Recall stirs interest in Oregon

As of April 9, Oregon veterinarians had reported 111 suspect cases of animals with kidney disease that might be related to the pet food recall by Menu Foods of Ontario, Canada. Of the suspect cases, 41 animals have died.

Nearly from the onset of the voluntary recall by Menu Foods on March 16, the Oregon Veterinary Medical Association started coordinating efforts with the state’s public health veterinarian, Dr. Emilio DeBess, to gather information from veterinarians in an attempt to understand what might be occurring across the state.

Both Dr. DeBess and the OVMA office contacted veterinarians in the state and asked them to report cases where they had identified some form of kidney dysfunction or failure in their patients and where the pets had been fed food identified on the recall list. (Veterinarians were not required to report, but encouraged to do so, and many have).

Veterinarians who had suspect cases reported information on the animal’s kidney function, including BUN, phosphorous, creatinine, and specific gravity of urinalysis, if taken, and the onset date of the illness, to Dr. DeBess. They also reported on the patient’s species, sex, and age, as well as what kind of food it had been eating, and whether the animal was alive or deceased. Dr. DeBess has compiled the information daily, and shared the updated reports with the OVMA.

As reports of suspect cases continued to add up, the OVMA shared this information with veterinarians through our e-News service and by broadcast fax to all veterinary practices across the state. It was challenging and difficult, at times, to decide how often we should provide you with updated numbers and new developments through our e-News distribution. However, you have generously thanked us for keeping you informed of the situation, and we appreciated the comments.

We also developed information on the Association’s Web site at www.oregonvma.org, with access for veterinarians, the clinic staff, the general public, and the media.

Resources on the OVMA Web site include:

- Guidelines for Veterinarians
- Reporting Information to Dr. DeBess
- Summary of Recalled Pet Food Products
- Pet Owners’ Q&A
- Links to the AVMA and FDA Web sites
- Dealing with the Loss of Your Pet
- The Web site has also included daily updates on the numbers of suspect cases and deaths in Oregon.

Definitions of case reporting

According to Dr. DeBess, he is unaware of any standardized definitions. However, to help him place the reports he has received from Oregon veterinarians in context, he established some general definitions.

**Suspect:** The lowest threshold; indicates a patient presenting with acute renal disease, and having consumed food that is on the recall list. (Veterinarians were not required to report, but encouraged to do so, and many have).

**Presumptive:** One step up from suspect; indicates a patient with no history of renal disease, presenting with renal failure, and having consumed food that is on the recall list.

**Confirmed:** A patient with no history of renal disease, presenting with renal failure, and having consumed food that is on the recall list. It also includes isolating a compound on blood or tissue of a patient.

Breakdown of suspect cases in Oregon

Veterinarians across the state have reported 111 suspect cases, including 41 deaths.

Divided according to species, this represents 40 (36%) dogs and 71 (64%) cats.

Of the animals that have died, 17 (41%) were dogs and 24 (59%) were cats. According to the reports, the average age of deceased dogs is 6.81 years and for cats it is 10.86 years.

Media contacts

With the tracking and posting of suspect cases on the OVMA Web site, and following a media release of these findings, the Association has fielded hundreds of telephone calls and e-mails from
Help Us Be Prepared to Assist You

Recently, the OVMA office sent out faxes to Oregon veterinarians about the Menu Foods pet food recall. Several faxes were undeliverable. To assist us in communicating breaking news to you, we ask that you let us know if your contact information changes, including fax and e-mail. Members who have valid e-mail addresses on file with us received word of the recall quickly via our e-News service. To register for e-News, send a message with your name and e-mail address to: e-news@oregonvma.org and be sure to add e-news@oregonvma.org to your e-mail software’s address book so that the messages will be delivered to you and not considered “spam.” Thank you for your assistance in helping us be able to communicate breaking news or emergency information to you.

Heartworm Web Page Updated

Thank you to Dr. Gary Wood, Cardiology NW, for reviewing and offering suggestions on the heartworm information posted in the Pet Owners’ section of our Web site at: www.oregonvma.org/petowners/heartworm.asp. In light of new guidelines issued by the American Heartworm Society, Dr. Wood was kind enough to review our page to ensure that information we are posting is accurate. Thank you also to Dr. Jacque Harter for her comments on this month’s client education poster on the vital importance of vaccination in preventing canine parvovirus. Her input was appreciated. This information is also posted on the OVMA Web site.

“Ask a Vet” Advice Booth

Your State Fair Committee is already hard at work preparing this year’s OVMA booth. We are looking for veterinarians to volunteer to answer fairgoers’ pet health questions in our specially designed advice booth much like the advice booth Lucy sat in in the cartoon “Peanuts.” In order to publicize the times when “The Doctor Is In” in the Fair’s daily calendar of events, we need to have volunteers for the advice booth confirmed by the end of April. Are you interested? Want to sign up for one of the times listed below, or is there another time that would work? Please contact Raina Dey, Public Relations Director, at the OVMA office or by e-mail. Thank you for your consideration! Note: General volunteer sign-up will begin in June.

*Saturday Aug. 25, 12 - 2 or 2 - 4
*Sunday Aug. 26, 12 - 2 or 2 - 4
*Friday Aug. 31, 12 - 2 or 2 - 4
*Saturday Sept. 1, 12 - 2 or 2 - 4
*Sunday Sept. 2, 12 - 2 or 2 - 4

In Remembrance of Dr. Moyer

Earlier this month, Mickey Vorpahl contacted the OVMA office and informed us that her father, Dr. Donald Moyer, passed away on February 5 at the age of 88.
Dr. Moyer graduated with honors in 1941 from Washington State University’s College of Veterinary Medicine. Willamette Dog and Cat Hospital, which he founded with his business partner, Dr. Lyle Nicholson, was a fixture in the Portland area for years.
Dr. Moyer was a Life Member of the OVMA and served on many committees during his active affiliation with the organization.
We offer our belated condolences to the family and friends of Dr. Moyer.

Resources for School Visits

Planning a visit to a school for a career day or other event, like National Pet Week (May 6 - 12, 2007)? The OVMA has a variety of resources to assist you in highlighting the important role of the veterinary profession in animal and human health. We have safety videos geared toward elementary and middle school students, as well as Sesame Street books and videos for early elementary school students. Activity sheets, coloring books and dog and cat breed books are also available. E-mail Raina Dey, Public Relations Director, or call the OVMA office at (800) 235-3502 for details.

Foreign Travel with Pets

If approached by your clients about travel outside the continental US, you might encourage them to contact the appropriate embassy or consulate at least four weeks before their trip in order to assure that documentation can be prepared.
Advanced preparation is essential in order to ensure that all the paperwork is in order.
Export certifications and health certificate endorsements are handled by the USDA. For more information, contact the Oregon Area Office at (503) 399-0311.

Note About Japan: Please note that Japan’s importation requirements include rabies vaccination, ISO microchip, and notification of intent to import an animal into Japan at least 40 days prior to your arrival. Requirements and forms for importation into Japan can be found on the US Embassy’s Web site at: japan.usembassy.gov/ebacss/tacss-petsi.html. They recommend that you start the documentation process several months before travelling to Japan. More information on pet travel can be found on our Web site.
When recently cleaning out my closets of old veterinary school notes, I stumbled across an assignment I completed in my junior year veterinary business class. We had been assigned to write a paper projecting our professional and personal lives 10-years post graduation from veterinary school. In my paper, among other things, I predicted that I would be a successful owner of a small animal practice in Portland, president of the Oregon VMA and owner of a beach house where I spent relaxing weekends with my family. Two out of three isn’t too bad, although I am now motivated to focus on finding a beach house for those relaxing weekends!

I have always been passionate about organized veterinary medicine. In 1991-1992, I served as Student AVMA National President and was hooked. I believe that as a group we can far exceed what we may accomplish as individuals. As OVMA president, I have some traits that will serve me well in this position, including being open-minded, passionate, fair and competitive. I also have some traits that may not serve me as well, but I won’t bore you with those. And I am sure that our fantastic Executive Director and staff will not only compensate for my shortcomings but also kindly and gently guide me in the right direction whenever I may stray. I do promise to always be mindful that I represent a diverse group of people in our profession.

Although we can’t always predict what opportunities and challenges the year will present, I do have some plans for my year as President. My focus will be on education. I believe that education is empowerment and it fosters success. Specific areas of educational opportunities include:

- Educating politicians on proposed legislation that relates to our profession
- Becoming THE source that the media contacts regarding veterinary related issues so that the public is provided accurate information
- Supporting the OSU/OHS joint educational venture so that our veterinary students can have an amazing educational opportunity
- Providing innovative and accessible CE to veterinarians and their support staff

Mahatma Gandhi is quoted as saying, “The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated.” Oregon is already great, but I hope to leave it a little bit better at the end of my term.

