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Leading through *Change*

Change is inevitable, but struggle is optional. The path you choose makes all the difference. When it comes to adapting to life's curve balls, how do you and your team choose the path of least resistance?



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Leading through Change. It may be unavoidable, but that doesn't make it any easier! Change can elicit a wide range of responses, including staunch resistance. Recognizing the stages of change can help you and your team move through them faster and with less stress. *More on page 8.*

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SPEAKING OF CHANGE... DOES YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION NEED AN UPDATE?

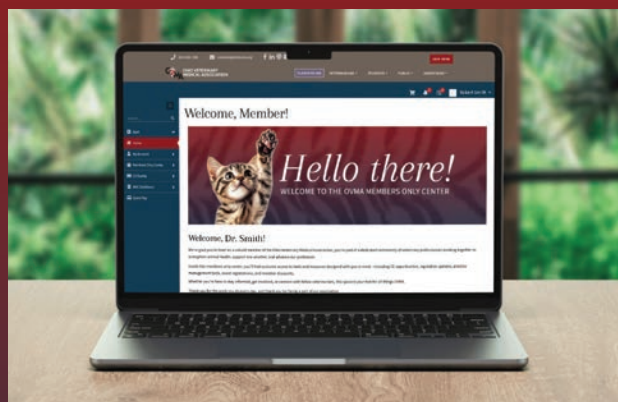
Take a moment to review your member record and communications preferences by logging in to the new Members Only Center at members.ohiovma.org.

OVMA debuts improved member website

OVMA is pleased to announce the debut of its new Members Only Center! Revamped with you in mind, the new website offers a robust experience full of exclusive resources, new opportunities for collaboration, and helpful tools for managing your membership—and your everyday practice.

Here are some of our favorite features:

- **A more powerful profile** — Personalize your professional expertise and interests, add multiple contact methods, submit requests directly to OVMA, and more.
- **Seamless auto payments and renewals** — “Set it and forget it,” so you never miss out on your membership benefits. Plus, take advantage of monthly installments to spread your dues payment out over the entire year.
- **Connect everyone at your practice** — Manage your



organization's roster and assign permissions that make group registrations and bulk dues payments easier than ever.

Additional features and resources are in the works and will be rolled out in the coming weeks. In the meantime, we invite you to log in to your account at members.ohiovma.org and take a look around!

News Briefs

USDA UNVEILS PLAN TO ADDRESS RURAL VET SHORTAGE, EXPAND FINANCIAL AID

In late August, Agriculture Secretary Brooke Rollins announced a new USDA program to help recruit more veterinarians to rural areas. The Rural Veterinary Shortage Action Plan aims to expand grants and financial assistance, streamline the application process for veterinary loan grants, conduct research to better understand the scope of the problem, and recruit more rural students to attend veterinary school.

“Rural veterinarians are vital for the agricultural economy in the United States,” Rollins said in a press conference to announce the new plan. “Our farmers and ranchers rely on these critical services to prevent the transmission of animal disease, protect our food supply, and support America’s rural economy.”

To learn more about the plan, visit the USDA website at www.usda.gov/news and click on “USDA Expands Efforts to Strengthen Rural Food Animal Veterinary Workforce

and Protect America’s Food Supply” under the “Trending News and Updates” header.

OHIO HPAI OUTBREAK IMPROVED STATE’S ABILITY TO RESPOND TO FUTURE EVENTS

The highly pathogenic avian influenza outbreak that began in December of 2024 has been deemed finished, according to Ohio Poultry Association executive vice president Jim Chakeres. April 14 marked Ohio’s last reported detection of avian influenza.

More than 15 million birds were destroyed during the outbreak, according to the Ohio Department of Agriculture. At one point, Ohio had the most confirmed cases in the U.S. As a result of the state’s response, Chakeres says, Ohio is now better equipped for future outbreaks.

“The industry and the producers, the farmers in Ohio remain vigilant in protecting their flocks through many different biosecurity measures,” he said in an Aug. 27 story that aired on WOSU 89.7.

REGULATION STATION

The biennial budget: What you need to know

Ohio passes telemedicine law, invests heavily in veterinary college



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After roughly a year and a half of deliberations, negotiations, and discussions, veterinary telemedicine will soon become law in Ohio. Gov. Mike DeWine recently signed House Bill 96, which contained the entirety of Senate Bill 60, the telemedicine bill first introduced by Sens. Shane Wilkin and Steve Huffman.

This means that on Sept. 30, 2025, you will be able to utilize telemedicine in your practice for the first time.

Also part of HB 96 was a historical investment into Ohio's veterinary college, dubbed "Protect One Health in Ohio," or Protect OHIO. This initiative, backed by OVMA, the Ohio Farm Bureau, the Ohio Pork Council, and others, provides \$15 million in funding for each of the next two years to the OSU College of Veterinary Medicine to graduate more students.

VETERINARY TELEMEDICINE

OVMA worked tirelessly over the last 18 months with interested parties, legislators, OVMA members, and national and international leaders in veterinary medicine to deliver a bill in Ohio that was effective, safe, and protected Ohio's veterinarians and patients.

