



HSVMA In Action

2014 YEAR IN REVIEW



OUR MISSION: To protect and advocate for animals while providing leadership and service opportunities that support a humane veterinary profession.

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2014 HSVMA Year in Review

Welcome Message

Barry N. Kellogg, VMD
Senior Veterinary Medical Advisor, HSVMA

The Humane Society Veterinary Medical Association is an organization of veterinary professionals who provide direct care for animals in need, educate the public and colleagues in the profession about animal welfare issues, advance humane alternatives in veterinary education, and advocate better public policies for animals worldwide. In short—**We are Animal Welfare**—and we are **HSVMA!**

Another year has passed and, with your help, we continued to make great progress in addressing specific animal welfare issues.

Looking at 2014 in summary, imagine the effects and impact of the following:

- Through our Rural Area Veterinary Services program, **more than 7,300 animals** have been treated in 39 communities around the world, **nearly 300 veterinary students** trained and **150 professional volunteers** engaged.
- Our advocacy resulted in **more than 1,300 veterinary professionals** being activated.
- The HSVMA continuing education webinar series has provided CE credits and has been attended by **more than 500 veterinary professionals**.
- HSVMA experts gave **24 presentations at veterinary schools** bringing our unique animal welfare message to **more than 1,500 veterinarians of tomorrow**.
- We also sponsored **three World Spay Day** events at veterinary schools.

We are also quite pleased with the passage of the Veterinary Medicine Mobility legislation (HR 1528/S 1117). As an organization, we were active in pursuing passage of this Act alongside the American Veterinary Medical Association.

The VMMA amended the Controlled Substances Act to allow veterinarians to carry, prescribe and administer controlled substances outside of their registered DEA address. Can you imagine not having access to these drugs in the field—whether on a large animal call, in a wildlife rescue effort, during a house call or even when faced with a euthanasia? Thanks to Reps. Ted Yoho of Florida and Kurt Schrader of Oregon, the only two veterinarians serving in the U.S. Congress, this legislation was



Dr. Barry Kellogg assists with the relocation of a tiger, illustrating the need for the VMMA so that controlled substances can be used in field situations. Photo Credit: Betsy Kellogg

introduced and enjoyed very unusual unanimous approval by both the U.S. House of Representatives and the Senate.

I recently met with Dr. Yoho, along with HSVMA member Dr. Brian DiGangi, to specifically deliver HSVMA's thanks for his efforts in sponsoring and supporting the VMMA. Rep. Yoho credited and was very appreciative of Rep. Schrader's assistance in getting the bill passed into law. Interestingly enough, these two veterinarians reached across the aisle and jointly formed the national Congressional Veterinary Medicine Caucus. The Caucus is truly bipartisan and includes 25 Congressional members, many of whom represent states that have a veterinary school. It will be very helpful in raising public awareness about veterinary issues and with passage of future legislation key to our profession. Let me reiterate that I am continually impressed by how much can be accomplished when we work together.

Looking forward as an organization requires us to look at both the short-term and the long-term horizons. This foresight will help us do the most good while fulfilling our desire to help animals. Please help us drive the activities of the HSVMA by letting us know what *you* think we should be doing. Our willingness to listen carefully to our member colleagues is what distinguishes us as a professional association. So send me an email and share your thoughts.

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HSVMA member Dr. Brian DiGangi, left, and HSVMA Senior Veterinary Advisor Dr. Barry Kellogg, right, meet with Rep. Ted Yoho in his district office in Gainesville. Photo Credit: Dr. Barry Kellogg

Barry N. Kellogg VMD

HSVMA-RAVS

Program Links Hands-on Veterinary Training and Quality Care for Animals in Need

Windi Wojdak, RVT
Director, HSVMA-RAVS

In rural communities burdened by long-standing economic depression and geographic isolation, access to veterinary care is often limited or non-existent and families struggle to provide even the most basic care for their companion animals. For nearly two decades, the HSVMA-Rural Area Veterinary Services program has provided essential veterinary services in underserved rural communities—improving the health and welfare of thousands of individual animals and their families each year.

