



THE CORNER INFORMER

The Newsletter of The Southeastern Michigan Veterinary Medical Association

Volume 32 Issue 3 September 2026

OUR PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

As we head into another exciting season, I want to thank each of you for your continued support of the Southeastern Michigan Veterinary Medical Association. It is truly an honor to serve as your President and to work alongside such a dedicated community of veterinary professionals. SEMVMA continues to thrive because of the commitment of our members, volunteers, speakers, sponsors, and council members who generously give their time to support our profession.

One of SEMVMA's greatest strengths is our commitment to providing exceptional continuing education while fostering meaningful connections among veterinary professionals throughout southeastern Michigan. We are excited to offer another outstanding lineup of educational programs for both veterinarians and licensed veterinary technicians during the 2026–2027 season.

Continuing Education for Veterinarians

- October 14, 2026 – Nutrition with Dr. Deb Linder
- November 11, 2026 – Oncology with Dr. Laura Garrett
- December 2, 2026 – Dentistry with Dr. Amy Thomson
- February 3, 2027 – Dermatology with Dr. Mollie Mesman
- March 17, 2027 – Feline Medicine with Dr. Petra Cerna

Continuing Education for Licensed Veterinary Technicians

Our technician education series continues to grow, providing practical, high-quality education specifically designed for veterinary technicians.

- October 14, 2026 – Nutrition with Dr. Deb Linder
- November 11, 2026 – Oncology with Danielle DeCormier, LVT
- December 2, 2026 – Dentistry with Dr. Amy Thomson
- February 3, 2027 – Neonatology with Sam McCornick, LVT
- March 17, 2027 – Feline Medicine with Dr. Petra Cerna

We encourage every member of the veterinary team to take advantage of these outstanding learning opportunities. Continuing education not only helps us stay current with advances in medicine but also strengthens the care we provide to our patients every day.

Beyond education, we're excited to share that SEMVMA is developing a new website designed to make it easier for members to interact with our association. The updated site will feature fillable online forms for Academy applications, scholarship applications, membership applications, and other resources, making many of our processes more convenient and accessible. We look forward to sharing more details as the project progresses.

As we begin planning our annual Membership Celebration, I encourage you to help us recognize the outstanding individuals within our profession. Please consider submitting nominations for our annual member awards and help us celebrate colleagues who have made significant contributions to veterinary medicine. We are also seeking nominations for exceptional veterinary technician teams to recognize during National Veterinary Technician Week. These awards are a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge the dedication, compassion, and teamwork that strengthen our profession every day.

This summer also provided opportunities to connect outside the classroom. Thank you to everyone who participated in our July social outing at the United Wholesale Mortgage (UWM) Sports Complex baseball game. It was wonderful to spend time together with colleagues, friends, and families in a relaxed setting. We also had another successful annual golf outing benefiting Leader Dogs for the Blind. Your generosity and participation continue to support this outstanding organization while demonstrating the veterinary community's commitment to giving back.

As we look ahead, I hope you'll join us for our educational meetings, social events, and volunteer opportunities. SEMVMA continues to grow because of members like you who invest in our profession and support one another. Thank you for everything you do each day for your patients, clients, colleagues, and our veterinary community.

I look forward to seeing many of you throughout the coming year.

Warm regards

– *Barbra Easton*



Barbra Easton

**Southeastern Michigan
Veterinary Medical
Association**

PO Box 4030
Southfield, MI 48037

Office Hours
Monday–Friday
9 AM–1 PM

www.semvma.com
SEMVMAsecretary@gmail.com

1-248-651-6332

Emilie Evenson
Administrative Secretary

Executive Board

Barbra Easton, *President*
Jordan Roux, *President Elect*
Pierre DePorre, *Vice President*
Grace Chang, *Secretary*
Lucy Shields Henney, *Treasurer*
Kaitlin Lonc, *Immediate Past President*

Council Members

Nathan Booth
Ashley Brazen
Frank Carmona
Becky Dietlin
Michelle Meyer
Dave Smith
Emily Socks
Kevin Windsor

