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## President's Report

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Dear LVMA Members,

Like many of you, I am missing the daily showers from July. There was

a nice reprieve from this heat, and I hope the rain comes back. My electric bill does too as my air conditioner is working overtime right now! Even though the evenings are dipping down into the 80s, the fall cannot get here fast enough.

I had the honor of speaking at this year's Blue Coat Ceremony as well as meeting several of the first-year students. I was quite impressed as not only is this class the largest yet, with 176 students, but they are all from varying backgrounds and age groups. I encourage you to considering mentoring either the first- or second-year students when the opportunity presents itself later this year. It is a great

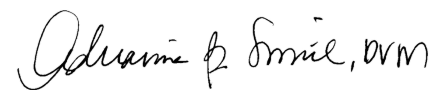
way to not only meet some great young minds, but also give each of you a chance to guide these new veterinarians as they start their careers based on your years of experience.

I am sure most of you have already received the notice from the office regarding our annual LVMA awards. The nomination process is now open, so please submit your recommendations when you can. As a reminder, the categories are – Pet of the Year; Support Person of the Year; Salesperson of the Year; Veterinarian of the Year; and Distinguished Services Award. These winners will be announced during the Business Luncheon at the Winter Meeting.

Remember that registration for SWVS is now open. This year's conference will be held in Ft. Worth September 26th – 29th. It is a great conference

with a vast range of topics spanning everything from companion animal to exotics to practice management. There are even topics for the entire team including technician and assistant specific tracks. This is always a great meeting full not too far from home, and a perfect way to get those CE hours out of the way earlier in the year. I hope to see many of you in Texas!

Sincerely,



**Adrianna Smith, DVM  
President, LVMA**



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Quarter 1 Newsletter - February 15th  
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Quarter 3 Newsletter - August 15th  
Quarter 4 Newsletter - November 15th

## Executive Director's Report

The summer is officially coming to an end and my favorite time of year will be here soon – LSU Football and Fall weather. Fall is an exciting time in the veterinary community as well. We look forward to heading to Fort Worth this year for the 2024 Southwest Veterinary Symposium scheduled for September 26-29, 2024. Registration is open and I look forward to a strong Louisiana representation. The LVMA Board will also be hosting their board meeting in Fort Worth and I look forward to continuing the progress we have made on the Strategic Plan implemented last year. Initiatives such as stronger advocacy efforts, website improvements, and new membership initiatives will be a focus in the upcoming meeting.

Please take the time to consider nominating a deserving individual for the 2024 LVMA Awards. Nomination Forms are located on our website at [www.lvma.org](http://www.lvma.org). Each year the LVMA recognizes and honors people that have made important contributions to veterinary medicine, the veterinary community and/or animal health, as well as an animal that has distinguished itself in a special way.

Also, new this year we are seeking nominations for the Louisiana Board of Veterinary Medicine position(s) via an online application process. Please visit [www.lvma.org](http://www.lvma.org) for more information. Note nominations are due November 15th and we will not accept nominations from the floor at the Business Meeting in February 2025.

I would also like to encourage all Louisiana veterinarians to attend Commissioner Mike Strain's Fall Ball which will be held at the Old Governor's Mansion on Thursday, October 17, 2024. Information on tickets and sponsorships is available at [www.mikestrain.org/fallball](http://www.mikestrain.org/fallball) and the Campaign office's telephone number is 225-771-8942. I urge our members to help pack the room with veterinarians and their spouses in support of the strongest voice veterinary medicine has in the Louisiana halls of government.

The schedule for the 2025 Winter Meeting is coming along nicely. The conference brochure along with registration will out very soon so please be on the lookout for that in the next few months! The Winter Meeting will be held February 21-23, 2025 at the Crowne Plaza in Baton Rouge, LA.

