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My Two Cents

By: Walter Clark, DVM, DABVP

“The most exciting phrase to hear in science, the one that heralds new discoveries, is not ‘Eureka!’ but ‘That’s funny...’”

~ Isaac Asimov



“I accept as a lifelong obligation the continual improvement of my professional knowledge and competence.”

~ The Veterinarian’s Oath

I think most of you are aware that I am a big advocate of continuing education. Whether you raised your right hand and recited the Veterinarian’s Oath last month, last year, or when dinosaurs were included in the large animal curriculum, we all took that same oath.

It was while I was in veterinary school at UT that I first became aware of the fact that what I learned in school wasn’t the ‘the be-all and end-all’ of my education. A side note: the phrase “be-all and end-all” is from William Shakespeare’s Macbeth. I did not learn that in veterinary school.

At a SAVMA symposium at Cornell, I heard a talk given by the president of AAHA. He talked about how much the veterinary profession had changed over the course of his career. And as I reflect back on my career, I can see so many incredible changes, too.

At the symposium, the speaker related that in the early part of his career, ECGs were only available at referral institutions. Fast forward and I can remember how excited we were when Cardiotape came along and you could submit an ECG over the telephone. [Read more...](#)

License Renewal Reminder

You may need to renew your license if your birthday is in the month of July. [Click here](#) to see if your license is due for renewal.



VPH Webinar-Still Time To Register!

A Trifocal Approach to Improving Professional Wellbeing in Veterinary Practice

Presenter: Angie Arora, MSW, RSW

Thursday, July 3 - 1:30 PM CT

Veterinary professionals often work in high-stress, trauma-exposed environments, which can take a toll on emotional well-being, job satisfaction, and team performance. This session introduces a practical 'trifocal framework' designed to help individuals and organizations navigate stress and foster healthier, more supportive workplaces by focusing on:

- Organizational Health: Psychological safety and trauma-informed practices
- Team Health: Effective debriefing and strengthening interpersonal effectiveness
- Individual Health: Nervous system care, emotional regulation, and stress management

Participants will gain concrete tools and resources they can apply right away and be empowered to foster hope, connection, and well-being even in the most challenging professional environments.

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The Farmer's Dog Funds Veterinary Nutrition Residency at the University of Tennessee

The Farmer's Dog, the leading fresh pet food company dedicated to helping dogs live longer, healthier lives, today announced the sponsorship of a veterinary nutrition residency at the University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine — home to the nation's leading veterinary obesity clinic. The sponsorship represents a milestone for the fresh pet food industry and underscores The Farmer's Dog's continued commitment to rigorous, evidence-based pet health research, while nurturing the next generation of leaders in veterinary nutrition.



“Veterinarians have always been critical partners in helping us improve the lives of dogs, and sponsoring this residency program is one of the many ways we're putting real, tangible support to continue that partnership,” said Jonathan Regev, co-founder and CEO of The Farmer's Dog. “We're excited to work with a top-tier institution – like UT – to help equip veterinary residents with the tools, knowledge, and support they need to flourish and lead lasting progress in pet health. The Farmer's Dog's mission is to improve pets' lives through minimally processed, science-backed food, and we're proud to support the veterinary community that makes this progress possible.” [Read More...](#)

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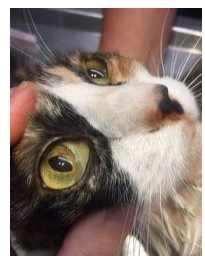
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The Icteric Cat: Diagnosis And Treatment Of Common Feline Hepatopathies

Feline cholangiohepatitis syndrome (CCHS) and hepatic lipidosis are two of the most common feline hepatopathies. Signs of both conditions are mostly varied and nonspecific. In these conditions, icterus results from decreased clearance of



bilirubin, diarrhea results from portal hypertension or cholestasis, and vomiting results from decreased toxin clearance or direct vagal stimulation.

Hepatic encephalopathy (HE) occurs either from portosystemic shunting³ or is caused by hepatic lipidosis from amino acid imbalance. HE manifests as ptialism, dullness, ataxia, and/or seizures. Polyuria/polydipsia may result from medullary washout (low urea), dehydration, or HE. Dysuria may be noted from ammonium biurate urolithiasis. Anesthesia intolerance may result from decreased hepatic metabolism of GABAergic drugs (benzodiazepines). Gastrointestinal bleeding can be seen with portal hypertension or coagulopathy. [Read more...](#)

July 4: Keeping Animals Safe

Fireworks, picnics and other Fourth of July traditions can be great fun for people. But all of the festivities can be frightening and even dangerous for animals. Noisy fireworks and other celebrations can startle animals and cause them to run away; holiday foods can be unhealthy; summer heat and travel can be dangerous; and potentially dangerous debris can end up lying on the ground where animals can eat or play with it.



Whether or not you're planning your own Independence Day celebration, it's important to take precautions to keep animals safe both during and after Fourth of July festivities.

Preparing in advance:

- Make sure your pets—cats and dogs alike—have identification tags with up-to-date information. If you have horses, you might consider marking a safety (breakaway) halter with your contact information and leaving it on your horse during this stressful time.
 - If your pets aren't already microchipped, talk with your veterinarian about microchipping. This simple procedure can greatly improve your chances of getting your pets back if they become lost.
 - If your pets are microchipped, make sure your contact information in the microchip registry is up to date.
 - Take a current photo of all of your cats, dogs and horses—just in case.
 - If your pet has historically been anxious on this holiday, or if you have reason to expect potentially harmful reactions, consider behavioral therapy to desensitize your pet and reduce the risk of problems. Some pets may need medication. Consult your veterinarian or a veterinary behaviorist.
 - Make sure the environment is safe and secure. If your neighbors set off fireworks at an unexpected time, is your yard secure enough to keep your pet contained? Are pasture fences secure enough to keep horses or other livestock confined? Evaluate your options and choose the safest area for your animals. Make improvements if needed to make the area more secure. [Read more...](#)
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