15 for 60 words or less and \$25 for 61–100 words. Corporate ¼ page ads are \$135 per issue or \$500 for four issues. Payment is due at the time of the initial ad placement.

SEMVMA Members interested in providing Relief Veterinary Services can advertise in the newsletter at no charge. The classified ads must follow the same guidelines regarding number of words and deadline restrictions as all other classified ads. If you are a SEMVMA member interested in placing a classified ad, please contact Barb at 888-SEMVMA-5 or www.adminsemvma@semvma.com.

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