



Newsletter

October 2021

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Greetings Colleagues,

Hello Fall. Where has the time gone? It seems like just yesterday we were getting vaccinated, traveling a little more, seeing in person appointments, and basking in a little and I mean little sense of normalcy.

FVMA hosted its 92nd Annual Conference live in July. In conjunction, the organization showcased its rebranding with a changed logo and a new Membership Assistance Program (MAP) to help with personal and professional needs. Mark your calendars for other upcoming events to include the Promoting Excellence Symposium, October 21-24, the FVMA Regional Conference, November 11-14 and the Gulf-Atlantic Veterinary Conference, December 2-5, 2021.

I would like to welcome Dr. Simon Kornberg to our Executive Board. Dr. Kornberg is a neurologist with Southeast Veterinary Neurology. We look forward to his participation and collaboration with CE meetings. If you are interested in being on the Executive Board please contact myself or one of the board members.

During the summer we sent a survey to see if members were ready for an in-person holiday party. Of those that participated, the majority said yes. This was however prior to the surge in COVID cases. We will discuss whether to proceed forward at our next board meeting this month. If we move forward rest assured the party will be based on CDC recommendations and COVID updates. At this time CE meetings will still be held virtually throughout the rest of the year.

I had the pleasure to have Cornell and Tuskegee vet students shadow me during their summer break. Both students had just completed their second year and wanted to gain experience and to see practical application in a day to day setting. Right before they left I took them to lunch and we had a moment to chat about veterinary medicine. It was good to have conversations about vet school, veterinary medicine, and mentoring in a relaxed environment. My biggest takeaway was: that any opportunity is appreciated. Vet students understand we are busy and they just want to be in the room to soak up the experience. They want to apply book knowledge to the real world, hear our conversations and see the client's response. It is important to let them see what a busy day looks like, to see how we interact with our staff and how we manage the busy days. We need more veterinarians willing to share their experiences. Whether it's one day or all summer, the students value and appreciate what we have to offer.

Stay safe and be well,

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BCVMA President



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A Clinical approach to Seizures

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Wednesday, October 13th at 7pm.

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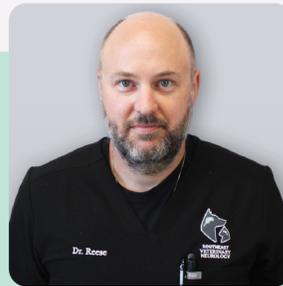
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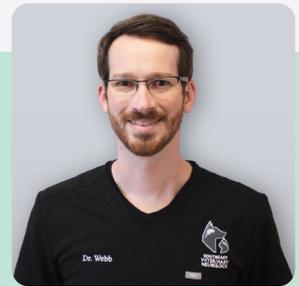
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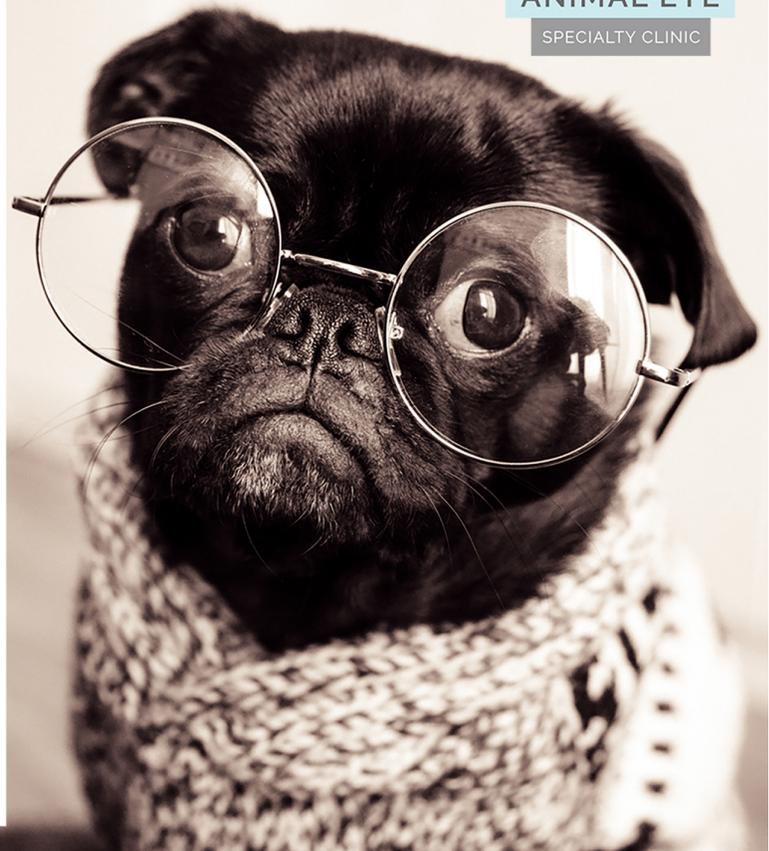
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This summer SIVO was able to travel to Roatan, Honduras, to put on their no-cost, three-day clinic to provide veterinary services to the dogs and cats on the island. Their group consisted of 23 veterinary students, 10 veterinarians, and 8 administrative and technical support staff. They were able to serve 312 patients total and performed 83 spay/neuter procedures. Their medicine station alone saw an all-time high of 229 patients.