The new Ohio law allows for the establishment of a VCPR through virtual means in most cases. This means that licensed Ohio vets, as well as non-Ohio vets that are licensed in Ohio, can care for and prescribe most medications using telemedicine—without first having to see the patient in person.

There are some limitations to the virtual VCPR that are covered below, but by and large,

a virtual VCPR will become the law of the land in Ohio, beginning Sept. 30.

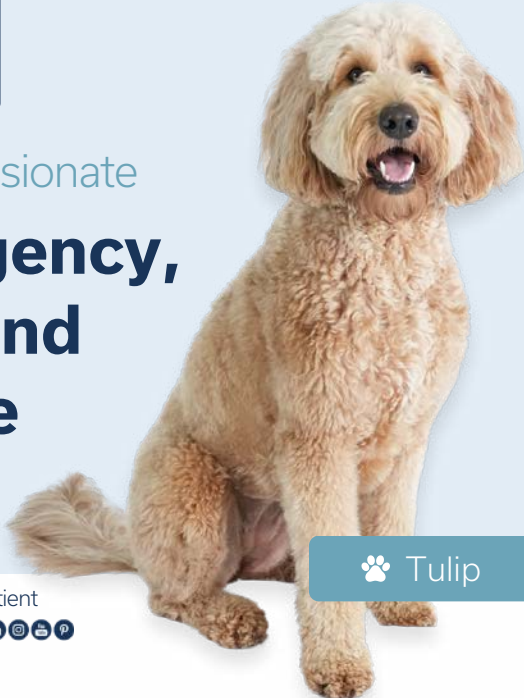
In order to use telemedicine in your practice, you must first take these steps:

- **Hold a valid Ohio veterinary license.** All veterinarians using telemedicine to care for patients—either to establish or maintain a VCPR—must first be licensed to practice veterinary medicine in Ohio. There is not a separate, dedicated telemedicine license. Your existing license must simply be active and approved by the Ohio Veterinary Medical Licensing Board.
- **Obtain client consent.** A veterinarian wishing to use telemedicine must obtain the informed consent from the client. This includes an acknowledgement that the standards of care, as prescribed by the laws that govern veterinarians, apply to in-person and telehealth visits equally. The veterinarian must maintain documentation of the consent for at least three years after receiving the same.
- **Share contact information.** The veterinarian provides



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the client with their name and contact information. Additionally, they must secure an alternate means of contacting the client in the event the telehealth visit is interrupted.

- **Provide a record of the visit.** Following the telehealth visit, the veterinarian must make available to the client an electronic or written record of the visit. The record must include the veterinarian's license number.
- **Include the "fine print."** Before conducting an evaluation of a patient via a telehealth visit, the veterinarian advises the client of all the following:
 - The veterinarian may ultimately recommend an in-person visit with the veterinarian or another licensed practitioner;
 - The veterinarian is prohibited under federal law from prescribing certain drugs or medications based only on a telehealth visit; and
 - The appointment for a telehealth visit may be terminated at any time.

The new law also prohibits the establishment of a VCPR using virtual means for certain food production operations. Specifically, a licensed veterinarian whose client is engaged in the raising of livestock for human food products may not use telehealth services for those livestock unless the veterinarian has established a VCPR in person with respect to the livestock prior to the use of telehealth services.

However, a licensed veterinarian whose client is engaged in the raising of livestock for human food products (meaning: livestock raised for human consumption or livestock whose products are used for human consumption) may conduct tele-advice services for those

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DOWNLOAD A TELEMEDICINE CHECKLIST

Visit the new Members Only Center at members.ohiovma.org to download a reference guide for using telemedicine lawfully in your day-to-day practice. On the welcome page, click on the veterinary telemedicine tile in the Featured Content section.

livestock prior to the veterinarian establishing a VCPR in person with the client.

Until the law becomes effective on Sept. 30, veterinary telemedicine is not allowed under current Ohio law. But, the virtual future is right around the virtual corner.

PROTECT OHIO FUNDING

As part of Gov. DeWine's as-introduced version of HB 96, he included \$20 million per fiscal year in supplemental funding for The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine.

As you likely know, the budget bill goes through heavy deliberation throughout the course of about six months. This means that the Ohio House of Representatives and the Ohio Senate each have their chance to make their marks on how the state should spend its money.

As part of the House process, the funding for OSU CVM was cut to just \$7.5 million per fiscal year. OVMA, the

College, and the other agriculture trade groups worked tirelessly to restore this funding during the Senate process. As most things usually are, we landed in the middle at \$15 million per year, which is what was finally signed into law by Gov. DeWine.

Dean Rustin Moore shared during testimony that this funding is not simply expanded funding for the College. Rather, it is an investment in animal health for all of Ohio, its agriculture partners, and ultimately, its citizens.

OSU is seeking to dramatically increase their graduation class size and increase enrollment from Ohio applicants, while also keeping graduates in the state to start their practice. This funding will go a long way to making that a reality.

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Receipt paper: Yet another health hazard?



Terence Ward
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A while back, an OVMA member reached out to me seeking alternatives to thermal receipt paper. She was concerned about the BPA, which is used in thermal paper as a developer to activate the printing process.