In 2014, HSVMA-RAVS field teams provided high quality preventative health care to 7,300 animals in 39 communities around the world; from Pine Ridge, S.D., to Mollepata, Peru. We delivered more than 1.5 million dollars in essential veterinary services, all at no cost to the communities or families served. For these animals our clinics have meant the difference between high-quality veterinary care and no care at all.

In addition to the direct impact of our programs for animals in the communities we serve, our volunteer and veterinary student teaching programs serve as a bridge between the veterinary profession and animal welfare efforts. This year nearly 300 veterinary students from 28 different veterinary schools participated as volunteers. Each of these students gained intensive hands-on clinical experience ranging from client communication and humane animal handling to anesthesia and surgery. Students also gained an appreciation for the realities of



RAVS staff members (left to right): Erin Spencer, CVT, Erin Ludwig, CVT, Lisa Shriver, DVM, Marieke Garritsen, Windi Wojdak, RVT, Paul Breckeridge, DVM, Ahne Simonsen, DVM. Photo Credit: A. Lee

life in some of the most economically impoverished communities, as well as for the many ways in which they can apply their knowledge, skills and dedication to improve the lives of animals and their people everywhere.

At the core of the RAVS program are our veterinary professional volunteers. These highly skilled and dedicated veterinarians and veterinary technicians, from all over the country, take time away from their jobs and their lives—often sacrificing vacations or holidays—to generously share their skills and expertise. Student volunteers who work with these inspiring professionals find a level of support and mentorship they have often not previously experienced.

This is what RAVS is all about: providing essential care to animals in desperate need while engaging dedicated professionals to train and inspire the next generation to create a better world for animals and the people who love them in every community.

HSVMA-RAVS

International Program Brings Care to Working Equids

Critical transportation, able farm labor, treasured friend; the working horses, donkeys, and mules cared for by the HSVMA-RAVS international equine program are all of these and more. In many ways, the health of these remote communities can be measured by the health of their equids. They are often a family's largest investment and they generate a significant portion of the family income. Their work is the economic engine of the community, but they are also faithful companions; so it is a combination of affection and economic need that brings people to seek care for their animals at RAVS field clinics in Guatemala, Nicaragua and Peru.

In 2014, Dr. David Turoff and his experienced equine field teams treated over 2,100 animals in challenging rural field conditions. While providing access to much-needed veterinary care, the



Dr. Dave Turoff examines a horse in rural Peru. For families in these remote mountain communities, working equids provide critical transportation, able farm labor, and treasured companionship. Photo Credit: Dr. Dave Turoff

teams also trained 40 local veterinary students, veterinarians, and farriers and educated eager community members in an effort to create locally sustainable veterinary care and enhance animal husbandry to improve the welfare of the animals and their families.

VOLUNTEERS — THE CORE OF THE RAVS PROGRAM



For the communities RAVS serves, our clinics are an essential resource and often the only veterinary care families will have access to all year. Photo Credit: Shea Michelle.



RAVS' veterinary student training program includes orientations, demonstrations, daily rounds and closely mentored hands-on experience. Photo credit: Shea Michelle.



The core of the RAVS program is the dedicated volunteer veterinarians and veterinary technicians who generously share their time and expertise to provide high-quality care for animals in desperate need. Photo Credit: Shea Michelle

"In the field with RAVS we are a true team. My training and knowledge as a veterinary technician are respected and utilized in ways I have rarely found in other settings..."

— **Cara Yanussi, CVT Oakland, CA**

"I learn something new in the field with RAVS every year. There is nothing like working with other vets, techs, and students from all over the country who love to teach and share their unique experiences. I always return home with a renewed sense of passion and inspiration..."

— **Erin Katrube, DVM Austin, TX**

"The RAVS program has helped our community overcome many obstacles with animal care and greatly helped our efforts to deal with the problem of Rocky Mountain spotted fever on the reservation with continuous community education and veterinary services."

— **Cye Goseyun, San Carlos Apache Tribe**

"To say that RAVS has influenced me throughout my veterinary student career would be an understatement. It has changed the way I think about quality medicine, taught me a great deal about myself and all the while been a blast."

— **Shana Mintz, 2015 Cornell**

"My experiences with RAVS have been some of the most rewarding experiences of my life. RAVS has taught me not only clinical skills, but compassion."

