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APVMA NEWSLETTER



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Hello to all of you wonderful game-changing APVMA members,

Over the last month your E-Board and I have been working diligently to ensure that the changes that we make will have a lasting impact on the organization as well as your individual education.

During the last weekend in July we all met to discuss the future and direction of your APVMA. To be quite honest, going into the meeting, we faced many challenges. One of the most difficult requirements of leading the APVMA is to be able to communicate with various people across the United States, and territories, while balancing busy schedules, different time zones, and very few opportunities to speak face to face. This has been a constant challenge for us as the E-Board, but let me tell you that this weekend was very special.

Having met in person only once before, we were all a bit nervous about how the meeting would go. With that being said, I am happy to announce that the leadership that we have this year is the most innovative, driven, and has the most collaborative spirit that the APVMA has seen before.

Jennifer is an impressively organized secretary who has a vision to create the most informative and exciting newsletter that you will look forward to reading every month. Ian is a vice-president with an idea to create a more inclusive and diverse organization, and in addition to that he will make sure that the APVMA is the most well-funded that we every have been. Jaylen is an inquisitive young leader who is always looking for ways that she can improve both herself and everything that she is involved in. Her mission in addition to balancing our budget, is to make sure that vet school is financially accessible by informing you all of all of the scholarships that are available. Finally, Sarah is exceptional in her ability to connect with everyone and deliver on their desires, and that is why she will be the most influential webmaster that we have ever had. Her goal is to make our social media the strongest they have ever been, to make sure that you all are always informed.

I came away from this meeting with a sense of just how impressive the leaders are for this organization, but even more importantly, I came away with four of my closest friendships. These people are amazing, and I know they are not the only impressive Pre-Vet students out there, and that is why my initiative is to make sure that our APVMA is the most connected, communicative and collaborative. Read more about one of these programs below. We are so excited to be announcing the APVMA delegate program and I can't wait to get to know even more of you.

Thanks,
Sam

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Updates from the Board

At the end of July, your board of APVMA Trustees convened in West Lafayette, Indiana to discuss the the current status and the future of APVMA. We are so ecstatic to announce our new APVMA Delegate Program, which you can find more details for below! The president will be continuing to work out our new program as well as continuing to keep in touch with our APVMA Symposium host. The vice president will be keeping up with our sponsors, getting new sponsors, and working on adding a diversity element into our symposium. The treasurer will be organizing our budgets and for both APVMA and the soon to be announced scholarships! The secretary will be adding new elements into the newsletter, as well as designing posts and flyers. The webmaster is very excited to put into place a new posting schedule that will give you all many new things to read and learn about! This is only the beginning of what's to come and we are all so excited to see new changes and enhancements put into place for APVMA!



Case Study: Bladder Stones

History:

- 3 yr old long-haired intact female Chihuahua
- Frequent urination and hematuria over several days
- Otherwise acting normally and no prior history of any serious health concerns

Presentation:

- Quiet/shy, but alert and responsive
- Urinated on floor during exam
 - Grossly hematuric urine
- Physical exam was normal except for mild dental calculus and on abdominal palpation a hard, smooth object noted in the caudal abdomen

Diagnostic Tests:

- Urinalysis: Positive for bacteria, leukocytes and erythrocytes. pH 6.0. No crystalluria noted
- Abdominal radiographs: large, oval mineral opacity object in caudal abdomen, consistent with a urolith.



Treatment:

- Surgical removal recommended, but client could not afford at the time
- Prescribed amoxicillin-clavulanic acid 62.5 mg BID PO for two weeks and Royal Canin Urinary S/O diet
- Owner told to observe her closely and recheck when antibiotics finished

Second Presentation:

- Lethargic, difficulty defecating and urinating, and discomfort
- Hospitalized for the day and showed signs of dysuria, but not anuric

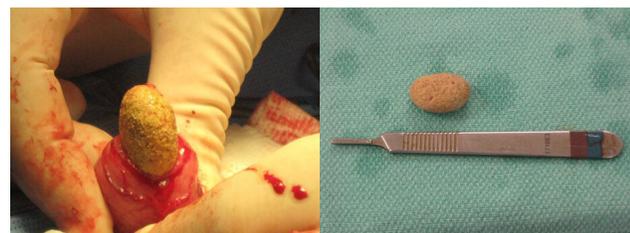
Diagnostic Tests:

- Chemistry Profile: WNL
- CBC: Increased leukocytes, otherwise WNL

Treatment:

- Large bladder stone suspected. Prescribed 12.5mg carprofen PO q24h while owner decided on further care
- Surgery was decided on
- Post-operative period and recovery were normal

Source: Banfield Pet Hospital



APVMA DELEGATE WANTED!

Do you know a leader within your club that would be interested in putting their skills to the test on a national level? Beginning this year, the APVMA is starting an all new delegate program.

What's in it for you?

- A National Leadership Title
- A Discounted Symposium Registration Rate
- An Amazing Opportunity for Leadership Experience
- Providing your Club with a Voice on the National Level
- Recognition at the National Symposium
- Offer Topics and Ideas for what you want to see at the Symposium
- Get your Foot in the Door for APVMA Executive Board Positions

What are we looking for from you?

- One Delegate to Represent each Pre-Vet Club
- A leader and gamechanger who can get information out about the APVMA
- Someone who will check in regularly and report back to their APVMA Executive
- Someone with innovative ideas about the future of APVMA
- A good communicator who can work with representatives from other clubs

Want More Details?

Email President Sam Johnson at
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You Want to Be a Veterinarian?

★ **APPLY SMARTER** ★

WEBINAR



Join the VIN Foundation in collaboration with the Student Doctor Network (SDN) and APVMA in learning how you can apply smarter to veterinary school!

Wednesday, August 7, 2019, 5pm PT/ 8pm ET

Click here to register!

Cal Poly Pomona's Pre-Vet Club



President:

Caitlyn Botello is a senior at Cal Poly Pomona majoring in Pre-Vet Animal Science and currently works at a local small animal hospital. She was raised around horses and competed in local hunter jumper shows. Her goal is to pursue a career in equine or large animal medicine. In her free time, she loves to destress by going outdoors, including horseback riding, going to the gym, or hanging out by the lake.



Vice President:

Leo Escalante, is a senior animal science major from Cal Poly Pomona in California. He has a variety of interests such as baseball, music, and hiking. He currently works at a small animal hospital, and hopes to explore shelter medicine soon. In the future, he aspires to work as a shelter veterinarian, professor, and with a possible career in the army. This summer, Leo is participating in the UC Davis Summer Enrichment Program and also hopes to one day become a surgical specialist.

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Club Highlights

Cal Poly Pomona's Pre-Vet Club prides itself with providing their students opportunities to grow and learn as future veterinarians. A few highlights this year included hosting events such as a "Pre-Vet Symposium" for local high school students to learn about opportunities within our animal science department and participating in our university's annual Pumpkin Festival. Our club also attended the Beverly Hills Dog Show to help facilitate educating students about responsible breeding, and of course attending the National APVMA Symposium at Penn State. The club has also been successful in preparing and sending various students to many different vet schools, both domestic and internationally.



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