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OUR PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

What an amazing summer! I hope this stretch of great weather (albeit a bit hot for me at times) has helped many of you get out and enjoy time with your family and friends. While I have not been able to do much traveling for recreation (hopefully next year!), I did have the opportunity to travel to the AVMA Annual Summer Conference in Philadelphia. It was my first time in Philly, and it did not disappoint. It was great to see so many of our members make the trip out there to learn, laugh, and see each other in person! I ran the 6 AM run up the steps at the Philadelphia Museum of Art (the "Rocky Stairs") and was able to see some of the historic places where our nation began. I was also able to witness many of our members hard at work at both the state and national levels, volunteering their time and expertise in many different areas. The Keynote speaker did a fantastic job of reminding us what an amazing profession veterinary medicine is. Dr. Bertice Berry (Ph.D. Sociology) had quite an amazing story, but really made everyone in the room feel extra special. Dr. Berry was extremely touching, reminding all of us that what we do is a calling, and we make humanity better. Helping animals helps

their humans and improves families. I think with how busy we all are this is often forgotten as we are just trying to get through each day.



Michelle Meyer, DVM

Your SEMVMA council has been hard at work this summer helping plan some amazing hybrid continuing education that will be starting this fall at the Michigan State Education Center in Troy, MI. Also, I hope many of you were able to get out and participate in the SEMVMA annual golf outing that supported Leader Dogs for the Blind.

As the summer is nearing an end soon, I see the back-to-school items in the stores and families gearing up for another start to the school year (I know I am not quite ready for school to start). Your council will also begin some early planning stages on a celebration to take place next summer at the Packard Proving Grounds. Please be sure to save the date (July 15, 2023) for this amazing celebration. More information will come as we get closer to the event. I would like to thank all my colleagues for all their extreme hard work (both general practice, specialty, and emergency medicine) day in and day out.

– Michelle Meyer, DVM

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2022/2023 CE PROGRAM

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

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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

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01/25/2023 – Heidi Reuss-Lamky, LVT, VTS (Anesthesia & Analgesia, Surgery)

Hypothermia-What's the Hype? and Role of the Veterinary

Surgical Scrub Technician

03/01/2023 – Jessica Buccilli, LVT – Behavior

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

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

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

Dr. Sharon Sheehy, MSU, 1990 – Sheehy Animal Hospital, Livonia, MI

Dr. Katharine Lee, MSU, 2018 – Warren Woods Veterinary Hospital, Warren, MI

Dr. Katherine Venadam, MSU, 2022 – Warren Woods Veterinary Hospital, Warren, MI

Dr. Kudur Murali, University of Agriculture Science, India – Hurley Dog & Cat Hospital, Detroit, MI

The 2022 membership committee is composed of 3 members:

Becky Dietlin, DVM bbarrdvm@gmail.com, Emily Socks, DVM harri812@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 of the SEMVMA office and we will be happy to send them information.

BASE NARROW MANDIBULAR CANINES: A BASIC APPROACH AND GUIDE TO TREATMENT OPTIONS

Katherine Venet, DVM
Michigan Animal Dental Specialists

Malocclusions are one of the most common reasons for veterinary dental referral, and while each case should be considered individually based on the patient's age and unique presentation there are several general guidelines that can help direct treatment making decisions. It is important to examine the oral cavity at the first puppy visit to identify any potential abnormalities early to optimize the potential success of any interceptive or therapeutic procedures. Early identification and intervention can also serve to prevent oral pain and any potentially associated behavioral issues.



Class 1 and class 2 malocclusions seem to have become more prevalent recently and are a common source of questions from owners and referring veterinarians. For patients with a class 1 malocclusion there is a normal jaw length relationship between the maxilla and the mandible but an abnormal location of one or more individual teeth. Examples of class 1 malocclusions include crossbites as well as linguovered (base narrow) mandibular canines. Patients with class 2 malocclusions exhibit an abnormal relationship between the maxilla and the mandible, with the mandible occluding caudally compared to its normal position. It is not uncommon to see linguovered mandibular canines with class 2 malocclusions as the maxillary canine can interfere with the normal labioversion of the mandibular canines.

If linguovered mandibular canines are diagnosed within the deciduous dentition extraction therapy is usually recommended to prevent oral pain secondary to any palatal contact with the deciduous canine teeth as well as to allow for the full jaw growth potential. The mandible and maxilla grow independently, but if the deciduous canine teeth are contacting the hard palate that interlock can impede normal growth.

Extraction therapy should be pursued with

gentle technique and knowledge of the location of the underlying adult tooth buds in order to prevent enamel defects or eruption issues associated with the permanent counterparts. Remember, the permanent maxillary canine tooth erupts mesial to its deciduous counterpart and the mandibular canine erupts lingual to its deciduous counterpart so avoid instrumenting on those surfaces of the deciduous teeth.