— **Haley Williams, 2016 UC Davis**

"RAVS has inspired me and taught me so much. I truly believe I am the veterinarian I am today because of my experience with RAVS."

— **Melissa Beyer, DVM Rochester, NY**

"As a volunteer for RAVS, I have the opportunity to provide much-needed care to animals and communities who desperately need help, while also developing a sense of volunteerism, service and clinical skills in the next generation of veterinarians. The friendships and experiences gained from these trips have been instrumental in shaping my own career providing high-quality medicine and accessibility within my own community."

— **Jena Valdez, DVM San Francisco, CA**

"RAVS reminds me how proud I am to be in a profession that makes such a difference in the lives of animals and their people."

— **Leah Montgomery, 2015 Ontario Veterinary College**

"RAVS has been the most rewarding and educational experience I've had in vet school thus far. . . I am particularly grateful to have worked with the incredible staff technicians and veterinarians. I could not think of a more compassionate, humble, and talented group of individuals to work with than the RAVS team."

— **Jenna Goldhaber, 2015 Cornell**

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

We need you! HSVMA-RAVS' ability to provide quality veterinary care and educational opportunities depends on the many dedicated veterinary professional volunteers who generously share their time and expertise in our field clinics each year. Veterinarians and veterinary technicians are now needed for our 2015 clinic season. Applications are currently being accepted. Check our clinic schedule and find more information on how you can get involved at hsvma.org/ravs.

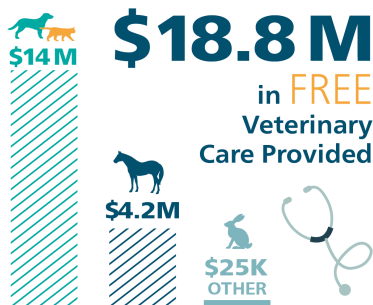
HSVMA-RAVS 2003-2013

10 Years of Service

402,507

TREATMENTS PROVIDED

HSVMA-RAVS field teams address a full range of animal health care issues.



6,064

Volunteers ENGAGED

4,083 Veterinary Students



32 Tech Students †

504 Technicians / Assistants



1,049 Veterinarians



396 Support Volunteers



♣ = U.S./Canadian Volunteer ♣ = International Volunteer

Each figure is representative of 25 volunteers. Visualization rounded to the nearest figure.



590,122 Volunteer **HOURS** Contributed

376,129 Student Hours
Veterinary Student / Tech Student

178,999 Professional Hours
Veterinarian / Technician / Assistant

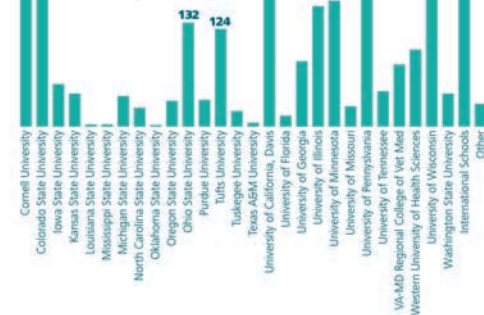
34,544 Support Hours



37 Veterinary SCHOOLS Represented by Student Volunteers



Student VOLUNTEERS by School [2005-2013]



International SCHOOLS

CANADA
Atlantic Veterinary College (PEI)
Ontario Veterinary College (ON)
Western College of Vet Med (SK)

EUROPE
University College Dublin (Ireland)
University of Glasgow (Scotland)
University of Cambridge (England)
Royal Veterinary College (England)

CARIBBEAN
Ross University (St Kitts)
St George's University (Grenada)
St. Matthew's University (Grand Cayman)



HSVMA-RAVS CONTINUING EDUCATION:

Veterinarians and veterinary technicians are eligible to receive RACE-approved continuing education credit for their participation in HSVMA-RAVS clinics. Volunteers participating in a field clinic with five or more clinic service days are eligible to receive up to 30 hours of CE credit.

RAVS field teams provide a range of services from spay/neuter and vaccinations to urgent care, saving lives and making a difference for thousands of animals each year. Photo Credit: Shea Michelle.

