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SDVMA Recognizes Member Contributions at Annual Meeting

Dr. Steve Tornberg receives Distinguished Service Award - Dr. Dale Miskimins named Veterinarian of the Year

The South Dakota Veterinary Medical Association held its 128th Annual Meeting at the Ramkota Convention Center in Sioux Falls August 11 - 14. The meeting included continuing education opportunities for over 200 veterinarians and veterinary technicians, and included the annual membership meeting. SDVMA also presented various awards at the meeting to recognize the commitment to, and excellence in, veterinary medicine in South Dakota.

Distinguished Service Award

The Distinguished Service



Award is awarded to honor an individual who has brought distinction to the veterinary profession through his/her devotion to the care and wellbeing of animals,

support for the profession, and contributions to the community. This individual exemplifies the profession, both personally and professionally, through support of veterinary medicine, research, colleagues, and/or students and

through civic participation. This individual's contributions have advanced the profession and serve as an inspiration to veterinarians and the clients she serves.

Dr. Steve Tornberg of Harrisburg was the recipient of the 2019 SDVMA Distinguished Service Award. Dr. Tornberg graduated from Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine in 1979. After completing his internship at Littleton Large Animal Clinic in Little, Colorado, he knew he wanted his own large animal practice where he could focus on horses. He returned home to South Dakota, and he has been doing just that since May, 1981. Dr. Tornberg's practice focused on treating, breeding, and working with horses at the Dakota Large Animal Clinic.

Dr. Tornberg is considered to be among the best in his area on equine issues. As one nominator notes, "His body of work with horses speaks for itself."

In addition to his professional achievement in veterinary medicine, Dr. Tornberg served various roles on the SDVMA Board, including president. He was named the 2013 Horseperson of the Year. He has served as an SDSU extension associate on issues and has served as an expert witness in equine cases.

Dr. Tornberg and his wife, Kit, have been staples of the SDVMA for years, by attending meetings and helping in any way needed to help promote the organization and the profession. He officially retired from practice in the last two years. In retirement, Dr. Tornberg continues to enjoy fishing and spending time with his children and grandchildren.

Veterinarian of the Year

Dr. Dale Miskimins of Elkton, is



the recipient of the 2019 SDVMA Veterinarian of the Year Award. This award is made annually to an SDVMA member who has contributed significantly to the

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Upcoming SDVMA Meetings

- West River Veterinary Medical Association: February 1, 2020; Ramkota Inn, Rapid City - Companion animal topic.
- James Bailey Herd Health Conference: February 8, 2020; SDSU in Brookings - Food animal topic.
- SDVMA Summer Meeting: May 28-29, 2020; Cedar Shore Resort in Oacoma - Wet lab, CE topics; industry updates.
- SDVMA Annual Meeting: August 16-19, 2020; Ramkota Inn, Rapid City - Large and Small animal topics.

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Greetings from your President

Dr. Ethan Andress

As I drove to our annual meeting in Sioux Falls, I was in awe of the green across the entire state. We are still haying and harvesting in western South Dakota. Even in September, the prairie is green and the mosquitoes are thick. Like everyone in agriculture, we are nervously watching the markets and trying to see the opportunities, and avoid the challenges that result from this adversity.

As the new SDVMA President, I have had several people ask how a North Dakota veterinarian becomes the South Dakota President. The obvious answer is persistence. Since Dr. Baus, in Redfield, pushed and pulled me to my first meetings in 1997, I have made the association part of my life. The reality is that I am a South Dakota boy from Perkins County, still living in South Dakota. I am a proud third generation South Dakota State University graduate. By chance of design, the railroad dropped towns across the northern border of South Dakota and southern border of North Dakota.

Where those towns were built is where the people stayed. Our practice serves a large radius including six counties in North Dakota and six counties in South Dakota. I spend most of my time serving the cattle and bison producers of Perkins, Harding, and Corson County. Our mixed animal practice employs five full-time and two part-time veterinarians.

From my first involvement with the association, I have had the privilege of witnessing the previous two generation's passion for our profession. I have been given the gift of seeing the value of organized medicine not only as a tool to accomplish change, but also as a support system for our members and profession.

Exciting things are happening for our state, profession, and association. I had the honor of representing you at the ribbon cutting ceremony of the new ADRDL in Brookings in August. SDSU is developing a veterinary program in cooperation with the University of Minnesota. Our organization is

implementing a Power of 10 Program for young veterinarians to help in leadership development. Additionally, our association is showing sparks

for veterinary medicine.



Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you and organized veterinary medicine. I will do everything I can to represent you well and share the passion and respect for our profession that you have shared with me. My experience is that most of us are looking to be involved, sometimes we just need a little push or pull. I accept it as my responsibility to push and pull those around me to become involved. I hope you will do the same.

Notes from your Executive Director

Jennifer Stalley

It is time for another change in seasons, with summer giving way to fall on the calendar. The weather has not quite caught up with the scheduled change, but I doubt there will be many complaints about that after a slow to start summer.

This time of year also brings change at the SDVMA. Our new president and officers officially took the reigns at the conclusion of the annual meeting in Sioux Falls. We are happy to welcome Dr. Andress to the role of president. He, along with the other officers, have great ideas for how we can keep the SDVMA a strong membership organization for our longest and newest members alike.

