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VOLUNTEERING

Volunteering—we are all constantly bombarded with requests to do it. Whether it's for the school PTA, religious institutions, or charitable organizations, throughout our lives we are repeatedly asked to donate our time to a good cause. We pick and choose the groups we want to volunteer for based on what's most important to us—where we might make a difference. I chose to volunteer with the AAV. Although I've been an AAV member for 16 years, it wasn't until about 5 years ago that I approached Paul Welch—an AAV board member at the time—with a desire to volunteer. Suddenly, I found myself chairing the AAV membership committee. And so my real connection with the AAV began. After working side-by-side with so many well-respected and distinguished AAV-member veterinarians for several years, all furiously brainstorming about ways to make the AAV more exciting to its existing members and more attractive to prospective members, in 2009 I was honored to be asked to serve as AAV president. Fearful but excited, I accepted this responsibility with hopes that when my term ended I would feel proud of the accomplishments I would leave behind. So now, as my term as AAV president draws to a close, I am happy to say that, with the tremendous, unrelenting efforts of so many wonderful and enthusiastic AAV members, I am proud of what we have accomplished. Our annual conference is more diverse and offers more educational opportunities than ever. At the conference, we are doing a better job of reaching out to students and other first-timers. Our new website is more attractive and user-friendly. And finally, the AAV has caught up with technology with an interactive Facebook page for social marketing and videoconferencing among board and committee members. Videoconferencing has not only facilitated our communication across different time zones but also saved the AAV thousands of dollars in meeting and travel expenses. So, as my term as president comes to a close, I'm happy that I chose to volunteer my time



AAV President, Laurie Hess, DVM,
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to such a wonderful group, and I encourage all AAV members to do the same. Whether you volunteer for one of the numerous longstanding AAV committees or become active in the AAV's recent efforts to help with the Gulf oil spill clean-up, I encourage you to get involved. This organization is only as good as you make it. Please volunteer your time; you will be personally and professionally rewarded, as I have been. I thank the board and all AAV members for giving me a chance to serve as AAV president, and I look forward to serving this coming year as AAV conference committee chair. Thank you all for this wonderful opportunity.

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Avian/exotics internship, NY

One-year internship position at Veterinary Center for Birds & Exotics, a new all-bird/exotics animal hospital (no dogs or cats) about 50 minutes outside of New York City in, Bedford Hills, offering the peace of suburbia and proximity to local stores, restaurants, and entertainment. The hospital owner is Dr. Laurie Hess, ABVP board-certified, avian, and President of the Association of Avian Veterinarians for 2009-2010. The Center is state-of-the art, with a new digital x-ray, a fully-equipped surgical suite, on-site ultrasound and endoscopy, and the support of 2 local 24-hour emergency hospitals.

The hospital has a client base of approximately 3000 previous clients with new referrals daily from dozens of local pet stores and local veterinarians and draws clients from NY, CT, and NJ, as it is the only all-bird/exotics hospital in the area. The Center is open Monday-Saturday, and Dr. Hess is on call for emergencies nightly and on weekends.

Applicant must be license-eligible in New York. An ideal applicant would have some previous pet exotics experience and be enthusiastic, outgoing, and work well with others in a fast-paced setting. The internship could lead to a residency or associate position for the right person. The Center is a paperless practice, so a good comfort level with computers is essential. The ideal applicant would be self-motivated, eager to learn one-on-one with Dr. Hess about exotic pet medicine, and have excellent communication skills with clients and co-workers. The applicant must have a car; the hospital will assist in finding local housing, as there are many apartments close by.

The Center offers a competitive salary commensurate to an intern's experience, plus healthcare coverage, as well as membership in professional avian/exotics associations, and opportunities to attend local continuing education seminars in New York. The position is open immediately and could lead to residency or an associate veterinarian position for the right person.

Please contact Dr. Hess at 1-914-450-4281 or email at Lhess@avianexoticsvet.com to discuss this position. Serious applicants only, please.

Volunteers Needed for AVMA Committees

Dear Colleague,

A variety of volunteer positions remain open on AVMA committees, and the AVMA Executive Board is seeking nominations for volunteers interested in serving on these groups. The application deadline for all of these openings is June 15.

Nominations are open for the following committees:

- Animal Welfare Committee
- Aquatic Veterinary Medicine Committee
- Clinical Practitioners Advisory Committee
- Committee on Disaster and Emergency Issues
- Food Safety Advisory Committee
- Governance Performance Review Committee
- Legislative Advisory Committee
- Member Services Committee
- State Advocacy Committee
- Veterinary Leadership Conference Planning Committee

A list of all open committee positions is available on the AVMA website, along with the committee nomination form, at:

http://www.avma.org/about_avma/governance/volunteering/committees/comm_trust_vacancies.asp.