Dr. Jacqui Neilson is a 1993 graduate of the veterinary program at the University of Florida. She is a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Behaviorists and owns Animal Behavior Clinic in Portland. She is the 84th president of the Oregon Veterinary Medical Association.
The Value of OVMA Membership

Every member has the opportunity to realize these savings or discounts:

**CE Discounts**
- **Oregon Veterinary Conference**
  $120 discount on full registration
- **Wild West Veterinary Conference**
  $25 discount on full registration

**Other Annual Benefits**
- **Viewpoint $75**
  The official publication of the OVMA
- **e-News Service $50+**
  Bimonthly, with alerts as warranted
- **Find a Veterinarian Service $50**
  Members searchable by city, clinic or special interest
- **OVMA Directory $85**
  Our award-winning resource guide
- **Classified Ads $75 - $450**
  50 words or less free to members
- **Client Education Materials $75**
  Posters, brochures, handouts, Web site
- **Members-Only Web Content $50**
  Newsletter archive, practice tips, legislative updates, etc.
- **Veterinary Career Network $25-250**
  Coming soon
- **Disability Insurance 10% - 20% discount**
  Through Founders Financial Group
- **Long-Term Care Insurance 20% discount**
  Through Founders Financial Group
- **Legislative Advocacy Priceless**
- **OVMA Staff Service Priceless**

**Total Annual Savings: $630 - $1,230+**

**Practice Owner Annual Benefits**
In addition to the benefits that are available to all members, practice owners receive additional value and savings from OVMA membership:

- **Bad Check Recovery $25 - $500+**
- **Bankcard Processing $180 - 600+**
- **Collection Service Varies**
- **Spay/Neuter Tattoo Kit $25**
- **OSHA Video/DVD & Manual $150**
- **Legislative Representation $4,100+ (Tangible savings.)**

**Total Annual Savings: $5,110 - $6,605**

Here’s what OVMA members are saying about our exclusive e-News service:

“I just wanted to say how helpful all this information has been (the Proin changes). Our clinic never would have known about it if it weren’t for what I read on e-News. Thanks for making it so easy for us!”

*Dr. Gail Schroder, OVMA Member and e-News subscriber*
Recognizing the two- and four-footed

More than 800 people ushered in the 6th annual Oregon Veterinary Conference and the International Camelid Health Conference, held in Corvallis in early March.

For the OVC, the registration breakdown was as follows: 252 veterinarians, 53 veterinary students, 10 guests, 82 allied industry representatives, and 24 speakers. On Saturday there were nine concurrent sessions -- quite an accomplishment for a mid-sized organization.

Participation in the Camelid Conference was equally strong, with 69 veterinary registrants, eight students, four technicians, two guests, one owner, and 31 speakers.

Each year at the OVC, a part of Saturday afternoon is set aside for recognizing a number of individuals for their dedication and contributions to veterinary medicine in Oregon. The induction of some very special animals into the Oregon Animal Hall of Fame is another complimentary event to the awards program.

President (now immediate past) Linda Blythe presided over the luncheon and awards celebration. Following is a summary of those who were thanked for their important contributions.

**Veterinarian of the Year**

The award recognizes a veterinarian who has made significant contributions to the profession and care of animals through service to local, state and/or national veterinarian associations. Recipients garner the respect of their colleagues, and represent veterinary medicine in a positive fashion through civic endeavors.

Dr. Jon Betts was this year's recipient. Held in high regard as a practitioner with good diagnostic ability and as a professional with a keen sense of right and wrong, Dr. Betts is President and CEO of Woodburn Veterinary Clinic, where he has been a partner for 27 years.

Dr. Betts is a 1978 graduate of the veterinary program at the University of California at Davis, and is a mixed animal practitioner at the mid-Willamette Valley clinic, where he presently is overseeing an expansion of the practice.

With the OVMA, Dr. Betts has served on numerous committees, including, among others, Membership Services, Public Affairs, and Legislative Action. In 1998, he was appointed by then Gov. John Kitzhaber to serve on the Oregon Veterinary Medical Examining Board, a position he held for nine years.

Dr. Betts has also been an integral citizen in Woodburn. He has participated on city council-appointed committees, as well as a variety of committees with the local high school. As an example of his leadership, his dedication and energy were the driving force behind a new sports stadium at Woodburn High School.

Dr. Betts has also been active with 4-H and Future Farmers of American, plus youth activities in Woodburn.

**Practice Manager of the Year**

Lee Barg has served as the practice manager with Parkway Animal Hospital in Roseburg for 11 years. Following her retirement from Pacific Northwest Bell in 1995, she was a bit restless and wanted to remain active. So she embarked on a second career with the mixed animal practice, where she coordinates a team of 4 veterinarians and 8-12 other staff.

Known as enthusiastic and tirelessly dedicated, Barg sees that the protocols and efficiencies of the hospital are met and that staff clearly understand their roles and responsibilities. Barg goes beyond the call in many ways: meeting a client late on Sunday to release a hospitalized animal or getting medication to an animal in need, keeping staff in donuts and home-baked goodies during Saturday hours and meetings, and more.

Barg also is the primary coordinator of the five Roseburg-area veterinary practices providing after-hours care. Barg is a longtime board member for the Umpqua Valley Humane Society, where she helps coordinate spay-neuter programs, solicits donations, and organizes events to benefit area animals.

**Technician of the Year**

Gillian Cook, a certified technician with Reid's Veterinary Hospital in Albany, was this year's recipient of the OVMA's Technician of the Year award.

Cook's professional roots go back to the '60s when, as a teen in the English countryside, she worked in a small mixed animal practice. She became a technician for Reid Veterinary Hospital in Albany in 1999. At Reid, Cook has been instrumental in developing patient care protocols, and pacesetting standards in pain prevention.

Cook's multiple nominations for this award noted her exceptional technical skills; every nominating veterinarian described her as “the best technician they have worked with.” Also frequently noted was Cook's ability to communicate warmly and effectively with clients and staff, describing her as “an inspiration” to up and coming veterinary assistants and technicians.

**President's Award**

Interim Dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine at Oregon State University, Dr. Rich Holdren was selected by outgoing OVMA president Dr. Linda Blythe for his support of the veterinary profession, the CVM, and the students during his tenure as Interim Dean.

The President's Award is given at the discretion...
of the OVMA president to an individual who has helped her or him during the year in office. Dr. Blythe was pleased to recognize Dr. Holdren, who is not a veterinarian, and present him with a stethoscope in honor of his work on behalf of veterinary medicine.

Oregon Animal Hall of Fame

Each year, as part of the awards luncheon, the OVMA and Oregon Animal Health Foundation honor animals who, through unselfish and courageous accomplishments, exemplify the affection, loyalty, security, public service, and value of the human-animal bond. This year, two canines, Daniel and Annie, were inducted into the Hall of Fame. (The Oregon Animal Hall of Fame is the second longest-running awards program among veterinary organizations in the country. Since the program began in 1988, it has recognized 25 dogs, three cats, an animal welfare group, a horse therapy group, one horse, and one llama.)

Annie

Annie was nominated for induction by Drs. Susan Morgan and Kimberly Maun of NW Neighborhood Veterinary Hospital in Portland. Annie, a 13-year-old Bearded Collie owned by Akin Blitz of Portland, began her therapy certification program through DoveLewis Emergency Animal Hospital. She is also certified through the Delta Society's Pet Partners program. After completing training, Annie and Akin began visiting patients at Oregon Health Sciences University and Doernbecher Hospital for Children. Her bond with the children she comforts is apparent in their smiles and laughter.

Annie and Akin have spent countless hours with medically fragile children at Providence and other hospitals throughout the Portland metropolitan area. Also credentialed as a police services canine by several area law enforcement agencies, Annie also serves by helping comfort women and children who are witnesses or victims of violence.

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Daniel

Daniel, a Brittany/Setter mix owned by Laura Wilson of Hillsboro, was honored for his extensive history of providing care and comfort to both people and other pets.

Wilson, who works at Back on Track Veterinary Rehabilitation in Portland, began taking Daniel to work with her in 1997. Back on Track is owned by Bianca Shaw, DVM, who nominated Daniel for this award. Daniel took to his work immediately, establishing himself as a top-notch greeter. Wilson also noticed that Daniel had an innate ability to provide comfort and a calming influence—not only to stressed humans, but to distressed dogs and cats.