Leading the way for new projects this season is the implementation of our Power of 10 program. SDVMA will be reaching out to members who expressed interest in being part of the program to network our newest practitioners together to discuss a variety of topics relevant to their careers. If there are new veterinarians in your practice who are interested in working through the challenges and opportunities of starting in practice, encourage them to contact SDVMA. This is an excellent opportunity!

A change on the horizon for 2020 for SDVMA is a modification to our annual meeting dates. To avoid the congestion (and high cost) of meeting during the 80th Sturgis Rally, we will hold the 2020 annual meeting from Sunday, August 16th to Wednesday, August 19th. Please be sure to note this change on your calendars so you do not miss the annual meeting.

SDVMA will continue to work on opportunities to improve how we can serve our members. With a diverse membership, there are options to pro-

vide services that enhance membership for our members across the spectrum. The best way for your association to serve you is to hear from you about what you would like to see offered.



Please let us know what we can do to better serve you, our member.

I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the loss of Janice Kampmann after a short, but intense bout with lung cancer. Like so many of our long-time members, Janice is part of the historical fabric of SDVMA. She kept the association going through the transition between countless presidents and a handful of executive directors. She was a constant for SDVMA and she served it well. Janice is greatly missed, as a colleague and a friend.

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veterinary profession and to the animals and clients he serves. The award recognizes a member for service and accomplishments benefitting the profession of veterinary medicine.

Dr. Miskimins graduated from Iowa State University, College of Veterinary Medicine. After veterinary school, he worked in a large animal practice in central South Dakota. He returned to Iowa State University to complete a residency in diagnostic pathology in 1985. He returned to South Dakota in 1991 and heads the necropsy section at the Animal Disease Research and Diagnostic Laboratory at SDSU, where he remains today.

Dr. Miskimins stands out in our profession for his passion for service to other veterinarians. As one nominator noted, "I have been in the laboratory with no other pathologist who has been as actively involved in seeking answers to complex problems." Another nominator noted, "Dr. Miskimins has been on the forefront of technological advancement in veterinary medicine and has been eager to share his knowledge with anyone who needs it."

Dr. Miskimins' willingness to go the extra mile for the clients he serves and for veterinary medicine make him a perfect example of what it means to be the SDVMA Veterinarian of the Year.

Emerging Leader Award

The Emerging Leader award is



made to an SDVMA member who graduated from veterinary school in the last 10 years and has displayed outstanding accomplishments in veterinary research, private practice, regulatory services, civic activities, and/or

organized veterinary medicine. This

award is intended to recognize the immense talent we have entering the profession in our state.

Dr. April Schilder of Highmore, received the 2019 SDVMA Emerging Leader Award. Dr. Schilder has poured her heart and soul into the Prairie View Vet Clinic. She has taken on a role of veterinarian, administrator, HR person, and much more in the practice to make it successful. She recently took on work as the Fort Pierre Livestock Market Veterinarian. She has been a great addition to her community and our profession.

Outstanding Veterinary Technician

The Outstanding Veterinary Technician award is made to a registered



veterinary technician who has provided outstanding support to veterinary medicine through dedication to the care and wellbeing of animals and professional knowledge and execu-

tion in service to the profession.

Kim Hunt was named the 2019 SDVMA Outstanding Veterinary Technician. She graduated from the National American University, Rapid City, in 1991. She worked in Nevada for several years before moving back to South Dakota. She joined Horizon Pet Care in 2010.

Kim's mission is to help people and animal. According to her colleagues, she is constantly stepping up to help, coming in on weekends and after hours to make sure the animals and owners have what they need. She has unlimited patience and equally unlimited energy. When Kim is not at work, she is a wife and an active mother of 2 children.

Life Members

Drs. Ron Good, Parker; Ken Shaffer, Lennox; Craig Hansen, Howard; Dale Miskimins, Elkton; Kay Burkhart, Valley Springs; Tom Heirigs, Madison; and Michael Dickman, George, IA. Life members have attained the age of 65 and have been members of the SDVMA for at least 20 years.

Bill Davis Award

Mike Palmer of Sturgis, Animal Health International, received the 2019



SDVMA Bill Davis award. This award is given annually to a sales representative of a veterinary supply company who has demonstrated an unusual degree of service and assistance to veterinari-

ans and the veterinary profession in South Dakota.

Mike's reputation in the industry is excellent. He is known for going the extra mile to get product information, products, and competitive pricing to his customers. He commonly rearranges his schedules to meet his clients' needs and is always professional.

Mike and his wife, Christie, have two boys, Jeremiah and Jacob. He enjoys shooting and fishing when he is not working to make our work easier, as veterinarians.



2019 Dues Reminder

Please be sure to pay your 2020 SDVMA dues by December 31st. If you have not already paid your dues, you will receive an invoice and a member profile update form. Please be sure to provide your most up-to-date contact information.

SDVMA Alliance Update

For those of you who were at the August meeting, you know that we closed a chapter. This year's auction was a turning point. Then SDVMA President, Dr. Mark Braunschmidt, solicited a number of items for the auction, including several "experience" packages, on behalf of the SDVMA Foundation. Rather than proceed with some Foundation/some Alliance payments, we voted to close the books of the SDVMA Alliance, putting our remaining resources into the SDVMA Foundation.

