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### Editor Still Needed for *Veterinary Heritage*

Dr. Russell Currier has generously volunteered to serve as guest editor for the upcoming May 2014 issue of *Veterinary Heritage*, Volume 37, Number 1, which has content almost complete. However, our Society badly needs a more permanent editor to seek out articles and put them in the excellent form previously done by Professor David Williams. The managing editor's duties for layout, printing, and mailing would not be required of the new *Veterinary Heritage* content editor.

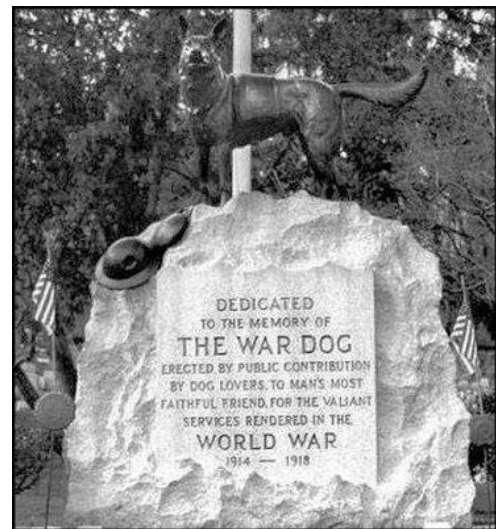
If you, or someone you know, might consider undertaking this unique, voluntary part-time opportunity, please contact AVMHS President Helen Wojcinski at [Helen.wojcinski@hendricks-genetics.com](mailto:Helen.wojcinski@hendricks-genetics.com) or Secretary/Treasurer, Susanne Whitaker at [skw2@cornell.edu](mailto:skw2@cornell.edu)

### Program for AVMA 2014 in Denver

We are looking forward to the annual meeting in Denver on Monday, July 28, 2014 organized by Program-Chair Dr. Ronnie Elmore ([elmore@vet.k-state.edu](mailto:elmore@vet.k-state.edu)). The theme focuses on the "History of Veterinary Medical Education in the United States." Our 2013 first place essay contest winner will also present her paper. The program agenda appears on page 2.

### War Dog Essay & Hartsdale Pet Cemetery

Dr. Kathleen Beach's 2012 3<sup>rd</sup> place essay contest paper titled, "The Dogs of War: History of the U.S. Military Dog" was published in the May-November 2013 issue of *Veterinary Heritage*. Shortly thereafter, the Hartsdale Pet Cemetery in Hartsdale, New York asked if her paper could be posted on their FaceBook page. A World War I War Dog Memorial had been erected there in 1923 and they wanted her paper to be available to visitors to the cemetery.



### Follow-up on Dr. Jöchle

Dr. Frank F. Katz, one of our long time AVMHS members, submitted the following about his friend, Dr. Jöchle, "With regard to the notice of Dr. Jöchle's death that is in the AVMHS *News & Comments* for February 2014, I first learned of his passing from an obituary that appeared in the local newspaper. You and the AVMHS membership might like to know that he was a highly regarded and valued member of the Medical History Society of New Jersey. The Society recognized his outstanding scholarship in and contributions to the field of veterinary medical history by presenting him with its David L. Cowen Award for 2008. It was always a pleasure for me to be with him at Medical History Society of New Jersey dinners and he was helpful to me with answers to questions I presented to him. He will be sorely missed by all his colleagues."



American Veterinary

Medical History Society

**37<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and Program**  
**Monday, July 28, 2014**  
**Denver, Colorado**

Hyatt Regency Hotel  
 Capital Ballroom 7  
 8:30 a. m. – 3:00 p.m.

***History of Veterinary Medical Education in the United States***

8:30 a.m. - 8:40 a.m.

Welcome and Introductions

*Dr. Ronnie Elmore* (Kansas State University)

8:40 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Overview of the History of Veterinary Medical Education in the United States

*Dr. Donald F. Smith* (Cornell University)

9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

The Kansas City Veterinary College

*Dr. Howard H. Erickson* (Kansas State University)

10:00 a.m. - 10:40 a.m.

History of the Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges (AAVMC)

*Dr. Andrew Maccabe* (Executive Director, AAVMC)

10:40 a.m. - 11:10 a.m.

History of Veterinary Technician Programs

*Ms. Jacqueline Paritte* (Oklahoma State University)

1<sup>st</sup> Prize Winner in 2013 Smithcours Essay Contest.

11:10 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.

Early African-American Graduates of Kansas State University

*Dr. Ronnie Elmore* (Kansas State University)

11:50 a.m. – 12 noon

Wrap-up

12 noon – 1:30 p.m.

Lunch Break

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

AVMHS Business Meeting

*Dr. Helen Wojcinski*, Presiding

**AAVMC 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 2016**

Past president Howard H. Erickson has alerted us to plans for the Association of American Veterinary Medical College's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary to be celebrated in March 2016. Dr. Erickson serves on the planning committee.

