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An Association with Two Key Roles

The Saskatchewan Veterinary Medical Association (SVMA) is an organization which brings together the two main functions of regulator and advocate for the veterinary profession in Saskatchewan.

As the regulator of the veterinary profession in Saskatchewan, SVMA is dedicated to the protection of the public by ensuring the proficiency, competency and ethical behavior of its members in the practice of veterinary medicine.

We regulate our own profession through the licensing of veterinarians, registration of veterinary technologists, inspection of practices and disciplining of members as required.

As the advocate for the veterinary profession in Saskatchewan, the Association promotes veterinary professionals and veterinary medicine.

We support the physical, personal, financial and professional well-being of our members through continuing education, public outreach and education and member programs and services.

We believe in:

- The personal responsibility of veterinary professionals to develop and maintain competency in their chosen area of veterinary medicine
- Fostering our profession by involvement in education of future and present

veterinarians and veterinary technologists

- Quality veterinary practice, humane animal care and compassionate treatment of the client
- Providing for public protection and confidence through the fair and unbiased administration of The Veterinarians Act
- Enhancing the public's awareness of veterinary medicine and its contribution to society
- The unbiased treatment of members
- Members treating each other professionally
- Supporting members by providing guidance and information
- Supporting a dedication toward improvement in health and welfare of animals

2021 RENEWALS

ONLINE RENEWAL

In February 2020, the SVMA launched a brand new public-facing website.

In July 2020, the SVMA launched a brand new online registration program that will significantly reduce our use of paper.

REGISTRANTS ARE NOW ABLE TO:

- update contact information, employer information
- view the veterinary resource binder, fee guides and council minutes in the 'Resource Library'
- upload and report continuing education on an ongoing basis
- request and pay for letters of standing
- apply for practice names and professional corporation names

OTHER FEATURES:

- Veterinarians, veterinary technologists and students apply online for first-time membership with the SVMA
- Registered veterinary technologists renew their SAVT and SVMA membership online with the SVMA
- Complaints are submitted to the SVMA using an online complaint submission form

If you are a Veterinarian of Record for a veterinary practice, you will need to renew the practice. The renewal is linked to your member account, click "Practice Renewal".

If you have a professional corporation, you will need to renew the professional corporation. The renewal is linked to your member account, click "Professional Corporation Renewal".

HOW TO ACTIVATE YOUR ACCOUNT:

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3. If you have not logged in before:
 - a. click 'New to this site? Activate now'
 - b. enter your email (the one we have on file) and click 'activate'
 - c. the system will send you a temporary password
 - d. return to the registration portal, insert password and follow the prompts

STEPS TO RENEW, STARTING OCTOBER 1, 2020:

1. Go to: www.svma.sk.ca
2. Click "member portal" on the upper right hand side of your screen.
3. Sign-In
4. On your "Dashboard", you will see your registration(s) and a button to renew.
5. Follow the prompts.

IMPORTANT:

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PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

Dr Nick Hawkins

As I sit writing my first President's report for the SVMA newsletter, I can't help but reflect on the road that brought me to this place. As a 2014 Western College of Veterinary Medicine (WCVM) graduate, I definitely did not see myself in this role only six short years out of veterinary school. On a lot of days I still consider myself a "baby vet", and it isn't until I look back at my successes and failures over the past six years that I realize just how much a person can grow in such a short period of time and not even realize it. The same can be said of the SVMA Council and Membership – if I look back at where we were when I joined as a Council Member, we have come such a long way in a short period of time, even if it feels (at times) like we're dealing with the same issues that we always have been with no progress. However, when you look at it, we as a profession have weathered massive shifts in the WCVM (a new interprovincial agreement, a new curriculum, a new interim Dean, adapting a very hands-on program to COVID-19 restrictions), an ongoing veterinary technologist and veterinarian shortage throughout the province (and country), and this whole previously-mentioned-pandemic-thing. It makes total sense to me that it's hard to see how far I've come, as that's how we generally handle every day as a profession; get up in the morning ready to tackle a new set of problems without dwelling on what happened yesterday. Learn what you can from what you've been through and do it just a little bit better the next time. It works for surgeries; it works for cases you have worked up a hundred times or the new/bizarre/doesn't fit any textbook description cases that come flying through the door at 5pm on a Friday.

Personally, I can attribute a lot of what

got me here today to surrounding myself with the right kinds of people – mentors, coworkers, fellow council member and great clients. Noting of course, that each one of those relationships doesn't develop passively. We speak a lot about mentorship as a way to cultivate a great new group of resilient veterinarians that can continue on this profession to a standard that we can all accept, but that takes work. For both the mentor, and the mentee! It requires good communication of expectations and frequent check-ins to ensure both parties are getting what they want out of the mentor-mentee relationship. I know every single veterinarian I speak to has a different expectation for what that relationship should be – some very hands-off and "I'll call you if I need you", and some wanting a very collaborative approach to cases and learning/teaching. There is no right way to mentor, other than both parties being very frank about the expectations. That's work! Surrounding yourself with great coworkers is work too. Those people you work with and count on every day are a reflection of the attitude you bring into your workplace every single day; the best way to surround yourself with great co-workers is to be a great co-worker yourself. I'm especially thankful for having great council members to bounce ideas off of and to engage in thought-provoking discussion with. This also doesn't come easy (it's a lot of work!) as each and every one of us needs to provide a welcoming environment to do so, and know that we're all pulling the apple cart in the same direction. It's easy to start a discussion KNOWING that you know the best way for something to be done. However, when a solution materializes through the input of several different people with different perspectives of the situation it's a great reminder how important the diversity



Dr Nick Hawkins

of our profession is. It's astounding the number of times a truly elegant solution to a problem has been presented that I never would have even considered, usually because of my own lack of perspective (and that can be a tough thing to admit!). Lastly, I can credit a lot of my growth into the veterinarian I am today with great clients. Am I fortunate to be able to say that all of my clients are great? Yep! Did each one of those clients start off as great clients? Nope! That relationship takes work as well – managing expectations between their animals and your ability to serve, proactive communication, and trust that you're both working towards the same goal. There are always speedbumps along the way, but I've never run into a situation that couldn't be prevented or handled with great communication.

So, I am happy to say this President's message reflects my personality very well – it rambles on and on! But in reality, it really does represent the ideals that have brought me to where I am today and how I aim to get to the (far-distant) retirement finish line. I think those ideals are shared among our membership as well: hard work, good communication, development and maintenance of relationships, and always looking ahead at what we can do better instead of looking back at what we feel we did poorly. These things can be exhausting when they're not immediately rewarding, but by doing them consistently every day the overall progress is in the forward direction, and the rewards are so incredibly gratifying on a grand scale. I feel that the SVMA Council works in these ways in order to serve our membership as well as the public every single day. This is how we're going to be a stronger, better, more efficient Council and Association in the years to come.

KEEP INFORMED



Keep informed of the decisions Council is making and actions being taken on your behalf. The minutes from Council meetings are posted on the Members' Side of the SVMA website www.svma.sk.ca.

Council welcomes comments and suggestions from all members. Email your comments or questions to a councillor (addresses are on the website's Contact Us page) or to the office and they will be passed on to Council.



SUMMER 2021

MENTORSHIP & PRECEPTORSHIP PROGRAMS

MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

The Mentorship Program is an initiative sponsored by the Saskatchewan Veterinary Medical Association (SVMA) and the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture. The goal of the program is to build capacity for future veterinarians for Saskatchewan's expanding livestock sector.

The program provides first and second year Saskatchewan origin students from the Western College of Veterinary Medicine with a summer experience working in rural practices throughout the province.

Mentoring practices provide students with exposure to as many aspects of livestock and agri-food practice as possible during the summer. Having the chance to experience rural practice early in a student's veterinary education encourages more graduates to pursue employment in livestock or mixed animal practices in Saskatchewan.

Students find a practice that they would like to work with and submit their application.

PRECEPTORSHIP PROGRAM

The Preceptorship Program is an initiative sponsored by the Saskatchewan Veterinary Medical Association (SVMA) in partnership with the Saskatchewan Cattlemen's Association. The Preceptorship Program provides veterinary students and veterinary technologist students heading into their final year with a summer experience working in rural practices throughout the province.

The goal of the program is to maintain continuity of veterinary services in outlying areas of Saskatchewan. Rural practices provide students with exposure to as many aspects of livestock and agri-food practice as possible during the summer. This kind of opportunity to experience rural practice later in a student's veterinary education encourages more graduates to join livestock or rural mixed animal practices in Saskatchewan.

Practices and students apply separately.

APPLICATION DEADLINES:

Mentorship Applications Due December 4, 2020

Preceptorship Student Applications Due December 4, 2020

Preceptorship Practice Applications Due December 4, 2020



Information and applications can be found on www.svma.sk.ca under 'Member Programs'.

REGISTRAR'S DESK

Marc Cattet, DVM
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The SVMA office occasionally receives questions and statements of concern regarding the cost of membership, especially around this time of year. These come in various ways and reflect a wide range of expressions from curiosity to anger. Nonetheless, “what do I get for my money?” is a common theme and “not much!” is a sporadic sentiment. I confess I also shared this sentiment prior to taking the position of registrar last year. I had been paying annual membership fees for close to 30 years, which included times when income was scarce, to an association which rarely, if ever, recognized my field of specialization. However, in adapting to a new role, I have come to see things differently.

I have learned that what you get for your money, and this applies equally to all categories of membership, is the privilege of self-regulation. Equally important, I have also learned this privilege is accorded at the level of the profession, not the individual. My intent with the remainder of this article is to clarify what “the privilege of self-regulation” means and how it incurs costs on all of us – students, veterinary technologists, and veterinarians alike.

Professional self-regulation is based on the concept of a profession entering into an agreement with government to formally regulate the activities of its members. And a central condition of this delegation of power from government to professionals is the profession’s regulatory body must apply such powers in a manner that protects and serves the public interest. As veterinary professionals, we have an agreement with the Government of Saskatchewan that broadly lays the groundwork for how we are to regulate ourselves. This agreement is our overarching legislation, *The Veterinarians Act, 1987* (hereinafter “the Act”).

There are two main reasons why professions are accorded the privilege of self-regulation. One, which is largely pragmatic, is that professional self-regulation enables government to have some control over the practice of a profession without having to maintain the unique expertise that would be required in-house to directly regulate it. The other, which is of primary importance to us, is that governments “trust” professionals to be able to put serving the public and protecting public interest ahead of self-interest. It is with recognition of this “trust” that the Saskatchewan Veterinary Medical Association has identified in its mission statement the primary role of: “... the protection of the public by ensuring the proficiency, competency and ethical behavior of its members in the practice of veterinary medicine.”

However, this privilege also incurs significant financial cost. In fact, there are many costs to ensuring we continue to comply with the conditions set by the Act and to fulfil our primary role. Thus, most of the cost of membership goes toward carrying out an array of mandatory regulatory responsibilities that include:

- Maintaining registration of students, veterinary technologists, and veterinarians;
- Maintaining a public registry;
- Ensuring the competency of new applicants;
- Establishing the scope of practice and other restrictions for different categories of membership;
- Ensuring members meet requirements for continuing education;
- Establishing and enforcing practice standards;



- Investigating all complaints against veterinary professionals; and
- Disciplining members for professional misconduct or professional incompetence.