Going forward the auction will not die! We are still planning to use that as a Foundation fundraiser. The format may be tweaked a bit—for example, this year we had silent auction items, as well as a live auction. Also, you will likely still see the Alliance mentioned on the registration forms as that minimal membership amount would continue to fund Science Fair awards AND you are still likely to get a call to see if you would assist with helping at the registration table.

A final THANKS to our current volunteers: Linda Stangle-Treasurer, Darla Wasson-Secretary, Kit Tornberg/Connie McKnight-Registration, Bea Hansen-Auction and Joyce Good/Marile Straight -Scholarship.

It's been a great run and we'll work to see a smooth transition!

Shari West-Twitero, Convenor

2+2 Update

Jane Hennings, DVM, MS - Head/ Director, VBSD/ADRDL

Planning for the Professional (DVM) Program in Veterinary Medicine (2+2) is ongoing. Currently, there is a search for a Director of the program and the start date for the first class is still anticipated to be Fall, 2021. Further information will be presented at the next SDVMA Summer and Fall Meetings.

SDVMA Scholarship Foundation

Vicky Wilkey, DVM

Hello from your new SDVMA Foundation President!

When I agreed last year to become the foundation's president, I didn't think Dr. Teachout would resign and hand over the reins so quickly. I don't think enough can be said of Dr. Teachout, Dr. Zeman and Dr. Gary Straight's determination and dedication to the foundation.

The SDVMA Alliance has also been instrumental to the foundation with their annual auction and donation of funds. The alliance is bowing out from sponsoring the auction, although they are still offering their assistance in "clerking" future auctions. The SDVMA and the SDVMA foundation will be in charge of future auctions. Again, the foundation would not be in its present financial position without the alliance's generosity over the years. Thank you seems inadequate.

The foundation board of directors met Monday, August 13, 2019 at the Ramkota. Officers elected were: Presi-

dent-Dr. Vicky Wilkey, Vice President-George Twitero, Secretary-Mark Braunschmidt and Treasurer-Jennifer Stalley. One \$1500 scholarship was awarded to Sarah Muirhead. Dr. Chris Chase gave the board an update on the 2+2 program and potential ways the foundation may wish to be involved in the future.

Speaking for the board members past and present, thank you for your past, present and future support of your SDVMA foundation.

Recent Donations:

SDVMA Alliance

Dr. Jane Hennings

Dr. Bruce and Nancy Teachout

Dr. Vicky Wilkey

Dr. Dale Miskimins

Dr. Chris Chase

Thank you to everyone who participated in the silent and live auctions at the Annual Meeting.

Donation in memory of Dr. Ralph Palmer from the Palmer family

ADRDL News

Jane Hennings, DVM, MS - Head/Director, VBSD/ADRDL



Thank you to everyone who attended the Open House for the SD Animal Disease Research and Diagnostic Laboratory (ADRDL) on Friday, Sept. 6th! We appreciate the SDVMA support and appreciated Dr. Ethan Andress' presence on the ribbon cutting line as SDVMA President!

If you were not able to tour through the building at the Open House, we would be glad to arrange another time. Please contact Rita Miller at (605)688-5171 to set this up. The "official" move into the new addition will most likely take place in early November, due to further commissioning that needs to be completed. The renovation of the current building has already started and is hoped to be finished by this time next year.

In Memoriam

Dr. Thomas B. Ludgate

Thomas B. Ludgate, 98, of Sioux Falls,

SD and formerly of Flandreau, SD passed away on Easter morning, Sunday, April 21st, 2019 at the Good Samaritan Village in Sioux Falls, three months from reaching 99 years. Thomas was born on



July 23, 1920 in Fort Dodge, IA to Francis Ludgate from Downpatrick, Ireland and Josephine Butler of Fort Dodge. After graduating from Corpus Christi High School, he followed in his father's footsteps and studied veterinary medicine at Iowa State University, graduating in 1943. In 1944 and having to borrow twenty dollars for a bus ticket, Thomas ventured to Flandreau, never knowing his summer stay would become a lifetime.

In 1947 he entered into a partnership with Harry Halverson that lasted until 1962 when Thomas Jueschke joined the practice. Thomas was united in marriage to Ruth Schultz of Flandreau in June 1952. Together they raised four children.

After thirty years in practice, Tom retired and in 1979 he and Ruth moved to Sioux Falls. Retirement brought new interests, including serving on the board of Sioux Vocational Services (now Lifescape), the board of the Dept. of Social Services, the Career Service board under Gov. Janklow, Rotary West, and was charter member of St. Michael Parish. His family, his work and agricultural interests were his hobbies, but more than those, he was a prolific reader and homespun philosopher, as every book on the family's shelf was filled with underlines, comments and quotations.

Thomas is survived by his wife of 67 years, Ruth, and their children, Janice Kitzler of Vermillion; John and Brian, of Sioux Falls, and Diane Love and husband Steve of Cameron, Montana; four grand-children, David (Claudia) Kitzler of Marietta, GA; Kelly (Tom) Whisinnand of Omaha, NE; Suzanna (Greg) Beran of Lincoln, NE and Jennifer (Matt) Wassenberg of Omaha; and five great grandchildren. Thomas was preceded in death by his parents, his brother John Ludgate; sister, Frances and son-in-law, Werner.