BPA, or Bisphenol A, is part of a group of toxic organic compounds called phenols, which are used in medical and industrial applications, as well as a variety of everyday products from disinfectants to mouthwashes. As I started looking into BPA, I found that regulatory bodies around the world have documented concerns about its impact on human health. Research has indicated that BPA is linked to:

- Endocrine disruptions, including changes in hormone levels and function
- Reproductive problems, such as reduced fertility and early puberty
- Impaired brain development and behavior problems
- Dysfunctions in the immune function, including chronic inflammation
- An increased risk of certain cancers, such as liver and prostate cancer

This was an eye opener for me, and I understood her concern.

We started the search for alternatives by looking into whether her terminal would support emailing receipts to her patient parents. What we found was that, unless she moved up to a terminal supporting POS software features, this was not an available function. I thought that asking her to purchase new equipment was a bit extreme, so I continued to look for alternative solutions. It was at this time that I ran across BPA-free paper.

I made the recommendation to her that she use a BPA-free paper and sent her a link to an Amazon seller who had it in stock. She then continued my education: Receipt paper labeled as BPA free typically uses BPS (Bisphenol S), which is suspected to be just as bad.

I was stymied. BPA paper is bad, but when you look for BPA-free paper, it has BPS! I continued my search and finally stumbled across a viable alternative: Phenol-free paper.



Phenol-free thermal paper utilizes various alternative developers, such as ascorbic acid (vitamin C) or urea-based Pergafast 201, or is made with technology that doesn't need developer at all. It is considered a safer alternative to traditional thermal papers containing BPA and BPS. Some of the positive claims for the phenol-free paper are:

- It eliminates exposure to harmful chemicals (BPA and BPS) and thus reduces the risk of adverse health effects
- It minimizes negative effects on the environmental impact, as phenols are not used and therefore will not leach into the environment
- It improves air quality, since phenol-free paper does not contain toxins that can be released into the air

This looked like the answer!

So, I searched both Amazon and the internet at large and came up with multiple links to reasonably priced alternatives for regular thermal receipt paper. Not only is the phenol-free paper budget friendly, it reduces exposure to chemicals that are considered health risks. This sounded like a win.

If you have similar concerns and are using traditional thermal receipt paper, you might want to consider a phenol-free alternative. It could reduce your health risks—and your clients'!

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A DOLLOP OF GLUE

Choosing your path through change



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Change is inevitable. Struggle is optional. The path you choose makes all the difference.

If there's one thing I've learned from working with veterinary leaders and teams, it's this: We are amazing at caring for animals and people, but we are also

highly skilled at sabotaging our own experience—especially when it comes to change.

I bet you know what I mean.

The mere mention of a new policy, a different product, or—heaven forbid—new software, and suddenly half the team is off their game, fixated on all the possible negative consequences.

A little brain science helps explain this. Change feels hard because our brains are wired to avoid it. Our survival system loves sameness. Sameness feels safe. It takes zero extra energy. So when a shift from normal comes along, our brain throws a tantrum: “Nope, unsafe, unfamiliar, too much effort!” Of course we resist.

So how do we outsmart our own wiring? It starts with understanding what's happening so we can intervene—for our sanity and our team's well-being. That's where The Glue Change Path comes in. It outlines the stages we tend to walk (or stomp) through when faced with change. It's loosely based on Elizabeth Kübler-Ross's stages of grief, but with a real-talk vibe.

Let's walk it together.

STAGE 1: WAIT... WHAT?

This is the moment you first hear about the change. We respond by saying:

- “We’re doing what?”
- “You’ve got to be kidding.”
- “This can’t be happening.”

We may feel disoriented, annoyed, or even disbelief if the change is unusually big. And as those feelings build, the rumor mill cranks into high gear. Cue overreacting, catastrophizing, and negative chatter in dark corners.

STAGE 2: NO WAY

Denial turns into defiance. In this stage, we say things like:

- “This is ridiculous.”
- “Whose idea was this?”

- “This makes zero sense.”

We may feel angry, distrustful, even a little betrayed. Actions at this stage often include complaining, sarcasm, or disengaging completely from anything having to do with the change.

If Stage 1 is disbelief and gossip, Stage 2 is full-blown pushback. We are heels dug in, arms crossed, daring anyone to make us do the new thing.

STAGE 3: I HATE THIS

Welcome to the sulking stage. This is where we say:

- “What’s the point?”
- “This will never work.”
- “This is so stupid.”

We feel overwhelmed and irritable, certain this change is doomed. Even when we try to begin implementing the change, we give up quickly at the first hiccup, hoping the whole thing will just disappear.

These first three stages are massive energy drains! Productivity dips, motivation flatlines, and every setback feels like confirmation the whole idea was destined to fail.

STAGE 4: WELL, OKAY...IF I HAVE TO

The tide begins to shift. Now we say:

- “Fine, I’ll try it, but I still don’t like it.”
- “Maybe it wouldn’t be so bad if I...”

We start taking real action, though we’re

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uncomfortable and angsty about how it will play out. We make tentative attempts, tweak our approach, and dip our toes in the water.

This stage isn't always graceful—and sometimes we backslide into earlier stages when new obstacles pop up—but it is progress.