Albeit significant, bearing the financial cost to maintain this privilege allows us tremendous flexibility to adapt to changing societal demands. We are free to establish and revise our own bylaws and policies. We neither ask permission nor request approval from those who are outside the profession; we just do it. And, provided what we do does not contravene the Act or put self-interest ahead of public interest, our privilege is likely to remain intact. However, if we do not value the privilege of professional self-regulation, we run the risk of having it rescinded. One does not need to look far for recent examples in Canada where provincial governments are in the process of establishing new legislation giving regulatory authority to independent oversight bodies because trust in a profession has been lost.

Although an understanding of “the privilege of self-regulation” has not brought me joy in paying my annual renewal, I can now at least accept it as a necessary evil.

As always, if you have any comments or questions, please don’t hesitate to contact me at mcattet@svma.sk.ca.



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completion will be unlocked
for download.

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ONE HOUR, \$25

**Antimicrobial
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– A Practitioner's
Perspective**
ONE HOUR, \$25

**Antimicrobial
Stewardship 2018
- Ethical and Legal
Prescribing**
ONE HOUR, \$25

**A Conversation
About Animal Welfare
in Saskatchewan 2018**
FOUR HOURS, \$100

**Social Media in
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THREE HOURS, FREE

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Professionals 2019**
FIVE HOURS, \$125

**Suicide Awareness &
Prevention in the
Canadian Veterinary
Profession 2020**
ONE HOUR, FREE

Veterinary Forensics 2019
TWO HOURS, \$50

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Record Keeping 2020**
ONE HOUR, \$25

**SVMA Licensing
Course 2020**
FOUR HOURS, \$75

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Hematology Findings**

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in Soft Tissue Surgery**

**Companion
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**Companion Animal
- Critical Care**

**Top 10 Small Ruminant
Diseases - A Goat-to-Guide
to what Ewe need to Know.**

**Practical Techniques
in Soft Tissue Surgery II**

CONTINUING EDUCATION



The Continuing Education reporting period ends for all Veterinarians and half of the Registered Veterinary Technologists on **December 31, 2020**.

You are now able to upload and report all continuing education on an ongoing basis in your member portal.

Bylaw Changes

Bylaw changes proposed at the September 13, 2020 Annual General Meeting were approved. Changes to the bylaw 15.5 can be found in the SVMA Bylaws document on the SVMA website and in the member portal resource library.

Practice Standard Changes

Practice Standards changes proposed at the September 13, 2020 Annual General Meeting were approved. Changes to the following practice standards can be found in the Practice Standards & Guidelines on the SVMA website and in the member portal resource library. 5A-b, 5B-b, 6A-a, 7h, 12-1 and 12-2.

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VINTAGE VETERINARY EXHIBIT PROJECT

OUR MISSION

To develop a historical (vintage) veterinary exhibit depicting veterinary medicine from 1900 to 1915 in Western Canada

THE OBJECTIVE

To build an exhibit consisting of artifacts and interpretive programming within the livery stable at Heritage Park Historical Village in Calgary which will include a veterinary interpreter driving a horse and carriage, traveling around the Village explaining the role of veterinary medicine at the turn of the 20th century.

WHY

The role that veterinarians played in opening up Western Canada has not yet been adequately told. Veterinarians played a huge role in development of ranching, NWMP law enforcement, disease control with cattle and horses coming across the 49th parallel, involvement in the Veterinary Corps of WWI as well as general practice with newly arrived settlers.

WHERE

The exhibit will be located within the livery stable in Heritage Park Historical Village in Calgary, Alberta. This living history museum is the largest in Canada.

WHEN

We have 3 years to raise the money, design and build the exhibit. The livery barn exhibit needs to be in place for the summer of 2021. An extension on this will undoubtedly occur due to delays caused by the pandemic.

HOW THE PROJECT BEGAN

Ted Clark's young granddaughter told him she wanted to be a veterinarian. One day while visiting Heritage Park, she asked her grandpa if there was a veterinary office in the Park. His reply was no but there needs to be.

OUR FINANCIAL GOAL

The livery barn exhibit requires \$150,000 to modify (phase I) and the horse and carriage requires another \$75,000. This is a one-time cost, and will include an endowment fund for Heritage Park to maintain the exhibit, develop programming and train the costumed interpreters. Donations of \$1000+ will have their names on a plaque in the exhibit; up to \$1000 will have their names in a special book in the exhibit. Bronze, silver and gold horseshoes on plaques for \$1000+ donors will also be awarded.

AMOUNT RAISED SO FAR

Fund-raising began on August 22/18, and as of October 7, 2020 \$126,448 has been raised. We therefore surpassed the point where we can begin designing the exhibit in the livery barn.

EVENTS HELD TO DATE

Two notices in ABVMA eNewsletters plus an article and insert in the Sept/Oct ABVMA magazine; an awareness event at Heritage Park Nov 8/18 with 65 people in attendance, including four members of the Lord Strathcona Regiment; a cheque for \$15,000 pre-sented to VVEA from VCA Canada on March 14, 2019 at Heritage Park. At the 2019 Canwest conference the

ABVMA presented us with a cheque for \$15,000. The Alberta Veterinary Medical Association and Spruce Meadows (i.e. the Southern family) have been major sponsors and our VVEA committee have collectively contributed \$25,000 to date. Information has also been included in recent SVMA and MVMA eNewsletters. Merle Olson's Solvet pharmaceutical company has donated \$5000, the only supply company to do so so far.

OUR WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGE

www.vintageveterinaryexhibit.ca
Facebook: Vintage Veterinary Exhibit

HOW TO DONATE

If using a credit card, the button at the bottom of our homepage has a form you can fill out with your credit card information and submit online. If paying by cheque, fill out the address information, payable to Heritage Park and mail to the Heritage Park address at the bottom of the form. The tabs at the top of the home page can give you other information.

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In Memoriam



Sandy Parsons, RVT

October 17, 1954 – October 13, 2020

Sandy passed away at home, from cancer. She will be missed and lovingly remembered by her husband Doug and her cat Rupert and thousands of RVT's and veterinary professionals across North America!

Sandy Parsons was proud to be a "Vet Tech"! Her 42-year career as an Registered Veterinary Technologist (RVT) spanned private practice, research and instructing within the Veterinary Technology program at Saskatchewan Polytechnic. A 42-year career in the RVT profession is an amazing testament to her perseverance and dedication both to her profession, the students she taught and to the animals.

Sandy's was a founding member of SAVT (Saskatchewan Association of Veterinary Technology) and she was very involved and worked to improve the

profession by serving in various capacities throughout the years. She also served as the Western Canadian rep on the American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB) VTNE Committee and was a leading voice in standardizing our profession with the use of the VTNE exam. Sandy was highly regarded, and she won the Award of Merit in 1994, the Award of Appreciation in 1996 and the 2018 winner of the Registered Veterinary Technologists and Technicians of Canada (RVTTC) Sandy Hass Appreciation Award.

Her leadership, mentorship, and dedication has been a common theme

noted. To leave a legacy where you are described with words including kind, calm, patience, reassuring and caring to thousands of RVT's and Veterinary Medical professionals across north America is evidence of the magnitude of this loss.

In her private life Sandy enjoyed time at the lake, travelling and gardening, but her true passion was for quilting and the fabric arts. She was a long-time member of the Saskatoon Quilters' Guild.

As an expression of sympathy, donations in Sandy's name may be made to the Saskatoon SPCA, 5028 Clarence Ave South, Grasswood, SK, S7T 1A7

HAROLD, Douglas Stewart

April 14, 1929 - August 1, 2020

Douglas Stewart Harold at age 91, passed away August 1, 2020 at Stonebridge Retirement Community in Saskatoon in the company of his wife of 67 years Christine (Pidperyhora). Douglas is survived by: his brothers Russel, Oliver (Betty), William (Beryl), and sister Eva (Bob); his children Allan (Sydney), Donald (Mimi), and Diane (Douglas); and grandchildren Victoria Stan Harold and John Tompson. Douglas was born at Lucky Lake Saskatchewan to Douglas and Elinor (Johnston) Harold on April 14, 1929, with his family settling soon afterwards on their dairy and grain farm near Melfort. Douglas attended school in Melfort, then went on to receive a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree at University of Guelph. While in private veterinary practice in Elfros, Saskatchewan, Douglas and Christine met and were married May 9, 1953. Douglas left private practice to join the Federal



Department of Agriculture, where he remained until retirement. Douglas and Christine enjoyed a second career as part-time farmers on Christine's family farm near Elfros, Saskatchewan. Many happy family stories originated from time spent working on the farm with Christine's parents Harry and Victoria Pidperyhora (both deceased). Douglas was active in the community as a Lions club member, the

senate of the University of Saskatchewan, and a volunteer with Epilepsy Saskatoon. The family enjoyed camping and fishing, with Douglas continuing to be a keen fisherman up until the past few years. In retirement, Douglas was known to be an avid solver of crossword puzzles and enjoyed discussing history and his latest find at the public library. He enjoyed good health for many years, this allowed him to partake in long daily walks with the family dog as well as travel extensively within Canada, and Europe with Christine. Due to the current Covid-19 pandemic there will not be a visitation or memorial service at this time. In lieu of flowers a donation can be made to the Saskatoon Community Clinic Foundation, 455 Second Ave. North, Saskatoon, SK S7K 2C2 Email at foundation@communityclinic.ca or phone (306) 652-0300. To share memories and condolences, visit www.parkfuneral.ca "Obituaries-Guestbook". Arrangements entrusted to Martin Hooper, Park Funeral Home, 306.244.2103.

BARTOLF, Dr. Frederick

On Friday, July 10, 2020, at the age of 87, a long and full life has sadly come to a close

Youngest of six children, Dr. Frederick Bartolf was born during a blizzard in a farmhouse near Viceroy, SK on February 10, 1933 to Johann and Maria Bartolf. In 1934, they moved to their permanent family farm east of Oxbow, SK, where tending and caring for the livestock became Fred's favourite love of farm life. At the encouragement of his mother to follow this passion, he attended veterinary college in Guelph, ON graduating in 1958. Three years of small animal practice in Estevan and Toronto was not for Fred, so he joined Agriculture Canada bringing him back to his farm roots and large animals. Fred eventually retired in 1993. During this time Fred was a volunteer with the Canadian



Western Agribition (CWA) for 37 years; lastly being in November 2019. He was inducted into the CWA Hall of Fame in 2017, an honour he was very proud and humbled to accept. Fred was a lifetime member of the Saskatchewan Veterinary Medical Association, served as secretary/treasurer for the Professional Institute of Canada, and was a member of the Regina

Exhibition Association board of Directors. Fred was predeceased by his wife of 43 years and love of his life Nina (2003); infant son Robert (1962); sister Mary Henger; brothers John, Henry, and Adam Bartolf. Saying goodbye are his children Rod (Gail) Bartolf, Christina (Al) MacTaggart, Lori (Craig) Muz; six grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and brother Mike Bartolf. Thank you to all the staff of the Allan Blair Cancer Center, Dr. Sadikov, and Dr. Chang for their care of Dad over the past two years, and to the Palliative Home Care Team who helped make Dad's wishes to pass at home possible. A PRIVATE GRAVESIDE SERVICE will be held as per Fred's request. He will be laid to rest with Nina and Robbie. Donations in memory of Fred may be made to the Regina Humane Society, Canadian Blood Services (he donated blood 75 times), or to a charity of one's choice. We will miss you Dad! Give Mom a hug and kiss from all of us! Family and friends are invited to sign the online obituary and tributes page at www.reginafuneralhome.ca.