Dr. Dale Roy Hendrickson

Whether you knew him as Doc, Dale, or Dad, he was the same; a man filled with integrity, kindness, and strength who served others faithfully all the days of his life.



Dale Roy Hendrickson entered into the peace and presence of the Lord, with family at his side, on Thursday, March 14, 2019.

Dale was born in Buffalo County, Nebraska, on March 9, 1933, to Roy and Viola (Peters) Hendrickson. The family moved to Riverton, Wyoming, when he was thirteen. Dale attended and graduated school from Riverton. During high school, Dale spent a great deal of time at the Carlson Ranch on Gooseberry Creek, Meetetse, Wyoming. Here he was mentored by Elmer and Marietta Carlson, who taught him about ranching, work ethic, and creating lasting friendships.

Dale enlisted in the Army and trained in Texas before being shipped to Germany. After service, he enrolled at Casper

College and then Wyoming State University in Laramie, Wyoming. He entered vet school at Colorado State University Veterinary College in Fort Collins, Colorado, and graduated in 1962 with his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree. Dale worked briefly for the USDA out of Cheyenne, Wyoming, then in Casper, Wyoming, with two other veterinarians before moving to Rapid City, South Dakota, in 1964 to work for Norris Veterinary Hospital. Dale started his own veterinary practice, The Animal Clinic, in 1969 and served large and small animal clients until retiring in 2003.

Dale met and married the love of his life, Alice Archie, in Wheatland, Wyoming, on November 2, 1963. After settling in Rapid City, they raised three children together, Shelley, Robert, and Roy. Dale was very involved in his community. He started the Black Hills Roping Club, participated in the New Underwood Roping Club, and was a lifetime member of the Western South Dakota Buckaroos. Dale was honored for his support of youth organizations such as 4-H and FFA.

Grateful to have walked life's journey with Dale and saddened by his passing are

his wife Alice and sons Robert (Jodi) Hendrickson of Millsap, Texas; Roy (Christi) Hendrickson, Caputa, South Dakota; grandchildren Seth (Katie) Caldwell, Ari Rayne Hendrickson, Ollie Grey Hendrickson, Scout LaRue Hendrickson; sister Carol (Richard) Baldes of Fort Washakie, Wyoming, and many nieces and nephews.

Dale was preceded in death by his parents, Roy and Viola Hendrickson, sisters Ila June Villalovos, Lola Mae Schaefer, daughter Shelley Vonne Hendrickson, and brothers-in-law Cecil Villalovos, James Archie, and Leonard Archie.

Janice L. Kampman

Janice Kampmann of Elkton, SD died on Monday, August 26, 2019 at Dougherty Hospice House in Sioux Falls, at the age of 65, after a short intense bout with cancer. Janice was born on February 24, 1954, to



Marvin and Marilyn (Stoltenberg) Oppelt. She grew up on the family farm in a large, loving family with three sisters and two brothers. She graduated from Elkton High School and Nettleton Business College. On August 4, 1973, Janice married Douglas Kampmann, and they celebrated 46 years of marriage before her passing. Early in their marriage, they spent three years in Oklahoma before returning to South Dakota in 1976, where they raised their own four children on the same family farm near Elkton where Janice had grown up.

Janice worked part-time as a typesetter at the Elkton Record newspaper for 13 years while raising their family, before taking a part-time position as a secretary at South Dakota State University for the Dean of College of Ag/Bio Sciences, where she remained for six years. She then worked as a secretary for the Veterinary & Biomedical Sciences Dept./ADRDL, the SDVMA, and the IACUC, where she worked for another 24 years and retired in February, 2019.

Janice had been enjoying her recent retirement from SDSU, but not being one to sit idle, she had recently begun a new part-time position with the City of Elkton, still leaving time for some traveling, gardening, golfing, (continued on page 6)

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classes, and crafting, but most importantly, spending time with her family. Janice was passionate about her family, making it a priority to spend quality time regularly with her husband, siblings, mother, children, and grandchildren. The grandkids will forever cherish memories of their weekends at Grandma's house, with all the special projects and activities that Janice planned for their stay.

As a lifelong member of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, where she was baptized and confirmed, Janice was devoted to her church and her community, serving on a variety of committees and sharing her musical talent as an assistant organist/pianist at Trinity. She was a member of Ladies Aid and an active member of the Elkton community, always willing to help and give time where needed.

Janice leaves behind her husband Douglas Kampmann; children Jennifer (Mark) Fuoss, Armour; Brian (Adria) Kampmann, Mitchell; Cheryl (Tom) Nadgwick, Gettysburg; and David (Christina) Kampmann, Sioux Falls; mother Marilyn Oppelt, Brookings; brother Kenneth Oppelt, Sioux Falls, sisters Helen (Curt) Sterud, Brookings; Carol (Ken) Jongeling, Oklahoma City; Joyce (Tom) Kepford, Brookings; and grandchildren Krista Krell, Daniel, Corbin, and Makayla Fuoss, Kate and Andrew Kampmann, Johanna and Jessica Nadgwick, and Parker and Ian Kampmann, as well as numerous in-laws, nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her father Marvin Oppelt, brother Ivan Oppelt, and brother-inlaw Dennis Kampmann.