STAGE 5: NO BIG DEAL

Cue the relief. We've made it! In this stage, we say things like:

- “Whew, glad that’s behind us.”
- “This wasn’t nearly as bad as I thought.”
- “Actually, I can see why this matters.”

Now we feel reengaged, confident, even optimistic. All that energy we spent resisting can be refocused on bigger priorities. And ironically, we might even get a little impatient with those still stuck in the earlier stages!

What once felt impossible is now...normal.

MOVING THROUGH THE STAGES

Knowing these stages are a normal brain response helps us stop fighting ourselves. The real question: How do we move through the early, energy-draining stages more gracefully—and get to Stage 5 “No big deal” with less drama?

The answer is emotional intelligence—specifically self-awareness and self-management.

With self-awareness, we notice The Voices in our Head. Are you hanging out with Marge in Stage 2 “No Way”? Or sulking with Vicki the Victim in Stage 3 “I Hate This”? Naming your stage brings clarity and gives you a foothold

for moving forward.

Then comes self-management. Once you know where you are, you listen for Molly and lean into logic, reason, and perspective to nudge yourself forward. Instead of spiraling into “This is a disaster,” reframe with empowerment: “This will take effort at first, but once we figure it out, it’ll be no big deal. So let’s figure it out.” That shift is what moves us into Stage 4 and ultimately Stage 5.

Need a refresher on Amy’s characters, dubbed the Voices in Our Head? Access past issues of the Observer via the new Members Only Center at members.ohiovetma.org. Log in and click on the “Publications” tab in the left navigation bar.

LEADING YOUR TEAM THROUGH CHANGE

Managing change isn’t just about individuals. Leaders and managers need to proactively support their teams along The Change Path in order to reach Stage 5 as efficiently as possible.

Here are a few key tips:

1. **Start with clear communication.** The rumor mill thrives in silence. Share the what, why, and how early.
2. **Nurture engagement.** Ask for feedback, ideas, questions, and yes—even grumbles. Concerns heal faster in the open than festering in the breakroom.
3. **Practice empathy.** EQ’s social awareness skill means listening not just to respond, but to truly understand. Sometimes people just need to be heard before they can move forward—and you

PLEASE SEE GLUE ON PAGE 15.

The glue Change Path

**loosely based on the Kubler-Ross “Five Stages of Change”*



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PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

Highlighting vet med at home & beyond



Dr. Michelle Harcha
OVMA President

The AVMA Convention in Washington, D.C., in July was a great success. I was joined by our executive director, Chris Henney, along

with OVMA members and Ohio State veterinary students, as we participated in the AVMA Legislative Fly-In. The annual event drew more than 360 veterinarians, veterinary students, and state VMA leaders. Together, we met with the legislative aides for Sens. Jon Husted and Bernie Moreno to advocate for the Rural Veterinary Workforce Act and the Combating Illicit Xylazine Act. I was especially proud to visit with my Congressman, Mike Carey, who has demonstrated his commitment to our profession by co-sponsoring both bills. It was inspiring to see Ohio so well represented on Capitol Hill as we worked to strengthen the veterinary profession.

Closer to home, OVMA once again had a strong presence at the Ohio State Fair. Thanks to Dr. Eric Gordon for his leadership in making the Animal Care Center a tremendous success. Attendance reached an all-time high, with visitors learning about the proper care of poultry, goats, cows, sheep, and pigs. Our volunteer veterinarians demonstrated routine exams, discussed preventive care, and answered countless questions from the public. Many thanks to the following veterinarians who volunteered their time and expertise to engage with fairgoers:

- Dr. Eric Gordon • Dr. Kirk Perkins
- Dr. Leah Dorman • Dr. Dawn Spangler

Another highlight this summer was our Vet for a Day program, which welcomed nearly 80 high school participants. Building a pipeline of future veterinarians is a core part of OVMA's mission, and this program gives students



Representing Ohio at the AVMA Fly-In were (left to right) Madeline French and Holly Kessler, OSU CVM students; Dr. Robert Knapp, candidate for AVMA President-Elect; Rep. Mike Carey of Ohio's 15th District; Dr. Michelle Harcha; and Dr. Adam Hechko, owner of North Royalton Animal Hospital.

a firsthand look at the many facets of our profession. Several veterinarians led demonstrations:

- Dr. Eric Gordon — Dairy Cattle
- Dr. Joy Sizemore — Sheep
- Dr. Jess Higgins — Poultry
- Dr. Jaqueline Nolting — Swine

I had the privilege of opening the day by sharing my career path in veterinary medicine and encouraging participants to explore the wide range of opportunities our profession offers. A special thanks goes to Mia Cunningham for organizing the event, and the veterinary students who contributed their time and enthusiasm:

- Alexander Dawson • Anna Turnbull
- Drew Toth • Nathan Heinzman
- Makayla Thompson

These veterinary students served as outstanding role models, showing both the professionalism and excitement of a career in veterinary medicine.

Looking ahead, I want to thank the many members who completed our OVMA membership survey. Your feedback is invaluable as we prepare for our strategic planning session in October. The input you have provided will help guide OVMA's priorities and ensure that we continue to serve our members effectively in the years ahead.

