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President's Report



Hello,

I hope this finds you all very well. I want to keep you updated on a few current events happening in our LVMA.

LVMA winter meeting will be held in Lafayette February 8-10, 2019. Save the Date!!!

The LVMA Board of Directors and our political action committee stays in close communication with our

representatives, senators, congressmen, and lobbyists to make sure that any changes recommended or laws that are presented are in veterinarians' best interests. Make sure that your membership is up to date and all email addresses are current by visiting lvma.org.

I hope everyone has a blessed Christmas season and I hope to see all of you at the Lafayette LVMA winter meeting as I give my Presidents address and we will be instating your new President for the LVMA 2019-2020. Being honored to serve my fellow veterinarians is an understatement.

"...She will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel." Isaiah 7:14

Sincerely,

Christie D. McHughes, DVM

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Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Host	Location	Website
January 10-13, 2019	Veterinary Leadership Conference	AVMA	Chicago, IL	AVMA.org
January 26-29, 2019	13th Annual Equine Education Seminar	Greene, Lewis, & Associates	Folsom, Louisiana	Greenelewis.org
February 8-10, 2019	LVMA Winter Meeting	LVMA	Lafayette, LA	LVMA.org

Do you have an event coming up that you would like to share?
Please email the LVMA office and tell us about it!

Membership Benefits

- ◆ **Continuing Professional Education**— The annual LVMA Winter Meeting is a must for every veterinarian. State of the art continuing education is presented, enabling Louisiana veterinarians to offer the highest level of veterinary care to their patients. Members receive substantial discounts on registration fees for meetings.
- ◆ **Legislative Support**— The LVMA and its lobbying team monitor all proposed state legislation which could have an impact on the profession. Strong legislative involvement protects the practice of veterinary medicine. With the best interest of all veterinarians in mind, the LVMA is actively involved in creating and shaping legislative issues that could enhance or restrict the practice of the profession. The association's legislative efforts are enhanced by the LVMA-PAC (Political Action Committee), which is supported by non-dues income of the association and voluntary contributions of Louisiana Veterinarians.
- ◆ **Member Communications**— Every member receives The Louisiana Veterinarian, the association's bi-monthly newsletter. LVMA members count on its publication for accurate and timely information on legislation, continuing education programs, legal matters, committee activities, member services, and news about their peers. The LVMA website also provides up-to-date information on the association, its activities, and issues related to the veterinary medical profession.
- ◆ **Foundation**— The purpose of the Dr. Walter J. Ernst, Jr., Veterinary Medical Foundation is to stimulate concern for the health and welfare of domestic and exotic animals through public information and to protect the public health. Donations to the WJE Foundation are gratefully accepted throughout the year. The WJE Foundation is chartered to accept cash gifts, estate donations, memorials or other negotiable assets, which are all tax deductible to the donor.



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Name _____ Badge Nickname _____

Clinic _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Email _____

REGISTRATIONS

Full Registration—Veterinarians

Includes **21.5 possible hours of CE**, Continental Breakfasts, Refreshment Breaks, and Admission to Exhibit Area.

***Business Meeting and Veterinarian Luncheon requires ticket purchase below.*

- LVMA Member (Regular, Life, Honorary, Graduate and Associate)*\$310.00
- Annual Membership Dues*\$175.00 In-State or \$125.00 Out-of-State
- Out-of-State Veterinarian (Member of any other state VMA).....\$310.00
- Non-Member (Not a member of any state VMA, includes Membership Dues)\$485.00

One-Day Only Registration

Friday: Includes 9.5 possible CE Hours, Continental Breakfast, and Admission to Exhibit Area

- LVMA or other State VMA Member\$175.00
- Non-Member\$245.00

Saturday: Includes 7 possible CE Hours, Continental Breakfast, and Admission to Exhibit Area.

***Business Meeting and Veterinarian Luncheon requires ticket purchase below.*

- LVMA or other State VMA Member\$175.00
- Non-Member\$245.00

Sunday: Includes 5 possible CE Hours, and Continental Breakfast

- LVMA or other State VMA Member\$145.00
- Non-Member.....\$235.00

LSU Faculty Registration: Includes admission to CE courses and Exhibit Area

(No CE credit will be given, must purchase a ticket to attend the Business meeting and luncheon)\$0.00

Student Registration: Includes attendance to CE courses, Continental Breakfasts, & Admission to Exhibit Area\$0.00

Veterinarian Spouse/Guest Registration: Includes Continental Breakfasts, Refreshment Breaks, Auxiliary Tour, and admission to Exhibit Area. Does not include admittance to CE programs or Business Meeting/Luncheon.