Dr. Leroy E. "Doc" Friesen

Leroy was born in Henderson, NE to Klaus H. and Bertha E. (Mierau) Friesen on April 14, 1940, the fourth of nine children.



Early in life, he developed a love for all things related to agriculture, especially farm animals, as evidenced in his choice of education and career. Leroy was joined in marriage to Donna M. Friesen on November 9, 1962 and together they shared nearly 57 years, modeling a loving a Christ-centered marriage to their children and grandchildren. He graduated from Hen-

derson High School in 1958 and received a degree in Ag Education from University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 1964. He went on to earn a doctorate in Veterinary Medicine from Iowa State University in 1968. He worked as a veterinarian at his private practice in Menno, SD for over 45 years. He cared deeply for his clients and considered them friends. He enjoyed working on his farm and with his draft horses, playing the guitar, singing gospel music, and spending time with his grandchildren and family. He humbly served all he encountered in many ways, such as prison ministry, Haiti Solar Oven Project, and simply acting as Christ would to everyone he knew. He chose to see the best in people.

Leroy is survived by his wife, Donna (Menno, SD); his four children, Catherine (Doug) Friesen-Eidahl of Groton, SD, Mieca (Jeff) Valen of Owatonna, MN, Lee (Michelle) Friesen of Menno, SD, and Shawn (Julie) Friesen of Lino Lakes, MN; his brothers and sisters, Marjorie (Harvey) Smith of Henderson, NE, Evelyn (Charles) Duerksen of Freeman, SD, Milford (Jean) Friesen of Red Oak, IA, Jim (Peggy) Friesen of Loop City, NE, Arlyn (Rosie) Friesen of Loop City, NE,

Vernon (Clarice) Friesen of Henderson, NE, Beverly (Bill) Wiebe-Brown of Cairo, NE, and Eleanor (John) Pauls of Andover, KS; his grandchildren, Melissa (Jonah) Wonnenberg, Matthew Tabke (and fiancé Lucy Rathjen), Nathan Valen, Hannah Valen, Zachary Valen, Seth Friesen, Grace Valen (and fiancé Wyatt Gatrost), Aidan Friesen, Caleb Friesen, Zinash Valen, Michal Tabke, Addisyn Friesen, and Chloe Friesen; and a multitude of nieces and nephews, all of whom he loved dearly.

Leroy is preceded in death by his parents, Klaus H. and Bertha Friesen, his parents-in-law Ruben H. and Esther Friesen, and nephew, Gregory Duerksen.

Memorial donations may be made to Menno-Olivet Care Center, 402 S Pine St, Menno, SD 57045. Online condolences may be made at: www.opsahl-kostelfuneralhome.com.

SDVMA will print obituaries for our members as space allows. Please contact us at 605-688-6649 or send information to the SDVMA office at sdvetmed.org

SDVMA Officers



The SDVMA officers for the coming year are (left to right) Dr. Heidi Sorensen, Watertown, District 2 representative; Dr. Carolyn Geis, Pierre, Vice President; Dr. Ethan Andress, Hettinger, ND, President; Dr. Mark Braunschmidt, Brandon, Past President. Other board members are Dr. Chanda Nilsson, Groton, President Elect, Dr. Matt Stork, Sioux Falls, Secretary-Treasurer; Dr. Angela Anderson, Sioux Falls, District 1 representative; Dr. Sandra Wahlert, Hot Springs, District 3 representative; Dr. Chris Chase, Brookings, AVMA delegate; and Dr. Cindy Franklin, Yankton, AVMA alternate delegate.

AVMA Delegate's Report

This year's House of Delegates Summer Session occurred just before the AVMA Convention in Washington, DC. The location afforded the AVMA a great opportunity to use the volunteer leaders of the HOD as grassroots experts on veterinary issues before the current legislators. AVMA's Government Relations Division did a fabulous job lining up and coordinating over 200 meetings that occurred on the Hill during a 4 hour period. In addition, they provided the background information, training and support for all the delegates and alternate delegates to represent the AVMA membership on three important pieces of legislation that impact our profession.

Dr. Chase and I met with senior staff and/or senior policy advisors

for Senator Thune, Senator Rounds and Representative Johnson. Unfortunately, the summer recess for both the Senate and the House had started and we were unable to meet them personally. However, we had productive meetings and received either outright support or assurances of reexamination based on the information that we provided.

The first piece of legislation we discussed was the Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Enhancement Act. USDA funding covers the cost of VMLRP service awards as well as a 37% federal withholding tax. That means 37% of the limited federal funding provided by Congress each year ends up going back to the Treasury, when that funding could be used to reach more underserved communities. This Act would do away with the withholding tax which would allow funding of another award for ever three that are currently given. Consistently, the

VMLRP receives more applications than funding allows and the demand continues to increase. There is a precedence for exempting service awards from withholding taxes on the human medicine side. This fact was not generally known by the legislative advisors. Passage of this Act would help more rural communities gain access to the veterinarians they need to ensure animal health and welfare, food safety, prevent disease and maintain public health. Since the HOD meetings on the Hill, more legislators have stepped up as co-sponsors.