Editor

Emily Socks, DVM

Printing and Layout provided by

Steve Zammit
Print & Marketing Solutions
586-718-6790

2026/2027 CONTINUING EDUCATION

VETERINARY PROGRAM

10/14/2026 – Dr. Deb Linder – Nutrition
Sponsor: Royal Canin
11/11/2026 – Dr. Laura Garrett – Oncology
Sponsor: Zoetis
12/2/2026 – Dr. Amy Thomson – Dentistry
Sponsor: Hill's
02/3/2027 – Dr. Mollie Mesman – Dermatology
Sponsor: Dechra
03/17/2027 – Dr. Petra Cerna – Feline Medicine
Sponsor: Stokes/Epicur Pharma

Sign-in for the conference begins at 8:30 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

10/14/2026 – Dr. Deb Linder – Nutrition
11/11/2026 – Danielle DeCormier, LVT – Oncology
12/02/2026 – Dr. Amy Thomson – Dentistry
02/03/2027 – Samantha McCormick, LVT - Neonatology
03/17/2027 – Dr. Petra Cerna – Feline Medicine

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 \$40.

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 Emilie at the SEMVMA Office to register (248) 651-6332
SEMVMAsecretary@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

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

Dr John Krieger (MSU '02) - Animal Emergency Center, Rochester, MI
Dr Katherine Boucher (Ross '26) - Veterinary Emergency Service West, Plymouth, MI
Dr Jaqueline Brooks (Ontario '20) - Harper Woods Veterinary Hospital, Harper Woods, MI
Dr Leah Ackley (MSU '26) - Practice Search in Progress
Dr. Lily Luzi (MSU '26) - Heritage Veterinary Hospital, Flint, MI
Dr Darien McLemore (Florida '18) - EVCC, Saginaw, MI
Dr Zachary Reynolds (MSU '26) - Walled Lake Veterinary Hospital, Walled Lake, MI
Dr Alex Roberts (MSU '26) - Howell Animal Hospital, Howell, MI

The 2026 membership committee is composed of Pierre DePorre, DVM pdeporre@deporrevet.com, and Barbra Easton, DVM easton@vet-vision.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 a member of the membership committee or the SEMVMA office and we will be happy to send them information.

NEW LIFETIME MEMBERS

SEMVMA would like to congratulate the following members who have become lifetime members. To be a lifetime member, you must have been a SEMVMA member for at least 25 years and be fully retired. Congratulations!

David Carron (MSU '77) - Retired from Plaza Veterinary Hospital
Eileen Cook (MSU '92) - Retired from Southgate Animal Hospital
James Cook (MSU '93) - Retired from Southgate Animal Hospital
Bryan Cornwall (MSU '89) - Retired from relief practice
Charles Schena (MSU '74) - Retired from Veterinary Radiology Services of Southeastern Michigan
Bradford Theodoroff (MSU '80) - Retired from Animal Medical Center of Troy
Jeffrey Whitaker (MSU '85) - Retired from D'Adamo Veterinary Hospital

SAVE THESE DATES! UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Look for additional details on our website

January
8

SEMVMA Membership Celebration
Somerset Inn - Troy, MI

31ST ANNUAL SEMVMA GOLF OUTING

Warm weather and sunny skies greeted the 78 golfers who participated in the 31st Annual SEMVMA Golf Outing to benefit Leader Dogs for the Blind on Wednesday August 19. It was a beautiful day for golf and the winning team of SEMVMA Council member Dr. Kevin Windsor, Matt Windsor, Jake Windsor and Sam Windsor who played beautiful golf with a score of 60 or 12 under par. Faithful Companion sponsored the contest holes. Winners included council members Dr. Lucy Henney (long drive and long putt) and Dr. David Smith (closest to the pin). Other winners were Ron Bawulski (long putt), Jacob Roux (closest to the pin), Lauren Gravatt (closest to the pin), Erin Vanbuskirk (long drive) and Matt Windsor who won both long drives for men. Thanks to all the sponsors, golfers and raffle participants, this year's event may be able to donate close to \$10,000 to Leader Dogs for the Blind. It takes a lot of hard work to make this outing successful and it could not happen without SEMVMA Administrative Secretary, Emilie Evenson and the SEMVMA Golf Committee, Dr. David Smith, Dr. Frank Carmona, Dr. Pierre DePorre, and Dr. Jordan Roux. Please watch for the announcement of next year's outing. We hope to see everyone back at Tanglewood Golf Course next August.