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There's a New CVO in Town

By: Dr. Stephanie Smith, Chief Veterinary Officer, Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture

Who on earth could ever replace Dr. Betty Althouse? That is a question that I have asked myself many times. After getting to know Betty over many years, throughout my veterinary education and career, I was so impressed with her level of knowledge, professionalism and dedication to animal health and welfare and I found it hard to believe that anyone would be brave enough to take her place. So how did I manage to obtain the position of Chief Veterinary Officer? Let me tell you about my journey.

Born and raised on a farm in Saskatchewan, my appreciation and respect for the agricultural industry began early in life. My thirst for knowledge and a deep admiration for my province guided me through my education and I knew that my path in life was to make a positive impact on animal health and welfare in Saskatchewan.

Working first in private practice, I was enthused with the opportunities that mixed practice provides, where I



Dr. Stephanie Smith, CVO

could learn something new every day, work with different species, different diseases and a variety of clients. I always envisioned myself as a jack of all trades – continuously learning new things and having the ability to find the answer, regardless of whether the problem was affecting chickens, ferrets or sheep. I began to appreciate the challenges faced by our veterinary profession as well as our livestock and poultry industries and I wondered how I could make things better.

An opportunity to work with the poultry industry was eye-opening. Moving from a role in general practice to something more specialized was a shift in my thinking. This opportunity expanded my knowledge of the challenges our industries face and reminded me that I wanted to think bigger in order to satisfy my need to make a broader impact on animal health and welfare for all species.

I joined the Ministry of Agriculture in the Livestock Branch as the Animal Health Veterinarian Intern in 2018. Given my strong interest in regulatory medicine and animal welfare, this position was a natural fit. Working with the Ministry meant that I could continue to expand my knowledge and provide a positive impact for animal health and welfare in a way that would benefit our Saskatchewan agricultural producers. I then moved into the position of Animal Health and Welfare Veterinarian for a short period of time, where I gained a better understanding of the animal welfare

challenges we are facing. While I had intended to stay in this position for the foreseeable future, the challenges and opportunities provided by the CVO position were too exciting to resist. Looking at the wide array of challenging files that Betty worked on, I knew that I wanted my chance to make a difference as the CVO someday. What luck that the opportunity presented itself now, instead of having to wait for “someday”!

Becoming CVO early on in my career will certainly have its challenges but also some incredible opportunities. I am fortunate to be surrounded by an incredibly knowledgeable and innovative team, on whom I know I can rely. I will bring my own perspective to a government role, with my background in private practice, industry and as a cattle producer. I look forward to growing in this position and getting to know more of our veterinary community and continuing Betty's incredible work to the betterment of animal health and welfare in our province and beyond.

Mycotoxin Contamination in Western Canada

By: Barry Blakley, Veterinary Toxicologist, WCV; Victoria May and Taylor Ogilvie, PDS, Toxicology Laboratory

Background:

Mycotoxins are secondary fungal metabolites produced by a variety of molds. Worldwide, many different types of mycotoxins are produced. Specific mycotoxins produced vary from region to region. This variability is related to temperature, moisture, type of crop and agricultural practices such as crop rotation, fungicide application, roadside plant control, and no till management.

Most mycotoxins are extremely potent and produce clinical disease at very low concentrations. Analytical detection is a challenge. Rapid metabolism and elimination from tissues further compromise analytical options. Mycotoxins are a feed-related problem and are not typically associated with water or air contamination in livestock.

Characteristics of Mycotoxin Poisoning in Livestock:

1. Often a vague problem. Molds don't grow uniformly in feed and mycotoxin production is highly variable. Intermittent low-concentration exposure is common
2. Sick animals do not respond to antibiotics
3. Outbreaks are often seasonal, primarily winter
4. Geography and climate are important
5. Problems are often associated with feed or a change in feed (feed refusal is common)
6. Fungal growth or mold in the feed is not a reliable indicator of mycotoxin content
7. Usually it is a herd problem

Analytical Assessment:

Mycotoxins or groups of mycotoxins affect specific systems. Therefore, it is important to characterize the

clinical disease and evaluate all mycotoxins that could produce the disease. Consequently, it is important to test for a variety of mycotoxins in the feed as effects may be additive. Many mycotoxin-related disease problems are both time- (of exposure) and dose-dependent. Exposure over a long period of time at a low dose may produce similar effects as a higher dose over a shorter period of exposure. Since each mycotoxin or group of mycotoxins may produce different effects, the highlights for each mycotoxin will be briefly summarized:

1. AFLATOXIN

Associated with *Aspergillus flavus* typically. Several mycotoxins are in the group B-this is most common.

Clinical features:

- Liver disease
- Carcinogenic
- Poor performance

Aflatoxin is rarely observed in most parts of Western Canada unless the feed has been imported from the USA.

2. ZEARELENONE

Associated with *Fusarium* species

Clinical features:

- Estrogenic properties
- Infertility, anestrus

Zearalenone is not frequently encountered in Western Canada. In the USA, this is a common problem in corn crops.

3. TRICOTHECENE MYCOTOXINS

Associated *Fusarium* fungi.

- There are several mycotoxins in the group with varied potencies:
HT-2 toxin, T-2 toxin, deoxynivalenol (vomitoxin, DON) plus 3 and 15-acetyldeoxynivalenol, nivalenol (NIV), diacetoxyscirpenol (DAS)
- Relative potencies:
HT-2 toxin = 50-fold more potent than DON and others
T-2 toxin = 5 fold more potent than DON and others

- During assessment of feed quality, differences in potency must be considered.

Clinical features:

- Feed refusal
- Dermal necrosis
- GIT irritation
- Immunosuppression
- Embryo toxicity, possible abortion

Tricothecenes are a common problem in Western Canada

4. ERGOT

Associated with *Claviceps* species and *fescue* species. A common problem in Western Canada. Marked species susceptibility.

Clinical features:

- Gangrene
- Feed refusal
- Convulsions (not common in Western Canada)
- Abortion (not common in Western Canada) –
- Agalactia (reduced prolactin)

Horses and sheep are highly susceptible to milk production losses. Effects often observed during winter months. Livestock standards in feed vary widely from country to country. **Clinical disease in livestock has been observed at concentrations below current CFIA regulatory standard.**

Ergot mycotoxins (alkaloids and epimers) vary widely in feeds. The current standards in most countries are based exclusively on the ergot alkaloid total concentration. However, the epimers may also have pharmacological activity. The total ergot alkaloid and epimer concentration must therefore be considered when evaluating feed quality. Ergot contamination of crops is highly variable from region to region and is dependent upon crop type (cereal and grass crops are susceptible) and level of rainfall in the spring months.

5. OCHRATOXIN

Associated with *Aspergillus* and *Penicillium* molds. There are several ochratoxin mycotoxins such as Ochratoxin A.

Clinical features:

- Kidney damage

The clinical significance in Western Canada is variable.

6. FUMONISIN

Associated with *Fusarium* species.

- Clinical disease associated with Fumonisin B1 or B2 has not been confirmed in Western Canada

There is marked species differences and susceptibility. In horses, it produces a neurological problem, whereas in swine, it produces a respiratory syndrome. Cattle and poultry are more resistant to clinical disease.

Species Differences:

Susceptibility to various mycotoxins is highly variable, species to species. Consequently, the clinical manifestations may also vary. In cattle, dairy breeds may present a special concern. In general, dairy breeds may be four-fold more susceptible compared to beef breeds. In some instances, monogastric species may be more susceptible compared to ruminal species. There are exceptions to this statement, it is therefore important to contact a nutritional specialist or consult species-specific guidelines.

Sampling Concerns/Tips:

Proper representative sampling of feedstuffs is vital for obtaining accurate analytical results. A few infected grains can lead to heavy contamination of the sample which may not reflect the overall suitability of the feed. As well, a sample that does not adequately represent the feed may give a “cleaner” result than is actually the case. Approximately 90% of the variability observed in analysis is related to sample collection.

Corn: Grazing standing corn presents a unique problem. The contamination is almost exclusively in the cob. Since cattle graze the entire plant, submission of chipped plants including the cob is recommended. Animals that preferentially graze the less palatable stems and leaves may suggest the cobs are heavily contaminated. The extent of visual mold growth is usually a poor indicator of mycotoxin contamination. Analysis is, therefore, critical.

Swath-grazing Crops:

Generally, mold growth on

swathed crops occurs after swathing. This late season mold growth does reduce feed quality, but mycotoxin production is typically limited, although some risk is possible.

Blended Grain/Pellets: it is important to check that blended grains/pellets are safe for consumption. Testing is critical to ensure that these blends are below toxic levels, especially when sources for the blends/pellets are not known.

Sample Analysis:

Prairie Diagnostic Services (PDS), through the purchase of two brand new Ultra High Performance Liquid Chromatography- Tandem Mass Spectrometers (UHPLC-MS/MS), is now able to offer clients comprehensive panels for mycotoxin and ergot analysis:



Mycotoxin Panel: evaluates 11 analytes (Deoxynivalenol (Vomitoxin); 3+15 – acetyldeoxynivalenol; Nivalenol; Diacetoxyscirpenol; Aflatoxin B1; Ochratoxin; Fumonisin B1; Fumonisin B2; Zearalenone ; T-2 Toxin; HT-2 Toxin)

Further Information:

General guidelines and information with regards to maximum allowable concentrations in feed as well as species/age/mycotoxin specific considerations can be found on the CFIA website: www.inspection.gc.ca (search “RG-8”).

For any enquiries regarding sample analysis, please go to www.pdsinc.ca.



Ergot Alkaloid Panel:

evaluates 6 alkaloids as well as their corresponding epimer (Ergocornine + Ergocorninine; Ergocristine + Ergocristinine; Ergocryptine + Ergocryptinine; Ergometrine + Ergometrinine; Ergosine + Ergosinine; Ergotamine + Ergotaminine)

Interpretation of Feed Analysis

The evaluation of mycotoxin analysis in feed samples is complex. Species differences, mycotoxin interactions, duration of exposure, climatic conditions, etc. make interpretation a challenge. Following consultation with various websites, it is recommended that you contact the feed specialist in the laboratory. Proper interpretation of results depends on many factors such as species for which feed is intended, age of animals, amount of feed provided to animals, and if sample is a proper representation of the feed being tested.