The AVMA Executive Board will fill these vacancies during its July 28 meeting, and the appointments will take effect at the beginning of the new AVMA association year, on Aug. 3, 2010.

Instructions for submitting applications are included on the application form, at http://www.avma.org/about_avma/governance/volunteering/committees/comm_nom_form.rtf.

If you have any questions, please feel free to e-mail OfficeEVP@avma.org or call 1-800-248-2862, ext. 6605. **IMPORTANT NOTE:**

Because the professional classification codes in an individual's AVMA member record are used to determine eligibility to serve on an AVMA entity, it is important that your AVMA member information be current. Please visit the AVMA website to check the accuracy of your professional activity information, and make any needed adjustments, at:

http://www.avma.org/membshp/member_records/default.asp.

Clinic Cat Survives Clinic Fire, Little Else Remains.

"On May 23, 2010, Trylon Vet Care, owned by Stephen M. Wyler DVM, suffered irreparable smoke and water damage, due to a fire in the adjacent stores. The hospital, which is located in Forest Hills/Rego Park NY, was declared a Total Loss, and efforts are being made to evaluate rebuilding, or relocating in the same area. Fortunately, there were no patients hospitalized overnight, and they were able to successfully resuscitate their housecat, "Spike". After spending three days in oxygen, he is now living "The Life of Reilly" at home with Judy, a very special Trylon receptionist.

As devastating as an event like this can be, there were no lives lost, and everything else can hopefully be replaced.

Dr. Wyler would like to thank any colleagues and friends who have expressed their concerns, and given their support."

AAV Clinical Forum Submissions

The Clinical Forum invites submissions related to clinical practice, case reports, and items of interest to practitioners. Submissions should be in Word format. E-mail as an attachment to:

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AAV prints two forms to assist you in your practice— a pad of 250 two-sided sheets of **Avian History** forms, and a two-copy carbonless form pad with 100 sets of our **Certificate of Veterinary Exam**. Also, you may purchase a set of six **In-Memoriam** cards to send to clients who have lost a pet. The card indicates that a donation has been made to avian research in memory of their pet.

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AVIAN AND EXOTICS CONFERENCE



Mercure Hotel Hobart Australia

October 4-8, 2010

This conference is designed to help veterinary practitioners meet the challenges of dealing with avian and unusual and exotic pets.

Monday 4 and Tuesday 5 will be Avian sessions,
Wednesday 6 will be a combined Avian/Reptile/Exotic day,
Thursday 7 and Friday 8 will be Reptile/Exotic sessions

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Drs Nigel and Frances Harcourt-Brown.

Both gained their Fellowship of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons by thesis: Frances for 'Metabolic bone disease as a possible cause of dental disease in pet rabbits'; Nigel for 'Diseases of the pelvic limb of birds of prey'. Frances is now a Royal College Specialist in rabbit medicine and surgery and they are both European Specialists. They are both experienced international speakers who have lectured all over the world but not yet in Australia. Frances is the author of the best selling Textbook of Rabbit Medicine and Surgery and has produced many published papers on rabbits.

Nigel has kept and bred parrots since he was at school and has written, contributed to and edited many veterinary avian texts (as well as some dog and cat ones).

Frances and Nigel intend to present a set of lectures much of which will be applicable to colleagues in veterinary practice who see birds and/or rabbits in their clinics.

VENUE

Mercure Hobart is located in the city centre, only two blocks from the main shopping mall. The Hotel features Embers restaurant and bar, plus 140 spacious rooms with fresh, modern decor and either city or mountain outlooks. Mercure Hobart is situated only a short walk from Salamanca Place on the historic Hobart waterfront, an area well known for its many restaurants, cafes, bars and the famous Saturday market.

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PRACTICAL CLASSES

Practical classes in Avian Orthopaedics and Rabbit Anatomy and Dentistry will be held on Wednesday afternoon 6th October. Participants will learn practical aspects of orthopaedics of avian long bones, rabbit anatomy and rabbit dentistry.

For information contact:

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AAVAC and UEPV Annual Conference



Practical Classes

Avian Orthopaedics and Rabbit Anatomy and Dentistry

Mercure Hotel, Hobart, Tasmania, Wednesday October 6 2010



Rabbit Dental Workshop

Participants will learn practical aspects of rabbit anatomy and dentistry techniques. Rabbit heads and rabbit dental equipment will be provided to enable each participant to gain hands-on experience under the direction of tutors.

Avian Orthopaedics Workshop

Long bone fractures are common pathological findings in traumatized avian species. Participants in this workshop will repair fractures of the various long bones of birds. Methods of repair will be discussed. Cadavers with fractures will be available with accompanying radiographs of the affected bones. The results of repairs will be discussed. K-wires, scalpel blades, disposable gloves, and fast setting putty will be provided. If available, please bring small pin drivers to use in the session.

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Full conference program may be found at: <http://www.aavac.com.au/conference.html>

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