Medical and surgical patients were provided with their yearly physical exams and vaccinations as well as flea, tick, and heartworm prevention to go home with. 4DX testing was performed on all of their canine patients over 6 months old, and treatment for tick-borne disease was provided to patients in need. Through their medicine service, they were also able to treat patients presenting with illnesses ranging from lameness to skin and ear infections. Their clinic is gaining popularity and saw more patients this year than ever before!



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Cat FHO Case Presentation

By: Sarah Evans, DVM, DACVS

Allied Veterinary Surgery

Case Presentation:

A one-year old spayed female Siamese cat was presented to the primary veterinarian for an acute onset of lameness. She was an indoor only cat with no history of adventuring outdoors or known traumas. There were no other pets in the house and no children present. The cat was painful on manipulation of the right hip. She was not reactive on the left. The cat was BAR on examination with a normal TPR, but refused to walk. The stifles and patellas were stable and there were no palpable long bone fractures. Radiographs of the pelvis were obtained and revealed a capital physeal fracture. The cat was referred to a board-certified surgeon for surgery.



Upon review of the radiographs and history, a femoral head and neck ostectomy (FHO) was recommended. Pain medications were administered and the cat underwent right FHO surgery the following day. The FHO was performed with an oscillating saw. Her recovery from surgery and anesthesia was routine. She was discharged from the hospital routinely with pain medications and instructions to limit activity for two weeks (until suture removal).

At two weeks post-operative right FHO, the cat was presented for suture removal. The incision was healed well and the remaining sutures were removed routinely.

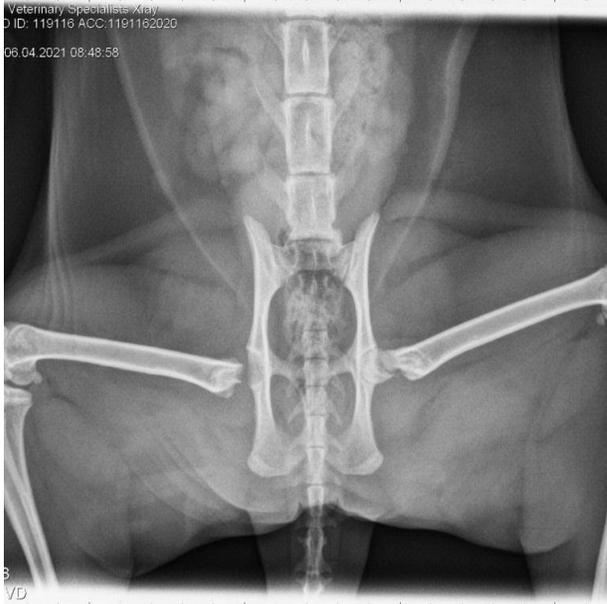
However, the client reported that the day prior to suture removal, the cat had become unwilling to walk again. On physical examination, she was comfortable on palpation and manipulation of the operated hip, but was painful on manipulation of the left hip and sat after every few steps.



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Radiographs revealed a capital physeal fracture of the left hip. The fracture is easily visualized in the “frog-leg” VD view as well as the standard (legs extended) VD view.

The cat underwent left FHO the following day. The surgery and recovery were again routine. She was discharged the day following surgery with similar discharge instructions. She returned for suture removal for the left side at two weeks post-operative and was walking well on both rear limbs. She was comfortable on manipulation of both hips. The cat was evaluated again at four and six weeks following the second side

and was doing great at both recheck appointments.

In the surgeon’s experience, capital physeal fractures are not uncommon in young (one year old) neutered male cats. These cats are often overweight and usually indoor-only. The cat in this case report was unusual because it was a petite female. Some cats (like dogs) benefit from formal physical rehabilitation following FHO surgery, especially when it is bilateral. Young indoor cats with acute onset of rear limb lameness should be assessed for pain as well as joint instability. Congenital medial patella luxations should be considered a differential. Ligamentous instability may also occur.

Bio

Dr. Sarah Evans received her Bachelor of Science degree (Sc.B.) from Brown University in 1997 and her Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) from Auburn University in 2001. She completed a rotating internship in Small Animal Medicine and Surgery at the University of Tennessee and a Surgical Internship at the Hollywood Animal Hospital in south Florida. From there she matched for a three-year Residency in Small Animal Surgery at the elite Animal Medical Center in New York City. Following her residency, Dr. Evans returned to south Florida and passed her surgery boards in 2008. In 2016 she headed north to her home state of Kentucky, but thankfully has returned “home” to south Florida again. Dr. Evans currently works with Allied Veterinary Surgery (avsmobile@outlook.com). In her spare time, Dr. Evans spends as much time as possible with her family and at the beach. She will also be found volunteering to operate for local zoos and wildlife safaris, and doing relief for vacationing surgeons. She loves chocolate, chocolate, chocolate, swimming and watching ice hockey.



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