BE SAFE, BE SURE, TEST TODAY

PDS News

FAREWELLS:

Kazal Ghosh (PDS Surveillance Microbiologist):



Dr Kazal Ghosh accepted a position with the Animal Health Centre, Abbotsford, BC in mid September 2020. Kazal is interested in working with fish and we are sure his new position will provide him with plenty of opportunity to indulge his personal interest. We wish Kazal and his family every success and happiness as he takes this new direction in his career. We also thank him for his outstanding dedication, skills and contributions while we were fortunate to have him at PDS these past three and a half years.

Erin Zachar (PDS Anatomic Pathologist)



We are sad to have bid farewell to Dr. Erin Zachar in mid-September. After almost 4 years with PDS, Erin accepted a position with the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Calgary in August 2020. Dr. Zachar is a 2007 WCVI graduate, an Alberta local and a member of a veterinary family. She returned to WCVI after about 6 years of mixed and small animal practice. She received a MVSc degree and completed a senior residency in Veterinary Anatomic Pathology in the Department of Veterinary Pathology, WCVI. Erin's diagnostic expertise, augmented by her clinical experience; positive attitude to life and approachable nature will be greatly missed by everyone in PDS. Good luck on your new adventure Erin!!

CONGRATULATIONS:



Dr. Sarah Wood (PDS Anatomic Pathologist) successfully defended her PhD thesis on Oct 5th, 2020. This is an important personal achievement for Sarah. Her friends and colleagues in PDS and the Department of Veterinary Pathology, WCVI are very proud of Sarah's dedication in completing this goal.

READERS' FEEDBACK

The **Animal Health Perspectives** editorial team (Dr. Moira Kerr and Kathryn Tonita) invite readers' comment on material published in the newsletter or questions on material submitted by contributors.

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Update on African Swine Fever

African swine fever (ASF) is a highly contagious viral disease that only impacts pigs, both domestic and wild. It can spread rapidly through both direct and indirect contact with infected pigs or pig products, as well as contaminated farm equipment, feed and clothing. There is no treatment or vaccine. In Canada, ASF is a reportable disease under the *Health of Animals Act*. This disease poses a significant risk to the health of the Canadian swine herd, pork industry and the Canadian economy since confirmation of ASF in any part of Canada would result in immediate loss of international trade in swine and pork products.

The global ASF outbreak began in August of 2018, first appearing in China and soon after in Belgium. There have been no outbreaks reported anywhere in the Americas, but the risk increases daily with the continued spread of the disease in Europe and Asia. Contaminated imported feed and the illegal import of pork products from affected countries are considered the highest risk for bringing the virus into Canada.

Should ASF reach Canada, it is critical that it be detected as early as possible so that control measures can be put in place and the disease stamped out quickly. Detection is not straightforward, however, since clinical signs such as fever, loss of appetite, weakness, reddened skin, vomiting/diarrhea and abortions in pregnant sows are not unique to ASF. It is estimated that ASF may be present in a herd for several weeks before there is any suspicion that something unusual is going on.

Much work has been done at all levels of industry and government to prepare for the worst and to strengthen protections to try and keep ASF out of Canada. Border controls have been strengthened to increase oversight of imported feed, increase the use of sniffer dogs to detect illegal meat products in baggage, and deliver highly visible messaging to international travellers at airports and other ports of entry. National and provincial response plans are being developed or updated. Provincial governments and industries are working together to develop regional plans for welfare slaughter and carcass disposal. Because the swine industry can vary significantly across Canada, regional groups such as the Western Area ASF Steering Committee have been established to address concerns unique to the region. While a lot of work has been completed, there remains much more to do to help prepare for the worst.

Increased surveillance is key to early detection of ASF. Animal health staff working with swine should, by now, know about the risks of ASF, and be alert for suspicious cases where ASF is a differential diagnosis. Any cases where ASF is high on the list of differential diagnoses must be reported to the Canadian Food Inspection Agency, who will conduct an investigation and take action when necessary. In cases where ASF is low on the differential list, but still a remote possibility, ASF testing can be performed at provincial animal health laboratories under the CanSpot ASF surveillance program. Approved laboratories that are part of the Canadian

Animal Health Surveillance Network can now perform ASF testing on cases where you may want to rule-out ASF – just to be on the safe side.

The following is a list of clinicopathological presentations eligible for additional ASF testing at approved laboratories:

1. Septicemia and/or multiorgan hemorrhage such as caused by *E. rhusiopathiae*; *S. suis*; *S. zooepidemicus*; *A. suis*; *S. choleraesuis*; other bacteria
 2. Porcine Reproductive and Respiratory Syndrome virus (PRRS), especially when it causes cyanotic skin.
 3. Porcine Dermatitis and Nephropathy Syndrome (PDNS) and vasculitis that can be caused by PCV 2, PCV 3 or other pathogens.
 4. Hemorrhagic diarrhea / necrotizing enterocolitis such as caused by *Salmonella spp*; *L. intracellularis*; *B. hyodysenteriae*; *B. hampsonii*
 5. Fibrinous pleuritis / pericarditis / hydropericardium such as caused by *H. parasuis*; *S. suis*
 6. Mulberry heart disease
 7. Splenic torsion
 8. Abortion above historical trend for herd
 9. Mortality above historical trend for herd
- lans are in the works to expand ASF surveillance further, to capture those populations that are less likely to be seen by a veterinarian or to enter the federally

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inspected meat processing system. The next step will be to implement surveillance of condemnations at provincial abattoirs, to test for ASF in carcasses condemned due to septicemia, erysipelas or hemorrhage.

Veterinarians, producers and meat processors have expressed reluctance to participate in ASF surveillance. Producers and processors do not want to be known as the person "responsible for spreading ASF". Veterinarians are cognizant of the need for early detection, but concerned about the negative impacts that will result from a false positive test. To address the former, it is in everyone's best interest to detect the disease as early as possible in order to minimize its impacts on all producers. To address the latter, ASF tests are quite specific and false positives will be rare. The accuracy of testing is further increased by risk-based testing, which is the testing that has been described above – test only sick/dead animals with clinicopathological conditions that could be caused by ASF. The positive predictive value is greatly increased, and the probability of a false positive test is greatly reduced by this strategy.

Keeping Canada ASF-free requires ongoing vigilance for the foreseeable future. We cannot relax until the outbreaks in other countries are controlled.

SAVT UPDATE



Breanne Barber
President Elect

Hello from the Saskatchewan Association of Veterinary Technologists!

Fall is officially upon us and I would usually be reminding you of our annual conference in November but due to COVID-19, we have been forced to postpone to 2021. With that decision we have come to realize as a board of directors that we will have to develop creative new ways to stay connected. Networking, catching up with old friends and creating new ones was a huge part of our conference, but we are determined to find new ways to make us all still feel connected.

We are still planning to host our AGM on Saturday November 7, 2020 but we will be providing it virtually to all our SAVT members and invited guests. I was able to attend the virtual AGM that the SVMA recently hosted and I believe they did a great job, and everything went very smoothly. I am happy to report there were 20 RVTs present at the SVMA AGM. It is a wonderful feeling to know that our members are passionate about veterinary medicine and want what is best for the future of the SVMA/SAVT relationship and look forward to seeing it grow.

Our Student Network Committee has been busy hosting student sessions to keep all the students connected during the first few weeks of school with virtual Q & A sessions and trivia nights! The SAVT believes that it is important they can get to all know each other and we are offering another way to do that. They set the stress of school, exams and

assignments aside for an evening of socializing with classmates and future colleagues. Fun for all!

Our annual awards have gone virtual as well. We have been recording Zoom sessions that we have been presenting awards in and they will be posted on our social media pages. Keep an eye out on our Facebook, Instagram and website for updates and list of award winners. Congratulations to all!

October is RVT month in Canada! I hope all of you got the chance to download the RVT app that included posters to use for social media, RVT swag shop and a special section to "Thank an RVT". The comments that were submitted from colleagues, employers and clients make you want to go to work every day, even when some days seem harder than others.

With our AGM in November I will be transitioning from President Elect to President. This past year has been full of new challenges for our association, but we have managed to push through and accomplish so much even with the obstacles that were put in front of us. I look forward to the next year as SAVT President and the continued support from the SVMA and the SAVT Board of Directors. #ProudlyRVT

Breanne Barber, RVT
President Elect 2019-2020
RVTTC Director 2020-2023

WCVM UPDATE

Dr Gillian Muir
Western College of
Veterinary Medicine



Here's an update on the college's recent activities and achievements:

INTERPROVINCIAL AGREEMENT

RENEWED: The Governments of Manitoba, British Columbia and Saskatchewan have renewed their financial commitment to the WCVM, providing more than \$134 million to the veterinary college for the next five years (2020 to 2025). The renewal of the WCVM Interprovincial Agreement helps to ensure that Western Canada has a steady supply of veterinarians with in-depth knowledge of animal health and public health, as well as an awareness of the standards and issues facing livestock, fowl and fisheries producers and pet owners. Visit wcvm.usask.ca/ipa.php to view video and

provincial messages that were part of the interprovincial announcement on Sept. 9.

VMC UPDATE: By Sept. 1, the WCVM Veterinary Medical Centre (VMC) had resumed normal operations — including referrals — in all of its clinical services with one exception. Due to a shortage of clinical staff and a backlog of cases, the hospital's small animal surgery clinical service remains closed to all cases other than emergencies and urgent care.

The VMC's operations have gradually returned to a relatively normal state over the summer, but the hospital building remains closed to public access. As well, wait times are still longer than normal for some of the hospital's specialty services. The VMC's clinical team is working hard to address the backlog that developed after the hospital had to limit its clinical services because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

FALL TERM NOW IN PROGRESS:

The 2020-21 academic year began for WCVM veterinary students on Aug. 17, but the first day of school was much quieter than usual. USask is supporting a primarily remote delivery of classes for the fall and winter terms, with limited on-campus activities and people. Like other health science colleges on campus, the WCVM has permission to organize some in-person and hands-on teaching in order to meet DVM program specifications.

Veterinary students spent their first two weeks taking online classes and self-isolating to minimize the risk of spreading COVID-19 among the WCVM community. In-person labs for small groups of students in Years 1 to 3 began at the end of August, and all students will

remain in those same cohorts for the rest of the academic year. Most fourth-year veterinary students also began their clinical rotations and externships on Aug. 31. Since senior students work closely with staff in the WCVM Veterinary Medical Centre during their clinical rotations, an online orientation process — including safety training — was part of their preparation work before beginning their final year of training.

While the changeover has been challenging in the past six months, the WCVM academic team has managed

well under pressure. The college has been recognized on campus for successfully making the switch to remote learning without any major disruptions to DVM program or class year completion.

NEW CURRICULUM ROLLED OUT:

The WCVM Class of 2024 is the first group of veterinary students to use the college's renewed curriculum for its Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) program. Developed by a team of WCVM faculty members, the updated curriculum will deliver a more integrated and co-ordinated learning experience and be more clinically relevant throughout the four-year program.