Stay well and please always feel free to reach out,

Melanie Talley, CAE  
Executive Director

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**FROM THE U.S. FOOD & DRUG  
ADMINISTRATION (FDA)**

## “Approved by FDA” is Mandatory on Labeling for Approved Animal Drugs – A Helpful Way for Veterinarians to Know if an Animal Drug is FDA- Approved

Dear Veterinarian,

You can now easily determine if an animal drug is FDA-approved. The statement “Approved by FDA” is mandatory on most labeling components for approved animal drugs. As required by amendments in the Animal Drug User Fee Act and Animal Generic Drug User Fee Act of 2018, the labeling statement is intended to help you clearly identify approved animal drugs and distinguish them from [unapproved ones](#). The FDA’s approval ensures that the drug is safe and effective for its intended use, properly labeled, and manufactured according to current good manufacturing practices for animal drugs.

All FDA-approved animal drugs have a New Animal Drug Application (NADA) number or an Abbreviated New Animal Drug Application (ANADA) number. The Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FD&C Act) requires that labeling for currently approved animal drugs include the six-digit application number as part of the following statement:

“Approved by FDA under NADA # XXX-XXX” (for brand name animal drugs), or

The FDA considers approved animal drugs that don’t carry the

statement on the labeling to be misbranded and distributing such drugs violates the law. The FDA may take action, as appropriate, on drug labeling that does not follow the law.

Since the requirement was implemented in the 2018 legislation, the FDA has been working with drug companies to update the labeling of all approved brand name and generic animal drugs to include the “Approved by FDA” statement. If sponsors have an animal drug that is approved but not currently marketed, they will need to update the labeling with the required statement and submit the updated labeling to the FDA for approval before returning the drug to the market.

You may not see the statement on very small labeling components due to space restrictions. Also, the statement is not allowed on labeling for [conditionally approved animal drugs](#) and [indexed animal drugs for minor species](#). These animal drugs have different mandatory statements on their labeling.

### The “Approved by FDA” Statement on Medicated Feeds

If you’re a food animal veterinarian, please be aware that the labeling for Type A medicated articles (animal drugs that are used to manufacture medicated feed) is required to have the “Approved by FDA” statement. While the statement is not required on representative labeling (also known as [“Blue Bird”](#) labeling) for medicated feeds manufactured from Type A medicated articles, the FDA recommends that drug companies include it. If the statement is included on the Blue Bird labeling, then the final printed label for the medicated feed must also include the statement and this means that the medicated feed was manufactured according to FDA-approved Blue Bird labeling.

The labeling of proprietary medicated feeds (often free-choice medicated feeds) must also include the “Approved by FDA” statement. Proprietary feeds have formulas that are not publicly available and can only be manufactured by the licensed feed mills that are referenced in the NADA of the Type A medicated article. In some cases, the formulas are maintained under a Veterinary Master File (VMF), and the FDA recommends the statement on the labeling for these proprietary medicated feeds should also include the VMF number:

“Approved by FDA under NADA # XXX-XXX  
(maintained under VMF # XXX-XXX)”

The FDA’s Center for Veterinary Medicine (CVM) is committed to promoting and protecting animal health by ensuring safe, effective, and properly labeled drugs are available for animals. For more information, please contact CVM at 240-402-7002 or AskCVM@fda.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

FDA’s Center for Veterinary Medicine

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## **Veterinarian-Client-Patient Relationships, Prescribing/Dispensing Animal Drugs and Telemedicine**

### ***Federal Requirements Relevant to Aspects of Veterinary Practice***

The FDA has received questions from interested parties about Federal requirements related to a veterinarian’s role in dispensing prescription animal drugs and to the establishment of a veterinarian-client-patient relationship (VCPR) in the course of practice. The following Q&As only cover the veterinarian’s obligations under Federal law.

Veterinarians should also consult their state licensing boards to determine if there are additional requirements at the state or local level.

### **What is a veterinarian’s role in dispensing prescription animal drugs?**

Federal law requires a veterinarian’s involvement to ensure that prescription animal drugs are used safely. Section 503(f) of the [Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act \(FD&C Act\)](#) states that prescription animal drugs can only be dispensed by or on the lawful order of a licensed veterinarian in the course of their professional practice. An animal prescription drug is one that is not safe for use except under the professional supervision of a licensed veterinarian because of its toxicity or potential for harmful effects, or because of the way it is used or other measures necessary for its use, or because the drug approval limits the drug to use under the professional supervision of a licensed veterinarian.