We asked the legislative staffers to oppose the Fairness to Pet Owners Act which is an unnecessary prescription mandate. This act would place onerous regulatory burdens on veterinarians when there is no indication that legislation is necessary. The vast majority of states have an explicit requirement for a veterinarian to honor a (Continued on page 8)

South Dakota Animal Industry Board — Changes to Official Cattle Identification are Coming Soon

Dustin Oedekoven, State Veterinarian and Executive Secretary

Accredited veterinarians play a critical role in traceability of livestock when an animal health disease event occurs. USDA APHIS has historically distributed official eartags (orange OCV tags or silver "bright" tags) to accredited veterinarians to be used for recording animals subjected to official testing (such as brucellosis or TB) or when required to be listed on official documentation such as an OCV form or Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI). However, this is about to change. USDA made an announcement in April 2019, outlining a plan to phase out the use of metal tags in favor of radio frequency identification (RFID, or EID) eartags on the following timeline:

- December 31, 2019: USDA will no longer distribute metal tags at no cost. Metal tags will be available for purchase on a limited basis.
- January 1, 2021: Metal tags will no longer be allowed to be applied in cattle as a form of official identification. Only official RFID tags may be applied.
- January 1, 2023: Metal tags will no longer be recognized as a form of official identification. Cattle subject to official identification (official tests, CVI for interstate movement, etc.) must have an RFID eartag.
- Only RFID tags with an official Animal Identification Number (AIN) will be considered official identifica-

tion. AIN numbers issued in the U.S. begin with the numbers "840." Other numbering systems, such as 900 series RFID tags, will not be acceptable official identification. An updated list of approved AIN devices can be found on the <u>USDA</u> APHIS traceability website.

Producers and veterinarians may now purchase RFID tags from animal supply companies. Producers will need a Premises Identification Number (PIN) prior to purchasing tags. A PIN number can be acquired at no cost by contacting the South Dakota Animal Industry Board. While veterinarians are not required to distribute tags to their clients, they may wish to do so. Veterinarians may become "tag distributors" and must account for tags issued to clients. Contact Dr. Susan Reenders at the AIB office for more information.

Livestock producers will have a variety of tag or device options available. Low frequency RFID tags are read at a closerange (typically within 20" of the tag), while ultra-high frequency RFID tags may be read from a greater distance. Most auction markets and other points of concentration for livestock are not yet equipped to read RFID tags and will need to consider how best to comply with USDA's new EID policies. Consideration of the needs of the farm or ranch will need to be accounted for as well.

Please contact the AIB staff with any questions you may have regarding official identification.

(Continued from page 7) client's request for a prescription. In the remaining states, denying a prescription is a violation of state codes of professional conduct. The AVMA's code of ethics requires a veterinarian to write a prescription in lieu of dispensing when requested by a client. Requiring veterinarians to automatically release a "copy" of a prescription every time they determine it appropriate to dispense a prescription drug would be potentially dangerous for patients and animal owners. This act would interfere in the veterinary client patient relationship in providing optimal patient care and likely raise the costs for pet care. All of the SD legislators were opposing this act and the since the Hill visits, no other legislators have signed on as co-sponsors.

Finally, we discussed the Association Health Plans Act of 2019. This act

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provides the framework needed for AVMA to offer quality health coverage to employees and dependents of veterinary small business owners and sole proprietors within our profession. Initial steps to reestablish the AVMA AHP are underway in 9 states (AZ, GA, IL, IN, MT, NE, OK, TX, and WV) with hopes to add more states as quickly as possible. All of our legislators support this Act. Unfortunately, the national climate is varied on who can and how health care plans should be administered.

We also had time to talk to our legislators about the new state lab and the 2+2 program. They were all invited to Brookings and visits are already commencing or being planned. Dr. Chase and I hope to continue these relationships and be available for information pertaining to any legislation that affects veterinarians, our profession and our businesses.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Chris Chase, Delegate

Cindy Franklin, Alternate Delegate

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TRANS OVA GENETICS IN SIOUX **CENTER, IA** is looking for a Professional Services Veterinarian for our Onida, SD location! This position will multiply the success of client breeding programs by producing embryos from their donor cows and pregnancies in their recipient cows. Ensure disease and trauma are minimized when embryos are harvested from donors and transferred into recipients. Monitor the general health and reproductive fertility in resident cows while contributing to a positive working environment, delivering services which exceed customer expectation. You will flush and transfer bovine embryos in the clinic and on farms, perform ultrasound guided transvaginal ovum pickup procedures for bovine IVF embryo production, and review and design superovulation and synchronization protocols for donors and recipients. These are just a few of the job duties, to view the full job

description and to apply visit: www.transova.com/careers.