HSVMA Advocates in Action

By Barbara Hodges, DVM, MBA
HSVMA Veterinary Advisor

More than 1,300 veterinary professionals joined HSVMA in actively advocating for improved animal welfare during 2014. HSVMA members advocated for the well-being of farm animal, companion animal and wildlife species in a variety of ways, including lending their signatures to endorsement letters, calling, emailing and meeting with their legislators in face-to-face appointments, testifying at legislative hearings, writing newsletter columns, submitting letters to the editor and op-eds, and attending veterinary lobbying events. What follows are some of the highlights of these activities.



HSVMA Member Elisa Martin, RVT, Veterinary Advisor Dr. Barbara Hodges, Advocacy Director Pam Runquist and Board President Dr. Paula Kislak at the California State Capitol in Sacramento for Humane Lobby Day. Photo Credit: Pam Runquist/HSVMA

Improving Pregnant Sow Housing

HSVMA conducted wide-ranging outreach to veterinary professionals, collecting signatures in support of a petition asking the AVMA to revise their policy statement on pregnant sow housing to require that sows would have enough room to stand up, turn around and stretch. A total of 1,030 veterinary signatures were collected, with signatories representing all 50 states.

Originally intended to be presented during the July AVMA House of Delegates meeting, the resolution was ultimately withdrawn after generating significant discussion about the issue within the veterinary community. Instead, HSVMA agreed to support the AVMA's alternative resolution that sows should have adequate quantity and quality of space to assume normal postures—certainly a step toward improved sow welfare.

State Legislative Efforts

ENDING INHUMANE FARM ANIMAL CONFINEMENT

New Jersey Bills to Ban Pregnant Sow Gestation Crates (S 998/A 2550)

HSVMA recruited New Jersey veterinary members to endorse this legislation as well as to submit supportive letters to the editor and op-eds. The New Jersey Legislature approved the bills but, unfortunately, Governor Christie vetoed them.

PROTECTING COMPANION ANIMALS

Massachusetts Bill to Increase Penalties for Animal Abuse and Require Mandatory Veterinary Reporting of Abuse (H 4328)

HSVMA submitted a support letter and recruited members to support this legislation, which was subsequently passed into law. Mandatory veterinary reporting of animal abuse is now required in Massachusetts.

DEFENDING WILDLIFE HABITAT AND WELFARE

California Bill to Ban Harmful Rodenticides in Environmentally Sensitive Areas (AB 2657)

HSVMA submitted a support letter to ban the use of second generation anti-coagulant rodenticides (SGARs) in environmentally sensitive areas of the state and also advocated for passage of this law during CA Humane Lobby Day. The bill successfully passed into law.

Federal Legislative Efforts

PREVENTING CRUELTY TO HORSES WITH THE PREVENT ALL SORING TACTICS, OR PAST ACT (S 1406/HR 1518)

HSVMA submitted an organizational support statement to federal legislators and also activated our veterinary membership in support of this legislation. The measure, which would protect horses from inhumane "soring," the intentional infliction of pain to horses' hooves and legs by unscrupulous trainers in order to gain unfair competitive advantage at horse shows, is currently pending in the U.S. Congress.

THE VETERINARY MEDICINE MOBILITY ACT (S 950/HR 1528)

HSVMA is pleased to report that the VMMA passed this year. It makes the legislative changes needed to allow licensed veterinarians to transport and dispense controlled substances in the course of providing mobile or ambulatory medical services. Passage was essential for veterinarians practicing under field conditions, conducting house calls or mobile spay/neuter clinics, and in some agricultural and/or wildlife scenarios. HSVMA submitted a support statement and also joined with a coalition of veterinary groups in advocating for the VMMA.

HSVMA VETERINARY LOBBY TEAMS IN ACTION

MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVE TED YOHO, DVM (FL)

This fall a duo of veterinarians met with Representative Ted Yoho, DVM of Florida at his district office in Gainesville. Rep. Yoho, along with Rep. Kurt Schrader, DVM of Oregon, are the only two veterinarians in Congress, and they are also the joint founders and co-chairs of the national Congressional Veterinary Medicine Caucus. The aim of the meeting was to thank Rep. Yoho for his support of the VMMA and the PAST Act and to lay the foundation of a good working relationship for future advocacy on animal-related legislation.

