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TIDBITS

TVMA Tidbits March 1, 2025

My Two Cents

By: Walter Clark, DVM, DABVP

"Try never to be the smartest person in the room. And if you are, I suggest you invite smarter people... or find a different room. In professional circles it's called networking. In organizations it's called team building. And in life it's called family, friends, and community. We are all gifts to each other, and my own growth as a leader has shown me again and again that the most rewarding experiences come from my relationships."

~ Michael Dell

Since this column is going to come out while I am attending the Music City Veterinary Conference in Murfreesboro, I'll be surrounded by smart people. I am always blown away by the information that is shared by our knowledgeable speakers, the informative vendors, and my experienced colleagues.

It starts Thursday night at the TVMA Executive Board meeting. If you've ever had the privilege to serve in TVMA leadership, you know how bright, dedicated, and passionate your leaders are. If you haven't served, there are lots of opportunities for you to become involved. [Read more...](#)





Music City Veterinary Conference



If your schedule has opened up this weekend, you still have time to join us! On-site registration will be available!

MCVC On-site Registration Hours

Thursday, February 27

4:00pm - 7:00pm

Friday, February 28

7:00am - 4:00pm

Saturday, March 1

7:00am - 4:00pm

Sunday, March 2

7:00am - 12:00pm



When & Where

Cordell Hull Building 425 5th Avenue North,
Nashville TN 37243

March 5 2025, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Vet Day on the Hill – Make Your Voice Heard!

Please RSVP by clicking the link
below, or by visiting:
www.tvmanet.com/advocacy

The Tennessee Veterinary Medical Association (TVMA) invites you to join us. Advocacy is a vital part of our profession, and your presence makes a difference! Together, we can ensure the voices of veterinarians across the state are heard. If you plan to attend please RSVP to help us plan for the day.

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



"The Animal Loss Grief Journey" Webinar Series Hosted by UT's Veterinary Social Work Services



UT Veterinary Social Work Services is offering a free webinar series! Each webinar will have an educational presentation with slides followed by an Q & A. The presentation will be recorded and available afterwards on their YouTube channel.

This is open for anyone that wants to learn more about the journey through grief we experience when we lose a beloved animal. Each month will have a different topic - you are welcome to come to as many as you would like!

- March 25 - Building a Support System
- April 24 - Creative & Healing Ways to Memorialize Your Animals
- May 21 - What's Next? Navigating Life After Loss

Please note: This is not a support group or therapy group. This is not a substitute for psychiatric care, psychotherapy, or medical treatment. Questions? Please reach out to Veterinary Social Work via vetsocialwork@utk.edu or 865-755-8839.

All webinars will be presented at 5:15 pm Central.

[Register Here](#)

Xylazine Action Alert For AAVA Members

The Combating Illicit Xylazine Act (H.R. 1266/S. 545) has just been reintroduced in Congress. Please take a moment to message your lawmakers and help build momentum for the legislation in Congress.



The AVMA built tremendous support last Congress for the Combating Illicit Xylazine Act, which would provide the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) resources to help stop the public health crisis of illicit xylazine while maintaining current veterinary access to this important animal sedative. Message your member of Congress by [clicking here](#).

AVMA Council on Education – Applications Due March 15



The Council on Education is looking for two veterinarians employed in private practice (positions described below) to apply for the AVMA Council on Education. Veterinary medicine is changing rapidly, but what remains paramount are the services that practitioners provide to animals and to society. No one understands what it takes to be a practice ready veterinarian better than those who are out there, living this career, every day. Please consider the call for volunteer applications below; if selected as a member of the Council, you will play a critical role in shaping the future of veterinary education and, in turn, the profession.

The time commitment is not minimal, and the workload document provided will help you to better understand the service requirements. For any questions, please feel free to contact Dr. Sam Morello (smorello@avma.org), AVMA Associate Director of Education and Research.