The renewed curriculum also incorporates competency-based veterinary education (CBVE), which has become a requirement for all accredited veterinary colleges around the world. Since CBVE focuses on outcomes-based and learner-centred education and assessment, the WCVM's new curriculum integrates the use of simulation technology in all four years of the program. Most of these activities take place in the college's BJ Hughes Centre for Clinical Learning.

QUESTIONS? PLEASE CONTACT ME (GILLIAN.MUIR@USASK.CA; 306-966-7448). FOR MORE WCVM NEWS, VISIT WCVMTODAY.USASK.CA OR FOLLOW @WCVMTODAY ON TWITTER OR FACEBOOK.

REPORT FROM SASK POLYTECH



Dr Cemaine Tsang

It's fall, the leaves are gorgeous and I'm continually thankful for the continued health of friends and family. I am also grateful to have selected a profession where individuals step forward daily to support one another in the midst of COVID-19. Here are some updates on the Veterinary Technology program at Sask Polytech:

Congratulations to the Class of 2020!

These 24 students demonstrated incredible resilience and adaptability in the face of a global pandemic and completed their final semester by remote. Students were accepted to 23 small and mixed animal practices located around the province and completed their training through a newly created distance learning model approved by the CVMA-accreditation body. The first cohort of students completed their training within 2 weeks of the program's originally scheduled completion date; and, the majority of students completed the program by July 31st. It was great to celebrate these students' achievement at their virtual convocation ceremony held on July 7th.

A sincere "thank you" goes out to the many clinics around the province who responded to our ask for remote teach-

out placements. In addition to offering clinical training sites and mentorship, many veterinarians and RVTs also opened their homes to facilitate students being able to move outside Saskatoon to complete their studies.

At this time, Sask Polytech campuses remain closed to the public and the result is continued delivery of the curriculum via a blended learning model. This is the third term where all theory components are delivered by distance, while in-person labs focus on essential hands-on skills acquisition. Work placements, including senior practicums, remain an essential component of the veterinary technology curriculum and are currently being revised to accommodate the COVID landscape. Timing of senior practicums is being finalized and should be released by the end of October or early November. Once dates are announced, students will be approaching clinics and industries that employ RVTs for practicum placements. Throughout all program changes, we remain committed to health, safety, ensuring that students are prepared for entry into the workplace and will have an accredited diploma upon program completion.

We welcomed a new cohort of 24 students on September 1st. On September 16th, Dr. Marc Cattet and Lorraine Serhienko extended a warm welcome from the SVMA and presented students with their SVMA stethoscopes. This is the second year that veterinary technology students have received a gift of stethoscopes and I speak on behalf of the students when sharing how much this gift means to them.

Sask Polytech is pleased to have an ex officio voice on SVMA Council. Sandra Blevins, Dean of the College of Health Sciences, attended her first council meeting in September and plans to utilize this opportunity to ensure industry needs are continually being met and anticipated by our training program.

On a final note, I want to thank the many clinic owners and managers around the province for taking the time to share your rural practices' need for more RVTs. Did you know that the majority of our graduates end up working for one of their practicum clinics? Let's continue working together to place students and graduates in rural practices. If your clinic is interested in hosting a senior veterinary technology practicum student, please send me an email at tsangc@saskpolytech.ca.



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Quebec Veterinarian Appointed 72nd President of the CVMA

The CVMA is delighted to welcome Dr. Enid Stiles as its new president. Read more about our 2020/2021 CVMA President in our CVMA News and Events website section.

Watch the CVMA's New Social Media Series Take 5 with CVMA President Dr. End Stiles

Hot Topics. Where are We Going? Interviews from Around the World. ONE Common Profession, ONE Passion, ONE Health. Watch the full episodes on the CVMA's Facebook or Instagram page.

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Working Together to Prevent Suicide in Vet Med

The CVMA and Merck Animal Health held a webinar on World Suicide Prevention Day, September 10, 2020, where psychologist, Dr. Elizabeth Spitzer, discussed her findings from the most comprehensive investigation of suicide among veterinary professionals and Mr. Robert Olson, Centre for Suicide Prevention librarian, explained the value of suicide prevention safety messaging in veterinary clinics and gatekeeper training. You can access your free 2020 Canadian Suicide Prevention Veterinary Drug Safe Sticker and view the recorded webinar on the Mental Health Awareness Resources page of our website.

Invitation to Participate: Ongoing Study on Suicidal Risk Among Animal Healthcare Professionals

Whether you are a veterinarian, animal health technician, medical supporter worker, administrative assistant, or animal handler in a shelter, this survey on mental health is for you! Read more in our CVMA News and Events website section.

Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)

The CVMA is working in coordination with provincial veterinary medical associations, regulatory bodies, and federal agencies to bring veterinarians the most current information to protect their clients, teams, and families. Please visit the CVMA's dedicated COVID-19 web page for up-to-date information, resources, and recorded webinars.

Results of the National COVID-19 Survey

A national survey of veterinarians was completed to measure the steps veterinary hospitals have taken in the interest of public health and the impact on their businesses during the pandemic. View the survey results in CVMA News and Events website section.

Animal Health Week - October 4 – 10, 2020 Understanding Zoonotic Diseases: Community Health – Animals and You

Animal Health Week is an annual national public awareness campaign organized by the CVMA and hosted by veterinarians across Canada for the past 35 years! This year's theme Understanding Zoonotic Diseases: Community Health – Animals and You showcased how Canada's veterinary professionals occupy unique positions within the national One Health community to support the fight against these diseases and how protecting animal health, protects everyone's health. Pre-written social media posts are available on our website for veterinarians to share and help the CVMA promote this important message.

CVMA Reaffirms Stance on Stricter Dog Importation Rules after Dead Puppies Arrive on International Flight

The CVMA is once again calling on the federal government to implement stricter canine importation regulations after a flight from the Ukraine arrived in Canada

carrying more than 500 animals, 38 of which were deceased puppies. The CFIA has also since released a statement on New Import Restrictions for Commercial Dogs Imported from Ukraine. Read the news release and CFIA's statement in the Documents section of our Canine Importation web page.

Summer 2020 Cannabis Update

The CVMA and the Canadian Association of Veterinary Cannabinoid Medicine (CAVCM) gave an update on the Cannabis Act of Canada changes in the past year including legally purchasing cannabis edibles, concentrates, and topicals, which were not available when cannabis was legalized in 2018. Read the update in our CVMA News and Events website section.

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CVMA Recognized Members for Outstanding Contributions to Veterinary Medicine

The CVMA proudly recognizes its members' exceptional contributions to the veterinary profession. The CVMA was unable to honour this year's recipients in-person at the CVMA Awards Ceremony, held annually during CVMA's Convention in July, but recipients and their outstanding achievements were recognized through our social media channels, eNewsletters, and web news.

The 2020 CVMA Award recipients are:

- Merck Veterinary Award - Dr. Egan Brockhoff (AB)
- CVMA Humane Award – Dr. Bettina Bobsien (BC)
- CVMA Life Membership – Dr. Eugene Janzen (AB)
- R.V.L. Walker Award – Ms. Audrey Roy (QC)
- Industry Award - Dr. Daniel Venne (QC)
- CVMA President's Award – Dr. Jack Wilson (AB)

- Small Animal Practitioner Award - Dr. Suann Hosie (BC)
- CVMA Practice of the Year Award – Delaney Veterinary Services Ltd. (AB)

Read about these exceptional recipients in our CVMA News and Events website section

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Access all CVMA's economic benchmarking surveys and reports in the Business Management section of the CVMA website.

2021 CVMA Awards - Nominate a Colleague

Annually, the CVMA proudly recognizes individuals who demonstrated significant accomplishments, exemplary leadership, and tireless commitment to Canada's veterinary community. Nominations for the 2021 CVMA Awards are accepted until January 31, 2021. Award nominees (excluding Honourary Membership nominees) must be CVMA members; however, non-members can nominate. Consider nominating a colleague for one of the following CVMA awards: Humane Award, Industry Award, Merck Veterinary Award, Small Animal Practitioner Award, Practice of the Year Award, Life Membership, Honourary Membership. Selection is based solely on the information provided in the nomination package. Please follow these steps to ensure all required documents are included with your nomination package:

1. Submit a completed nomination form
2. Include an outline of nominee's key professional accomplishments
3. Letters of support
4. Newspaper articles
5. Articles written by nominee

Nomination packages can be submitted by email at communications@cvma-acmv.org, by fax to 613-236-9681, or by mail to the CVMA office at 339 Booth Street, Ottawa, ON K1R 7K1. Please visit canadianveterinarians.net/about/awards for further information.

Questions or Suggestions?

Contact your CVMA National Office: Tel: 1-800-567-2862, or email admin@cvma-acmv.org. Contact your provincial Council Representative, Dr Tracy Fisher at sturm1@sasktel.net.



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RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIPS



WHAT ARE MY FEES?

Your SVMA renewal fee is \$41 and your SAVT fee is \$286.25

The SAVT renewal fee did not increase this year from last year. 2020 seemed like a crazy year and we didn't want to increase the fees for 2021. Your SVMA renewal fee only increased by \$1 from last year.

WHERE DO I RENEW?

Renewals for both SAVT and SVMA are done on the SVMA website

Last year you renewed and paid both fees on the SAVT website however this year the SVMA has a new system and the capacity to do all renewals. RVTS, DVMs, and clinics will all be renewing on the same system. If you are having troubles logging in and accessing the system reach out to the SVMA and they can lend you a hand!

DO MY SAVT FEES GO TO THE SAVT?

Yes!

Last year when you paid your SVMA fees to the SAVT the SAVT sent your fees to the SVMA. This year the SVMA is collecting all the fees and they will be sending the SAVT fees that they collected to the SAVT before the end of 2020. In previous years the SVMA was advised by accountants that as the regulators they should be collecting fees directly from members and with this new system they have the capacity to do it without it being paper based.

WHY NOVEMBER 30?

SVMA Reporting Requirements and alignment

Moving the deadline up to November 30 was done to move renewals for DVMs, RVTS, and clinics, to be more in alignment with each other at the SVMA. It also allows the offices to connect with individual's whose renewals are still outstanding in December which is ahead of the December 31 deadline. Additionally, the SVMA is required to submit full and approved membership lists to the province in January which means that all members need to be approved at the SVMA Council meeting in January to meet this crucial deadline. CE deadline is still December 31!

WHERE DO I UPLOAD MY CE?

Either the SAVT or SVMA Website

The new SVMA system has the capacity to accept your CE documentation however you do not have to upload it there if you have already started to upload it to your SAVT account or would prefer to upload it to your SAVT account. The SAVT has access to your file on the SVMA system and will continue to audit CE as it has done in the past and will review your account on both the SAVT and SVMA website for CE. Term length, term years, and CE requirements have not changed.

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EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

For sale: remaining equipment from the closure of Big N Small Veterinary Services. Please contact Alicia at a.sopatyk@hotmail.com or text 306.380.0586 for more information.