As fall approaches and we cheer on the Buckeyes, I remain deeply inspired by the strength and future of our veterinary community. From the halls of Congress to the barns of the Ohio State Fair to the classrooms of aspiring veterinarians, OVMA is working to ensure a bright future for our profession.

Thank you for the ongoing privilege of serving as your President.

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Pre-vet students (left to right) Zach Wecker, Abbie Sapp, and Emma Irvin join Dr. Harcha at the OVMA Animal Care Center at the Ohio State Fair.



Current Practices for Sale in Ohio

OH - Northeast - Companion animal practice for sale in Cleveland, just a stone's throw from Lake Erie. It is housed in a free-standing building that includes 2 exam rooms and the usual amenities. Practice lot allows opportunity for future expansion. Both the practice and the real estate are for sale (OH402)

OH- Northwest - Small animal practice located on north side of Toledo - you can live in Ohio or Michigan! Housed in a free-standing, 2,100 sq. ft. building. Well equipped with digital x-ray, therapy laser, and in house lab. Both practice and real estate are for sale. The owner will help with the transition. (OH325)

OH - Northeast - This is an established, small animal practice with easy access to Akron., Canton and Cleveland, OH. The practice is housed in a 1,100 sq. ft. facility with an excellent location. The owner is open to staying part time to help with the transition. (OH501)

OH - Northeast - Healthy and growing companion animal practice located a short distance from the PA/OH border with easy access to Cleveland, OH., Erie, PA., and the great Lake Erie. The practice is housed in a 4,000 sq. ft. facility that has all the usual amenities and room for future expansion. Both practice and real estate are for sale. (OH521)

OH - Western - Small animal practice that is located near the Ohio/Indiana border just northwest of Dayton, OH. The hospital is housed in a 2,100 sq. ft. building that is well-equipped and the building has been regularly maintained. Everything is ready and turn-key for a new owner. Both practice and real estate are for sale. (OH523)



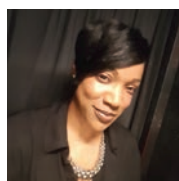
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YOUR ASSOCIATION AT WORK

OVMA programs educate public, members



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This summer was anything but lazy for the Ohio Veterinary Medical Association, as we continued our efforts to offer enriching programs that reach both the community and our own members—and fulfill our mission of fostering our core values of stewardship, compassion, community, and lifelong learning.

SHOWCASING THE PROFESSION, CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY AT THE STATE FAIR

As in years past, OVMA brought the wonders of animal health and veterinary medicine to life at the 2025 Ohio State Fair through two signature initiatives: The fan-favorite Animal Care Center exhibit and the inspirational Vet for a Day program.

Both the Animal Care Center and Vet for a Day reflect OVMA's mission to engage the public, educate future generations, and showcase

the essential role veterinarians play in animal health and welfare.

Running the length of the Fair, the Animal Care Center offered visitors an up close look at animal care with a variety of baby animals, including piglets, goats, beef and dairy calves, sheep, a hatching station, and even a crowd-pleasing duck slide.

Throughout the Fair, OVMA member volunteers—Dr. Eric Gordon (*pictured above*), Dr. Leah Dorman, Dr. Kirk Perkins, Dr. Dawn Spangler, and OVMA President Dr. Michelle Harcha—welcomed guests, answered questions,

and led twice-daily demonstrations to highlight the animals on display. Their enthusiasm and expertise created meaningful connections between veterinarians and the public, sparking curiosity in fairgoers of all ages.

On July 31, OVMA hosted its annual Vet for a Day program, welcoming



79 high school students for an immersive exploration of veterinary medicine. Participants rotated through hands-on learning stations across the fairgrounds:

- Brown Sheep Arena — Dr. Joy Sizemore
- Poultry Pavilion — Dr. Jess Higgins (*pictured on facing page, bottom*)
- Swine Barn — Dr. Jacqueline Nolting
- Wick Dairy Pavilion — Dr. Eric Gordon

“The demonstrations were really fun!” a 10th grade participant said. “The ultrasound and piglets were my favorites. I really liked the hands-on activities.”

Students learned how to conduct routine exams, practice safe handling techniques, and even explore the use of ultrasound technology. The day concluded with a college fair, where students gained valuable insight into the academic path toward veterinary school and the rewarding career opportunities within the profession.

“I was happy to be able to ask specific questions about courses in targeted areas of interest that I wouldn’t be able to learn about as easily by just reading about the college,” another student said. “It also showed me animal opportunities that I wouldn’t have otherwise been aware of.”

OVMA extends its sincere gratitude to all member volunteers who made these programs possible and looks forward to continuing this tradition in the future.

EMPOWERING THE PROFESSION’S FUTURE LEADERS THROUGH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

On Aug. 13, the Association proudly welcomed the newest Power of 10 cohort at the OVMA office in Columbus. This professional development program is designed to engage and empower early-career veterinarians through leadership training, mentorship, and community building.

Dr. Harcha opened the program by welcoming the participants and emphasizing the importance of leadership in organized veterinary medicine. She encouraged the group to embrace the journey ahead and to use their skills not only in their practices but also within their communities and through active participation in OVMA.