### **What does “dispensed by or on the lawful order of” mean?**

In each instance, prescription animal drugs must be “dispensed by or upon the lawful written or oral order of a licensed veterinarian in the course of the veterinarian’s professional practice.” In addition to administering a drug at their practice or on-site, a veterinarian may dispense a prescription animal drug directly to the animal owner/caretaker (client) with appropriate directions for use, or issue an order, in a manner consistent with applicable Federal and State requirements, authorizing that a prescription animal drug be dispensed to an animal owner/caretaker (client) with appropriate directions for use.

### **What is meant by professional supervision or oversight?**

As part of the animal drug approval process, certain animal drug products are designated as prescription products because, among other reasons, FDA determined that the product could not be safely used without

the supervision or oversight of a licensed veterinarian. Although the specific nature of the safety concern may vary by animal drug product, the underlying premise is that a licensed veterinarian has the necessary expertise and training to provide directions for the safe use of the product. Therefore, when a prescription animal drug is dispensed (or is authorized to be dispensed), FDA's expectation is that the dispensing/authorizing veterinarian takes appropriate steps to ensure that such directions for safe use are provided/conveyed.

States may have additional or more specific requirements. You can consult your state licensing board for more information about State specific requirements.

### **Can someone other than a licensed veterinarian dispense a prescription animal drug?**

Given current Federal law and regulations, a licensed veterinarian's direct involvement and oversight is required. As part of a team approach to veterinary medicine, a licensed veterinarian, in the course of their professional practice, may direct staff, such as veterinary technicians, to dispense prescription animal drugs. Such directions to staff are consistent with the requirement that a prescription animal drug be "dispensed by or upon the lawful written or oral order of a licensed veterinarian in the course of the veterinarian's professional practice." However, Section 503(f) of the [Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act \(FD&C Act\)](#) states without a lawful written or oral order of a licensed veterinarian, it would be unlawful for anyone other than a licensed veterinarian to dispense prescription animal drugs.

### **What is a veterinarian's role in extralabel use?**

Extralabel use is when an approved animal drug is used in a manner that

differs from the labeled directions or an approved human drug is used in animals. For example, extralabel use may be at a different dosage, in a different species, or to treat a different disease. The FD&C Act authorizes the extralabel use of approved drugs in animals under certain conditions. One condition is that such use is by or on the lawful order of a licensed veterinarian within the context of a valid veterinarian-client-patient relationship (VCPR). FDA regulations at [21 CFR 530.3\(i\)](#) set out the definition of a valid VCPR.

A veterinarian must have an established VCPR to prescribe the extralabel use of approved animal or human drugs, and to issue a Veterinary Feed Directive (VFD) for a VFD drug.

States may have additional requirements. You can consult your state licensing board for more information about State specific requirements.

- For the extralabel use of approved animal or human drugs, the veterinarian must have a VCPR as defined in federal regulations at 21 CFR 530.3(i).
- For a VFD drug, a veterinarian must issue the VFD in the context of a VCPR as defined by the State. However, if the State VCPR requirements do not include the key elements of a valid VCPR as defined in 21 CFR 530.3(i), the veterinarian must issue the VFD in the context of a valid VCPR as defined in federal regulations. See [Does the State or Federal VCPR Definition Apply to a Lawful VFD in my State?](#)

### **Is a VCPR required when approved animal drugs are used on label?**

Federal law requires that a licensed veterinarian have an established VCPR to prescribe the extralabel use of approved animal or human drugs, and to issue a Veterinary Feed Directive (VFD) for a VFD drug. Although Federal law does not

establish specific VCPR requirements related to the on-label use of approved animal drugs, you should consult your state licensing board for more information about State specific requirements.