CALIFORNIA HUMANE LOBBY DAY (June 11)

An HSVMA team consisting of approximately a dozen veterinarians, veterinary technicians and veterinary students convened at Humane Lobby Day in Sacramento. The group advocated for legislation banning the use of dangerous rodenticides on public lands, prohibiting the importation and sale of alligators, crocodiles and their body parts, and constraining the use of inhumane methods of hunting feral pigs.

To read more about HSVMA legislative and other advocacy efforts, visit our website at hsvma.org/advocacy.

HSVMA Continuing Education Provides Unique Focus on Animal Welfare

Lorna Grande, DVM
HSVMA Continuing Education Advisor

The continuing education webinar series launched by HSVMA in 2012 continues to receive overwhelmingly positive reviews. It appears that HSVMA members are getting used to earning animal welfare-related CE from the comfort of their own homes, offices and mobile devices! Thousands have attended our unique RACE-approved CE webinars with a humane slant, and interest continues to grow.

As an important member benefit, HSVMA members have free access to all webinars. If the timing of a live broadcast is not convenient, the webinars are all archived at hsvma.org/webinars to view later on demand. CE credits are available for participating in either format.

Some of our most popular 2014 webinars were:

- “Surgery Not Required: Current and Future Options in Fertility Control of Dogs and Cats,” with Amy Fischer, PhD and Dr. Robert Weedon of the University of Illinois and the Alliance for Contraception in Cats & Dogs (ACC&D).
- “Dog Training: the Good, the Bad and the Inhumane,” with Dr. Melissa Bain, head of the Behavior Service at the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine.
- “Separation Anxiety: Unsticking the Velcro Dog,” with HSVMA Leadership Council member and celebrated behaviorist Dr. Nicholas Dodman.

Other previously archived webinars, available for viewing and CE credit at any time, cover a wide range of welfare topics including:

- Emergency wildlife care

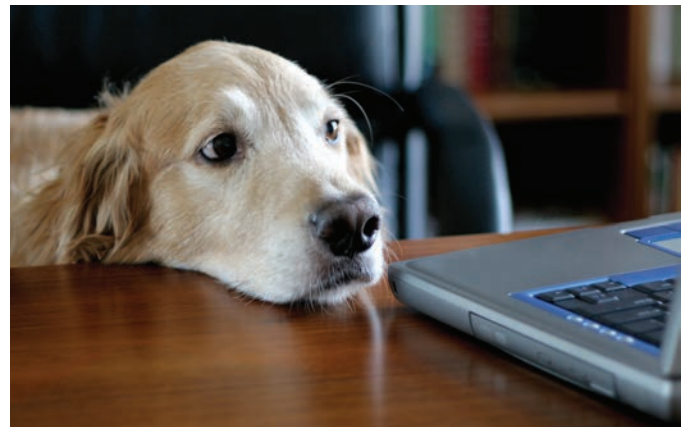


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- Disaster preparedness for veterinary clinics
- Veterinary medical needs of backyard chickens
- Distinguishing between hoarders and rescuers
- The latest in spay/neuter research
- Creating a cat-friendly practice

Continuing our efforts to go beyond traditional CE, the topics we will be exploring in webinars during 2015 include:

- The veterinary role in dog bite prevention with Janis Bradley of the National Canine Research Council and Amy Marder, DVM, CAAB.
- Quality of life assessment and hospice care with Katherine Goldberg, DVM.
- Rethinking chronic pain issues and therapies in small animals with HSVMA Leadership Council member and rehabilitation/pain management expert Dr. Andrea Looney.

We look forward to providing another year of innovative RACE-approved continuing education opportunities for members and non-members alike.

For more information on upcoming and archived webinars visit hsvma.org/webinars.

HSVMA In-Person CE Events Have Unique Humane Focus



HSVMA Veterinary Advisor Dr. Susan Krebsbach speaks to attendees at the HSUS Animal Care Expo in Daytona Beach, Fla.

HSVMA also hosted several in-person continuing education events for veterinary professionals during 2014 that were focused on critical animal welfare topics.

In January, HSVMA was honored to have the late Dr. Sophia Yin address the topic of “Low-Stress Handling: Creating a Pet-Friendly Hospital for Dogs and Cats” at an HSVMA-sponsored session at the NAVC conference in Orlando. Dr. Yin’s presentation was delivered to an overflowing audience and is a testament to the significant

impact that her knowledge of animal behavior and animal handling skills had—and will continue to have—on so many in the veterinary profession.