LOCUM REQUIRED

Looking for a locum immediately. Mixed animal practice but will consider Small Animal Veterinarian as well. Full-Time ideally but will consider Part-Time as well. Apartment at the clinic available if accommodations are needed. Great support staff and busy clinic. <https://www.watrousanimal-hospital.com/>

Warman Small Animal Hospital is looking for an experienced veterinarian to fill a locum position. We have a spacious, modern hospital with experienced support staff and a friendly environment. If interested, please send resume or inquiries to amy_neudorf@yahoo.com.

OFFICE STAFF REQUIRED

Our team is seeking a full-time veterinary office assistant. **Martensville Veterinary Hospital** is an AAHA accredited, certified Feline Friendly practice located in Martensville, SK. We are a fast-paced, innovative veterinary clinic that is open six days a week, including some evenings. The ideal candidate would have a veterinary office assistant diploma or a minimum of two years customer service experience and demonstrate an enthusiastic will to learn. They would be able to provide exemplary customer service, stay organized and motivated while working in a fast paced medical environment.

Ready for an adventure? We are looking for a Full or part-time, permanent Client Services/ Front Desk Professional to join our team!

Responsibilities and Duties: Greeting clients, Booking and confirming appointments and checking in patients, Performing cashier related functions like, accepting payment, balancing cash, Properly recording and transferring calls requiring Veterinary support, Assist with ordering and inventory management, Unpacking/Packing orders, shipping, Assisting with end of day cleaning duties, Additional duties as required

Eligibility: Customer service or

hospitality experience is an asset, Experience in a Veterinary clinic with medical terminology preferred, Must be able to work independently and as part of the team, Self-motivated, friendly, and punctual, Highly proficient with verbal and written English, computer and organization skills and ability to prioritize workload, Must be 18 yr. old, with unrestricted Drivers License and legal to work in Canada, Preference will be given to candidates with familiarity and experience with Veterinary products, particularly large animal, Competitive benefits and remuneration packages, based on knowledge and experience

To Apply: Send resume and cover letter to: valleyflatsadmin@sasktel.net, Applications will be accepted until November 30/20. Only qualified applicants will be contacted. For more information email the above address.

We are looking for a responsible, hard-working, and dependable Veterinary Office Assistant/Receptionist to start full-time with us. We are a busy small animal practice located near the growing neighborhood of **Rosewood in Saskatoon**. We view our clients and their pets as part of the family, and are looking for someone who can offer empathy and kindness to our clients every day. Experience in a veterinary setting is an asset, but not required if candidate is enthusiastic, confident, and willing to learn. Please email or drop-off resume and cover letter to Anique at info@woodridgevet.ca.

PRACTICE FOR SALE

Highly profitable small animal clinic for sale in southwestern Saskatchewan. The Indian Head Animal Clinic is a 1.5 person practice grossing over \$1M annually with an adjusted net profit margin for the past 2 years of over 35%. The current owner works 4 days per week and enjoys weekends and after hours off. If you enjoy a relaxed small-town lifestyle with all services close-by, Indian Head is a fantastic community in which to reside. Situated only 40 minutes from Regina, the resort area of Lake Katepwa is only 15 minutes north. The clinic has a long term, loyal clientele as well as a continual influx of new clients. Many new equipment and facility upgrades have been completed in the recent past. The current staff are well-trained, well-established and get along well together. We have one full time and one part-time veterinary technician on staff. The owner is willing to stay on

and assist in transition and open to negotiation on price and payment terms. Please contact Dr. Melanie Roth at ihac@sasktel.net or call 306.660.8889 for further information on this sale. Serious inquiries only are appreciated as the clinic keeps us very busy!

VETERINARIAN REQUIRED

The Registrar is the chief administrative officer of the Association and is appointed by Council. The Registrar works with Council to manage the affairs of the Association and to ensure the Association fulfills its mandate to serve and protect the public.

The responsibilities of the Registrar include, but are not limited to: Ensuring the Association meets its legislated mandate to serve and protect the public interest.

Providing strategic guidance, support, and resources to Council and its Committees.

Developing, recommending, and/or implementing bylaw amendments, policies, plans, and directions established by Council.

Building and managing professional relationships with Council and its Committees, registrants of the Association, the public, and Government. Ensuring Council is kept informed of regulatory issues within the professional practice of registrants. Ensuring registrants of the Association comply with The Veterinarians Act, 1987 (herein the Act), the SVMA bylaws, operational policies, and other relevant legislation. Working with the Secretary-Treasurer to ensure the finances of the Association remain within the annual budget approved by Council.

Ensuring the Association's registries of veterinarians, veterinary technologists, and students are maintained and current. Receiving complaints from the public and registrants and, if necessary, forwarding these to the Professional Conduct Committee. Providing support to the Professional Conduct and Discipline Committees to ensure the Association's complaints process operates without bias and in a timely manner to serve and protect the public interest. Ensuring registrants meet the Association's continuing education and professional development requirements.

Administration of the SVMA Office which includes, but is not limited to, maintaining a safe work environment for staff, ensuring Association records are stored securely, maintaining and

updating the website, and addressing office equipment requirements. A complete list of the job description and duties are available on request.

Job Requirements: Profound commitment to the work and success of the Association. Knowledge of the Act, SVMA bylaws, operational policies, and other relevant legislation. Attendance at Council meetings, AGM, Canadian Council of Veterinary Registrar meetings, and other meetings as required. Foster a positive and professional working relationship with Council members and SVMA staff.

Skills and Experience: Excellent interpersonal and communication skills, both verbally and in writing. Skills in conflict resolution and problem-solving. Demonstrate the ability to build and maintain effective and professional relationships. Demonstrate leadership skills and managerial experience. Must be a Veterinarian and eligible for membership in the SVMA. Forty hours per week located in the SVMA office in Saskatoon, SK.

Applicants should submit their resume and a cover letter explaining their interest and how their experience pertains to the position. Please include the name of three (3) references. Please submit applications prior to Oct 15th, however, applications will be accepted until a suitable candidate is found. We thank all applicants for their interest. Only individuals selected for interviews will be contacted. Please submit application to: svmajobposting@svma.sk.ca

Acadia Veterinary Clinic and Pet Rehab Centre is looking for an Associate Veterinarian to join our amazing team! We are a locally owned, well established, full-service veterinary hospital proudly providing high quality, progressive veterinary care and exclusive specialty services for companion animals and exotics to the Saskatoon and surrounding area for over 35 years.

Our hospital is fully equipped with state of the art modern equipment including a CO2 surgical laser, therapeutic laser, in-house IDEXX laboratory, digital radiography, ultrasonic dental unit, digital dental radiography, ultrasonography, endoscopy, laparoscopy, underwater treadmill and more!

If you are looking for a fun, exciting work environment this is the place for you! At Acadia we are committed to a great teamwork atmosphere and healthy work/life balance. All of our team members are friendly, well-

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trained, and very knowledgeable in their areas of expertise. We encourage and support career development of special interests/skills. We offer generous CE allowance, competitive wages, group medical/health benefits, paid professional dues/membership, and excellent staff pet policy. We are seeking an enthusiastic, confident, and compassionate individual with excellent client communication skills, who is looking to provide high standard veterinary care and customer service.

If you are interested in joining our team please apply by sending your cover letter and resume to acadiavet-clinic@sasktel.net. Check us out on Facebook and at www.acadiavetclinic.com for more information on what Acadia has to offer.

Are you a small animal DVM looking for a practice that supports your professional interests, and allows you to practice quality medicine while working in a fun team-oriented environment? **Grand Valley Animal Clinic** is seeking a full-time DVM to join our team. The successful applicant will be motivated, enthusiastic and driven to excel. We offer the potential to pursue professional interests by including a CE allowance into each of our DVM contracts. We support our DVMs by providing digital x-ray and digital dental x-ray, abdominal and cardiac ultrasound, endoscopy, orthopedics and CO2 laser. Our recent expansion has enabled us to offer additional services, including rehabilitation, an underwater treadmill, a devoted chemotherapy room, and a specialist surgery suite. We value work-life balance. As the largest practice in the area, our shared workload give you more time to enjoy life outside of work. We offer competitive compensation, as well as after-hours compensation and a generous benefits package. Contact: Dr. Jennifer Beckwith at 204-728-0033

Corman Park Vet Services is looking for a full-time mixed animal and a strictly small animal vet to join our mixed practice. We are located 10km west of Saskatoon and service clientele in and around Saskatoon.

We are seeking individual who is willing to expand their knowledge base and grow in their career. Ideal candidate would take on all cases regardless of species with passion and drive. Large and small animal cases as well as call are shared between all veterinarians. Experience is an asset but not a necessity and new grads are welcome.

Wages are based on experience and benefit and CE packages given.

If you feel you are the candidate to join our team please send resume and cover letter to Dorrie at: dorrie.cpv@gmail.com.

Do you prefer small town living? **Foot-hills Veterinary Clinic**, nestled in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains, is seeking a mixed animal veterinarian. Our team is family focused and dedicated to excellent care and friendship with our clients. Our proximity to Waterton Lakes National Park and the USA border can't be beat. We offer a competitive wage and a flat of eggs on Fridays. Please contact Dr. Ryan Merkley, DVM, at 403-915-5096 or footvet@telus.net.

Emergency Veterinarian Wanted! VCA Canada Western Veterinary Specialist & Emergency Centre located in Calgary, AB is seeking a full time Emergency Veterinarian to join our team. This position provides an opportunity to work with top board certified specialists and the ability to partake in cutting-edge veterinary medicine. As part of our company, you will receive a competitive compensation, generous CE allowance, VIN & ABVMA membership, paid vacation, generous personal pet policy and much more. To apply, please visit: <https://careers.vcacanada.com/ShowJob/JobId/1642/VeterinarianEmergencyVCACanadaWesternVeterinarySpecialistEmergencyCentre>

Fairfield Animal Hospital located in Kelowna, BC is looking for an associate to join our team. We are a locally owned and operated 24 hour emergency hospital that collaborates with specialists at our multiple locations. We offer board certified services in internal medicine, surgery, dermatology, and ophthalmology. We offer flexible schedules, worldwide CE opportunities, extended benefits, matching RRSP program and much more! If you are looking for a team environment that will work together to ensure our patients are getting the best care possible please send your resume in confidence to shannonfisk@shaw.ca

Fun and friendly veterinary practice is looking for an upbeat, outgoing and all-around-fun person to join our ever-evolving team. We are looking for our next Dr. Rockstar. Having started from a small mixed animal practice of 1 doctor and 1 technician and growing

to where we are now (2.2 doctors, 2.5 techs and 2 CSR's), Animal Health Centre of Melville strives to provide optimal patient and client care and we can't keep up. We have chosen to work by the principles of work-life balance and teamwork. Everyone on the team has an important role to fill and, fortunately, we have a great support network here to make your life more efficient. While we know that experience makes you more knowledgeable, we also know that you can't get more knowledgeable without experience. We have been involved in the mentorship and preceptorship programs and have had 6 students in the past 10 years and loved every minute of teaching. If you're a hard working individual that is looking to have some laughs and enjoy your passion for veterinary medicine then you should send your resume and cover letter to Dr. Deana Schenher ahcmelville@gmail.com

Steeple's Veterinary Clinic, Cranbrook, BC. Interesting variety of cases, advanced medicine and surgery, Fear Free practice seeks DVM looking for quality medicine, team environment, excellent mentorship and work-life balance. Located in beautiful mountainous surroundings with every outdoor activity available at your doorstep. Life-changing career starts here. Contact: Mr. Andrew Skaen, Director of Administration admin@steeplesvetclinic.com

Legacy Veterinary Clinic located in south Calgary is looking for a motivated and positive DVM to join our tight-knit team! We are a privately owned small animal practice that takes pride in quality medicine and providing a superior client/patient experience. Additionally, we have an acupuncture/rehab certified DVM who provides patients with alternative therapies including holistic treatment options. We have a new/fully equipped surgery suite, dentistry suite (including dental digital radiography), digital radiology machine, and in-house laboratory. We offer competitive wages, monthly bonuses, veterinary discounts, scrub, CE allowance, ABVMA membership dues as well as health and dental benefits. Email: careers@legacyvetclinic.ca.