The VES West staff: Sara Smith, Katie Small, Mary Roux, and Jessica Nichols.



Dr. Lauren Gravatt (OVRs ER), Dr. Jordan James (OVRs surgery), Dr. Brad Theodoroff (retired), Dr. Lucy Shields Henney (OVRs surgery)



Dr. Julie Cappel, Dr. Steve Bailey, and Dr. Azia Haynes



The winners of the event: Dr. Kevin Windsor (Beverly Hills Veterinary Associates) with his family Matt, Sam, and Jake Windsor

HOLE SPONSORS:

Affiliated Veterinary Emergency Services
Antech
Beverly Hills Veterinary Associates
Cats Radioiodine Treatment Centers
DePorre Veterinary Hospital
Faithful Companions
IDEXX
Merck
Oakland Animal Hospital
Oakland Veterinary Referral Hospital
Pawsitive Steps Rehabilitation
Premier Pet Supply
Purina
Veterinary Emergency Services (Plymouth)
Zoetis
Zomedica

RAFFLE DONATIONS INCLUDED ITEMS FROM:

Carl's Golfland
Club Champion
Detroit Pistons
Detroit Tigers
Idexx
Leader Dogs
Manny's Liquor & Wine Store
Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle
Meadowbrook Theatre
Merck
Myth Golf
Oakland County Parks
Royal Park Hotel
SEMVMA
SEMVMA Council Members
Sports Clips
The Whitney
Western Golf and Country Club
X-golf

\$10,000 HOLE-IN-ONE CONTEST SPONSORED BY:

Brown & Brown

HOLE CONTESTS SPONSORED BY:

Faithful Companion

DONATION TO LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND WILL BE \$10,171.51

CASE REPORT: SYSTEMIC AND DERMAL PROTOTHECOSIS IN A YOUNG ADULT DOG



A 3.5-year-old female spayed Cattle Dog mix presented on November 30, 2021, for acute vision loss. Ophthalmic examination revealed bilateral exudative retinal detachments, with retinal folding noted OS. Given the acute bilateral presentation, an infectious disease versus immune-mediated etiology was initially suspected. The patient also had a history of persistent generalized lymphadenopathy.

Initial diagnostics included an IDEXX canine uveitis panel, which was negative. Thoracic radiographs were unremarkable. Fine needle aspirates of peripheral lymph nodes were consistent with reactive lymphoid tissue.

Over time, the patient developed progressive ocular disease. On December 21, 2022, she was noted to have a mature cataract OS, incipient cataract OD, and lens-induced uveitis OS. By January 25, 2024, the left eye had progressed to a hypermature cataract with persistent lens-induced uveitis and ocular hypotony, while the right eye had developed a mature cataract. The right eye later progressed to a hypermature cataract by July 2, 2024. Generalized lymphadenopathy persisted through July 2024.



Additional historical concerns included injury to the right front paw pad and right pinna on July 3, 2024, a puncture wound with podoedema of the right rear third digit on November 4, 2024, and later development of masses involving the left zygomatic arch and right rear hock, for which fine needle aspirates of these masses were performed on June 4, 2025. Cytology of the left zygomatic arch/periorbital mass revealed keratinized debris with mild mixed inflammation, while cytology of the right rear hock revealed mild spindle cell proliferation. These findings were interpreted in the context of the patient's broader systemic and dermatologic disease process.

Due to end-stage, painful, nonvisual ocular disease, bilateral enucleation was performed on June 10, 2025. Histopathology of the globe diagnosed ocular protothecosis. At the time of suture removal 10 days post enucleation, lesions were noted over left abdomen dermis 1 cm diameter draining, 1cm lesion over P4 of left rear paw with a draining tract on lateral aspect of P4, similar lesion of left front P3, crusted lesions of dermis over right orbital process. Cytology samples were collected and submitted; bacteria and yeast were noted by the pathologist with no evidence of algae. The patient was started on oral and topical ketoconazole that day, however by that evening neurological symptoms developed and she was euthanized.