“Leadership in veterinary medicine isn’t just about managing a clinic—it’s about shaping the future of our profession,” Dr. Harcha said. “I encourage each of you to make the most of this opportunity and carry it forward into your careers, your communities, and within OVMA.”



During the inaugural session, Drs. Bradley Youngblood, Bethany Heitkamp, and Annie Lohstroh (*pictured above, left to right; not pictured is Dr. Morgan Etheridge*) began their journey with Dr. Heidi Hulon of Elanco, who facilitated an Insights Assessment and Training workshop. Based on the psychology of Carl Jung, the Insights Discovery model helps participants better understand themselves, recognize and adapt to different communication styles, and maximize workplace relationships.

Through engaging discussions and activities, the cohort gained valuable tools to enhance their self-awareness, teamwork, and leadership capacity—skills they will continue to develop throughout the program.

Upcoming sessions include a customized wellbeing workshop with Dr. Jen Brandt, veterinary leadership essentials with Dr. Harcha, and an exploration of advocacy in organized veterinary medicine.

INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN THESE PROGRAMS IN THE FUTURE?

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COMMUNITY CORNER

In the News

As chief medical officer of Columbus Humane, **Dr. Laura Advent** has built a career at the intersection of animal and human welfare. Though she once planned to become an international epidemiologist, the Westerville native and OSU graduate found her calling in veterinary medicine after experiencing firsthand the profound bond between pets and their families.

“Seeing the passion people have for their animals and what they’re willing to do for them, knowing that I could help them in that small way was so rewarding,” she explained.

At Columbus Humane, Dr. Advent applies her expertise in public health and veterinary medicine to ensure both pets and people receive the support they need. She emphasizes that families facing financial or personal crises should not be judged for struggling to provide care: “These people love their animals more than anything. They don’t need shame and criticism; they need support.”

Now seven years into her role, she oversees services ranging from subsidized veterinary care and emergency boarding to animal cruelty investigations, always with a focus on holistic family well-being. For Dr. Advent, the most rewarding moments come when neglected or mistreated pets recover and thrive in new homes.

“You see the look on a kid’s face when the bond instantly happens,” she said. “There’s nothing better than that.”

—Westerville Magazine (July/August 2025)

After 35 years of serving the Elizabeth, Pa., community as founder and medical director of Riverside Veterinary Hospital, **Dr. Marybeth Cline** is stepping away from daily practice to focus on teaching the next generation of veterinary professionals. Under her leadership, Riverside grew into a highly respected, AAHA-accredited hospital, which she proudly ensured will remain privately owned as it transitions to new medical director Dr. Ben Mirro and longtime staff.

Reflecting on her career, Dr. Cline shared, “I love being part of their family’s journey, and you get to be part of

the family. That’s pretty cool.”

While she calls this stage of her career “pre-tirement,” she has already embraced academia, accepting a full-time role as assistant professor and director of PennWest University’s Veterinary Technology program.

For Dr. Cline, teaching is a natural extension of her work as a veterinarian: “We take complicated medical things and we teach pet parents what’s going on... Our role as teachers goes a long way.”

She now leads one of the nation’s largest veterinary technology programs, where students gain hands-on experience caring for animals and building the skills and confidence needed for practice.

A longtime OVMA member and 1990 OSU graduate, Dr. Cline remains active in professional organizations and is internationally recognized for her work with bloodhounds. As she begins this new chapter, she emphasizes her gratitude to clients, staff, and the community, noting, “Riverside is being left in good hands... these pets are in wonderful hands. If I didn’t think so, I wouldn’t have left.”

—The Mon Valley Independent (Aug. 6, 2025)

In Memoriam

Dr. Raymond Maurice Fournier, 77, of Miamisburg passed away on July 14, 2025, after a long battle with Parkinson’s disease. Ray grew up in Steubenville, was an Eagle Scout, and graduated from Steubenville High School in 1966. He knew he wanted to be a veterinarian from a very young age, and he fulfilled that dream by earning his DVM from the The Ohio State University. He was commissioned

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in the Regular Army Veterinary Corps and served in the United States Army for almost 11 years before being honorably discharged in 1981. In 1980, he became the co-owner of Miamisburg Animal Hospital, where he practiced equine and companion animal medicine and surgery. In 1996, he moved his practice to Paws Inn Animal Hospital.

Dr. Fournier served on the Montgomery County Combined Health Board, the Montgomery County Humane Services Levy Council, the Montgomery County Animal Advisory Board, and the Ohio Veterinary Medical Licensing Board and was a long-time member of AVMA, OVMA, and the Miami Valley VMA. Dr. Fournier was also a member of the Shriners International Organization and participated in the Antioch Shriners Mounted Horse Patrol, riding his palomino horse, Flicka, in parades, conventions, and other events. He was also a member of the Minerva Lodge # 98, F. & A.M. in Miamisburg.

Memorial donations may be made in Dr. Fournier's name to Rock Steady Boxing or the Humane Society of Greater Dayton.

Send news and announcements for Community Corner to Krysten Bennett at kdb@ohiovma.org.