Applications are being accepted for AVMA members to fill two volunteer positions on the AVMA Council on Education® (AVMA COE®).

Private equine practice: An individual whose veterinary endeavor is exclusively private equine practice will serve a six-year term beginning in July 2025.

Private clinical practice: An individual whose veterinary endeavor is exclusively private clinical practice will begin serving immediately after appointment, to fill an expired term that runs 2025-2030.

Applications for both positions are due no later than March 15, 2025. All applicants must be AVMA members. For more information and application link [click here](#).

Will Emergency Relief Veterinary Practice Continue To Grow?



Over the past 2 decades, the veterinary field has seen a drastic increase in relief veterinary practice. Many doctors are choosing to change their career trajectory from practicing as full-time veterinarians and creating a robust clientele in their community at a single hospital to becoming relief veterinarians at general practices, urgent care facilities, and emergency hospitals.

The factors most commonly reported to have a strong effect on mobile or relief veterinarians' decision to leave their previous job include administration, hospital culture, leadership, feeling their voice was heard, and workplace schedule. Furthermore, the majority of mobile and relief practitioners report feeling satisfied with their work-life balance (mobile, 78%; relief, 91%) as well as availability for children (mobile, 84%; relief, 84%) and other family members (mobile, 85%; relief, 87%). [Read more...](#)

Do You Know An Unsung Hero?

AVMA's Unsung Heroes Awards recognize the supporting veterinary team members who go above and beyond the call. Nominate your non-veterinarian teammates no later than March 14.



AVMA's Unsung Heroes Awards shine a light on the veterinary team members whose hard work and dedication often go unnoticed. These individuals work by our sides, and sometimes behind the scenes, as veterinary technicians, assistants, customer service representatives, kennel workers, groomers, and in many other roles. Whether they're treating animals, communicating with clients, or keeping our practices running smoothly, they have one thing in common: a tireless and exemplary level of commitment to the veterinary profession.

Help us recognize the impact of these dedicated individuals by submitting your nomination for an Unsung Hero. Please note, you do not have to be an AVMA member to submit a nomination. [Click here](#) for more information and to submit a nomination.

Causes Of Otitis Externa

See what Jason B. Pieper, DVM, MS, DACVD, assistant professor at Iowa State University has to say about various causes of otitis externa. He also cautions veterinarians against believing that atopic dermatitis cannot cause unilateral otitis, explaining that it can happen. [Watch here...](#)



Nominations for AVMA Volunteer Positions Still Open



Please visit the [Volunteer Opportunities](#) section of the AVMA website to learn more. The list of vacancies includes incumbents whose terms end in August 2025 and are identified by an asterisk (*) next to their names. Please note that those individuals eligible for reappointment must still be nominated to be considered.

For those positions with the Nominations Due date listed as "Ongoing", nominations are accepted on an ongoing basis until all positions are filled. The candidate's nomination form and resume must be received at least 30 days prior to the Board of Directors meeting at which the appointment is to be considered.

For positions expiring in August, the deadline to submit nominations is May 1, 2025.

REMINDER:

A nomination is considered complete only when each of the following has been received: Nomination Form, Campaign Guide document, photo and 2-minute video. Complete nominations received by the May 1 deadline will be included in the Campaign Guide that is disseminated to the House of Delegates members prior to the HOD meeting. Nominations received after the May 1 deadline will require a nomination from the floor during the HOD meeting and must be received no later than 10 days before the HOD Session at which they will occur.

Please submit all nominations via email to OfficeEVP@avma.org.

If you have a question or would like to learn more about a specific entity, please contact AVMA at the above email address or at 847-285-6605.



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As a primary care veterinarian, you have the opportunity to learn from veterinary specialists and bring advanced knowledge back to your practice. By connecting with these experts, you can strengthen your referral network, increase your confidence in managing complex cases, and become part of a broader community dedicated to advancing veterinary medicine.

*Early Bird Registration ends 3/13/25.

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