In April, HSVMA also provided RACE-approved CE credits for 16 different presentations offered at the HSUS Animal Care Expo in Daytona Beach, Florida. These sessions covered a variety of topics related to shelter medicine including the behavioral needs of shelter animals, how to implement the shelter medicine guidelines produced by the Association of Shelter Veterinarians, how to calculate humane shelter capacity, and an overview of veterinary cruelty case examinations and medical case reports.

For more information on upcoming HSVMA CE and other events, go to hsvma.org/events.

HSVMA on Campus in 2014

2014 marked another year of continued growth for the HSVMA's Student Outreach Program with an expanded presence on veterinary school campuses, active Speakers Bureau and student chapter programs, and new skills-development opportunities for students.

HSVMA Student Chapter Program

The HSVMA Student Chapters were busy this year lobbying for animals, rescuing rabbits, hosting animal welfare lectures, participating in World Spay Day events, volunteering at Pets For Life outreach events, holding skills labs, tabling at University open houses, and much more.



UC Davis HSVMA student members, Virginia Butler (2016) and Danielle Duran (2015), along with HSVMA member, Dr. Chumkee Aziz, lobby for animals in Sacramento in June. Photo Credit: Pam Runquist/HSVMA



In September, Western University HSVMA student chapter member Amber Lee (2017) volunteers at the Pets for Life Los Angeles outreach event. Photo credit: Sandra Matrecitos



UC Davis HSVMA student chapter member, Leslie Neely (2015), with one of 25 abandoned rabbits the chapter helped treat and adopt out. Photo credit: Sarah Mantovani

HSVMA Speakers Bureau

The HSVMA Speakers Bureau continued to bring the animal welfare message to veterinary school campuses during 2014 with two dozen different presentations delivered to veterinary students nationwide on topics ranging from animal cruelty and puppy mills to disaster preparedness and animal poisonings.

2014 HSVMA Speakers Bureau by the Numbers

- 24 presentations
- 1,500 students reached at 13 different schools
- 2 new presentations added this year (17 total topics now available)
 - Promoting Public Health through Animal Protection
 - Malicious Poisoning of Animals: Dos and Don'ts of Case Investigation



In October, HSVMA Senior Veterinary Advisor, Dr. Barry Kellogg, spoke about disaster preparedness at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Photo Credit: Susan Krebsbach, DVM



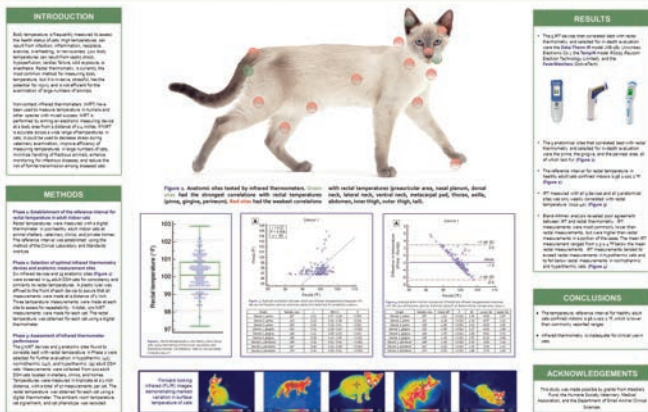
In October, Dr. Chumkee Aziz spoke about keeping animals out of shelters at UC Davis. Photo Credit: Erin Luebke/HVMA

Skills Development Offered by HSVMA

In addition to the RAVS program, HSVMA promotes animal welfare-friendly skills development for veterinary students through a variety of training opportunities.

- Suture labs hosted at Western, UC Davis, Wisconsin and Cornell
- World Spay Day events sponsored at Oklahoma, Wisconsin and Florida
- Dry lab on identifying and reporting animal cruelty offered at Washington
- Student member participation in the Pets For Life Community Outreach Program in Los Angeles, Philadelphia, Atlanta and Chicago
- Veterinary externship opportunities offered at the Cape Wildlife Center and the South Florida Wildlife Center
- The HSVMA-sponsored Student Scholars Program for Animal Welfare Research at the University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine provided two stipends during 2014 for one project analyzing the use of non-contact thermometry in cats and another on increasing shelter dog adoptions through structured interactions.

