Greetings from Acadiana, it is HOT!

Can you believe this heat? My friends, I have never seen anything like it. At the time that I am writing this, the temperature over the last 2 weeks has reached 100F or higher all but one day. That day was actually 97F, so it still deserves an honorable mention. Over the last 2 months there have been greater than 50 days where the temperature was over 95F. I have never been more grateful for a working air conditioner in my life. I know you all feel the same!

For my family, these last two summer months have brought with them more than just record heat. We had a few milestones, and a lot of fun. We have been blessed with birthday parties, a family trip, first plane rides, exciting cases at work, and meaningful time with colleagues and precious friends. I hope everyone reading this has enjoyed their summer break and look back on it with fond memories.

As fall approaches, I want to take time to remind everyone our licenses are now up for renewal. Our friends at the LBVM have streamlined the process for our ease. Don't forget to renew prior to September 30th!

Registration for the Southwest Veterinary Symposium is open. I really encourage you to attend. This year, the conference is in San Antonio! My family always has a blast visiting the city and exploring the local culture. I look forward to seeing a massive migration of Louisianans descend upon San Antonio September 21st. See you on the River Walk!

Setting goals and revisiting them has long since been important to me. The benefits from writing out my daily, weekly and longer term ‘goals and lists’ and revisiting them on a regular basis, cannot be overstated. There is something about focusing your efforts to a specific goal and later on experiencing the gratification of crossing it off after it is accomplished. I sometimes tease my husband about his list always including things like “wake up.” I asked him once, why he did that. His reply was “I am starting the day off on a positive note. Look - you haven’t crossed anything off yet, I am already ahead!” There is wisdom in that, and while I appreciate it, I still don’t put it on my list. Perhaps, I should.

Your LVMA board is gearing up to delve in and work together on a strategic plan this fall. We are working with a seasoned professional to guide us through this process. More to come!

Before I bid you farewell, I want to give a shout out! The Mentorship Program and Power of Ten Class 2023 have both kicked off. A big THANK YOU to all of our participants! If anyone is interested in finding out more about these wonderful leadership programs, please, contact the LVMA Office for more information.

Thank you and warmest regards,

Kimberly Little, DVM
President, LVMA

Upcoming Events

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Executive Director’s Report

Here we are in August and that means Fall is right around the corner. I am certainly looking for some cooler weather and of course LSU Football! Fall is an exciting time in the veterinary community as well. Our friends at SWVS are anxiously looking forward to the 2023 Southwest Veterinary Symposium scheduled for September 21-24, 2023 in San Antonio, Texas. Registration is open and I encourage you to check out the schedule they have lined up for this meeting. Your LVMA Board will also be hosting their board meeting along with a strategic planning session – we look forward to developing strategy to steer a successful future for the LVMA.

Another fun & exciting event I encourage you all to attend is Mike Strain’s Fall Ball at the Old Governor’s Mansion on October 19th. Tickets for the Fall Ball start at $500 per couple and are available online at www.mikestrain.org. This is a fundraiser for Commissioner Strain who has been a key advocate for the veterinarians of Louisiana. I urge our members to help pack the room with veterinarians and their spouses in support of the strongest voice veterinary medicine enjoys in the Louisiana halls of government.

The schedule for the 2024 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 January 26-28, 2024 at the Shreveport Convention Center in Shreveport, LA.

Stay well and please always feel free to reach out,

Melanie Talley, CAE
Executive Director

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Louisiana Veterinary Medical Association

- Serves to Protect the Veterinarian
- Membership organization for Veterinarians that is dedicated to advancing veterinary medicine and advocating for the association’s members
- Provides CE at Annual Winter Meeting
- Advocates with State Government, Legislature and the LBVM
- Provides Leadership Development opportunities for members
- LVMA Board Members represent the eight major districts in Louisiana (each selected by their local VMA) and 1 member represents the LSU SVM

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LBVM

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- Serves to Protect the Public
- Louisiana’s licensing and regulatory authority for veterinary medicine
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