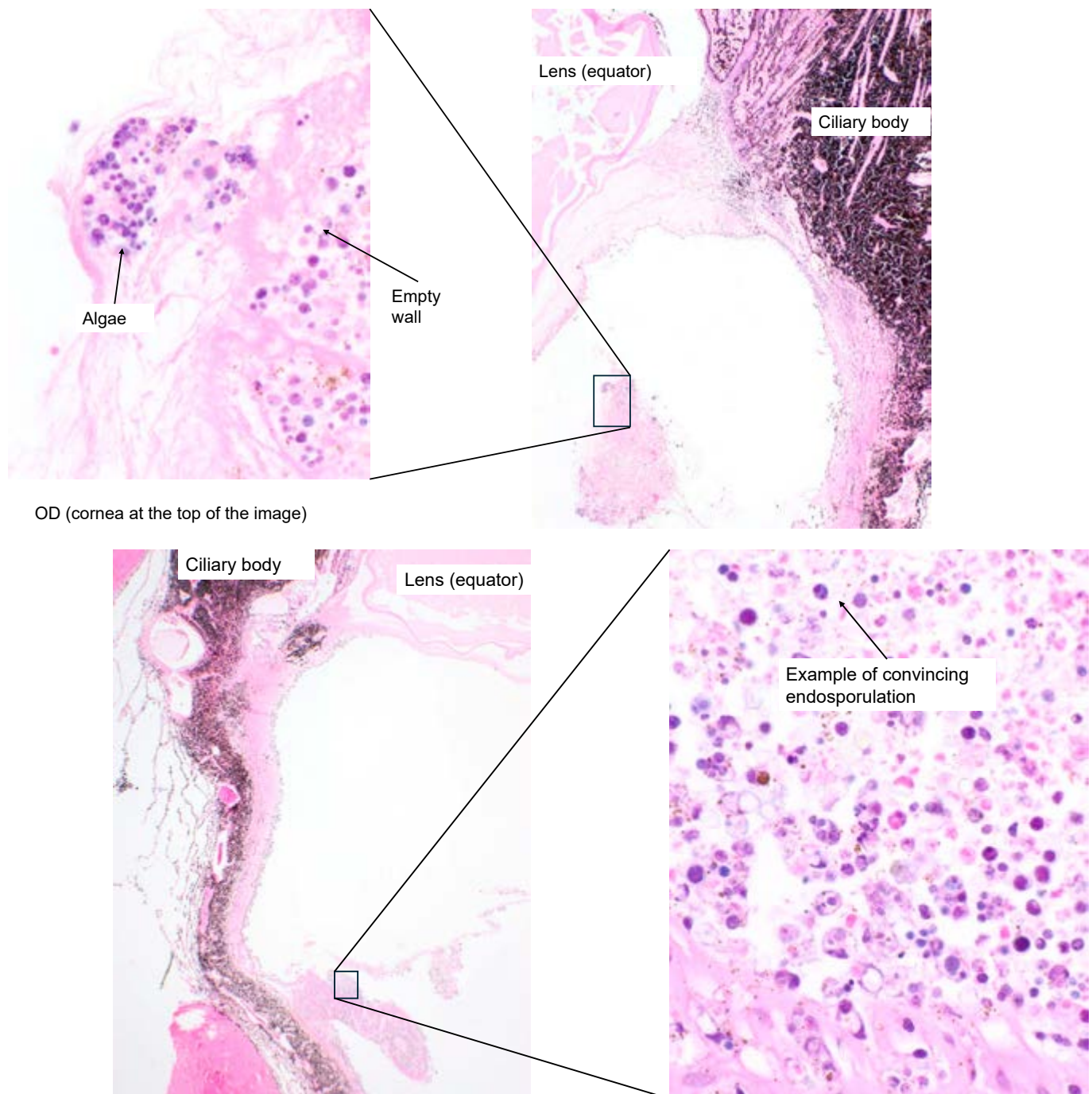


Protothecosis is an uncommon algal infection caused by achlorophyllic *Prototheca* species. In dogs, disseminated disease can involve the gastrointestinal tract, eyes, skin, lymph nodes, and other organs. Ocular manifestations may include uveitis, chorioretinitis, retinal detachment, blindness, and secondary cataractous changes. Diagnosis can be challenging, particularly when early findings mimic immune-mediated or inflammatory disease. Definitive diagnosis often requires cytology or histopathology demonstrating characteristic organisms.

