The Arkansas Veterinary Medical Associations summer meeting was held August 1-3 at the Sams Town Hotel and Casino in toasty Tunica, Mississippi. Dr. Deb Greco, senior research scientist with Nestlee Purina Petcare, gave an excellent presentation on feline diabetes mellitus, feline hyperthyroidism, hypothyroidism and Cushing’s disease to the 54 attendees among which included DVM’s from Mississippi, Tennessee and Georgia. We were very fortunate to have a speaker of Dr. Greco’s caliber and stature to provide our CE. She is a worldwide recognized expert in her field of endocrinology and gave a presentation that was highly informative, interactive and entertaining.

Away from the meeting room a group of 29 golfers (our largest group in years) battled the 103 degree heat in a scramble style format at Riverbend Links Golf Club. Dr Norette Underwood did a fantastic job organizing this event on this beautifully manicured links style course. Through much appreciated sponsorship from Bayer, Boehinger Ingelheim, Butler, Ceva, Ft. Dodge, Hills Foods, Idexx, Lilly, MWI, Novartis, and Pfizer, our green fees were paid for and all golfers received prizes for their participation. The winning foursome was Joe David Smith, Harry and Rivers Bryant and Norette Underwood.

On Saturday night a group of 80 took a riverboat dinner cruise on the Mississippi River aboard the Tunica River Queen. Despite the fact that we all almost perished in the heat before boarding, we enjoyed a tasty dinner of prime rib and all the trimmings and experienced a nice sunset during our 2 hour cruise. Luckily we were able to disembark before the mosquitoes carried us off.

And then of course, there were plenty of chances for casino action. Between Sams Town Casino, Hollywood Casino, Harrah’s, Gold Strike and other casinos the group had ample opportunities to bring home big winnings. For the most part we probably contributed significant revenue to the local community.

Many thanks to our executive director, Maggie Milligan, for all her hard work coordinating our meeting and making sure everything went according to schedule.

Next up is the winter meeting February 6-8 at the Hot Springs Convention Center. Be sure to mark your calendars. We have some excellent speakers scheduled. See you in February!

David Blount
Program Chairman
More Photos from Tunica!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 2-5, 2008
Southwest Veterinary Symposium
Dallas Convention Center, Dallas, TX

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ArVMA Winter Meeting,
Hot Springs Convention Center & Embassy Suites,
Hot Springs, AR
American Heartworm Society Announces Incidence Survey
Rubin Outlines Three-Year Plan

AVMA Annual Convention, New Orleans, La., July 19, 2008 – American Heartworm Society president, Dr. Sheldon Rubin, has announced the Society’s intentions to conduct the most comprehensive heartworm incidence survey to record canine heartworm disease cases in the United States. Rubin also announced the Society’s three-year plan.

The survey, made possible through corporate sponsorship, will be distributed to more than 40,000 veterinary clinics and hospitals this summer. Clinics, hospitals and shelters will also be able to respond online at www.heartwormsociety.org/hwsurvey to record the number of dogs treated and diagnosed with heartworm disease in 2007. As part of the Society’s three-year plan, the survey will be conducted again for 2010. The last survey recorded cases of heartworm disease in 2004.

“Collecting and recording the incidence of heartworm disease fits with our mission to be the global resource for heartworm disease information,” Rubin said. “We hope conveying the severity of this disease through actual numbers will help veterinarians encourage year-round prevention with pet owners and eventually move towards eradicating this easily preventable disease.”

Rubin also outlined the Society’s plan to increase outreach and teaching capabilities. The Society will continue targeting pet owners and veterinarians via an enhanced multi-media Web site and its sponsored awareness campaigns such as KNOW Heartworms, a partnership with the American Association of Feline Practitioners and Pfizer Animal Health. Plans also include a potential partnership with the Companion Animal Parasite Council to drive more awareness of heartworm disease, and a Webinar that will eventually include a certification training program and an in-clinic instructional video demonstrating common testing, diagnosis and treatment protocols for pet owners.

In addition, a “Heartworm University” program will extend AHS’s outreach to veterinarians by targeting 10 state and local veterinary medical association programs per year to communicate the Society’s messaging to practicing veterinarians. Targeted areas would include those perceived as having little heartworm risk. Selected speakers will train and assist veterinarians on emerging areas in heartworm prevention, testing and treatment, and provide tips on client communications and compliance. All these efforts aim to encourage and educate year-round prevention.