Comparison of Non-Contact Infrared Thermometry and Rectal Thermometry in Cats
 Kelly R. Nutt, Julie K. Levy, Sylvia J. Tucker
 Maddie's Shelter Medicine Program, College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

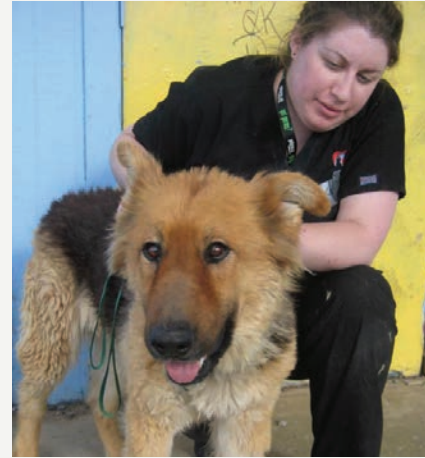


University of Florida CVM student and HSVMA research grant recipient, Kelly Nutt (2017), addressed "A comparison of non-contact infrared thermometry and rectal thermometry in cats." Photo credit: Kelly Nutt



HSVMA staff veterinarian Dr. Ahne Simonson instructs students on technique at the HSVMA-sponsored suture lab at the University of Wisconsin in April. Photo Credit: Susan Krebsbach, DVM

From our HSVMA Student Members ...



"I would like to thank the HSVMA for its wholehearted support of our student chapter which has given me and my fellow students the chance to learn and grow through our interactions with some wonderful speakers on a variety of topics as well as involvement in the incredible experiences that RAVS and Pets for Life clinics provide."

Katherine Menard
 Western University College of Veterinary Medicine,
 Class of 2017
 HSVMA Student Chapter President



"HSVMA has put a tremendous spotlight on the importance of advancing shelter medicine through the education of students as future veterinarians and leaders in animal welfare. Through their generous support, our student chapter has initiated a new program of speaker events that has engaged students in topics ranging from the importance of pet retention programs to the humane treatment of community cats, further bolstering the shelter medicine curriculum here at UC Davis."

Virginia Butler
 UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine,
 Class of 2016
 HSVMA Student Chapter Member

Veterinary Participation in World Spay Day Spans the Nation:

HSVMA Sponsors Events at Veterinary Schools

Susan Krebsbach, DVM
HSVMA Veterinary Advisor

HSVMA proudly joined forces with The Humane Society of the United States and Humane Society International in February 2014 to help celebrate the 20th anniversary of World Spay Day. In recognition of this momentous landmark, HSVMA members nationwide participated in World Spay Day events in their communities, helping promote spay/neuter as a way to save the lives of cats and dogs. Additionally, HSVMA sponsored spay/neuter clinics at three veterinary schools, offering a unique opportunity to promote spay/neuter as well as provide hands-on training for veterinary students.



Photo Credit: Chris Lake for HSVMA

On February 2, Dr. Barry Kellogg, senior veterinary advisor for HSVMA, joined Dr. Julie Levy, director of the Maddie's Shelter Medicine Program at the University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine, for Operation Catnip—Gainesville's monthly spay/neuter clinic for cats. Designated as an HSVMA-sponsored World Spay Day event, a team of more than 90 volunteers, comprised of veterinarians, veterinary students, veterinary technicians, and others, sterilized about 150 cats. Additionally, all cats received rabies and FVRCP vaccinations and had their left ears tipped to identify them as sterilized.

Dr. Levy said, "The veterinary students always look forward to our monthly 'Trap, Neuter and Return' clinics, but this one was especially fun. Wearing a sea of green World Spay Day scrub tops, they polished their surgery skills while learning how, as future veterinary professionals, they are uniquely positioned to improve the lives of homeless animals."