This case highlights the importance of maintaining infectious disease on the differential list for bilateral retinal detachment, unexplained lymphadenopathy, progressive uveitis, and concurrent cutaneous lesions, even when initial infectious screening is unrewarding. In this patient, the diagnosis was ultimately made only after histopathologic evaluation of enucleated globes years after the initial presentation.

Treatment for systemic protothecosis is typically systemic antifungals including ketaconazole, itraconazole and amphotericin B or a combination approach. Treatment is rarely successful with recent reports noting that 90% of patients failed treatment and died or were euthanized. Only 10% of patients treated showed improvement or resolution. Those that were successfully treated most often had cutaneous disease only.

Jagielski T, Proskurnicka A, Iskra M, Wronka S, Bakula Z, Danesi P, de Farias MR, Ramos Portilho FV, Garcia Ribeiro M, Rösler U, Kano R, Malik R. Protothecosis in Dogs: A Narrative Review. *J Vet Intern Med.* 2025 Mar-Apr;39(2):e70025. doi: 10.1111/jvim.70025. PMID: 40072265; PMCID: PMC11898871.



STUDENT LOAN DEBT REDUCTION AWARDS

The SEMVMA is concerned about the cost of a veterinary education and the accumulated student debt. 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 \$2500 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 (2024, 2025, 2026)
- 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 the October 17, 2026 deadline. 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 has been emailed to all current eligible members.

OPPORTUNITIES

VETERINARIANS

Want to join a great family friendly private practice in Livonia, Michigan? D'Adamo Veterinary Hospital is a 4 DVM practice that is looking for a part time or full time DVM to join our team. We practice high quality medicine in a well-equipped hospital. Our clients allow us to take great care of their pets. We work hard to have a safe, caring environment. We have an amazing team of LVTs, assistants and CSRs. We have a full Idexx lab, ultrasound, therapy laser, full digital and dental radiology. We offer competitive salaries, PTO, simple IRA, medical insurance, and CE. Send resumes to jessica@dadamoveterinary.com www.dadamoveterinary.com

.....
Join Our Cats-Only Veterinary Team! Cats Veterinary has provided exceptional feline-exclusive care in Clinton Township, Michigan, since 1992. We're a privately owned, modern practice seeking an experienced full-time veterinarian. **What We Offer:** Starting \$180,000 total package which includes health insurance, 3% employer-matched retirement plan, CE allowance, and licensing/professional membership reimbursement. Additional perks include 22–25% production bonuses, 30-minute appointments, vacation time, and great hours. Work four days per week with no weekends. **Qualifications:** DVM, Michigan license, surgical experience, excellent communication and client-service skills, and a positive, team-oriented attitude. Send your resume to vani@catsvet.com.

TECHNICIANS

Licensed Veterinary Technician (LVT) – Creekside Animal Hospital in Macomb, MI is looking for a compassionate, motivated LVT to join our growing team! We are a privately owned small animal practice focused on exceptional patient care, teamwork, strong client relationships, and continued learning. Our LVTs are an important part of our medical team, assisting with wellness care, diagnostics, surgery, dentistry, anesthesia, and client education. Full- and part-time positions are available. Benefits include competitive pay, health insurance, 401(k) match, PTO, flexible scheduling, CE opportunities, uniform allowance, and employee pet discounts. New graduates are welcome—we provide training and mentorship! Email resume to: creeksideah06@gmail.com

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 Emilie at adminsevmma@sevmma.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 Emilie at 888-SEMVMA-5 or [www.adminsevmma@sevmma.com](mailto:adminsevmma@sevmma.com). Newsletters are published quarterly: on March 15th, June 15th, September 15th and December 15th. All ads should be submitted to the SEMVMA office by the 15th of the month preceding publication.