On the recommendation of an obedience instructor, Daniel began working as a therapy dog in 2001 as a Delta Society Pet Partner, spending three years volunteering at assisted living centers and nursing homes in Forest Grove. These days, Daniel can be found visiting developmentally-delayed children at the ARC of Washington County's "Parents' Night Out" respite care program.

Daniel is also quite the man about town: he has worked at numerous events through the Bonnie L. Hays Small Animal Shelter in Hillsboro, where he's acted as a recruitment ambassador for the "Have Paws Will Travel" Therapy Animal Program. Daniel's portfolio of public appearances includes county fairs, home shows, pet expos, and other events where the shelter was represented. Daniel and Wilson recently received an honorable mention in the Delta Society's Beyond Limits Awards.

In time, Wilson's volunteer time became slimmer, and meeting Daniel's need for "helping" interaction meant taking him to work more often at Back on Track. From there a natural therapeutic relationship began to evolve between Daniel and the clinic's staff, clients and patients. "At Back on Track Vet Rehab, many of our clients come as a last resort, seeking help with a pet who is debilitated due to age, trauma or disease," says Wilson. "They are often frustrated because they have not received the assistance, education or medical answers they need. Daniel seeks out these clients with fervor, offering a comforting nuzzle. His presence calms the client, which in turns relaxes the pet. Daniel's confidence in his handler and the clinic staff is a cue to clients and patients that our caring team can be trusted to help."

Daniel quickly enlists the trust of a nervous pet. His friendly, non-threatening demeanor allows him to transform an anxious pet into a trusting and curious friend who will often end up voluntarily following him into the therapy room. Also, says Wilson, "Daniel's trusting way allows clinic staff to employ his assistance in demonstrating therapeutic exercises to clients. Amazingly he can demonstrate something 'scary' to another dog, somehow assuring the patient that walking up steps or standing on a treadmill is not so bad after all. It doesn't work on every dog, but when it does it's incredible."

When a family decides that it's time to say goodbye to a pet, they often ask Back on Track to be involved. Daniel almost always insists on sitting with the family while they say goodbye. And because most clients have developed such a trusting relationship with him, they feel honored to have him there. The door is always ajar, so he can exit if the situation becomes stressful—but he has yet to use the exit voluntarily. He interacts appropriately with pet and family with little direction, instinctively knowing when to stay out of the way and when to make contact.

"Working in animal rehabilitation can be stressful at times," says Wilson. "We are always busy, and ALL of our patients come to us with problems. Often dealing with the client's fears..."
and pet care management problems can be emotionally draining. Staff members often seek out Daniel for a quick petting and hugging session. They all say he lowers their blood pressure and helps ‘reset’ emotional thresholds, helping them get through a difficult day.”

One example of Daniel’s impact on other animals is his work with Kona the Lab. Following a traumatic attack by large dog, Kona was taken to Back on Track for rehab by his owner, Ms. Lile, who sustained serious bites to her hands and arm herself while trying to stop the attack that left Kona seriously injured.

“Our doctor and staff knew that Ms. Lile and Kona’s problems were not just physical — they were now afraid of other dogs. We knew that Kona could be rehabilitated to nearly 100% of her former physical self; however, her emotional and mental needs were as great a concern as her physical needs.” Kona’s owner’s fears about working with her at home without hurting her were another obstacle.

After a few therapy sessions, Ms. Lile was asked if she would like to meet Daniel while Kona underwent water therapy. She agreed, and initially Daniel sat by quietly, eventually approaching the woman, inches at a time. Soon Ms. Lile was petting him without really thinking about it, commenting on how clean and soft his fur was. The following week Daniel was allowed to greet Kona. At first tense, Kona nevertheless responded positively. Daniel was soon attending all of Kona’s therapy sessions.

On occasions when Ms. Lile was uncertain about handling Kona through certain exercises, she would first try the exercise with Daniel. This gave her a confidence that was vital in working with Kona, who, thanks to his owner’s comfort, was also comfortable.

A few months after completing her rehab, Kona was diagnosed with cancer and lived only about eight more months. Ms. Lile commented often that she and Kona’s quality of life had been significantly improved by her experiences at Back on Track, with Daniel playing an important role in their recovery.

Rescued from a rural roadside in Texas, Daniel was once an aloof dog who was afraid of attaching to anyone. But with lots of love and training from his Laura Wilson, his true “helping” nature emerged.

Even at the age of 13, he insists on being a constant part of the life of his guardian and anyone else he deems in need of comfort.

**Left to Right: Annie and Daniel, Oregon Animal Hall of Fame Inductees for 2007**

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**Oregon Veterinary Conference 2007**

We want to thank the following companies for their generous sponsorship of this year’s annual meeting in Corvallis.

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About the OAHF
The Oregon Animal Health Foundation promotes the health and welfare of all animals, including our loyal companions, by funding a variety of charitable, educational, and scientific programs.

Animal Abuse Booklet
Distributed exclusively to OVMA members in February 2007, this booklet by Dr. Lila Miller, veterinarian and advisor for the ASPCA, details the veterinarian’s responsibility in recognizing and reporting animal abuse. The booklet includes an appendix of Oregon statutes. Publication of this booklet was made possible by a generous grant from the Oregon Animal Health Foundation and is reprinted with permission of the ASPCA.

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Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory
The VDL was asking for an additional $1.6 million in funding, and we have learned that $750,000 of this amount has been included in the Ways & Means budget. Dr. Jerry Heidel, director of the lab, is pleased with the additional funding and grateful for the OVMA’s support and action to help secure the funds.

House Bill 2928
The bill imposes a variety of requirements on pet stores for the care of pets. This includes, among others:
- Provide veterinary care for the animals that are injured, ill or traumatized.
- Provide cages that are of sufficient size to allow the pet to move freely, to have adequate sleeping space, and to stand, sit, perch or otherwise exercise.
- Ensure that pet animal cages kept outdoors provide sufficient protection from the elements.
- Provide food that meets minimum nutrition requirements.

The bill also declares that the Oregon Department of Agriculture shall administer and enforce the above, including establishing a system for inspecting retail pet stores. Much of what is contained in the bill currently exists in Oregon law on standards of care for animals. A few differences include inspection of pet stores and assessment of civil penalties of violations.

Status: HB 2928 has been referred to Agriculture and Natural Resources and is scheduled for a hearing in late April. The OVMA, in 1997, adopted a position opposing the keeping of captive wild animals as pets.

Senate Bill 493
The bill provides the home address, home telephone number and electronic mail address of medical professionals are exempt from disclosure. Veterinarians are not included on this list, and the OVMA will propose an amendment to have veterinarians added to the list.

Status: SB 493 has been referred to Judiciary. It has not been scheduled for a hearing.

Senate Bill 570
The bill requires the Office of Emergency Management to prepare a written animal emergency operations plan to provide for animals during a major disaster or emergency.

The OVMA participated in discussions of drafting the legislation, along with OEM, Oregon Department of Agriculture, League of Oregon Counties, Oregon Humane Society, HSUS and others.

Status: SB 570 has been referred to a Joint Committee on Emergency Preparedness and Ocean Policy. It has had a public hearing and a work session and was moved out of the committee with a “do pass” recommendation, where it has been approved by the Senate. OVMA supports the bill.

Senate Bill 672
The bill requires a person setting traps for certain animals to check the trap at least once during each 24-hour period.

Current Oregon law says a trap for predators must be checked at least once during a 48-hour period. A few years ago, the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife discussed this issue: HSUS was
seeking a 24-hour trap check, and livestock organizations wanted to increase the time to a 72-hour period. The OVMA wrote a letter in support of the 48-hour trap check for both fur bearing animals and predators.

In Oregon, the conibear trap is used for a 30-day period and only in water. This trap kills upon impact, and was banned for use on land several years ago. In addition to the steel-jawed leghold trap, neck and leg snares are commonly used.

The OVMA’s position, adopted in 1997, says that the organization considers the use of the steel-jawed leghold trap to be inhumane.

The AVMA position is as follows: Wildlife populations may exceed the carrying capacity of their habitat and the AVMA recognizes that trapping is a useful and necessary method for managing these populations. Trapping devices that cause instant death or work on the principle of live capture without pain or injury are acceptable. The AVMA encourages the development of trapping devices that meet these criteria and recommends phasing out trapping devices that do not meet these criteria. The AVMA considers the steel jaw leghold trap to be inhumane.

**Status:** The bill has been referred to Environment and Natural Resources. It has not been scheduled for hearing and is not expected to.

**Senate Bill 694**

The bill creates offense of restrictive confinement of a calf or pig. A draft amendment to the bill adds “pregnant” to the appropriate language, as that is the intent.