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Advanced VMC Cardiology Service Offers Leading Edge Care

The Cardiology and Interventional Medicine Service at The Ohio State University Veterinary Medical Center (VMC) offers referring veterinarians consults, and diagnosis and treatments for their referred patients' advanced heart care needs. With state-of-the-art diagnostic tools, specialized therapies and a full range of minimally invasive treatment options, VMC's specialists are ready to respond, whether the patient is a small or large animal.

The team offers a full range of services, including a comprehensive set of cardiac diagnostic tests, such as ECGs, echocardiography, cardiac biomarkers and computed tomography angiography (CTA). For patients in need of interventional medicine, the service offers a wide array of procedures such as implantation of cardiac pacemakers and implantable loop recorders, occlusion devices, thrombogenic coils, plugs and stents; balloon dilation of stenotic valves and vessels; cardioversion of atrial fibrillation, tracheal stenting, and catheter-based attenuation of portosystemic shunts.

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From the Director



This issue of *Update* brings focus to our Cardiology and Interventional Medicine service, led by **Karsten Schober, DVM**. You will learn more about the service's expansive capabilities, about the case of Bentley, a French Bulldog that is currently living his best life thanks to the team's extraordinary efforts, and how the cardiology team works collaboratively with external experts when patients present with complex heart cases.

These heart specialists appreciate your referrals and are always happy to consult with you to discuss potential options available for your patients.

Finally, please see a special insert introducing our new class of interns and first-year residents.

Thank you for your continued partnership and referrals.

Karin Zuckerman, MHS, MBA
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With regard to some of the most commonly treated conditions, **Karsten Schober, DVM, PhD, DECVIM-CA**, professor and service head, says, “We see patients with aortic stenosis, valve dysplasia, septal defects, or complex congenital malformations, but the majority of cases are cats with hypertrophic cardiomyopathy or any type of heart muscle disease, dogs with mitral valve disease, dogs with dilated cardiomyopathy, and Boxers and Dobermans with arrhythmias.”

For more information about the service, please visit vmc.vet.osu.edu/services/cardiology-interventional-medicine

One of the most common minimally invasive procedures performed is closure of a patent ductus arteriosus.

Dr. Schober’s team includes two additional, boarded faculty cardiologists: **Jaylyn Rhinehart, DVM, PhD**, associate professor-clinical and **Kendra Zelachowski, DVM**, assistant professor-clinical; three residents, **Vanessa Silvia, DVM**, **Hannah Jordan, DVM**, and **Clair Walsh, DVM**; two technicians, Kathleen Bailey, RVT, and Sommer Jones, RVT; and a Cardiology liaison, Kelley Humphrey.

Occasionally, the Cardiology and Interventional Medicine service has the opportunity to collaborate with specialists within and outside the VMC on high-risk and complex cases. Most recently, pulmonary artery banding to address a large Ventricular Septal Defect was done in a small cat in collaboration with the Soft Tissue Surgery service. Dr. Schober also consulted with Arash Salavitar, MD, a congenital interventional cardiologist and director of the Heart Center XR Program at Nationwide Children’s Hospital, who has performed many catheter-based procedures in children.

Dr. Schober invites referring veterinarians to consult with his office or the service if they have any questions. Call the service directly at **614-247-0588** or email osuvet.cardiologyservices@osu.edu.

Welcome New Faculty



Simone Cutler, BVMedSci, BVM, BVS MSc VetMed, DECVI, AFHEA, MRCVS
Assistant Professor-Clinical
Emergency and Critical Care

Dr. Cutler joins the VMC after serving as a lecturer in Emergency and Critical Care at the Royal (Dick) School of

Veterinary Studies at the University of Edinburgh. A 2015 graduate of the University of Nottingham School of Veterinary Medicine and Science, Dr. Cutler went on to a year in general practice. She pursued further training in Small Animal Medicine, followed by an Emergency and Critical Care internship and residency at the University of Edinburgh, completed in July 2024.



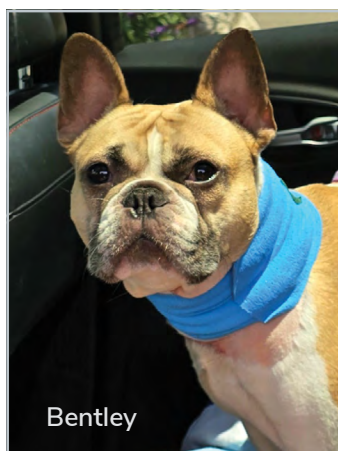
Kendra Zelachowski, DVM
Assistant Professor-Clinical
Cardiology and Interventional
Medicine

Dr. Zelachowski joins the VMC Cardiology and Interventional Medicine service after completing a residency in cardiology at Texas A&M University. An Ohio native and a 2021 graduate of the Ohio State College of Veterinary Medicine, Dr. Zelachowski did her Small Animal rotating internship at North Carolina State University. Her clinical expertise and research interests are congestive heart failure management and congenital cardiac disease.

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Case Collaboration Addresses Dog's Serious Heart Defect



Bentley

In February 2024, Amanda Fiorini brought her two-and-one-half-year-old French Bulldog, Bentley, to the VMC's Cardiology and Interventional Medicine service after his symptoms persisted despite taking prescription heart failure medication. Bentley frequently fainted and became increasingly lethargic upon exercise.

The Cardiology team found that Bentley did not have heart failure, but rather a severe supralvalvular pulmonary stenosis, a serious congenital heart defect that can affect French Bulldogs. This occurs when the pulmonary artery above the pulmonary valve has narrowed, says **Karsten Schober, DVM**, service head. Left untreated, it can lead to right-sided heart failure, and frequently, sudden cardiac death.

"French Bulldogs like Bentley often have concurrent congenital coronary anomalies, which severely limit catheter-based treatment options. CT angiography is needed to rule out abnormal coronaries," he says.

The team discussed performing a balloon procedure, but there was one concern, he says. "In addition to valve stenosis, these dogs very often have a small pulmonary artery. In that situation, the commonly used balloon dilation will not work because the vessel will recoil after dilation, and the stenosis will be pretty much the same as before. Therefore, a balloon procedure with transpulmonary stenting is the only good way to help these dogs."

The procedure is high-risk as there is a greater chance of the patient dying during the stent placement because the outflow tract of the right heart must be completely obstructed in order to successfully place the stent. For that reason, not many institutions perform the procedure, he says. "Unless we are very fast and everything goes really well, the patient will code and die."

Made aware of the risks, Amanda and her family wanted to the team to go ahead with the procedure.

While preparing for this procedure, the team sought the expertise of Arash Salavitarbar, MD, a congenital interventional cardiologist at Nationwide Children's Hospital and an assistant professor of Pediatrics at The Ohio State University, with whom they had worked before on a case in 2023. He agreed to help the team.

The full team performed the procedure with Dr. Salavitarbar and the stent was successfully placed. The severity of the stenosis decreased by 60 to 75 percent. Bentley had no complications after the procedure.

Amanda Fiorini says she and her husband are immensely grateful for the Cardiology team's work and care.

"The care that we received at Ohio State was above and beyond, better than I expected," she says. "I get emotional when I think how much they stayed in touch with me the whole time that he was in the interventional suite."

Over one year later, and after a recent VMC visit, Bentley continues to do well, says Dr. Schober.

Fiorini says Bentley is full of energy. "He can run around and play with the family. He's living a normal life. I don't know what I would do now without him."



Bentley

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Faculty Spotlight - Karsten Schober, DVM, PhD, DECVIM-CA



Dr. Karsten Schober, who grew up in a small village in Germany, says that even though his family always had animals, he never thought about becoming a veterinarian. In fact, he says, "I signed up for dentistry."

At the time, he says, 11th grade students had to sign up for a career choice and go straight into university, which did not include an undergraduate program. Before the

application deadline, a physician told him he had a spine condition that would limit his ability to do dentistry. Oddly, he says, "I didn't know that I had something wrong with my spine, and neither did my parents."

He decided then to become a veterinarian — and it turned out he didn't have a spine issue.

He went on to veterinary school at the University of Leipzig in Germany. After graduating in 1990, he finished his first doctorate (internal medicine) in 1994 before pursuing cardiology. He recalls assisting a clinician who was recording an ECG in a small Australian parakeet, which was anesthetized and on its back. "I was amazed at how large the electrocardiograph machine was compared to the size of the animal" he says. "I watched how she recorded a beautiful ECG, and I thought, 'This is so exciting.' Something kicked in."

He went on to learn and perform ultrasound as that technology came into use in the field. After

a cardiology fellowship at the Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland, Schober became a diplomate of the ECVIM-CA (Cardiology) in 1999, the first board-certified, veterinary cardiologist in Germany. This was followed by a research fellowship at the University of Columbia/Missouri in 1999/2000, focused on Doppler-echocardiography, feline hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, cardiac biomarkers and congestive heart failure.

A year after he finished his PhD in 2002, he arrived at the Ohio State VMC, where he is service head of Cardiology and Interventional Medicine. He says the VMC's vibrant history in his field and the rich mix of education, research and practice, and the good people all make his work rewarding, particularly in training the next generation of cardiologists and veterinarians. "Our residents and students are very eager to learn," he says. "They're smart, curious and disciplined."

Welcome New Staff



Summer Dabilis

Associate Director-Client Services

VMC-Main Campus

We're excited to welcome Summer Dabilis, MBOE, LISW-S, as VMC associate director of Client Services. She previously served in hospital administration at an inpatient rehabilitation hospital, providing oversight to ensure the development of high quality, sustainable patient-centered transitions compliant with regulatory standards and system guidelines.

Dabilis has a Master of Business degree in operational excellence from the Ohio State Fisher College of Business and a Master of Social Work degree from Ohio State.

Transition

Taylor Yurick, DVM, Emergency and Critical Care to VMC-Dublin Urgent Care

Departures

Michelle Wisecup, DVM, Frank Stanton Veterinary Spectrum of Care Clinic; Andy Leffler, DVM, Diagnostic Imaging & Radiology; Hillary Wentworth, DVM, Frank Stanton Veterinary Spectrum of Care Clinic; Briana Jordan Locaputo, DVM, Hospital for Farm Animals.

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