**Can a Veterinarian-Client-Patient Relationship be established through telemedicine?**

The federal VCPR definition (21 CFR 530.3(i)) includes the following requirement: “The practicing veterinarian is readily available for follow-up in case of adverse reactions or failure of the regimen of therapy. Such a relationship can exist only when the veterinarian has recently seen and is personally acquainted with the keeping and care of the animal(s) by virtue of examination of the animal(s) and/or by medically appropriate and timely visits to the premises where the animal(s) are kept.” Therefore, for the purposes of the federal definition, a valid VCPR cannot be

established solely through telemedicine (e.g., photos, videos, or other electronic means that do not involve examination of the animal(s) or timely visits to the premises). However, once a VCPR is established, telemedicine can be a useful tool for maintaining the VCPR.

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# LVMA Award Nominations

## H. Bland O'Connor, Jr. Support Person of the Year

The H. Bland O'Connor, Jr. Support Person of the Year Award is presented annually to a veterinary technician, office management, kennel or other staff person with a minimum of two years of experience who has distinguished himself or herself in actively promoting animal health and welfare on the job and in the community.

### Nominee Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Position Held: \_\_\_\_\_ Length of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_

Educational Background: \_\_\_\_\_

Professional Experience: \_\_\_\_\_

Service to the Profession: \_\_\_\_\_

Service to the Community: \_\_\_\_\_

Organizations: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

### Criteria for Nomination:

- Nominee must be employed by a member in good standing of the LVMA.
- The individual should be active in promoting animal health and welfare on the job and in the community.
- The individual should have a minimum of two years experience as a working veterinary technician, office management, or kennel help, etc.
- Nominations are to be made in writing and should include employment information, educational background, professional service and community service accomplishments.

### Nominated by:

Veterinarian: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

SEND NOMINATIONS TO:

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# LVMA Award Nominations

## Ralph C. Cooper Veterinarian of the Year

The Ralph C. Cooper Veterinarian of the Year Award is given annually to the person who is recognized by his or her colleagues as having given the most of themselves in time, energy, and ideas to the veterinary profession in the state of Louisiana.

### Nominee Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Office Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Veterinary School: \_\_\_\_\_ Year of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

Specialty or Area of Practice: \_\_\_\_\_

Local, State, and National Committees Served on and Positions Held: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe nominee participation in promoting animal health and welfare: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe any other activity which should make this individual a good candidate for the Veterinarian of the Year: \_\_\_\_\_

### Criteria for Nomination:

- Nominee must be a member in good standing in the LVMA
- Nominee must have had a positive influence in promoting animal health and welfare in the community as well as within the profession
- Nominee should be of good character and well respected by colleagues
- Nominee should be presently or previously active in local state, and/or national veterinary associations
- Nominee should have shown an outstanding contribution to organized veterinary medicine either through their work or through their actions and public awareness
- Current LVMA Board members are not eligible for nomination

Veterinarian: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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# LVMA Award Nominations

## Dr. Everett D. Besch Distinguished Service Award

This award was formerly the LVMA Service Award. It was established to recognize outstanding service to the community and veterinary profession.

**Nominee Information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Office Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe an outstanding contribution to the community (if nominee is a veterinarian): \_\_\_\_\_

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Describe an outstanding contribution to veterinary medicine (if nominee is not a veterinarian): \_\_\_\_\_

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Recommendations for this award must be made in writing by two LVMA members. If you wish to nominate someone, please send your recommendation to the LVMA office by December 1.

Those eligible for the award are in two categories:

1. Veterinarians who have made an outstanding contribution to their community
2. Non-veterinarians who have made an outstanding contribution to veterinary medicine.

**Nominated by:**

Veterinarian: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Host	Location	For More Info
Sept. 26 - 29, 2024	SWVS	SWVS	Fort Worth, TX	<a href="http://www.swvs.org">www.swvs.org</a>
Feb. 21 - 23, 2025	2025 Winter Meeting	LVMA	Baton Rouge, LA	<a href="http://www.lvma.org">www.lvma.org</a>