“We have plans to attract a larger audience to our Symposia by holding a stand-alone meeting and encouraging poster sessions,” Rubin said. “These ideas are very exciting and we hope to engage all of our current sponsors to make these programs the most effective they can be.”

The American Heartworm Society, www.heartwormsociety.org, is the global resource for the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of heartworm disease. It was formed during the Heartworm Symposium of 1974. The American Heartworm Society stimulates and financially supports research, which furthers knowledge and understanding of the disease. Its headquarters are located in Batavia, Ill.
Summer is coming to an end. We had a great Summer Meeting in Tunica. Dr. David Blount put together a wonderful program. Dr. Deborah Greco was very informative in her presentation. Even though it was extremely hot, Dr. Norette Underwood had an excellent golf tournament. There were 29 players and great sponsorship from our vendors. Thank you Dr. Underwood for all your hard work with the tournament. The ride on the Tunica Queen was hot, hot hot!! Aside from the heat, the food was very good. Now that the Summer Meeting is behind us, I will be focusing on the 2009 Winter Meeting. There will be some changes in the meeting this year. The actual CE will start at 8 am on Friday, February 6 and end at noon on Sunday, February 8. Please make note of the new start time and adjust your schedules accordingly. (More details to come) There will also be a larger exhibit hall this year. I am VERY excited about that. Please talk to your vendors when they visit your clinics and remind them how much we appreciate their support of our meeting. I am proud of the fact that the Arkansas Veterinary Medical Association’s Winter Meeting is talked about across the country for the quality CE, great attendance and the support we receive from our vendors. Let’s keep them talking!!

I have a lot of travel coming up in the next few months. The 9 States Leadership Conference in Oklahoma, Southwest Veterinary Symposium and ASVMAE. I always gain a lot of very useful information from these meetings. If you have not registered for SWVS, there is still time. Dr. Tim Woody from Fayetteville will be installed as President. We are proud of Dr. Woody!

Please keep your eyes out for the information on the 2009 Winter Meeting. February is a busy time of the year in Hot Springs, so make your hotel reservations early. The hotel information will be in your mailbox soon!! If you have any questions about the Winter Meeting or about anything else, give me a call!!! I am always available for you.

I hope you all had a fantastic Summer and are looking forward to beautiful Fall!!

Sincerely,

Maggie Milligan

Dr. H. David Moll – Director of ASU-Beebe Vet Tech Program

We are excited to announce that Dr. David Moll is the new Director of the Veterinary Technology program at ASU Beebe. Dr. Moll was born and raised in Morrilton, Arkansas and received his BSA from the University of Arkansas Fayetteville in 1978. He received his DVM at Kansas State University in 1982 and then he went to Auburn University for his internship in Large Animal Surgery and Medicine. From 1986-1990 he served as graduate Instructor for Large Animal Surgery and Medicine at Auburn and then 10 years at Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine. From there, Dr. Moll served 8 years as Professor and Chief of Equine Surgery Section at Oklahoma State University. He has been married to his wife Aggie for 30 years and they have 3 children. We are honored and privileged to welcome Dr. Moll back to Arkansas and are proud that he will be heading up the Vet Tech program at ASU-Beebe.
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Thanks to Dr. Blount and Maggie Milligan for a great summer meeting at Sam’s Town Tunica. The golf tournament was a huge success. We had 29 players consisting of veterinarians and their families and drug reps from Merial, DVM, Idexx, and Boehringer Ingelheim. The Riverboat cruise was definitely a “hot” experience. The food and entertainment were enjoyable. Dr. Deb Greco did a wonderful program on several endocrine diseases. We look forward to the next summer meeting at The Chateau in Branson.

The Southwest Veterinary Symposium, October 2-5th is approaching. Arkansas is one of the five member states. I encourage you to attend because we receive revenue from this event by the number of attendees from Arkansas. Dr. Tim Woody will assume his role as President of Southwest Veterinary Symposium at the end of this meeting. In Dallas, there will be a wide variety of well known speakers, a great numbers of vendors in the exhibit hall, and lots of things to do in Dallas. Please try to attend and show Dr. Woody our support.

Now that fall is approaching and our lives slow down from the summer hustle take time to participate in your local and district meetings. See how you can become involved in your Arkansas Veterinary Medical Association.

See you at the Winter Meeting in Hot Springs.

Sincerely,

Norette L. Underwood
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