Ball play therapy can be a useful therapeutic tool to encourage normal labioversion of the permanent mandibular canine teeth, particularly in class 1 malocclusion cases and mild class 2 malocclusions. We recommend owners utilize a rubber ball, like a Kong or Chuckit! ball, and encourage their pets to hold or carry



the ball as often as possible. The ball should be slightly wider than the width of the mandibular canine teeth and not small enough where it could pass caudally into the oral cavity and become a choking hazard. While the ball sits in the patient's mouth it exhibits mild passive outward pressure on the cusps of the mandibular canine teeth, encouraging them to tip into the proper orientation as they erupt. Ball play therapy should begin as soon as the permanent mandibular canine teeth begin to erupt and continue until normal interlock occurs.

If ball play therapy does not result in non-traumatic occlusion there are typically three types of treatment options available depending on the patient's age and appearance of the malocclusion. Orthodontic movement is one treatment option that may be successful depending on the amount of tooth movement required and the owner's level of commitment at home. While being treated the pet typically is not allowed to play with or chew on any toys in order to minimize any damage to the appliance; e-collar use is also required. Orthodontic movement occurs most rapidly around 6 months of age and requires at least two anesthetic episodes. Crown reduction and vital pulp therapy is another treatment option that removes any

traumatic contact points between the hard palate and the mandibular canine teeth and allows a functional and non-painful occlusion with maintenance of full dentition. The crowns of the teeth causing traumatic contact are reduced, approximately to the height of the third mandibular incisor, and then a pulpotomy procedure is performed with direct pulp capping. Vital pulp therapy requires annual anesthetic rechecks to monitor the treated tooth and long-term maintenance of the restoration. The third option presented is extraction therapy, with a two-week post-extraction period of oral restrictions but no long-term follow-up requirements. Depending on age and eruption status it may be preferable to extract the maxillary canine teeth to allow space for normal labioversion and retention of the mandibular canine teeth. Consultation to discuss options is usually recommended between 20-22 weeks of age to assess appearance of the malocclusion and determine the best option for the patient.

If the patient presents with either a class 1 or class 2 malocclusion and linguovered mandibular canines after apical closure, which typically occurs around 11-12 months of age, orthodontic movement will likely no longer be a viable treatment option. Those cases are limited to crown reduction and either vital pulp therapy or root canal therapy, or extraction therapy.

2022 SEMVMA GOLF OUTING

Blue skies and warm weather welcomed the 72 golfers who participated in the 2022 SEMVMA Golf Outing at Tanglewood Golf course on Wednesday, August 10th. With the golf course in excellent shape, the winning team of Dr. Tom Bankstahl, Jackson Stowe, Jamie Stowe and Fred Hehl set a tournament record with a score of 52, or 20 under par. They also took home all three skins in the tournament. Several other golfers had great shots that won the contest holes, closest to the pin winners Dr. David Smith and Jamie Stowe for the men and Bonnie Mathenson and Kari Krause for the women. Long drive winners for the men were Fred Hehl and Jackson Stowe and for the women Julie Bankstahl and Kelsey Ramus. The longest putt award went to Dr. Andrew Snider and closest 2nd shot went to Dr. David Smith. We also want to thank the following sponsors for their support:

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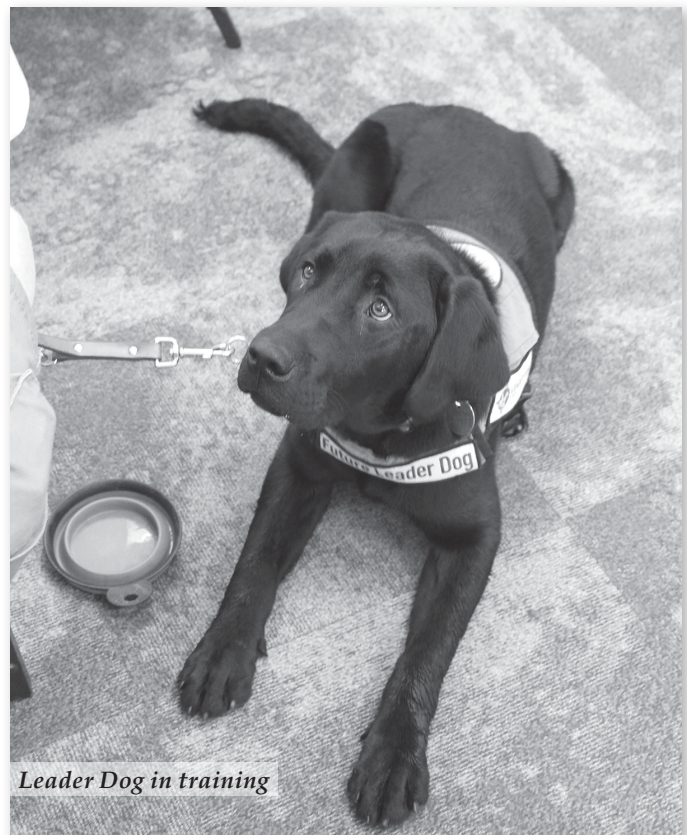
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Several people donated prizes for the raffle which was a huge success. Leader Dogs for the Blind, the recipient of the just over \$6000 proceeds, had dogs and their handlers at the dinner. All of this would not have been possible without the hard work of Barb Locricchio, Dr. Grace Chang and the golf outing chairpersons, Drs. Frank Carmona, Pierre DePorre and David Smith. Remember to save the date for August 9, 2023 for next year's outing.