Spouse/Guest (circle one) First/Last Name _____\$65.00

ADDITIONAL SOCIAL TICKETS (Please write additional badge names on another sheet of paper.)

Christian Breakfast No. ____ @ \$25.00

Auxiliary Tour Only

First/Last Name _____ No. ____ @ \$35.00

Business Meeting and Luncheon

First/Last Name _____ No. ____ @ \$5.00 (Vets), @ \$30.00 (other)

Add \$25 if postmarked after January 8, 2019\$25.00

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***Veterinarians who have not paid 2019 dues must pay membership dues to attend the full meeting.**

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Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

LVMA Practice Management Registration

Saturday only Practice Management Program

Includes Continental Breakfast and 7 possible CE Hours

Office Managers, Other Staff, Veterinary Technicians..... \$75.00

LAVT/NSU Technician Program Registration

Saturday and Sunday Technician Program

Includes Saturday and Sunday Technician Program, Continental Breakfast, Technician Luncheon and Admission to Exhibit Area

Veterinary Technician \$125.00

Student Technician \$0.00

Other Staff \$125.00

Saturday only Technician Program

Includes 7 possible CE Hours, Continental Breakfast, Technician Luncheon and Admission to Exhibit Area

Veterinary Technician \$75.00

Student Technician \$0.00

Other Staff \$7.00

Sunday only Technician Program

Includes 4 possible CE Hours and Continental Breakfast

Veterinary Technician \$50.00

Student Technician \$0.00


















Other Staff \$50.00


























Social Tickets (Please write additional badge names on another sheet of paper)











Christian Breakfast No. _____ @ \$25.00

Add \$25 If postmarked After January 8, 2019..... \$25.00

TOTAL

	COMPANION ANIMAL	COMPANION II	COMPANION III ANIMAL	LARGE ANIMAL
7:00 am - 8:00 am Continental Breakfast in Exhibit Hall				
7:00 am - 5:00 pm Registration and Exhibits				
8:00 am - 8:50 am	8:00—9:50 am Darren Kepler <i>Thoracic Radiographs: Case Interpretation & Review</i>	8:00—9:50 am Bill Kirchain Controlling Controlled Substances	8:00—9:50 am Kirk Ryan Practical Neuro Exam Tips: Approach to Clinical Cases	8:00—8:50 am Commissioner Mike Strain <i>Updates in Louisiana Agriculture</i>
9:00 am - 9:50 am				 9:00—9:50 am Diane Stacy <i>State & Federal Disease Program Updates</i>
9:50 am - 10:30 am Refreshments in Exhibit Hall				
10:30 am - 11:20 am	10:30 am—11:20 am David Kergosien Elizabeth Kergosien Tag Teaming Tumors: Case Studies in Oncology & Surgery	10:30—11:20 am Julia Coutin <i>Updates and Tips for Surgery and Biopsy of the Liver</i>	10:30—12:20 pm Renee Poirrier <i>LSART Emergency Lecture</i>	10:30—11:20 am Jacques Fuselier <i>Using Technology for Disease Diagnosis & Risk Management in</i>
11:30 am - 12:20 pm		11:30 am—12:20 pm Christopher Lee <i>Innovation in Treating Urinary Obstruction and Incontinence</i>		11:30—12:20 pm Ann Chapman <i>Inflammatory Bowel Disease of Horses</i>
12:20 pm - 1:30 pm Lunch on your own for attendees. Committee Meetings and Luncheon				
1:30 pm - 2:20 pm	1:30—2:20 pm Jennifer Lang <i>Surgical Emergencies: Critical Cases Immediate Action</i>	1:30—3:20 pm Gabe Van Brunt <i>Ophthalmology</i>	1:30—2:20pm Leland McKay <i>Understanding your Legal Tools</i>	1:30—2:20 pm Curt Degeyter <i>Reportable Diagnoses and Foreign Animal Diseases</i>
2:30 pm - 3:20 pm	2:30—3:20 pm Jennifer Marshall <i>Protein Losing Nephropathy</i>			
			2:30—3:20pm Martha Littlefield <i>Acupuncture Anatomy</i>	2:30—3:20 pm Curt Degeyter <i>Zoonotic Disease: Update</i>
				
3:20 pm - 3:50 pm Refreshments in Exhibit Hall				
3:50 pm - 4:40 pm	3:50—4:40 pm Alan Ralph <i>Unique New Interventions to Help Your Patients</i>	3:50—4:40 pm John Mauterer <i>Respiratory Distress Diagnosis and Management</i>	3:50—4:40 pm Greg Rich <i>Skin Diseases of Small Mammal Exotics</i>	3:50—4:40 pm Mandi Lopez <i>PRP for Naturally Occurring Equine Osteoarthritis</i>
4:50 pm - 5:40 pm	4:50—5:40 pm Alan Ralph <i>Hot Off the Press: An Overview of the new Antithrombotic Therapy Guidelines</i>	4:50—5:40 pm John Mauterer, Jude Bordelon, Julia Coutin, & Kathleen Mullins <i>Panel Discussion on Pain Management from a Surgeon's Perspective</i>	4:50—5:40pm Greg Rich <i>Rabbit and Rodent GI Diseases and Treatment</i>	4:50—5:40 pm Mandi Lopez <i>Stem Cells: The Good, The Not-So-Good, and the Amazing</i>
				
				
6:00 pm - 7:20 pm Evening Session w/ Bob Hancock— “The Benefits of Preoperative and Postoperative HBO Treatments in Acute Brain and Spinal Cord Injury”				

	COMPANION ANIMAL I	COMPANION ANIMAL II	PRACTICE MANAGEMENT	LARGE ANIMAL	LAVT/NSU VETERINARY TECHNICIAN
7:00 am—8:00 am Continental Breakfast in Exhibit Hall					
7:00 am—8:00 am Christian Breakfast					
7:00 am—3:30 pm Exhibits Open					
7:00 am—5:00 pm Registration					
8:00 am—8:50 am	8:00—8:50 am Karanvir Aulakh <i>Treatment of Cranial Cruciate Ligament Tears in Small Breed Dogs</i> 	8:00—9:50 am Robert Dufort <i>Internal Parasites</i> 	8:00-9:50 am Wilson W. McManus II <i>Practice Management and Current Trends in the Veterinary Industry</i> 	8:00—8:50 am Chance Armstrong <i>Morphologic Abnormalities and their Significance</i> 	7:00-9:00 am Exhibit Hall
9:00 am—9:50 am	9:00—9:50 am Karanvir Aulakh <i>Medial Patellar Luxation Surgery</i> 			9:00—9:50 am Jeff Sarchet <i>Economics of Treatment/ Control Protocols for BRD</i> 	9:00—9:50 am Jason Farrell <i>Practice Culture</i>  10:00—10:50 am Lacie Lee <i>Feline Nursing Care</i> 
9:50 am—10:45 am Refreshments in Exhibit Hall					
9:30 am—2:30 pm Auxiliary Tour					
10:45 am—11:35 am	10:45 —11:35 am Rebecca Csomos <i>SUBS, Stents, and Chemo</i> 	10:45 —11:35 am Dena Lodato <i>Orthopedics</i> 	10:45 —11:35 am Wilson W. McManus II <i>Practice Management and Current Trends in the Veterinary Industry</i> 	10:45—11:35 am Michelle Woodward <i>Equine Fungal Dermatology</i> 	10:50—12:00 pm Refreshments in Exhibit Hall
11:35 am - 12:00 pm Refreshments in Exhibit Hall					
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm Business Meeting and Veterinarian Luncheon					
1:30 pm - 2:20 pm	1:30—2:20 pm Shannon Dehghanpir <i>Hematology</i> 	1:30—3:20 pm Jay Tischendorf <i>Zoonotic Diseases for the Animal Health Professional: What You Wish You Didn't Have to Know but Absolutely Must</i> 	1:30-5:20 pm Stephanie Johnson <i>Mental Health, Grief, Suicide, & Life Balance in Veterinary Practice</i> 	1:30—3:20 pm Ken Blue <i>Understanding Vaccine Use in Cattle</i> 	1:00—1:50 pm Jodi Michaelson <i>Practice Management</i> 
2:30 pm - 3:20 pm	2:30—3:20 pm Virginie Wurlod <i>Use of Intravenous Lipids for Acute Intoxication</i> 				2:00—2:50 pm Chris Lee <i>Surgical Case Management</i> 
3:30 pm - 4:20 pm	3:30—4:20 pm Ryan Smith <i>Anaphylaxis</i> 	3:30—5:30 pm Mike Canfield <i>Fleas, Ticks, and Dermatologists.</i> 		3:30—4:20 pm Matt Wellborn <i>Urolithiasis in Small Ruminants</i> 	3:00—4:50 pm Jay Tischendorf <i>Heroes for Healthy Pets Infections Disease Management Certification Course</i> 
4:30 pm - 5:20 pm	4:30—5:20 pm Jon Fletcher <i>Trilostane Treatment</i> 			4:30—5:20 pm Leonard Carollo <i>Human Trafficking in Agricultural Settings</i> 	5:00—5:30 pm LAVT Meeting with Refreshments
5:30 pm - 7:45 pm LSU SVM Reception					

	COMPANION ANIMAL	LARGE ANIMAL	LAVT/NSU
7:30 am - 9:00 am Registration			
7:30 am - 8:00 am Continental Breakfast			
8:00 am - 8:50 am	8:00-8:50 am Kathleen Mullins <i>Juvenile Orthopedic Surgical Conditions</i> 	8:00-8:50 am Clare Scully <i>Practical Analgesia Strategies</i> 	8:00-9:50 am Jay Tischendorf <i>Zoonotic Diseases for the Animal Health Professional: What You Wish You Didn't Have to Know but Absolutely Must</i>
9:00 am - 9:50 am	9:00-9:50 am Kathleen Mullins <i>Peri-operative Surgical Care Recommendations</i> 	9:00-9:50 am Heidi Banse <i>Diagnosis and Management of Endocrinopathic Laminitis</i> 	
10:00 am - 10:50 am	10:00-10:50 am Alyce Marks <i>Practical Approach to Juvenile Small Animal Orthopedic Imaging/Case Based Studies</i> 	10:00-10:50 am Mustajab Mirza <i>Fracture Stabilization and First Aid</i> 	10:00-10:50 am TBD
11:00 am - 11:50 am	11:00-11:50 am Alyce Marks <i>Practical Approach to Adult Small Animal Orthopedic Imaging/Case Based Studies</i> 	11:00-11:50 am Mustajab Mirza <i>Food Animal Emergencies</i> 	11:00-11:50 am TBD
12:00 pm—12:50 pm		12:00—12:50 pm Shannon Dehghanpir <i>Hematology and Cytology</i> 	

General Information *(Continued)*

**Schedule Subject to Change*

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Committee meetings are scheduled during lunch on Friday, February 8, 2019. Lunch will be provided for those committees that schedule a meeting in advance. If you are a member of a committee, please contact your committee chair or the LVMA office for more information.

AUXILIARY TOUR

A fun-filled outing and lunch is being planned for Saturday, February 9 by the local committee. The tour cost is included in the auxiliary/spouse/guest registration fee. You must RSVP with the LVMA office to reserve your spot. Contact (225) 928-5862 or office@lvma.org for more information.

LSU SVM RECEPTION

LSU School of Veterinary Medicine will host a reception Saturday evening, February 9. More information will be available soon.

AWARDS

Everett D. Besch Service Award, Veterinarian of the Year, Pet of the Year, Salesperson of the Year and Support Person of the Year will be awarded on Saturday, February 9 during the Veterinarian Luncheon at the Doubletree Lafayette. These awards are to honor those who give above and beyond to the veterinary profession.

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION

Evening Session with Robert Hancock—"The Benefits of Preoperative and Postoperative HBO Treatments in Acute Brain and Spinal Cord Injury"

CONVENTION COMMITTEE

- John Mauterer, DVM—Companion Animal Chair
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Executive Director's Report

WE ARE DECKING THE HALLS.....

With the Holiday Season rapidly approaching, people across the country are “decking the halls” in anticipation. A quick internet search (which must be true because it is on the internet.....) revealed that one meaning of “deck” is to “decorate or adorn brightly or festively”. My best wishes for you and your family to have a joyous and decorative holiday season and to not place too much trust in what you find on the internet.

LVMA dues statements for 2019 are in the mail. They include optional voluntary contributions to the Dr. Walter J. Ernst, Jr. Veterinary Memorial Foundation (“the Foundation”) and the LVMA Political Action Committee (PAC). Contributions to the Foundation are deductible as charitable contributions. Contributions to the PAC are not deductible for federal income tax purposes. Feel free to strike out the suggested amount and replace it with a larger contribution than suggested!

Please be sure to register for the 2019 Winter Meeting before the Early Bird deadline of January 8, 2019. Rates will increase after that date, but the meeting will still be a bargain. The meeting will be held at the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel Lafayette, February 8 -10, 2019. To register, please visit the website at www.lvma.org in order to register online or for a printable form to complete and submit. The program committee of Drs. John Maurterer, Dale Peyroux, Kirk Ryan and Jesse Brandon have assembled another great lineup of speakers and topics. Again this year we are asking those who plan to attend the Veterinarian Business Meeting and Awards Luncheon to please purchase a ticket for that event when registering for the meeting. A limited number of tickets will be available on site. Tickets are only \$5 for veterinarians and this will allow us to plan more effectively for the correct number of attendees. Be sure to visit us online (www.lvma.org) for more information and book your hotel early under the LVMA group block for discounted rates. See you at the Doubletree!

Stay well and stay connected!



Business Alliances

LVMA has formed business alliances with the following companies to offer great discounts and deals to members. Please consider these companies as you shop around for the best products and services to meet the needs of your practice. These opportunities were designed with LVMA members in mind.



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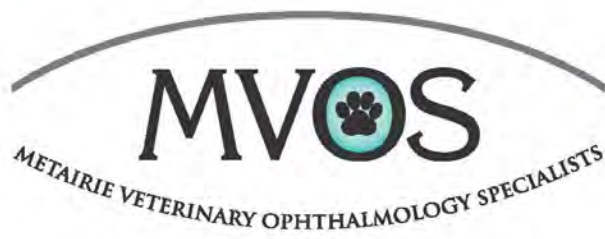
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Louisiana State Animal Response Team Update

We were fortunate this Hurricane Season to avoid major storms here in Louisiana. LSART was requested to assist our partner ASPCA with the response to Hurricane Florence in North Carolina and the response to Hurricane Michael in Florida.

In September LSART responders and equipment were deployed to North Carolina. Suzanne Brevelle, Joan Martin and Dr Renee Poirrier deployed to assist. LSART responders assisted with caring for pets in a shelter, transporting animal control animals out of the area to make more room for storm affected pets and finally with animal search and rescue on the North Carolina Coast

In October, LSART was deployed to Panama City Florida. Since the Panama City area had little available housing for responders, the LSART trailer was requested to provide housing for responders. On Monday, October 15 two LSART responders Suzanne Brevelle and Dr. Matt Welborn from the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine drove the LSART truck and trailer to the Humane Society of Bay County in Panama City, Florida to meet with the ASPCA team

Dr. Welborn worked with volunteers from the Florida State Animal Rescue Coalition preparing the building for the soon-to-come onslaught of homeless and surrendered animals. Much of the time was spent reorganizing shelter's pharmacy/supply room to more efficiently find and dispense medications, supplies and equipment. Dr. Welborn also assisted with managing the intake of donated veterinary supplies.



The first animals began arriving on Tuesday and by the end of the day 11 dogs, 1 cat and a turtle had arrived. At the end of the day on Friday, 65 dogs, 36 cats and the turtle were calling the shelter "home" for the time being. Numerous animals, including 2 guinea pigs were transferred to shelters and rescues unaffected by the hurricane and others were reunited with their owners.

Dr. Welborn assisted veterinarians from Florida as they provided physical exams and treatment of sick and wounded animals. Some conditions seen were urinary tract infections, keratoconjunctivitis, upper respiratory infections, an embedded collar and a gunshot wound. Multiple agencies were coordinated to provide each animal with compassionate loving care.

The LSART responders returned by October 20. The LSART truck and trailer remained until it was no longer needed for responder housing. It was used to house Florida veterinarians who are members of the Florida State Animal Rescue Coalition providing care at the shelter.

In Louisiana we have benefited from help from our neighbors in the past. Both North Carolina and Florida responders have assisted us in the past and the North Carolina SART team helped us further develop our LSART team with a Summit after Katrina. We were fortunate this past Hurricane season and grateful to be able to assist our neighbors in need.

Sincerely

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