Looking to balance your time between your family and home life as well as have a satisfying career as a part or full time Veterinarian? Our clinic is highly focused on providing excellent relationships with clients/fur babies while maintaining and

enhancing personal development and self care on a personal level. We are looking for a part or full-time veterinarian to share in developing our great clientele in **White City/Emerald Park which is just 5 minutes drive from East Regina**. We book appointments in clinic and also do house call appointments making life easier and less stressful for our owners and pets which also allows more time to get to know them and establish those relationships. No on call.

We have a great team with a very experienced and friendly Manager and certified technicians. Diagnostics include Scil blood machines, portable/dental digital x-ray, anesthetic monitoring including ECG and capnograph, ultrasound, and paperless computer system that is cloud based so you can work on it from any electronic device including your cell phone! We will be locating to a bigger building and looking into purchasing more equipment. If this sounds like the environment you would be interested in please email at jamietudor@vettopet.ca.

Mixed 2 person practice on the Manitoba – Saskatchewan border looking for a third veterinarian. The emphasis on family and rural living. Experienced (old) veterinarian willing to mentor with the idea of phasing out of practice. The business is truly mixed with dogs, cows, cats and horses being majority of income. We are still growing, in many areas, and are in the process of building new facilities. We are hoping to develop a new large animal facility this summer, with remodeling of old building to accommodate the larger small animal practice later in the year.

The area is very busy economically. There are 3 Potash mines, a canola crush plant and a flax crush plant that employ a lot of people. We also have the Assensippi Ski and Winter park and the Riding Mountain National Park that brings in tourist from all over. Both parks create multiple opportunities for outdoor activities. There are several golf courses close and many areas where seasonal cabins and all-weather cabins have developed.

The town of Russell has a population of about 1800 persons and is very progressive. There is a K to 12 school in town. The daycare is now expanding to accommodate more children and the library has upgraded recently. The towns Multiplex has gym and walking track plus the customary rink that was rebuilt about 6 years ago.

There are many churches in town as well. We also have a grocery store, a Bargain shop, convenience store, three craft stores and two coffee shops. One having an actual barrista.

We are located on # 16 highway halfway between Winnipeg and Saskatoon. The closest large shopping center is 1 hour to Yorkton. We are 2 hours from Brandon, 3 hours from Regina, and 4.5 hours from Winnipeg. We have had very few cases of COVID-19.

If you are interested in this job contact Dr. Cathy Clemence at the **Russell and District Veterinary Clinic** rdvc@mymts.net or 204.773.3777. Come join us for a day to see the practice and area. Graduate or student or semi retired veterinarians are welcome to apply.

Mixed Animal Veterinarian wanted. Full-time or part-time. We are seeking a confident team player with good communication skills to join our 2-clinic, 7-veterinarian practice. One practice is an up-to-date small animal facility in the town of Midland. The second is a nearby rural recently renovated clinic with an accredited

food animal hospital and surgery, portable CR x-ray unit, ultrasound, equine power float, and on farm blood diagnostics. We strive to provide high quality medicine and surgery in a collaborative team-based environment. We look after horses, cattle, small ruminants, pigs, dogs, cats and other species as well. We are a true mixed animal practice, and every day is different! Large animal on-call is shared between our mixed animal veterinarians, and there is no small animal on-call. Experience or interest in bovine reproduction would be an asset. We are located near beautiful Georgian Bay close to cottage country and ski hills, but only 1 1/2 hours north of Toronto. Visit our website at **www.northsimcoe vets.com**. Send a letter of interest or your resume to roserumney@gmail.com. Come join our team!

Ranchland Veterinary Services is seeking a fulltime or part time associate veterinarian for our rapidly growing large animal practice in Carnduff SK.

Our services include herd health services, individual animal treatments

and reproductive services including Embryo transfer, Donor flushing, In Vitro Fertilization and Owner's Use semen collection. Our practice is about 80% beef and 20% equine clientele.

Our new facility houses approximately 150 head of animals. Our equipment Includes a portable digital Xray, Ultrasounds, semen testing equipment, digital embryo and semen freezers, mobile laboratory/semen testing trailer. A large portion of the work is in clinic for reproductive services however clinical duties are predominately performed on farm.

Competitive base salary based on experience, on-call stipend, after hours fees. CE compensation, licensing fees and a group insurance policy. A competitive vehicle allowance will be provided. Associate Veterinarian is expected to be on call for 40 days throughout the entire year.

We are looking for an enthusiastic, detail oriented and flexible individual with interest in large animal medicine and reproduction. New grads welcome to apply as mentorship and teamwork is top priority.

For information or to send a resume

please contact Dr. Tyson Buyer at 306.482.1010 or by email at tyson@ranchlandvet.ca.

Roblin Veterinary Services is looking for a full-time mixed animal veterinarian to join our well established practice. We are a mixed animal practice (40/60 large/small). We service cow/calf and feedlot producers on the large animal side so an interest in these two fields would be an asset. Our clinic is open to new ideas and techniques and there is also the ability to pursue any special interests. We provide an excellent support system for associates and we have a VERY high staff retention rate.

Roblin is a friendly vibrant community in the heart of the parkland. There is an abundance of outdoor activities—camping, fishing (some of the best in the province) and hunting. It is paradise for any outdoor enthusiast. We are less than an hour from a large centre (Yorkton) and a little over two hours from a major city (Regina).

We offer a competitive salary, CE allowance, travel allowance, medical and dental plan (fully paid) and all dues are paid. We have a digital X-ray,



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Contact: Dr. Marianne Hunter or Dr. Candace Wenzel, Roblin Veterinary Services Box 935, Roblin, MB R0L 1P0 Phone: 204-937-4623

Strathmore Veterinary Clinic, a modern small animal practice, is looking for a full-time veterinarian who is a dynamic player. If you are that special person who thrives in a busy environment and takes pride in your work, then this is the practice for you! We are a full service small animal facility with 2.5 veterinarians. We offer surgery, digital imaging, dentistry and more. Our dedicated team strives for excellence in medical and surgical care as well as compassionate handling of clients and patients. We offer competitive wages and benefits. Strathmore is located 30 minutes east of Calgary and one hour from the beautiful Rocky Mountains. Send your resume to: Strathmorevetapplications@gmail.com.

The Department of Small Animal Clinical Sciences at the Western College of Veterinary Medicine is seeking an enthusiastic person who is looking to enhance their surgical training through a surgical internship for this year. The position would start October 15 (or mutually agreeable time) and continue until July 15, 2021.

The ideal candidate will have a demonstrated interest in small animal surgery and is looking to apply for a surgical residency. They will work closely with board certified surgeons and surgical residents in the management of patients presenting for surgery. Emergency duty will be shared with the surgical residents.

The successful candidate will participate in journal club, educational activities and the teaching of undergraduate student surgical laboratories. Opportunities for a research project are available for the motivated individual. The successful candidate must have a DVM and be eligible for licensure within the province of Saskatchewan. Completion of a rotating internship is preferred. They should possess strong organizational and time management skills, as well as, be passionate about the art and science of small animal surgery. Only Canadian citizens or Permanent Residents of Canada currently residing in Canada will be considered for this position.

Interested applicants should submit

their CV, an unofficial copy of transcripts from all institutions attended (exception U of S graduates), a letter of intent and arrange for letters of reference from three professional references to Carol Wilson, Graduate Secretary, Department of Small Animal Clinical Sciences at carol.wilson@usask.ca.

The Sherwood Animal Clinic is looking for a new friend. We need a new Veterinarian to share our successes and our heartbreaks with. If your chosen career is more than just a job to you, give us a call! We will fill your days with hard work and challenges (and more than a couple laughs), and will encourage you to enjoy your "other life" at night. You will share your journey with 4 veterinarians, and 3 other technicians, plus support staff. We concentrate on dogs, cats, and horses, but do see the occasional bovine, sheep and goat. We are well equipped to care for them all, and would like to have you share in the rewards we garnish from being able to do so. We enjoy the perks of an urban setting while maintaining a rural feel to the clinic. In exchange for a great team member, we will provide a CE allowance, paid licensing fees, health/dental benefits, shared on call, and a very competitive salary. If you are interested in visiting with us, please call Dr. Larry Hanson at 306.525.3763 or send a resume to sacadmin@sasktel.net.

We are looking for a full or part-time veterinarian to join our busy practice. We are an integrated small animal practice offering conventional medicine as well as homeopathy, spinal manipulation, and acupuncture. Our paperless hospital is fully equipped with an in-house laboratory, digital x-ray, digital dental x-ray and ultrasound. We are enthusiastic and have a great team environment. Offering a competitive salary and benefits.

Please contact: Renee Irving, **Lakewood Animal Hospital**, 1151 Lakewood Court North, Regina, SK S4X 3S3. Ph: 306.545.6487 Fax: 306.545.1374 Email: renee.lakewood-animal@sasktel.net

VETERINARY TECHNOLOGIST REQUIRED

Earl Grey Veterinary Services is a 2-veterinarian mixed animal practice with 2 RVT's at present looking for a 3rd RVT to join our growing practice. We are situated 40 miles north of Regina in a small friendly community. We are seeking applicants who are

enthusiastic, organized, self-motivated and possess both technical skills and reception experience. We are offering competitive wages, medical/dental benefits, CE allowance/paid association membership and a staff discount program. Applicants must have written or soon to write the VTNE and be licensed with the SVMA. Please send a cover letter and resume to egvets@sasktel.net or call Dr. Samantha Tetlock or Dr. Justin Kristjansson at 306.939.2264.

Fairfield Animal Hospital located in Kelowna, BC is looking for two RVTs to join our team. We are a locally owned and operated 24 hour emergency hospital that collaborates with specialists at our multiple locations.

We offer board certified services in internal medicine, surgery, dermatology, and ophthalmology. We offer flexible schedules, worldwide CE opportunities, extended benefits, matching RRSP program and much more! If you are looking for a team environment that will work together to ensure our patients are getting the best care possible please send your resume in confidence to shannonfisk@shaw.ca

Hooves and Paws is small town living at its best. To date we have had no Covid cases in our town because people in Elrose, SK take care and respect the rules in our practice and community.