In 1992, the OVMA board adopted a position statement on veal calf production. In part, the statement says “We also strongly suggest that calves be raised in individual ‘free-roam hutches or pens.’ It goes on to say that if individual crates are used, then the guidelines of the AVMA are recommended. The Association does not have a position statement on sow gestation crates.

**Status:** SB 694 has been referred to Judiciary and has had a public hearing. At the hearing, members of the agricultural community said Oregon does not have veal calf operations and that the industry is moving away from gestation crates. The OVMA has placed this on a watch list.

**Senate Bill 752**

This bill requires professional regulatory agencies to report annually about complaints received by the agency. It also requires agencies to post a report of complaints on the agency’s Web site, including:

- The number and nature of complaints received by the board during the year.
- The resolution of any complaints, including penalties.

- The number of unresolved complaints and the reason for each complaint remaining unresolved.

**Status:** SB 752 has been referred to Education and General Government. It has not been scheduled for a hearing. The OVMA opposes the bill.

**Senate Bill 991**

This bill exempts the application of pesticides by a licensed veterinarian or veterinary technician from the requirements of the pesticide use reporting system.

The bill was written at the request of the OVMA and is sponsored by, among others, Sen. Doug Whitsett, a past president of the Association.

**Status:** SB 991 has been referred to Environment and Natural Resources. It has not been scheduled for a hearing.

The agricultural community supports the bill; however, they have expressed concern about the bill’s relating clause, which is broad and not narrowly confined to the application of pesticides by veterinarians.

What does this mean? A narrowly defined relating clause limits the discussion of a bill to that specific subject—in this case, what is noted above. Because Legislative Counsel defined the clause as “relating to pesticides,” the bill is exposed to the possibility of amendments that are far reaching and that might not have anything to do with the original intent of the bill. In essence, the OVMA bill could be “gutted and stuffed” with non-relevant amendments.

At this time the OVMA board is considering whether to move forward with the bill or not. **Note:** Once a bill has been drafted, the relating clause cannot be revised.

**Senate Bill 134**

Introduced at the request of the Veterinary Medical Examining Board, the bill allows the agency to inspect certain premises and orders certain examinations during the course of an investigation of an applicant or licensee.

SB 134 was addressed in the Jan/Feb issue of the newsletter and is also summarized on the OVMA’s Web site.

**Status:** A second public hearing was held in late March. The Environment and Natural Resources Committee moved the bill out of committee to the Senate floor with a “do pass” recommendation. The committee also approved a Dash-1 amendment, suggested by the OVMA, that says any inspection of a veterinary premise must be evidence-based. The other part of the bill compels an applicant or licensee to undergo a mental or physical health or competency evaluation, if the VMEB had supportive evidence that such an evaluation would be warranted.
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FT Mixed & FT/PT SA Associates. Come enjoy the beautiful Pacific Northwest and the wonderful city of Portland. Progressive, established, well-equipped practice seeks to add additional doctors to our dedicated team. Both SA and LA services emphasize client education and state-of-the-art medicine. SA: Opportunities to expand in exotics, surgery, behavioral medicine, and acupuncture. LA: Primarily dairy work with an opportunity to practice equine medicine as well. Great learning environment. New grads welcome to apply. Fax resume to: (503) 590-4013 or contact Dr. Veeman at (503) 550-7107 or rveeman@stpaulvet.com.

PT/FT Veterinarian. Seeking a talented, easy going and personable doctor with excellent people skills. Must have a can-do attitude; be skilled in both medicine and soft tissue surgery; enjoy working with a pleasant staff and excellent clients; and be flexible, professional, compassionate and friendly. Located in SW Portland. Excellent reputation in the community. E-mail your resume to: vetclinicpdx@yahoo.com

FT/PT Associate. For multi-doctor progressive SA practice in Portland. We are seeking a motivated and compassionate veterinarian with good communication skills. Our facility is well established with a great staff and wonderful clientele. Experience preferred but not necessary. Competitive salary and benefits. Please send resume c/o OVMA, Attn: Ad 100, 1880 Lancaster Dr. NE, Suite 118, Salem, OR 97305.

PT SA Veterinarian. Wanted for a progressive, high-quality clinic in SW Portland. We have a beautiful clinic and great staff and clients. Contact Janine Buckley, DVM. Mail: 4704 SW Scholls Ferry Rd., Portland, OR 97225. Fax: (503) 291-9832 Phone: (503) 427-7212.

FT Associate. For a four-person, small animal practice at the rural edge of the Portland Metro area. Three CVTs and 17-member staff. Friendly, teamwork atmosphere. Unmatched variety of casework available for pursuit of special interests, with mentors on hand at all times for recent grads. No night calls, Sundays or holidays. Contact Robert A. Alford, DVM at 2366 Powell Blvd., Gresham, OR 97080. Fax: (503) 492-3522.

Associates. Veterinary associates required for 2 busy general small animal practices: Tigard and Keizer (near Salem, OR). No emergencies, 4 day work week. Equipment includes laser, tonopen, ultrason, and in house lab. Full benefits package, 401K, competitive salary. Enthusiastic new grads considered, mentoring emphasized. Resumes to Dr. Sheri Morris by e-mail: dvmmba@comcast.net or fax: (503) 393-7572.

Associate Veterinarian. 2 ½ doctor progressive SA practice seeks dedicated FT/PT veterinarian with internal medicine and/or dentistry interests/expertise. Located five minutes from downtown Portland, we are well-equipped (Digital X-ray, LifeWindow Monitor, Tonovet, Heated Recovery Cages, Air-Driven Dental, Paperless Charting, etc.) emphasizing diagnostics with certified technicians and pleasant staff. Learn about us at: www.hillsidevet.com. E-mail your resume to drrlecker@yahoo.com.

FT/PT Associate Veterinarians. Portland, Bend, Medford. Enjoy a great quality of life along with a challenging career. Banfield, The Pet Hospital seeks FT and PT Associate Veterinarians. Work with state-of-the-art equipment, including touch-screen monitors, paperless medical records, in-house Heska CBC and IDEXX Chemistries and much more. Benefits package available. Contact Dr. Bob Lester at (800) 838-6738 ext. 5286 or (503) 407-2644. E-mail: bob.lester@banfield.net or visit www.banfield.net.

FT Associate. For well-established SA practice in Beaverton, OR. Great staff, clients and facility. No emergencies or Sundays, 4 day work week. Benefits include medical, dental, CE, retirement plan and minimum 4 weeks paid vacation. Highly competitive salary. Experienced veterinarians and/or new graduates welcome. Contact Dr. Dan Koller by email at dkoller1@aol.com or by phone at (503) 641-9151.

FT Small Animal Veterinarian. For a high quality, multiple doctor, AAHA practice in downtown Portland. We are well-equipped, team-oriented, and stress a diagnostic approach. Great clientele and competent and friendly staff. Competitive salary, Experience preferred. Contact Animal Medical Clinic, 1411 SW 14th Ave., Portland, OR 97201. Call (503) 222-1254 or fax your resume to (503) 222-1459. E-mail: amclinic@portlandamc.com.

PT/Relief Veterinarian. Personable veterinarian with excellent communication skills wanted for vaccination clinics throughout Portland, Vancouver, Roseburg, Eugene, Salem, Yakima, Wenatchee metro areas. We provide the highest quality healthcare to the pets that need it most. Work anywhere from 6 to 24 hours per week. No surgeries. Competitive salary. Licensed in both WA and OR a bonus. Please send resume to info@goodneighborvet.com, fax to (360) 335-8003 or call (360) 624-7423.

FT Associate. Vancouver, WA clinic is looking for an easygoing FT veterinarian with good communication skills and a positive, friendly attitude. Please send resume c/o OVMA, Attn: Ad 200, 1880 Lancaster Dr. NE, Suite 118, Salem, OR 97305.

2 Associates. LA/MA/SA doctors in a friendly, growing, well-established practice. Are you a doctor wanting a country setting where no two days are ever the same? Knowledgeable, friendly, supportive staff and loyal clients. Large, well-equipped SA and LA facilities. Close to Portland, the Pacific Ocean, and the Cascade Mountains for all types of social or outdoor activities. New graduates welcome. Clinic has housing available. Owner approaching retirement, buy in/out possibilities. Send resumes to Valley Veterinary Clinic, Attn: Beenda Potter, 26072 Hwy. 30, Rainier, OR 97048. Fax: (503) 556-8635 Phone: (503) 556-3084.

FT/PT SA Associate. For MA practice. We have 1.5 doctors on staff. We are located in beautiful Sandy, OR. We are a client-oriented practice with hard-working, long time support staff. Full benefits. Salary commensurate with experience.
Contact Dave Christenson DVM, 39231 Proctor Blvd., Sandy, OR 97055 Phone: (503) 668-4137 Fax: (503) 668-5535 E-mail: barlowtrailvetclinic@cascadaccess.com

PT Associate. Veterinarian wanted for PT (2 to 2.5 days a week) work in Beaverton. We have a great staff and wonderful clientele. We are located just off Hwy. 26 on 158th Ave. Please fax your resume with a cover letter describing working arrangements and responsibilities desired to Dr. Don Scarpetano at (503) 614-5960. Or mail it to Best Care Animal Hospital, 1515 NW Schendel Ave. #105, Beaverton, OR 97006.

Associate(s) Needed. FT/PT associate(s) to join two owner doctors in a more than 60-year-old practice with full range of medical and preventative services offered. Primarily serve dogs and cats and occasional pocket pets. We practice high quality medicine in a fully-computerized office. Please send resume to Drs. LaBorde and Holenstein, Gresham Animal Hospital, 520 NW Division, Gresham, OR 97030. Or fax to (503) 665-3182.

WILLAMETTE VALLEY

PT/FT Associate. Join a companion animal practice in Dallas, Oregon. Great, experienced staff and solo doctor committed to providing quality care. Expanding, family oriented practice provides opportunities for professional advancement. Well-equipped clinic, no emergencies. Send resume to: Trina Brotherton DVM, 1590 E. Ellendale, Dallas, OR 97338, or fax to (503) 623-8319.

FT Associate. For our 7-doctor AAHA hospital. Good client and staff relation skills, work hard, ethic, and sense of humor highly recommended. Excellent compensation, wonderful clients, in a high tech facility with a great staff and doctors. Please fax resume and cover letter to (541) 753-278, or mail to Willamette Veterinary Clinic, 630 SW 3rd Street, Corvallis, OR 97333.

FT Associate. Well-established practice purchased two years ago. Growing and progressive with a friendly atmosphere. Competitive salary and benefits. Fantastic location; ER and referral hospitals nearby. Good-sized college town. Near coast and mountains where recreation abounds. Practice big enough to support quality medicine/surgery and small enough to have rewarding relationships with clients. Contact Dr. Sean Bretschneider, Q Street Animal Hospital at (541) 746-8491 (phone) or (541) 746-8493 (fax).

FT Associate. Veterinarian wanted to practice high quality medicine and surgery in a long-established, busy SA practice in Eugene in the beautiful Willamette Valley. This is a FT position, with competitive salary and benefits. No emergencies. New graduate considered. Please call (541) 935-4151. Fax your resume to: (541) 935-1525 or send it by e-mail to: lory@veteranet.com.

FT Veterinarian. For a newly remodeled small animal practice in Eugene, Oregon. Enjoy the great outdoors on days off, and cultural events at the Hult Center in the evening. Competitive compensation package, including medical, dental, vision, CE and 401k. We have a well-equipped facility offering ultrasound and endoscopy. Great support staff and clientele. E-mail resumes to joan.voss@vcamail.com or fax to VCA Westmoreland Animal Hospital at (541) 684-3404.

PT/FT Associate. Well-established 2 doctor SA practice in new facility. Friendly staff and great clientele. Progressive medicine in a supportive environment. Send resume, cover letter, and references to The Ark Veterinary Clinic, 4965 Barger St., Eugene, OR 97402 or mmhelton@comcast.net.

Associate. Mixed animal practice with large and varied medical and surgical caseload. Shared 4 doctor emergency duties. Great equipment, staff and clientele. Fully equipped vehicle provided. New graduates welcome. Call Cheryl Powell, Linn Veterinary Hospital, at (541) 926-0291 or fax to (541) 928-2957.

FT Veterinarian. FT spay/neuter veterinarian needed in Eugene, Oregon, for a clinic that will be pivotal in creating a no-kill community. Competitive salary with benefits and enthusiastic local support for an individual committed to offering accessible, high-volume spay/neuter. Contact Willamette Animal Guild. Resume to: WAG, 3003 W. 11th Ave., Eugene, OR 97402.

FT Veterinarian. For a progressive, multi-vet practice in Salem. Competitive compensation package including medical, vision and 401k. Contemporary facility offering laser surgery, color doppler ultrasound, and computerized radiology. Hospital design award winner. No after hours emergencies. E-mail resumes to christine.lipscomb@vcamail.com or fax to VCA Salem Animal Hospital at (503) 581-5477.

FT/PT Veterinarian. Established two doctor mixed practice seeking a PT/FT veterinarian. Experience preferred. Located in the mid-Willamette Valley approximately 20 minutes from Eugene. No after-hemer emergencies. Benefits include IRA, CE and paid vacations. We have a well-equipped facility made up of caring individuals stressing the importance of the human-animal bond. E-mail resume, including references, to forestvalleyvet@qwest.net. Mail your resume to Forest Valley Veterinary Clinic, 2555 Mosby Creek Rd., Cottage Grove, OR 97424 or send your resume by fax to (541) 942-9134.

FT Associate. Needed for busy 2-doctor, AAHA-certified small animal hospital in beautiful Eugene. Good client relation skills, work ethic, and sense of humor required. No emergencies or on-call, competitive salary and benefits. Please fax your resume and cover letter to (541) 345-2422, or call (541) 345-1544.

OREGON COAST

FT Veterinarian. Immediate opening in dog and cat hospital in Astoria, OR. Less than 40 hour week with Saturday afternoon, Sunday and Monday off. Very limited after hours on-call (1/6th of the time). Salary commensurate with abilities, experience, bedside manner and desire to work. Salary range 65K-125K with benefits and 3 weeks paid vacation. Relaxed, supportive working environment. Would welcome a new graduate. Buy out possible in near future to qualified veterinarian. Unlimited recreation area. Please call or write Larry Goza, DVM at (503) 791-5303 or 697 38th St., Astoria, OR 97103.

FT Veterinarian. Progressive and diversified SW Oregon SA practice looking for a FT associate to help with growing clientele. On the ocean, nearby a world-class golf course and bountiful outdoor recreation. Call Alice Baum at (541) 347-9471. Mail your resume to PO Box 295, Bandon, OR 97411. E-mail: alice@harborside.com.

Veterinarian Wanted. For busy, progressive, 4 doctor rural mixed practice in beautiful SW Oregon. Practice includes SA, beef, dairy, equine, some small ruminants and exotics. Flexible hours possible, supportive environment, open to alternative medical approaches, one doctor certified in acupuncture. Salary and benefits. Beautiful coastal environment: ocean, rivers, mountains, abundant wildlife. Contact Dr. Joe Snyder, Myrtle Veterinary Hospital, 1980 Roseburg Rd., Myrtle Point, OR, 97458. Phone: (504) 572-2636 Email: jsnyder@uci.net

SOUTHERN OREGON

FT/PT SA Associate. Established 20+ years ago, we are a family-oriented practice with a reputation for quality medicine. If you are compassionate, have strong interpersonal skills, and want to be a part of a long-term practice relationship, then come visit our impressive clinic! Roseburg is located on the Umpqua River and has a real sense of community. Experienced veterinarians and/or new grads welcome. Contact: Rasha Van Beek, Mgr. at (541) 673-1345 or caclinic@cmspan.net.

FT SA Associate. Wanted for a progressive, high-quality 4 vet practice in Medford. Signing bonus and relocation expenses available. Compensation package is very competitive including full medical, vision and 401k. Newer, well-equipped facility with stable, well-trained support staff in beautiful southern Oregon.
Oregon. No on-call time and flexible scheduling to accommodate a balanced lifestyle. Medford is a growing, friendly community that offers many outdoor and cultural activities...and great weather! We strongly emphasize client relations, high quality medicine and teamwork. Please consider joining our team by contacting Dave Harder DVM and VCA Jackson Animal Hospital at (541) 779-4893 or david.harder@vcamail.com.

FT Associate. Mixed practice seeking FT associate. Located in spectacular Southern Oregon. Looking for enthusiastic, team oriented individual. Practice in a beautiful well equipped environment with great staff. Competitive salary/benefits. Contact Gary, Office Manager, Pacific Veterinary Clinic PC, 275 Fruitdale Dr., Grants Pass, OR 97527 Phone: 541-479-2221 Fax: 541-479-3968 Email: pvclinic3@qwest.net

FT/PT Associate. For well-established 4 doctor small animal AAHA hospital in beautiful southern Oregon. Well-equipped (laser, in-house lab, endoscopy, orthopedics, tonopen). An amazing support staff with 4 LVTs. Excellent benefit package, including relocation benefit and future ownership potential. Fax resume to Dr. Ronald Guzman at (541) 476-0297 or by e-mail at drroguzman@uci.net.

FT Associate. Needed for well-established, nine doctor mixed animal practice in western Oregon. Competitive salary and benefit package with shared emergency rotation. New graduates welcomed and an avian interest a plus. Visit our Web site at: www.baileyvet.com. Please send resume to Karie Wentz, Bailey Veterinary Clinic, 248 NW Garden Valley Blvd., Roseburg, OR 97470. E-mail: karie@baileyvet.com Fax: (541) 673-4138

FT SA Veterinarian. Addition to a 2-doctor practice in Klamath Falls. New graduate welcome. Resume to 2726 S. 6th St. Klamath Falls, OR 97603 or call (541) 882-8854.


FT Veterinarian. For a progressive well-equipped four-doctor MA practice in Roseburg. AAHA certified hospital. Salary DOE, Health and retirement benefits. Please contact Scott G. Hendy, DVM, at Parkway Animal Hospital, 2655 NW Edenhower Blvd., Roseburg, OR 97470. Call (541) 672-1621 or send an e-mail to sshen@rosenet.net.

FT/PT Associates. Medford. Enjoy a great quality of life along with a challenging career. Banfield, The Pet Hospital seeks experienced and part-time Associate Veterinarians. Work with state-of-the-art equipment, including touch-screen monitors, paperless medical records, in-house Heska CBC and IDEXX Chemistries and much more. Benefits package available. Contact Dr. Bob Lester at (800) 838-6738 ext. 5286 or (503) 407-2644. E-mail: bob.lester@banfield.net or visit www.banfield.net.

CENTRAL OREGON


SA Associate. Come work and play in Bend, Oregon. We have a growing practice and a great team for you to practice the highest quality medicine and surgery. Relocation expenses and signing bonus for the right person. Great outdoor activities close to where you work. Competitive salary/benefits package. Contact Dr. Lonnie Legg at (970) 420-3229 or at sanjuanlon@aol.com.

SA Associate. Progressive SA practice looking for upbeat associate with great communication skills. We emphasize quality, compassionate care and are looking for an enthusiastic, motivated individual, who enjoys surgery. Experience preferred. Compensation negotiable. Hours may include some Saturdays and occasional on call. Please send resume to Personnel, PO Box 5489, Bend, OR 97708.

FT/PT SA and/or MA Associate. Growing, busy MA practice is seeking an associate. Wonderful staff with a great clinic environment. Must have sense of humor and good communication skills. Long term association desired. Salary and benefits to reflect experience. Off clinic house may be available free for the first year! Contact Little Liedblad, DVM, Broken Top Veterinary Clinic, 6729 W. Hwy. 20, Bend, OR 97701. Call (541) 389-0391 or send a fax to (541) 312-3985.

FT Associate. Wanted for well-established companion animal practice in beautiful central Oregon. Well-equipped facility, in-house lab and great clients. Unlimited recreational opportunities with only 8 inches of annual precipitation. Send resume to: Cinder Rock Veterinary Clinic, 2630 S. Canal Blvd., Redmond, OR 97756. Fax: (541) 923-1752 Phone: (541) 923-1638 e-mail: crvets@bendbroadband.com

SA Veterinarian. Central Oregon, newer facility, great location, staff and clientele. US, endoscopy, laser and more. SA including exotics. Require energetic, upbeat, efficient, personable and motivated vet for long term F/T associate position. Salary (prosal %) commensurate with experience and benefits. Contact Deborah A. LaBough VMD, 1288 SW Simpson Ave., G, Bend, OR 97702. E-mail resumes, work/salary history and references to lapaws@wvi.com or fax to (541) 389-3903.

FT Associate. Busy, progressive, two veterinarian clinic in beautiful Central Oregon, close to many outdoor activities. SA practice. Looking for someone who is progressive and interested in providing high quality care for our patients and clients. Need positive, energetic individual to join our excellent staff. Contact Betty Nitschelm at (541) 475-7226 or (541) 771-2325. Or send a letter of interest and resume to 1689 SW Highway 97, Madras, OR 97741.

EASTERN OREGON

Associate. Needed at the Vale Veterinary Clinic, Vale, Oregon. The Vale Vet Clinic is a mixed animal, three-doctor practice located in eastern Oregon approximately one hour west of Boise, Idaho. We have a modern, well-equipped clinic. Contact Dr. Jim Boyle at (541) 473-3231 or by fax at (541) 473-2779.

OTHER STATES

SA Associate. Wanted for busy clinic in Boise, ID. AAHA accredited, well-established practice with great equipment, clientele and team members! SA practice committed to practicing high quality medicine and educating clients to increase the human-animal bond. Great location to live, with mountains right at your doorstep. Competitive salary and benefits. Contact Amy Schaffer, Orchard Animal Clinic, 110 N. Orchard, Boise, ID 83706. Phone: (208) 376-4433 Fax: (208) 322-4857 E-mail: oac@cableone.net

SA Veterinarian. Wanted for award winning clinic with beautiful Walla Walla, Washington. The practice is thriving with great co-workers, great clients and progressive medicine. Compensation includes base salary plus production bonus, health insurance, retirement, continuing education, and paid OR & WA license fees. The clinic is well equipped, well staffed, and committed to the quality care of both patients and personnel. Come join our team! Contact Drs. Fazzari or Ladderud at (509) 522-0763 or e-mail resume to acww@pocketinet.com.

Hawaii. Associate wanted for a two-doctor SA/Exotics practice. Experience preferred, but new/ recent graduates strongly encouraged to apply. Three-four technicians per veterinarian. Beautiful state-of-the-art facility. Flexible scheduling 40 hours per week with transition to 4-10 hour days. Competitive salary with benefits to include medical insurance, vision, dental and prescription drug, licensing fees, DEA license, JAVMA membership, vacation and more. Great work environment and great place to live. Contact Pam via e-mail at vetnet7@aol.com. Toll-free at (877) 838-6384. Fax to (804) 733-9100.

Associates. For 24-hour state of the art diagnostic/ emergency clinic. Fantastic location in Boise, Idaho. New graduates welcomed and an avian interest a plus. Facility is equipped with ultrasound, laser surgery, CO2 monitor X-ray and much, much more. CVT and four veterinary assistants. Facility has massage therapist, acupuncturist and behaviorist. Centrally located. True team-oriented approach to veterinary medicine. Great work environment with a strong, highly trained, motivated and knowledgeable support staff. Competitive salary with excellent benefits. Contact Pam at vetnet7@aol.com. Call toll free at (877) 838-6384 or fax at (804) 733-9100.

SA Veterinarian. Needed FT/possible PT for 35-year established small animal clinic in Vancouver, WA. No after hour emergencies. Contact Heathwood Dog & Cat Clinic, Wayne V. Pruitt, DVM, 14516 SE Mill Plain Blvd., Vancouver, WA 98684. Phone: (360) 892-1440 or e-mail: marion@pacifier.com.

FT/PT Veterinarian. Seeking long-term, FT or PT veterinarian for busy 2 doctor (and growing), full service SA practice. Come work with a caring, fun-loving, and well-trained staff. Located in the highly sought after urban, fast-growing community of Salmon Creek in Vancouver, WA. New, full-service IDEXX in-house lab (CBC, chem, electrolyte, blood gases and urinalysis results in minutes), surgery, dental and radiology. Salary + benefits. Contact Dr. Fredrick Zborowski, 800 NE Tenney Rd., Suite 101, Vancouver, WA 98685. Phone: (360) 546-0055. E-mail: fredrick1@comcast.net. Fax: (360) 713-3163.

FT Veterinarian. Exceptional full-time veterinarian required for a busy, 5 DVM, small animal hospital located in lovely Victoria, BC. Long-term commitment preferred with partnership potential for the right candidate. Join an outstanding support team in a modern, well-equipped facility with amazing clientele. Submit resume to: Susan Kneip, Hospital Manager, Juan de Fuca Veterinary Clinic, 117-2244 Sooke Road, Victoria, BC V9B 1X1 or e-mail to jdfvet@telus.net.

Relief Veterinarians


Shelley Barlow, DVM. Providing excellent SA relief service in the Willamette Valley for more than five years. In SA practice 10 years prior to beginning relief service. At home in the exam room or surgery suite. Call (503) 831-0592. References available.

Lorraine Beaumont, DVM. Available for relief work in Oregon and Northern California. Twenty plus years experience in SA and emergency veterinary medicine. Contact vetmerge@cs.com or call (503) 795-3080.

Carol Beck, DVM. Excellent SA and emergency relief work in Oregon (statewide) and southern Washington.

Easy commute to the Portland area. Please call my cell phone at (541) 908-3289 (Salem).

Michael Booth, DVM, CSU 1980. Available for small animal relief work in Portland-Metro region and Northern Willamette Valley. My 27 years of experience, 21 as an owner, has resulted in confidence with diagnostics, surgery and training in advanced dentistry techniques. Contact me at (503) 475-2612 or (503) 985-0670 or by email: mboothdogdoc@yahoo.com

Brenda Brown, DVM, CSU 2002. Acupuncture certified (CSU). SA relief only. Soft tissue surgery, internal medicine and pain management interests. Will see exotics—no birds. Licensed in OR & WA. Call (503) 887-5752 or e-mail: brenda049@centurytel.net.

Linda Coenen, DVM. Relief veterinarian for Southern Oregon. SA only. A 1985 graduate. Have practice in Oregon for 17 years. Available for long term or short term relief. Call Dr. Linda Coenen at (541) 660-1907.

Marc Cohen, DVM. Available for weekends only. More than 20 years of practice experience. TPLO certified. References available. Contact me at (503) 539-4879.

Christina Gray, DVM. Available for small animal relief work in Oregon and Washington. Call (503) 753-0059 or email tmg177@yahoo.com. I’ll take care of your patients, clients, and staff. References available.

Sara Grimes, DVM, WIS 1996. Available for SA and exotic relief work in the greater Portland area. Licensed and accredited in OR and WA. Call (503) 761-3635 or send an e-mail to kumpry@hevanet.com.

Janet Harmeson, DVM. Have motorhome, will travel. Anywhere in OR or ID, no matter how remote. 30 years experience in SA, 25 years as practice owner. Practice veterinary acupuncture. Compassionate, reliable, personable service for your clients. Cooperative with your staff. Short-term OK. Call (541) 385-9421 or e-mail: mtbender@my180.net.

Elissa Jonas, DVM, FT or SA relief in the Portland area. Call (503) 235-9582. Or contact me by e-mail: eJonas@hotmail.com.

Donna Keirn, DVM, WSU 1983. SA or MA relief in OR and WA. Fourteen years experience FT in a MA practice and emergency. Six years of relief work. Call (509) 773-3510 or (509) 250-0750. E-mail: dkeirndvm@gorge.net

Julie Kittams, DVM, ORS 1997. SA/ER interests. Vibrant, youthful, friendly and ready to have a great time with your staff and clients. Experience in advanced medicine, surgery and management—be confident it will be taken care of. Excellent references. Relocated from Santa Fe, NM, land of trauma, drama and karma. Available for relief in the Portland metro area. Call (503) 317-4247.

Melinda Ann Knox, DVM, Tufs 1998. Experienced veterinarian available for SA and Feline-exclusive relief work in Oregon. Conscientious, flexible, reliable, will uphold your practice standards and relate well with your clients and staff. Resume and rates provided upon request. Please reply by e-mail to mbdonston999@aol.com or you may call (503) 675-8061.

Arthur Lahm, DVM, Available for relief work in Oregon. Call (503) 784-8224.


Jennifer Martin, DVM, UC Davis 1991. Experienced relief veterinarian who enjoys soft tissue surgery as well as internal medicine. Portland/Salem area. Contact me at jmlmdvm12@gmail.com.

Clifford McVey, DVM, UC Davis 1990. Experienced, personable SA veterinarian available for relief work in the Portland/Salem/Bend areas. Short notice okay. Call (503) 848-0563 or send an e-mail to cliford.mcvey@gmail.com.

Michele Nugent, DVM, ORS 1997. Eight years experience. Available for relief work in the Willamette Valley, from Salem to Roseburg. Conscientious, quality care, and excellent communications. Call (541) 995-8118 or send an e-mail to docnugent@msn.com.

Daniel O’Berry, DVM, WSU ’87. New to greater Willamette Valley starting 3/1/07. 18 years SA medicine and surgery experience. Excellent client communication skills and surgical expertise combined with compassionate care will keep your clients and staff happy while maintaining your bottom line. 5 years relief experience. References available. Call (480) 220-0709 or e-mail me at danberry@yahoo.com.

Tim Ramsey, DVM, UC Davis 1978. Available for SA medicine and surgery relief work in Oregon and Washington. Proficient in soft tissue and routine ophthalmic procedures. Call (541) 923-2172 or (541) 729-2885 or send an e-mail to ramvet@msn.com.


Patti Smith, DVM, COL 2000. Compassionate, hardworking, efficient and reliable SA (dogs and cats) relief veterinarian available in Portland and surrounding areas. Flexible schedule. Send e-mail to smith00dvm@yahoo.com or call (503) 467-8127.


Sabra Thomas, DVM. SA/MA relief in the mid-Willamette Valley. Flexible, friendly, compassionate, competent. Call (541) 758-7280.

Paraprofessional Staff

PORTLAND METRO AREA

CVT. Progressive, rapidly growing multi-doctor AAHA practice in NW Portland, seeking to add fourth technician. Full medical, dental and vision benefits, CE and uniform allowance, and matching 401k. Competitive pay, flexible time off. Employee pet discount. Please fax resume to Lalla at (503) 614-8951. FT Technician/Receptionist. Needed for busy 2 doctor equine practice. Horse experience required. Great location, beautiful building. Our clinic is committed to high quality care and excellent client service. Looking for a team player to join our fun and energetic staff. Send resumes to: resume@casadeaccess.com or fax to (503) 630-7447. Mail to Eagle Fern Veterinary Hospital PC, 28255 SE Eagle Creek Rd., Estacada, OR 97023.

FT Technician. Experienced technician needed for busy 3 doctor practice. Great location, beautiful building. Our clinic is committed to high quality pet care and...
exceptional client service. Looking for a team player to join our fun and energetic staff. Send resumes to: resume@cascadeacess.com or fax to (503) 630-7447. Mail to Eagle Fern Veterinary Hospital PC, 585 NW Zobrist, Estacada, OR 97023.

**CVT.** Hollywood Pet Hospital is looking for a CVT to join our team full-time. We offer competitive wages, medical, dental and excellent pet benefits. Please call Julie or Cyndi at (503) 234-9229 or fax your resume to (503) 234-1584.

**FT Assistant/Receptionist.** For large animal practice in Hillsboro, to help in the office and in the field. Help with dentals, lameness exams and surgeries and in the clinic doing office work. Varied hours and days. Send resumes c/o OVMA, 1880 Lancaster Dr. NE, Ste. 118, Attn: 400, Salem, OR 97305.

**Technician.** Wanted for high quality practice in Beaverton area. Benefits included in compensation package. Please fax resume to (503) 682-1551.

**Certified Veterinary Technician** for a busy two-doctor surgery and internal medicine practice. M-F, health insurance, 401k, no weekends. Salary commensurate with experience. CT experience helpful. Please fax resume to Practice Manager at (503) 925-1659 or send by mail to 4525 SW 109th Ave., Beaverton, OR 97005.

**Technicians.** For 4 doctor practice in Sherwood. 4 day (10 hour shift) or 5 day (8 hour shift) available, including a weekend day. Phones/receptionist skills necessary. Certified or experienced technicians only. We are looking for a motivated individual with a desire for long-term employment. Please call Natalie at (503) 625-4404. Send or fax resume to Crossroads Veterinary Hospital, 20345 SW Pacific Hwy., Ste. 208, Sherwood, OR 97140. Fax: (503) 625-5784

**CVT or Experienced Assistant.** Three doctor AAHA Lake Grove area hospital is looking to add a CVT or experienced assistant to our team. FT Wednesday through Saturday. Competitive wage based on experience with benefits after 90 days. Please fax resume to Terry or Joy at (503) 636-2967 or e-mail to lvvet@comcast.net.

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**FT CVT.** Looking for a FT technician for a multi-vet practice located in SE Portland. We offer a positive working environment; we desire a hard working, compassionate team player. Multi-tasking skills needed. We offer 4 ten hour days, competitive pay, and benefits after 90-day trial period. Send resume to: yrkimmy@yahoo.com or fax to (503) 777-3930.

**Head Technician.** Highly motivated head technician wanted for new, progressive veterinary specialty referral center in Tigard. Administrative role: employee development, coaching and problem solving skills necessary. Minimum of five years supervising experience with 10+ employees. Specialty experience needed, surgical experience desirable. Competitive salary, based on experience. Please send your resume to: tdeles@cascadevc.com.

**Veterinary Technicians.** SE Portland 24-hr referral/ emergency hospital is looking for experienced, committed technicians to fill openings in surgery, neurology and ER/JICU. We are a fast-paced, progressive hospital that offers is employees competitive wages and benefits, along with plenty of room for professional growth. Please send your resume, with cover letter, to: kirsten@northwestvetspecialists.com, or fax to (503) 557-8672, attn: Kirsten Parry, Nursing Manager.

**Licensed Technician.** Cedar Mill Veteranary Hospital in Portland is looking for a licensed veterinary technician for our SA practice. New graduates welcome. Benefits include: medical, dental, vision, life, CE, and paid vacation. Please fax your resume to (503) 574-3141. Or send an e-mail to: cedarmillvety@yahoo.com.

**FT Technician.** Wanted for the Sherwood area. Crossroads Veterinary Hospital is a progressive and busy veterinary hospital with longterm employees. Strictly SA (dogs, cats, and occasional pocket pets). Experience is required. Radiology certification and Oregon license is a plus. We provide a 401k, personal time, and health benefits. Non-experience: do not apply. Fax your resume to (503) 625-5784 or e-mail to cvh@crossroadsvet.com. Please do not call the job. We will contact you based upon your resume.

**WILLAMETTE VALLEY**

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**C VT and Other Staff.** The Springfield-Eugene Emergency Veterinary Hospital has expanded to 24/7. We are accepting applications for the following positions: CVT/LVT, experienced assistants (minimum two years), and kennel assistants. Offering flexible hours, health plan, retirement, and quarterly bonus. We have a great team of supportive doctors and staff. Please submit resume and handwritten cover letter to: Springfield-Eugene Emergency Veterinary Hospital, 103, W. “Q” Street, Springfield, OR 97477, Attn: Mark McConnell, BVMS, MRCVS. No phone calls, please.

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**Licensed Technicians.** The City of Eugene Spay and Neuter Clinic is looking for licensed technicians to fill in for our permanent staff for holidays and vacations. Surgery experience is necessary. Will train as needed. If interested, call Dr. Trudy Salerno at (541) 682-3643.

**SOUTHERN OREGON**

**CVT or Experienced Technician.** We are a one-doctor practice; therefore, technician needs to handle treatments, surgery, anesthesia, laboratory and assist where needed. Our clinic has a 35 hr. work week with weekends and mornings free. It is a dog and cat practice with a home-like, relaxed feel. Pay is very competitive. Please contact Briana at (541) 679-7151.

**CENTRAL OREGON**

**Licensed Veterinary Technician.** Come to beautiful Central Oregon and be part of our exclusive equine facility. Our focus is reproduction, dentistry and lameness. Must have horse handling experience, computer and phone skills and a great attitude. FT position available with a busy reproductive season. Please call or send your resume to: Desert Valley Equine Center,
13th Annual Wild West Veterinary Conference

Where the old west meets the new: October 10-14, at the Grand Sierra Resort in Reno.
Following are a few of the new highlights at this year’s upcoming conference.

❖ Changing Face of Veterinary Medicine: This four-hour symposium will focus on leadership skills in veterinary medicine for women.

❖ Veterinary Technician Academy: The program is a combination of written information and hands-on learning presented in Core Modules -- two days worth of lecture and workshops.

❖ New Ideas in Client Service: This front office training track is designed to highlight new standards of client care, what counts to today’s clients and now, and how your staff can deliver the desired service.

❖ The New Grand Sierra Resort: The hotel, formerly the Reno Hilton, has been undergoing a complete face-lift. If you have attended the WWVC before, you will not recognize this new and welcomed look.

21199 NW Spruce Ave., Redmond, OR 97756; (541) 504-5299.

FT Technician. Needed experienced technician (licensed or not). Must have great technical skills, be a team player, and a self-starter. Join a team of smart, customer-oriented staff that is interested in providing the best quality medical care. Full benefits package offered. Salary DOE. Send resume to brenda@blueskyvet.com.

FT Certified Technician. Needed for a mixed practice located in Prineville, Oregon. Come work in a new facility with an easy to work with staff. Standard benefit package with a liberal bonus system. Send resume to psyclinic@prinetime.net.

FT Certified Technician. Redmond Veterinary Clinic seeking outgoing, personable, energetic, motivated individual with the ability to multitask. Five doctor MA progressive practice offering the highest quality in medical and surgical care. Great work environment. Wages starting at $11-13/hr with great benefits. Send resume to office@redmondvetclinic.com.

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Technician. Certified or experienced technician needed for progressive NE Oregon MA practice. In-house lab and computer skills preferred. Community friendly and growing. Excellent opportunity. Competitive salary and benefits. Call (541) 567-1138. E-mail your resume to: bbrent@etonet.net.

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Oregon: Beaverton. SA in lease facility. One DVM with present owner willing to stay part time. Call Dr. Michael Kovsky (IBA) at (800) 218-4422.

Oregon: Bend. SA in free standing building. Present owner and associate willing to stay part time. Call Dr. Michael Kovsky (IBA) at (800) 218-4422.


Southern Oregon, Rogue Valley. Comfortable one doctor SA practice and real estate. Well equipped. Owner wishes to retire but will help with transition. Great location, clientele and staff. Contact the OVMA office and reference ‘Ad 300.’


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the media, veterinary practices, and the general public. At times, we have been inundated with media requests for interviews, backgrounders, and updates on suspect numbers.

Dr. DeBess has regularly been available to discuss the suspect cases in Oregon with the media, speaking to both the print and broadcast media. As your executive director, I also have talked with media from around the state and region.

Local practitioners from across Oregon have also spoken with media in their communities. And many of the online Web sites for the principal television stations and daily newspapers in the state have links to the OVMA Web site.

What is occurring in other states

We have been asked by the media what other states are doing to compile reports of suspect cases. We are unaware of how many states are tracking the pet food recall in their areas of the country. According to the Michigan VMA Web site, veterinarians in that state have seen a similar number of suspect cases -- including deaths -- as we have in Oregon. North Carolina and Vermont are two other states that we know of that have collected information on suspect cases.

Is the end in sight?

We hope that suspect cases in Oregon -- and across the country -- have started to peak. We are seeing fewer “new” cases – that is, suspect cases where the onset of the illness has occurred after the voluntary recall of the pet food. What we are starting to see more of are reports in which the veterinarian has reviewed some back records -- before the recall date -- where the pet or the animal has kidney disease and where the pet ate food from the recall list.

We do know that what has occurred in Oregon is real -- that cats and dogs have been seen by veterinarians, and these animals have kidney dysfunction. As health caretakers of these animals, our hearts go out to the pets and their owners. As difficult as the concern over possible contaminated food and sick animals has been, the overall numbers of suspected cases -- and deaths -- is relatively low compared to the number of cats and dogs in Oregon. Across the state there are approximately 900,000 cats and 700,000 dogs.

-- Glenn Kolb, Executive Director

Web traffic picks up after recall

Following the pet food recall by Menu Foods in mid-March, the OVMA staff assembled and developed various resources on the topic and posted them on the Association’s Web site at www.oregonvma.org.

Since the voluntary recall was announced on March 16, we have seen a 125% increase in visits to our Web site.

• On a typical week in early 2007, the site averaged about 1,200 visits per day. For the week of April 1 - April 7, 2007, we averaged over 2,700 per day.

• On Monday, April 2, we had 3,771 visits to our Web site, our highest total ever.
  • Over 1,500 visits were to the summary of recalled food.
  • Over 500 visits were to the page that detailed the suspect Oregon cases.
  • Over 600 visits were to the page detailing recall information for pet owners, including a Q&A.
  • Over 200 visits were to our page detailing recall information for veterinarians, including treatment guidelines.

• Over the 3 week recall period, the length of visits with over an average of over 3 minutes being spent on each page related to the recall.

Visitors are also viewing other pages on the site, including the Find a Vet service, pet loss page, spay/neuter information, the Oregon Animal Hall of Fame inductees, and our library of pet health and large animal/equine health tips.

During the week of March 25-31, nearly 100 unique pages on the site were visited multiple times. This is an increase from a typical week, when around 30-50 unique pages are visited.

Top referring Web sites have included:
• Oregon Live (Oregonian)
• Google
• MSN Search
• Dove Lewis
• Petconnection.com
• Oregon Humane Society
• Statesman Journal
• CNN.com Search
• Eugene Register-Guard
• KATU (Portland TV)
• KOIN (Portland TV)
• KTVZ (Central OR TV)

-- Raina Dey, PR Director