Tom Carey, Mark Miller, Scott Driscoll, and Ken Corino



Leader Dog in training



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Steve Bailey, Julie Cappel, Kevin Enghauser (Merck), and Bryan Cornwall



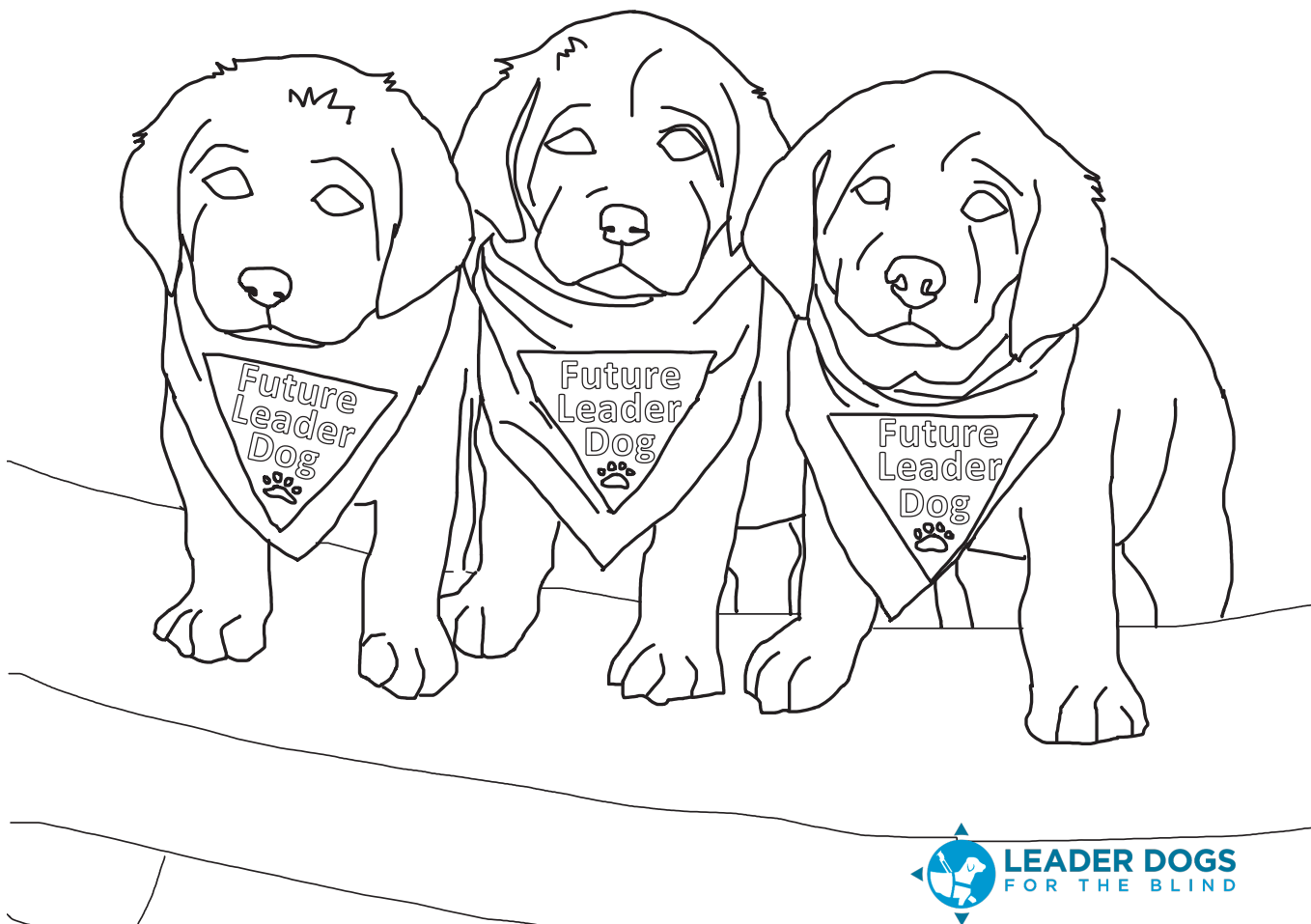
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Dave Smith, Elizabeth DuSang, Tim Duncan, and Frank Carmona



Past winning team, Faithful Companion, with 2022 winning team, Veterinary United



SAVE THESE DATES! UPCOMING ACTIVITIES



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SEMVMA Summer Party
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Additional Details To Follow

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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.

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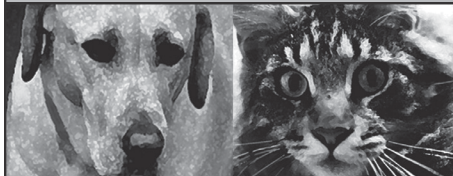
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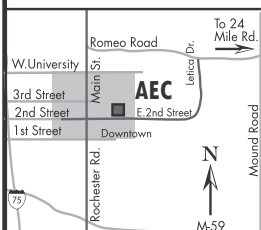
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