Our practice performs 60% small and 40% large veterinary medicine.

We are looking for a technologist who enjoys the exciting variety of rural practice and encourages our employees to expand their interests and specialties.

We offer competitive salary, CE allowance, clothing allowance, paid licensing dues, staff discounts, health and dental plans. We are known for our encouraging and supportive working environment, and would love to see how you will fit into our team.

Please send resumes to elrosevet-services@sasktel.net or direct inquiries to 306.378.2252.

We require a full-time Veterinary Technologist immediately.

We are growing! **Creekside Veterinary Service** is a 2 doctor, mixed animal practice in Maple Creek Saskatchewan. While we see a high volume of bovine cases seasonally, we are also expanding our equine and companion

animal caseload - which means more team members are needed.

We are looking to add additional RVTs to our team. Ideally these positions would be full-time, however flexible scheduling, part-time, or job sharing options are a possibility.

If you would like to know more about our clinic amenities, culture, community and why we love living and working here, please call Kyla at 306.662.4969 or email your cover letter and resume to kyla.runnion@gmail.com

Looking to balance your time between your family and home life as well as have a satisfying career as a part or full time Veterinarian technician?

Our clinic is highly focused on providing excellent relationships with clients/fur babies while maintaining and enhancing personal development and self care on a personal level.

We are looking for a part or full-time veterinary technician to share in developing our great clientele in **White City/Emerald Park which is just 5 minutes drive from East Regina**. We book appointments in clinic and also do house call appointments making life easier and less stressful for our owners and pets which also allows more time to get to know them and establish those relationships. No on call.

We have a great team with a very experienced and friendly Manager. Diagnostics include Scil blood machines, portable/dental digital x-ray, anesthetic monitoring including ECG and capnograph, ultrasound, and paperless computer system that is cloud based so you can work on it from any electronic device including your cell phone!

We will be locating to a bigger building and looking into purchasing more equipment. If this sounds like the environment you would be interested in please email at jamietudor@vettopet.ca.

Sherwood Animal Clinic is looking for an RVT to join our team. Our practice consists of 60% small animal, and 40% equine. Hours are Monday to Friday, 8 - 5. A Saturday shift of 8 - 12pm is required once a month. We offer paid SVMA/SAVT dues, a CE allowance, and a dental/medical health plan. Interested candidates can forward their resume to: sacadmin@sasktel.net



MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

VETERINARIAN

T-GENERAL

Boudreau, Raphaëlle G.	08/13/20
Gorrill, Angelina	09/01/20
Neufeld, Jamie	07/27/20
Trischuk, Robyn N.	05/06/20
Tully, Blaine J.	08/14/20
Winter Viana, Vinicius	07/20/20

EDUCATION TO LIMITED GENERAL

Fujiyama, Masako	07/27/20
Morimoto, Celina	08/10/20

T-LIMITED GENERAL

Adeleke, Morenikeji F.	07/27/20
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EDUCATIONAL

Hayes, Margot	09/17/20
Mackesey, Christina J.	08/17/20
Ricard, Rebecca	08/15/20

T-EDUCATIONAL

McKenzie, Christina	09/14/20
Thebeau, Jenna M.	08/21/20
Tu, Tsang Han	08/20/20

GENERAL TO LIFE NON-PRACTISING

Stephens, Sandra H.	10/06/20
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STUDENT

Adams, Sophie	09/10/20
Ashley, Kirianne	09/02/20
Balaban, Margalit	09/17/20
Beattie, Imara	08/25/20
Becker, Shelby	09/10/20
Belser, Kody	09/16/20
Bird, Elaine	09/09/20
Bissonnette, Adrianna	08/25/20
Blais, Keltie-Rae	08/31/20
Bourgeois, Brooklyn	09/09/20
Bratsberg, Jayme	09/03/20
Brown, Brandele	09/09/20
Buchel, Jessica	09/10/20
Buckler, Natasha	08/31/20
Buhr, Erynn	09/16/20
Burton, Jaidyn	09/09/20
Callaghan, Laura	09/14/20
Castano Ospina, Mateo	09/17/20
Chamberland, Kirsten	09/10/20
Chora, Avery	09/03/20
Cloet, Allyssa	09/04/20
Cormillot, Sophie	09/03/20
Cruise, Graham	09/04/20
Delpont, Tamara	09/09/20
Denomy, Rylee	09/22/20

Dhadda, Kabir	08/31/20
Donald, Jamie	09/16/20
Dudych, Alanna	09/04/20
Ernst, Kiara	09/14/20
Fritz, Alexander	09/03/20
Funk, Courtney	09/04/20
Gilmour, Katelyn	09/04/20
Gock, Elizabeth	09/04/20
Haubrich, Kaitlyn	09/09/20
Hewitt-Kenda, Jenna	09/04/20
Hinton, Paige	09/04/20
Hinz, Emma	09/09/20
Hogg, Sydney	09/04/20
Holmes, Emily	09/04/20
Irwin, Annabel	09/04/20
Jensen, Sarah	09/04/20
Jones, Naomye	09/04/20
Kim, Clara	09/04/20
Kinnear, Andrea	09/04/20
Klassen, Jana	09/12/20
Klemmensen, Curtis	09/22/20
Kliwer, Maya	09/09/20
Knudson, Rachel	09/12/20
Koller, Angelina	09/04/20
Kubes, Kaylyn	09/29/20
Lai, Ying-Chen	09/04/20
Lavoie, Julianne	09/09/20
Lee, Cheng-Yi	09/04/20
Lee, Junguen Caren	08/25/20
Lee, Sophia	09/04/20
Leger, Dezirae	08/25/20
Lemoine, Danielle	08/31/20
Leschied, Dakota	09/10/20
Lim, Jessica	09/04/20
Loeffen, Amanda	09/12/20
Macquisten, Ella	08/19/20
Matejka, Tiffany	09/09/20
Maxwell, Georgia-Rae	09/04/20
Meindl, Brittany	08/31/20
Munteanu, Miruna	08/25/20
Nelson, Kyra	09/09/20
Omer-Canitz, Maggie	09/17/20
Orsini, Corina	08/26/20
Patten, Ruth	09/04/20
Pettifer, Camryn	09/04/20
Phillips, Megan	08/31/20
Rebizant, Michael	09/16/20
Reitsma, Lara	09/15/20
Ross, Taylor	09/04/20
Shaw, Laura	09/04/20
Shebaylo, Kierdree	09/10/20
Schock, Danielle	09/10/20
Shumborski, Carissa	08/25/20
Skorlatowski, Hope	08/25/20
Taillon, Matthieu	09/21/20
Vallotton, Shaelyn	09/10/20
VanDeventer, Samantha	09/09/20
Warner, Jenelle	09/10/20

Yan, Cissy	09/04/20
Zheng, Yashi	09/09/20

RESIGNED

Chiu, Yi-Ting	08/25/20
Cusack, Julia	07/01/20
Dupanloup, Adrien	08/10/20
Lavallee, Justin	09/01/20
Mortiz, Antonietta	08/24/20
Sek, Jun-Yan	07/29/20
Toy, Shannon	07/02/20

DECEASED

Bartolf, Fred	07/10/20
Harold, Douglas	08/01/20

VETERINARY TECHNOLOGIST

C-ACTIVE TO ACTIVE

Jurgens, Suzanne	06/15/20
Duncan, Krista	06/12/20
McKessock, Kelsey	08/10/20
Klinger, Julia	08/25/20
Carr, Jerry	09/28/20

C-ACTIVE

McKessock, Kelsey	06/16/20
Klinger, Julia	06/28/20
Carr, Jerry	09/11/20
Van Geerenstein, Breanne	09/23/20

PROVISIONAL TO ACTIVE

Zaleschuk, Emily	08/10/20
Sperling, Brittany	08/10/20
Henheffer, Carlie	08/10/20
Shatkowski, Daphne	08/17/20
Lavallee, Lauren	08/17/20
Plett, Makyla	09/02/20
Ashdown, Morgan	09/10/20
Bell, Vyktoria	09/10/20
Kohle, Martina	09/11/20
Kuny, Mercedes	09/11/20
Stewart, McKenna	09/11/20
Noll, Jaclyn	09/15/20
Thompson, Cadence	09/23/20

PROVISIONAL

McBain, Teryn	08/10/20
Martin, Ashley	08/10/20
Borrowman, Michelle	08/11/20
Quittenbaum, Erica	08/12/20
Daverne, Lauren	08/13/20
Jacques, Alexandra	08/17/20
Medernach, Lyle	08/17/20
Gunn, Jessica	08/21/20
Decker, Amanda	08/21/20

Kzyzyk, Bailey	08/25/20
Bentley, Mckenzie	08/26/20
Murray, Amanda	08/28/20
Ripplinger, Mackenzie	08/28/20
Diment, Chalsey	08/31/20
Knoss, Andie	08/31/20
Kenney, Alexandria	09/01/20
Ashdown, Morgan	09/01/20
Sayese, Emma	09/01/20
Gooding, Caitlin	09/01/20
King, Alexia	09/01/20
Boecler, Hannah	09/02/20
Rudolph, Amber	09/02/20
Allen, Shelby	09/03/20
Thompson, Cadence	09/08/20
Nargang, Mallory	10/02/20

STUDENT

Harkins, Chanise	09/03/20
Jess, Brianna	09/03/20
Brennan, Joella	09/08/20
Griffin, Hailey	09/09/20
Lavis, Claudia	09/09/20
Lensen, Nadine	09/09/20
Wagner, Abby	09/09/20
Reid, Kiana	09/09/20
Thevenot, Ashley	09/10/20
Janzen, Salome	09/10/20
Sharp, Raelynn	09/11/20
Meshka, Alexis	09/13/20
Hodel, Ramona	09/13/20
Sittler, Payton	09/13/20
Smith, Erika	09/13/20
Dixon, Kylie	09/13/20
Budd, Teagan	09/13/20
Lingelbach, Shanae	09/13/20
Leader, Hunter	09/14/20
Reed, Madison	09/14/20
Laroque, Jerica	09/15/20
Navarro, Evelyn	09/15/20
Chretien, Savannah	09/16/20
Vaagen, Sarah	09/17/20
Gibson, Josie	09/22/20

RESIGNATION

Neufeld, Lexi	06/26/20
(student membership expired)	
Ullly, Raegen	06/30/20
(student membership expired)	
Nargang, Mallory	06/30/20
(student membership expired)	
Fournier, De Vawn	08/06/20
Forgrave, Kailyn	08/18/20

NAME CHANGE

Friesen, Chantel	
to Steppan, Chantel	08/25/20



The SVMA website has a new look!

CHECK IT OUT!

www.svma.sk.ca

The SVMA website has gotten a facelift. All the same features are there, with many great improvements coming in 2020.

SVMA is updating its communication with you. Along with our 'fresh face', there will continue to be other improvements to make the web experience more user-friendly for members.

In addition, the new website will be part of a coming campaign to showcase the Saskatchewan veterinary profession to the public.