Photo Credit: Ryan O'Hara

On February 8, Dr. Susan Krebsbach, veterinary advisor for the HSVMA, joined over 50 volunteer veterinary professionals and students from Dane County Friends of Ferals, Madison College, Globe University, and the University of Wisconsin School of Veterinary Medicine, for a spay/neuter clinic held at Madison College. Now in its fourth year, the World Spay Day partnership has resulted in the sterilization of more than 300 community and free-roaming cats during these World Spay Day events.

On February 16, veterinary students from the Oklahoma State University College of Veterinary Medicine joined Dr. Lesa Staubus, clinical assistant professor of shelter medicine and surgery, for another Operation Catnip event sponsored by the HSVMA at the OSU Veterinary Teaching Hospital. Using the efficient, high-volume process that Operation Catnip utilizes at its chapters across the country, the group sterilized 300 cats in one day.

Dr. Staubus said: "Operation Catnip Stillwater provides a wonderful opportunity for veterinary medical students to gain invaluable hands-on experience in a clinical setting. Students not only improve their clinical skills, but also their leadership and teamwork. The collaboration between the university and the community to address the problem with cat overpopulation is fostering a culture of community service and improved animal welfare."



Photo Credit: Erin Parker for HSVMA

More information on World Spay Day can be found at worldspayday.org. Veterinary professionals can get involved with World Spay Day by visiting hsvma.org/world_spay_day

HSVMA in Action During 2014



HSVMA Board Member Dr. Michael Blackwell and HSVMA Senior Veterinary Advisor Dr. Barry Kellogg chat with attendees at the AVMA annual convention in Denver. Photo Credit: Pam Runquist/HSVMA



HSVMA members Drs. Lisa Portnoy and Peter Eeg (second and third from left) join other advocates at a hearing in Montgomery County, Maryland, to speak in support of a possible ordinance restricting the sale of "puppy mill" dogs at pet shops in the county. Photo Credit: HSUS



HSVMA Veterinary Advisor Dr. Barbara Hodges is interviewed by the ABC affiliate news station in Sacramento, Calif., regarding the use of primates in research.

STAY IN THE LOOP

Want to know what HSVMA is doing each month? Make sure you are receiving our Monthly News! If you are not receiving these monthly email updates, let us know at info@hsvma.org.



HSVMA member, Dr. Maria Solacito, volunteers at a Pets for Life event in Los Angeles in September. Photo Credit: Sandra Matrecitos.



HSVMA Veterinary Advisor Dr. Susan Krebsbach visits with HSVMA member Dr. Lee Schrader during the HSUS Animal Care Expo in May. Photo Credit: Pam Runquist/HSVMA.

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HSVMA Member Benefits Updates

VETERINARY INSURANCE

We are happy to announce that members of the Humane Society Veterinary Medical Association can now take advantage of insurance coverage through Wells Fargo Insurance.



Wells Fargo Insurance's veterinary insurance program provides access to exceptional, cost-effective proprietary insurance coverage including:

- Professional liability
- License defense
- No settlement clause

For more information, visit hsvma.org/insurance.

MEMBER BENEFITS

Below, we have highlighted a few of the benefits HSVMA will continue to offer to our valued members throughout the coming year:

Continuing education opportunities

Through webinars, lectures and participation in HSVMA-RAVS, HSVMA will continue to offer multiple opportunities for members—and non-members—to earn CE through our programs. Learn more at hsvma.org/education.

Special discounts on publications and veterinary services

WILEY-BLACKWELL



Current HSVMA members are eligible for a 35% discount on most Wiley-Blackwell publications. Wiley-Blackwell is a global provider of content-enabled solutions to improve outcomes in research, education and professional practice with online tools, journals, books, databases, reference works and laboratory protocols.

ABAXIS



If you work for or with a non-profit animal welfare organization—thanks to our friends at The Humane Society of the United States' Shelter Partner program—you can take advantage of special discounts on Abaxis Veterinary Reference Laboratory Services such as VetScan Rapid Tests, VetScan VSpro Cartridges, handheld analyzers and more.

WILDLIFE CARE REFERENCE MANUAL

Normally \$35, current HSVMA members enjoy the discounted price of \$25 for the Wildlife Care Basics for Veterinary Hospitals handbook.

If you are a current member, log in to your profile to learn how to take advantage of these discounts at

hsvma.org/member_discounts.

If you are not yet a member, join us now at hsvma.org/join

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