Veterinary Cardiology Consultants

William A. Brown
Board-Certified Veterinary Cardiologist

Joanne L. DeSana
Board-Certified Veterinary Cardiologist

Committed to healing hearts and improving lives . . .
www.vetcardiologyconsultants.com



NOVI OFFICE
24360 Novi Road
Suite B
Novi, MI 48375
248-946-4322

ROCHESTER HILLS OFFICE
278 E. Auburn Rd.
Rochester Hills, MI 48307
248-402-4322

Pawsitive Steps

REHABILITATION & SPORTS MEDICINE

Moving Forward • Relieving Pain • Enhancing Lives

Our Veterinary Facility provides exclusively Rehabilitation Care, Sports Medicine, Acupuncture, Spinal Adjustments & Pain Management Services for dogs and cats

Types of cases that we routinely treat:

- 🐾 Arthritis Care
- 🐾 Sports Injuries
- 🐾 Pre- & Post-Surgical Conditions
- 🐾 Orthopedic Problems
- 🐾 Neurologic Issues
- 🐾 Weight Management
- 🐾 Athletic Conditioning
- 🐾 Orthotic and Prosthetic Planning & Rehab

Rehabilitation & Therapy can help:

- 🐾 Reduce Pain
- 🐾 Increase Mobility
- 🐾 Strengthen and Build Muscle
- 🐾 Stimulate Neuromuscular Responses
- 🐾 Improve Quality of Life

We can customize a veterinary physical medicine, physical conditioning & pain management program designed specifically for your beloved family member.

Dr. Tari Kern & Dr. Jenna MacDonell

Certified in Canine Rehabilitation

Certified in Veterinary Medical Acupuncture

Certified in Veterinary Spinal Manipulative Therapy



248-564-0309

1894 Star Batt Drive
Rochester Hills, MI 48309

www.pawsitivestepsrehab.com



AEC

ANIMAL EMERGENCY CENTER



THANK YOU
*for your ongoing support
and referrals...*

*We look forward to providing your
customers and their pets with
experienced, personable and
affordable care!*



**AEC now offers Endoscopy
for foreign body removal
at both hospital locations!**

Exceptional Emergency & Critical Care

OPEN 24/7 • AEC.VET

NOVI 248-348-1788

ROCHESTER 248-651-1788



Live Your
Best Life
at *Lap of Love*



"I feel tremendously
valued as an employee
AND a person."

— DR. KAMILAH M.

**Urgent Need
for Vets in
Metro Detroit**

Sign-on bonus!*

*DVMs must sign by
12/15/26 to receive bonus.



Connect with us



Optimal Surgical Care FOR EVERY PET'S MEDICAL NEED

**Drs. Henney, Retallack, Covey, McDonald-Lynch,
Bula & James Offer Exceptional Care Along with Our
Board-Certified Anesthesiologist Dr. Cummings**

We are a Multi-Specialty Hospital with Over 40 Doctors Offering
Anesthesia & Sedation for High-Risk Patients • Arthroscopy
Advanced Diagnostic Imaging • Orthopedic Procedures • Thoracoscopy
Fluoroscopy-Assisted Fracture Repair • Soft Tissue Procedures
Less Invasive Surgical Procedures • Laparoscopy • Oncologic Surgery
Thoracic Surgery • State-of-the-Art Arthrex Equipment Tower



WWW.OVRS.COM

1400 South Telegraph Road | Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302



DIAGNOSTIC VETERINARY IMAGING SERVICES



**Mobile
Sonography**



**Outpatient
Imaging**



**Teleradiology
Services**



**Imaging
Training**

PARTNER WITH SVS
Scan to Learn More





**20+ BOARD-CERTIFIED SPECIALISTS
SUPPORTING EVERY CASE.**

Easy Set-Up | Accessible Care | No Contracts



**Your feline patients with hyperthyroidism
can have an effective cure with competitive cost
when compared to either surgery or
long-term medication.**

Call any of our offices for more information.

Steven J. Bailey DVM, DABVP (Feline), Director

OAKLAND COUNTY AREA EXCLUSIVELY CATS VETERINARY HOSPITAL	248-666-5287
MACOMB COUNTY AREA CATS VETERINARY	586-463-9550
DOWNRIVER / TOLEDO AREA LINCOLN PARK VETERINARY HOSPITAL	313-389-2222
KENT COUNTY AREA KENTWOOD CAT CLINIC	616-241-6369



The Southeastern Michigan
Veterinary Medical Association
58731 Lind Road
Washington, MI 48094



TO: