



# THE CORNER INFORMER

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## OUR PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Hello fellow SEMVMA members! I hope you are all surviving these extremely trying and busy times. I know I wish for days when I had a break here and there in appointments! I hope we all get a reprieve soon from how busy we all have been. Despite all our extremely busy schedules, your SEMVMA council has been hard at work coordinating some amazing continuing education this year. We are excited to be able to continue offering in-person CE as well as virtual (therefore a hybrid option for all our members). In-person CE offers us the ability to see each other, have some conversations, and eat some great food while learning practical veterinary medicine tips and tricks. The hybrid option allows for learning those amazing tips and tricks from the comfort of home while still being able to interact/ask questions live with the speaker. The virtual option is not recorded, so members must be logged in live. Stay tuned for the continuing education schedule and list of speakers/bios and topics soon.

We are excited to be able to host the Annual Golf Outing! This is scheduled for August 10th and will benefit Leader Dogs for the Blind. Anyone who loves golfing is encouraged to attend (veterinarians,

technicians, spouses, staff, friends, family, clients, etc). Come out and help support our amazing leader dogs! Also, just a friendly reminder to pay your annual dues if you have not.



*Michelle Meyer, DVM*

New to this newsletter is a special "zebra case" that we had at our veterinary clinic. If you have a special case you would like to share in an upcoming newsletter, I encourage you to reach out to our newsletter editor, Emily Socks, at [harri812@gmail.com](mailto:harri812@gmail.com).

I hope you all have wonderful summer plans and maybe life will be getting back to "normal" soon. I know my summer is filled with lots of weddings!

I look forward to being able to celebrate with family and friends. I hope that all of you can get out and take a break from your busy schedules and have some needed rest and fun. It surely is well deserved. I appreciate our small veterinary community very much and how we all do our best to help each other out. Special thank you to all our emergency veterinarians/staff members who are seemingly extra busy as of late. We are all feeling the stress of being twice as busy with half as much staff. Continue spreading kindness and grace.

*– Michelle Meyer, DVM*

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## 2022/2023 CE PROGRAM

### VETERINARY PROGRAM

10/26/2022 – Dr. Victoria Lukasik – Anesthesia/Pain Management

11/16/2022 – Dr. Martha Cline – Nutrition

12/14/2022 – Dr. Kelly St. Denis – Feline Medicine

01/25/2023 – Dr. Marie Hopfensperger – Behavior

03/01/2023 – Dr. Devon Wallis Hague – Neurology

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

10/26/2022 – Dr. Victoria Lukasik – Anesthesia/Pain Management

11/16/2022 – Dr. Martha Cline – Nutrition

12/14/2022 – Dr. Kelly St. Denis – Feline Medicine

01/25/2023 – Jessica Buccilli, LVT – Behavior

03/01/2023 – T.B.A.

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.

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You can attend our meetings in person or virtual, your choice! Please contact Barb at the SEMVMA Office to register (248) 651-6332 [adminsemvma@semvma.vet](mailto:adminsemvma@semvma.vet)



## SAVE THESE DATES! UPCOMING ACTIVITIES



### 28th Annual SEMVMA Golf Outing

Tanglewood Golf Course – 9:00 am shotgun start \*\*\*Please note the earlier start time\*\*\* Look for the enclosed registration sheet. Sponsorship opportunities are still available. Become a “hole sponsor” for \$250 or “ball sponsor” for \$100 (48 balls with your company logo). Please consider donating a raffle prize to aid in raising funds for Leader Dogs for The Blind.



### SEMVMA Summer Party

Packard Proving Grounds  
Additional Details To Follow

## ARE YOU AWARE THAT THE SEMVMA OFFERS STUDENT LOAN DEBT REDUCTION AWARDS?

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The SEMVMA is concerned about the cost of a veterinary education and the accumulated student debt. The AVMA has estimated the average debt load is now \$183,000. We realize student debt only adds to the stress of new graduates and we would like to take action to reduce the debt load.

The SEMVMA is proud to announce that we will be awarding two \$5000 awards to recent graduates during the January Membership Celebration Dinner to reduce their student debt. This grant will be awarded to two members who meet specific requirements. We intend to choose 2 recipients per year who meet the following requirements:

- Have graduated in the last 3 years (2020, 2021, 2022)
- Are members of the SEMVMA
- Work in one of the 9 counties that our membership derives from (Wayne, Oakland, Washtenaw, Macomb, Monroe, Livingston, Lapeer, Genesee, St. Clair & Windsor).
- Have active student loan debt that can be verified from a lending institution. Each award shall be granted to a recognized student loan provider or debtor organization.
- Have not received the award in the past

An application may be obtained via the SEMVMA office and submitted by October 14, 2022. The award will be chosen at random in the presence of a quorum of the SEMVMA Board of Directors during the November or December BOD meeting. Awardees will be notified and invited specifically to the January Membership Celebration Dinner. The award will be submitted directly to the loan originator or institution.

Please spread the word and encourage your new graduates to apply. We hope this effort will make a difference in the lives of the awarded individuals and make you proud to be a member of the SEMVMA. An application to apply is available on the SEMVMA website.

## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

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

**Dr. Alysha Vincent**, MSU, 2016 – Oakland Veterinary Referral Services, Bloomfield Hills, MI

**Dr. Karen Schantz**, MSU, 2006 – Lilley Veterinary Medical Center, Canton, MI

**Dr. Sarah James**, MSU, 1997 – Tail Waggers 1990, Livonia, MI

The 2022 membership committee is composed of 3 members:

Becky Dietlin, DVM [bbarrdvm@gmail.com](mailto:bbarrdvm@gmail.com), Emily Socks, DVM [harri812@gmail.com](mailto:harri812@gmail.com), and Tim Duncan, DVM [Duncan@oaklandanimal.com](mailto: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 of the SEMVMA office and we will be happy to send them information.

## “ZEBRA” CASE

One of our receptionists had a family member with an intact male, German Wirehaired Pointer puppy that was a little too much with his work schedule. One of our LVT's decided to adopt him. “Jack” was obtained from a breeder. At 15 weeks old, he was running in the backyard and bonked his head on a boat hitch causing his head to have a large hematoma. Our LVT brought him in with a giant swelling on his head.



A CBC was within normal limits, no petechiae or ecchymosis seen, and he clotted fine from his blood draw. Aspiration of the swelling revealed blood. He was given some ice compresses and anti-inflammatory pain medication. Three weeks passed and his swelling did not improve, but he was otherwise normal. A CBC was repeated and still normal (low hematocrit but normal for a young puppy). Ultrasound of the swelling showed that it was solid. Clotting factors were run and PTT was elevated.

| Hematology                         |      | 3/15/22             | 3:02 PM |
|------------------------------------|------|---------------------|---------|
| Platlet Count, Manual if Indicated | 329  | 100 - 400 K/a       |         |
| Prothrombin Time (PT)              | 7.6  | 6.2 - 12.3 seconds  |         |
| Partial Thromboplastin Time (PTT)  | 26.5 | 10.9 - 16.9 seconds |         |

\* PLATELET COUNT PERFORMED BY MANUAL METHOD.  
PLATELETS ARE CLUMPED ON THE SLIDE FILM.  
PLATELET COUNT REFLECTS REDUCED VALUE.

| Hematology                                   |       | 3/15/22             | 5:45 AM |
|--|-------|---------------------|---------|
| Prothrombin Time (PT)                        | 13.9  | 11.0 - 15.5 seconds |         |
| Activated Partial Thromboplastin Time (APTT) | 28.7  | 6.5 - 15.5 seconds  |         |
| Thrombin Time                                | 8.4   | 5.0 - 10.0 seconds  |         |
| Von Willebrand Factor (vWf)                  | 1.31  | %                   |         |
| Factor VIII                                  | 108.8 | 50.0 - 250.0 %      |         |
| Factor IX                                    | 7     | 50 - 150 %          |         |

\* 10-15% = NORMAL  
16-25% = BORDERLINE ABNORMAL  
26-45% = BORDERLINE ABNORMAL  
46-100% = BORDERLINE ABNORMAL  
101-150% = BORDERLINE ABNORMAL  
151-200% = BORDERLINE ABNORMAL  
201-250% = BORDERLINE ABNORMAL  
251-300% = BORDERLINE ABNORMAL  
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801-850% = BORDERLINE ABNORMAL  
851-900% = BORDERLINE ABNORMAL  
901-950% = BORDERLINE ABNORMAL  
951-1000% = BORDERLINE ABNORMAL

Reference test performed at Cornell Diagnostic Laboratory.

An extensive clotting profile was sent to Cornell and his Factor IX was extremely low. “Jack” has hemophilia B. The gene for Factor IX is on the X chromosome and hemophilia B is a recessive trait. Males inheriting an abnormal gene for Factor IX express a bleeding tendency, whereas females having 1 normal and 1 abnormal gene are asymptomatic carriers. The owners of relatives (dam and siblings) should be notified of these results to limit further propagation of the defect in the line of dogs. Hemophilia affected males exhibit a lifelong bleeding tendency. Elective surgical procedures should not be performed on affected males without preoperative transfusion. Exercise restriction may help limit joint bleeds and lameness; however, transfusion support may be needed to control hemorrhagic events. Blood products that supply active Factor IX include fresh whole blood, fresh frozen plasma, and cryosupernatants (source: Cornell University). Unfortunately, there is no treatment for this condition. In Jack’s case, fresh frozen plasma was given IV to help replace his deficient clotting factors. These dog’s typically live shortened lives because they bleed into their joints, spine, brain, etc. Sometimes the bleeding cannot be caught before it’s too late. It’s been shown that only 1 in 25,000 dogs have this condition. An Embark genetic profile was submitted (results are still pending) and the breeder has been notified. The breeder plans on getting both parents a blood test to Cornell that checks to see if they are carriers of this disease. If they are, he will not breed that dog anymore.

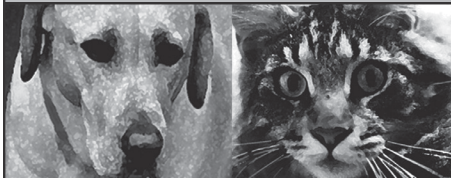
Submitted by Michelle Meyer of Serenity Animal Hospital

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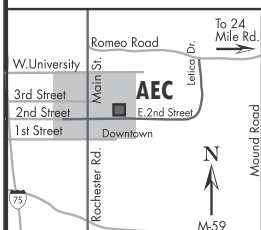
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