**Museums Sponsored by State VMAs**

There are twelve veterinary museums related to state Veterinary Medical Associations or their Foundations. Dr. Fred Born sent each an informal survey of their original sponsorship and continuing support. He received replies from six – a 50% return, which he greatly appreciated.

He found that the initial funding of those from Maryland, Mississippi, and Wisconsin came essentially from a one-time donation from their state veterinary medical associations. The museum in Texas was founded by a state wide raising of funds, and that of Nebraska came from a large gift from a family, plus individual members of the state's VMA.



1925 Veterinary Infirmary

Photo courtesy Mississippi Agriculture & Forestry Museum

The annual operating and maintenance expenses of five are supported by admission fees and public donations. Nebraska's also receives some funds from Hall County, while the one in Texas is budgeted by the Texas Veterinary Medical Foundation.

All but Texas have a museum director and, in addition, a curator. In Texas the management is under the Director of the Texas Veterinary Medical Foundation. None have docents or staff regularly on site. However, Wisconsin has the director on site during three special events per season, and Maryland has VMA members present on weekends.

Anyone interested in more details about setting up and maintaining a State or State Foundation Veterinary Medical Museum should contact Dr. Fred J. Born at 920-517-9065 or [fjborn@att.net](mailto:fjborn@att.net).

## Essay Contest Results for 2014

Dr. Russell Currier has again successfully completed the very important and difficult chore of chairing our Society's annual Dr. J.F. Smithcors Student Veterinary History Essay Contest. He reports that this year's essays came in from seven veterinary colleges and that the four winners of Dr. Elizabeth Atwood Lawrence prizes, plus two honorable mentions, came from five different ones. This year's contest goal was to reach a variety of schools, and, of course, this spread came even though, as usual, the judges all read and rated the papers without any knowledge of who the authors were or where they were studying.

The 2014 prize essays, which will be published in *Veterinary Heritage* are as follows:

### 1<sup>st</sup> Prize

**Sarah Oates** '16, University of Wisconsin-Madison  
"Uncloaking Cognitive Decline: The Emergence of Canine Cognitive Dysfunction in Veterinary Medicine and Its Implications for Understanding Alzheimer's Disease."

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize

**Jennifer Yu** '16, University of California, Davis  
"The Rise of Chinese Acupuncture in the West: How an Ancient Eastern Tradition Became an American Medical Staple."

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize

**Amanda Fox** '17 North Carolina State University  
"One Health: Back to Our Roots."

### 4<sup>th</sup> Prize

**Brittany Blattner** '16, Kansas State University  
"Helping Paws throughout History: The Evolution of the Service Dog."

### Honorable Mention

**Michael Sanders** '16 Purdue University  
"The Worm Conqueror."

### Honorable Mention

**Samantha Schimming** '16 Kansas State University  
"Hay, Oats, and Water?: A Brief Look at the History of Drug Use in Thoroughbred Racing."

In his summary to all who entered the contest, Dr. Currier said that "The fact that you took time out even to write an essay puts you three standard deviations from the mean, and I admire everyone who presented an offering." He then gave advice to all essay participants. "First, be

sure to read the instructions and let them guide your research and thinking. Second, number your pages. Third, your essays can be reworked and submitted again next year. Fourth, with so many very good essays, you may well want to consider submitting them to journals or magazines. Make sure your paper has medical history content and does not focus on non-medical history. To excite a judge, tell a powerful story with conflicts, pain, disappointments and accomplishments. Let details in a field of research embellish the work but not overshadow the story." Then he added, "If you have a complaint or criticism of the contest...don't hesitate to contact me."



Dr. Alois Alzheimer (1864-1915), German psychiatrist

Dr. Currier also suggests contestants could be encouraged to write short pieces about parts of their essays for our AVMHS Time-Bites, which appear on the Veterinary Information Network (VIN). To learn more about these Time-Bites and how to submit one, students and all AVMHS members should contact Dr. Phyllis Larsen, Time-Bite Coordinator, or Susanne Whitaker.

### Regional Meeting for 2014 or 2015??

For the first time since 2012, we have thus far have had no state VMA convention or any other gathering with which to hold an AVMHS Regional Meeting. Are there any autumn events with programs still flexible enough and ready enough to include us? If none can be found for 2014, is there an event coming up early in 2015 that you know of?

Members, we need you to ask around and let our Secretary-Treasurer Susanne Whitaker know, so arrangements and further contacts can be made.

We wish more AVMHS members would attend these Regional Meetings in addition to those who do work on suitable programs for them, and they are an important means for making veterinary history more widely known to the profession.

## WAHVM in London in September 2014

The 41<sup>st</sup> Congress of the World Association for the History of Veterinary Medicine (WAHVM) will be centered at Imperial College, London, UK from the 10<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> of September 2014. First signing in will be 4-5 pm on the 10<sup>th</sup>, followed by a bus trip to a reception at the Royal Veterinary College.

Themes for this Congress are "the History of One Health", keynoted by Dr. Don Smith from Cornell University, USA, and "Veterinarians and Animals in War", keynoted by Dr. Hilda Kean from Ruskin College Oxford, UK. On September 11<sup>th</sup>, the fifteen minute presentations with five minutes for questions will begin in parallel sessions. If you access the Congress at <http://www.veterinaryhistorylondon.com/>, the probable times of talks can be found on the provisional timetable at <http://www.veterinaryhistorylondon.com/welcome-to-the-congress/programme/>

Registration for the Congress before June 6<sup>th</sup> is 175 GBD (about \$295 USD) and after June 6, it is 190 GBD (about \$320 USD). This includes the two evening receptions with some food and drink, and two lunches. If you are a WAHVM personal member, or join when registering, your registration is reduced by 30 GBD (about \$50 USD).

For more details about registering online, go to <http://www.veterinaryhistorylondon.com/registration/>. If problems, send email to [veterinaryhistory@gmail.com](mailto:veterinaryhistory@gmail.com).

## Carlson Runs for 2014-2017 WVA President

--Submitted by Dr. Fred J. Born



The AVMA has nominated its Past President Rene A. Carlson as a candidate for President of the World Veterinary Association. As AVMA President in 2011-2012, Dr. Carlson was actively involved in many international leadership meetings, and in 2012, she chaired the WVA Constitution and Bylaws Working Group. In 2013, she agreed to be nominated for the WVA's highest office. The WVA will elect its next

officers in September. If elected, Dr. Carlson would be the first woman to serve as WVA President.

One hundred and fifty years ago, in 1863, Dr. John Gamgee convened the first International Veterinary Congress. This initiative grew into the World Veterinary Association (WVA) today. The WVA unites and represents the global veterinary profession. It is the umbrella organization for veterinary associations and international associations of veterinarians around the world, working in different areas of veterinary medicine. The WVA continues the ambition of Dr. Gamgee to bring veterinarians from all over the world together, to share experiences, to exchange ideas and to join forces for the promotion and development of veterinary medicine. The WVA defends the interest of the health and welfare of animals and people as well as the interest of its member organizations and their members.

Of the world-wide veterinary profession Dr. Carlson says, "We are living in a different time now that requires veterinarians to be actively involved in the many global challenges that affect the health and welfare of people and animals on our planet, from the increasing likelihood and incidence of zoonotic diseases and infectious diseases to the production of enough food in a safe and humane manner for a growing world population of 7 billion, soon to be as many as 9 billion people."

Her campaign Web site can be viewed at <http://www.carlsonforwvapresident.net>

## Veterinary Heritage

The first "News & Comment" column appeared in *Veterinary Heritage* in November, 1999. Some members are now so accustomed to the additional Interim N&C newsletters that they forget to look for news and comments near the back of each *Veterinary Heritage* issue. Important, lasting items often appear there so don't forget to look for them, please.

## Viral Influenza & Its Historical Perspective

---Submitted by Dr. Russell W. Currier

Recently David Morens and Jeffrey Taubenberger have published a nice review in *The Lancet Infectious Diseases* of the role of swine and other species in the dynamics of influenza episodes in humans.<sup>1</sup> In this most readable paper they highlight an outbreak of influenza-like illness in 1892 of a single large swine breeding operation in England akin to modern husbandry

methods. This episode did not apparently propagate or become endemic in other swine herds such as occurred in the U.S. following the 1918 experience. The origin of the human influenza pandemic of 1889-1892 was first reported in Russia. The authors also observe that this period saw outbreaks of equine influenza worldwide in 1892 an era when horses were still maintained in large numbers close to both urban and rural human settlements before the advent of the internal combustion engine. From sero-archeology studies the 1889-92 pandemic is proposed to be caused by an H2N2 variant. Equines commonly experience influenza with H3N8 types that circulated in human populations from 1901-1918; horses are also infected with H7N7 types.



Emergency hospital during 1918 Spanish influenza epidemic at Camp Funston, Kansas  
Source: National Museum of Health & Medicine

The speculation here is definitely worth a review where modern molecular biology is juxtaposed with historical facts providing new insights of how it all evolves. Distinguished influenza researcher, Edwin Kilbourne, has noted the continuing difficulty in dealing with influenza in the preface to his monograph by the same name, “No virus has been better studied, but few diseases are less well understood.”<sup>2</sup> Morens and Taubenberger’s paper prompts the supposition that past events presage current events and studying history has a value all its own.

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### Program Proposal for Boston 2015

Given AVMHS’s success in Chicago in 2013 with the Smithcors Symposium on Veterinary History organized Dr. Howard Erickson being on the main AVMA CE

schedule, many more attended our history presentations. For some talks, we counted 50 or more attendees.

Unfortunately, we were too late when Dr. Ronnie Elmore entered a proposal for the Denver meeting late last summer. Since we have now learned it is necessary to submit proposals more than a year in advance, effort has been made to assemble another CE program for Boston in 2015. After submitting our roster of speakers by April 30, 2014 the AVMA CE Program Committee will notify us of acceptance in November.

Because people and events in Boston and Massachusetts were so influential in the early years as veterinary medicine was developing in America, our theme will be: “Veterinary History: Some Boston Connections.” Topics could include George Dadd and patent medicines, history of veterinary anesthesia as it relates to the first public use of ether for humans in 1845, discussion of the founding of four veterinary schools including the Boston Veterinary Institute (1855), Harvard (1882), Middlesex (1937) and Tufts (1978), eradication of bovine TB in New England, progress in animal health and welfare at the MSPCA-Angell Animal Medical Center, and early woman veterinarian Florence Kimball.

More information will be provided at a later date if we get AVMA program approval. Susanne Whitaker wishes to acknowledge the help of Drs. Howard Erickson and Phyllis Larsen in preparing our submission.

### New AVMHS Members

We are pleased to welcome:

*Thomas Doker DVM* (Aiken, SC)

*Andre Nahmias, MD* (Atlanta, GA)

### New Registry of Veterinary Heritage Practices

We are pleased to welcome new Registry members:

*Baltzall Veterinary Hospital* (Ogallala, NE), estab. 1962 by Dr. Charles “Doc” Baltzall.

*Washington Vet Clinic* (Washington, KS), estab. 1953 by Dr. Max Beam.

### Meeting Calendar

2014

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|--------------|---|
| July 2014 to | Special Exhibit: “Care for Canada’ War                      |
| June 2015    | Horses,” Canadian Agricultural Museum, Ottawa, ON           |
| July 28      | AVMHS Annual Business Meeting and Program, Denver, Colorado |

Sept. 10-13 41<sup>th</sup> WAHVM International Congress,  
Imperial College, London, England  
<http://www.veterinaryhistorylondon.com/>

**2015**

July 10-14 tba AVMHS Annual Business Meeting and  
Program, Boston, Massachusetts

### Child Welfare Followed Animal Welfare

In the Interim News & Comment for February of this year, your reporter discussed animal rights and other rights as the words were used after World War II. Organized concern for animal welfare is nearly a century older.

We veterinarians are probably all familiar with Henry Bergh's founding of the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA). Thus by 1866, there existed, at least in New York City, an organized effort to protect the horses being severely beaten and often dying on the city streets.



Henry Bergh (1813-1888)

“activist for humane treatment of animals and children”

Eight years later, neighbors in that same city, noting a little girl with frequent suspicious cuts and bruises, reported it to the Department of Public Charities and Corrections, which was in charge of orphanages, poorhouses, etc. According to Stephen Pinker in his recent book, *The Better Angels of Our Nature* (pg. 433-4), the caseworker contacted the ASPCA because there were no laws protecting children. Henry Bergh himself hired a lawyer who successfully petitioned the courts by *habeas corpus* to have the child removed from the house where she was being beaten. She was eventually adopted by the caseworker, and the lawyer, who had been retained by Bergh, proceeded to found the New York Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, the

first such protective agency for children anywhere in the world.

Of related interest is this new book:

Tiplady, Catherine. *Animal abuse: helping animals and people*. Wallingford, Oxfordshire; Boston, MA: CABI, 2013. 233 pgs. ISBN: 9781845939830

### New Books

Brewster, Mary P. and Cassandra Reyes. *Animal cruelty: a multidisciplinary approach to understanding*. Durham, NC: Carolina Academic Press, 2013. 436 pgs. ISBN: 9781611630725

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Guardabassi, Luca. *Sixty years of antimicrobial use in animals*. [London]: BMJ Group, 2013.

“This, the last in our series of feature articles celebrating 125 years of *Veterinary Record*, aims to provide an overview of antimicrobial use in animals.”

Gilchrist, Danny K. *Fella*. [sl: sn], 2014, c2013. 161 pgs. ISBN: 9781493148257 “The stories and experiences of a dedicated large animal veterinarian in Upstate New York, leaving one to ponder about life.”

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Shaw, Ian. *Food safety: the science of keeping food safe*. Chichester, West Sussex, UK; Ames, Iowa: Wiley-Blackwell, 2013. 428 pgs. ISBN: 9781444337228 Includes discussion of veterinary medicines, BSE, and animal health issues.

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