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PT talented and energetic associate DVM to join our team in beautiful Billings, Montana! Yellowstone Valley Veterinarians is comprised of 13 DVM's across four locations, one of which is a 24/7 ER Hospital. We are AAHA accredited and have been serving the community for more than 50 years! Our small animal/exotic practices' provide diverse and challenging caseloads with the tools, equipment, and outstanding staff for support. We offer a competitive compensation package including a guaranteed salary of \$75-95,000 DOE with production bonus potential and CE allowance. We invest in you! YVV is dedicated to providing the best veterinary experience possible with a focus on excellent customer service and servant leadership. If you want to love where you work and whom you work with, we may be the fit for you Billings is Montana's largest city with a population of 120,000 but close to mountains and lakes. Billings boasts a strong economy, an excellent medical community, and big city amenities with a small town feel—perfect for the outdoorsman AND the urbanite. Contact Carey Darlington at (406) 390-6137 or email carev.darlington@nvanet.com

THE WRVC HAS EXPANDED our

practice into a new, state of the art building and are in need of an associate veterinarian. We currently have 5 doctors which offers excellent partners with various areas of specialty, a great opportunity for young vets to receive mentorship. We have wonderful staff and a high priority on work-life balance. The community offers excellent hunting and fishing, and an ideal location to raise a family. Our practice is 50% cow/ calf, 45% small animal, and 5% other. We are a 100% haul-in clinic, except for herd work, and equally share on-call duties. Our 12,000 sq.ft. clinic is equipped with cbc/ chem, digital x-ray, dental machine, gas anesthesia, ultrasounds (small and large animal), hydraulic chutes and an indoor working area for cattle, equipped with a tilt table and hydraulic hoist. Benefits include: 1 week paid vacation, CE compensation, retirement, health insurance, and partnership opportunity. Contact: Victoria at 701-567-4333 or

<u>admin@westrivervet.com</u>. Check us out on Facebook or our website.

DOES YOUR DAY FEEL EMPTY?

Are you thinking you would love to fill it with everything from puppies to ducks to star quality rodeo horses? Well then you definitely need to send your resume to us!

Not only can we fulfill that need but also pay you for it. We offer a great atmosphere and mentoring team with our seasoned doctors and support staff. We support our veterinarians with superior salary, health and dental benefits, retirement, CE allowance, vacation, dues, liability coverage, outstanding practice members, and a family friendly atmosphere. We are a busy, 3 doctor, full-service mixed animal clinic that provides quality veterinary, surgical, emergency and dental services. Our paperless facilities are well equipped with quality diagnostic and therapeutic services, digital radiography, in-house Idexx lab equipment, and surgical facilities for both large and small animals. Our practice has provided experience and caring for our community for over 38 years with mobile emergency services and after-hours availability for our clientele. We are a familyoriented practice with a long history and reputation that separates us from others. Our clinic works to maintain an efficient and enjoyable work environment by focusing on the needs of our team, clients, and patients. Experienced veterinarians and new graduates interested in both small and large animal are encouraged to apply. Don't miss out on another beautiful Wyoming sunrise....get that resume in now! Please visit our webpage at www.frontiervetclinic.com or facebook to see our wonderful clinic! You may forward resumes or direct your questions regarding this position opening to Katrina Vermillion, Business Manager at kvermillion@frontiervetclinic.com

ALL CREATURES VETERINARY HOSIPITAL, a progressive and modern companion and exotic animal practice that has been voted multiple times 'Best in the

Black Hills', is seeking an optimistic veterinarian to join our growing team. The ideal candidate will be personable, confident, hardworking, and skilled in companion animal general practice (internal medicine and general surgery). They would have excellent client communication skills and a true passion for veterinary medicine. While not required, having very basic exotic veterinary knowledge and skills would be an asset. Our companion animal facility consists of a large reception and retail area, five examination rooms, separate hospital wards, radiology suite, laboratory and pharmacy, large treatment area, two surgery suites, and separate hydrotherapy suite. The clinic is equipped with an Abaxis laboratory (HM5 complete blood counts and four VS2 rotor chemistry machines to provide an in house full range of blood work on canine and felines). We also have digital radiography, ultrasound, laparoscopic and orthopedic surgical equipment, MRI, laser therapy, endoscope, and digital medical records (Avimark). We employ a large, amazing and experienced full time staff with two doctors, registered technicians, veterinary assistants and receptionists. They are relied upon heavily for obtaining diagnostics, performing treatments and educating clients. This allows our doctors to spend more time examining patients, interpreting diagnostics, and developing treatment plans. Our practice is open Monday through Friday and our veterinarians typically work 40-50 hours per week. We treat emergency cases if possible but refer after-hour emergencies to the local emergency clinic, depending on the case and need for care. Our small animal caseload is wide and varied - from basic wellness to involved medical and surgical cases and everything in between. Position Details: We are looking for a friendly, positive, outgoing veterinarian (new grad or experienced) interested in practicing aggressive high quality small animal medicine. Base salary is negotiable and to be determined by experience, but there is potential to earn more with our production -based bonus. We also offer paid personal leave, continuing education, professional membership dues, plus an extensive benefits package. Area Description. We are located in the beautiful Black Hills of South Dakota close to Mount Rushmore. The area provides excellent outdoor activities including hiking, camping, mountain biking, fishing and hunting, water sports, rock climbing, and many other incredible outdoor recreations, not to mention the view, which stunning year round! Rapid City has a population of about 70,000 with the surrounding area of about 130,000 and growing. Rapid City offers an array of af



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fordable places to live, low crime rate, great school districts, numerous churches, and amazing community events that peak just about anyone's interests. We also have college sporting events, a semi pro hockey team, an event center with concerts and other activities year round, including the annual Black Hills Stock Show. Please send cover letter and resume to Dr. Dean Falcon at dcfalcon13@hotmail.com or call (605)786-4642 with any questions.

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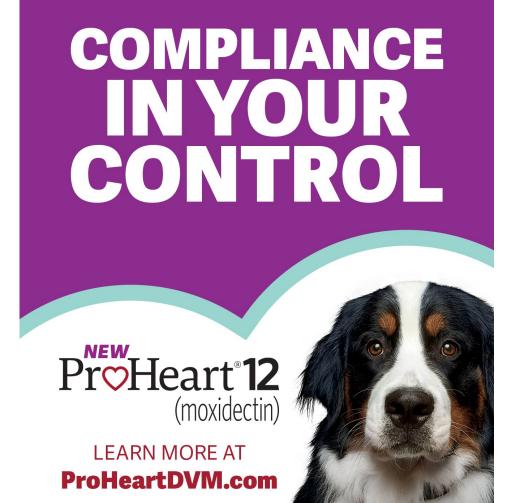
TO \$100,000! Animal Clinic of Rapid City/Emergency Veterinary Hospital in Rapid City, SD is looking for an Emergency Veterinarian. We are interested in speaking with new grads (Mentorship provided), internship trained, or experienced DVMs. We are a progressive 7 Doctor Practice

that has a team-based approach to medicine and mentorship. We believe in providing high quality compassionate care to our patients and enjoy a collaborative and positive work environment with our patient's wellbeing in mind. Our schedule encourages a healthy work life balance with doctors working 3 shifts per week and rotating Saturdays. We offer an attractive compensation, benefits package and wonderful Sign-on bonus/student loan repayment program. We have a spacious hospital with 5 exam rooms, a comfort room, wellequipped small animal surgery suite, treatment and ICU areas. Our in house lab is state of the art making our diagnostic capabilities second to none. We have digital xray, digital dental x-ray, pulse ox, EKG, blood pressure, IV pumps, in floor heat in cages, endoscopy, tonometer, ultrasound machine, and gas anesthesia. We are located in the Black Hills of South Dakota, close to Mount Rushmore. The area is known for hiking, camping, mountain biking, fishing, hunting, water skiing, rock climbing, ice climbing, snowshoeing, snowboarding, snowmobiling, trail riding and rodeo. If you enjoy the outdoors, you will love it here!! Rapid City has a population of 70,000 with the surrounding area of about 130,000 and is rapidly growing. The area offers wonderful affordable places to live and enjoy the outdoors, with a low crime rate, great schools, numerous churches, excellent community events such as: concerts, symphonies, theater, movie theaters, horse shows, city league sports, great fitness centers and yoga studios. We have college sporting events, and a semi pro hockey team.

ASSOCIATE VETERINARIAN - Immediate opening at a well-established, small animal clinic in Northeast South Dakota. Our practice offers laser surgery, cold laser therapy and digital x-ray. The inhouse lab is equipped with IDEXX blood CBC and Chemistry, Sedivue and UA analyzer. This area is a sportsman's mecca, with lots of fishing and hunting opportunities year round. Our clinic is located in Aberdeen, which is the third largest city in the state and growing daily. Aberdeen is located within easy driving distance of Sioux Falls, Fargo and Minneapolis and offers a charming and cultural reputation of its own. We are looking for a dedicated and motivated individual to be part of our team! For more information, contact the Animal Care Clinic at drrobin@midconetwork.com, or 605-229-

ASSOCIATE VETERINARIAN - The

Montrose Veterinary Clinic is seeking to hire an additional veterinarian for our mixed animal practice. We are looking for a motivated, team-oriented new associate with a strong emphasis in food animals (dairy and beef cattle). Palpation and ultrasound skills are required. Opportunities in small animal, equine, swine, and small ruminants also exist. Our clinic has a wellequipped large animal haul-in facility that includes a hydraulic squeeze chute, tilt table, calf isolation units, portable chutes, and equine stocks. The emergency call schedule is shared equally among all veterinarians. A very competitive salary along with a benefit package is available. Truck and equipment are provided by the clinic. We welcome both experienced applicants and qualified new graduates. Mentoring is available to all new graduates. MVC is located 25 miles west of Sioux Falls and



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offers rural living with access to urban amenities, such as restaurants, theater, shopping, and an events center. Our area is also known for exceptional outdoor recreational activities, such as hiking, hunting, and fishing. Please send cover letter and resume to montrosevetclinic@goldenwest.net.

WANTED: ASSOCIATE FOR A MIXED ANIMAL PRACTICE in

Mitchell, SD. We are Compassionate Stewards of Animal Health, where respect, communication, and teamwork are our main priorities. As a growing mixed animal practice in Mitchell, SD we are looking to add a full-time Veterinary Associate to our expanding multi-doctor practice. We approach progressive medicine as a priority, and our mentor-ship program provides you the guidance to diagnose and treat your patients. With an experienced and outstanding Fear Free certified support team, you will have the opportunity to provide the needed preventative care and the ability to develop your own personalized treatments. We would welcome you to visit our website and Facebook page to

learn more. Clients come to us because of our reputation for excellence and compassionate care. Professionals come to work for us because we strive to provide outstanding medical care, practice in a beautiful 3-year-old facility, have an experienced fun-loving team, and understand a worklife balance. As a multiple doctor practice, our on-call rotation schedule gives you the opportunity to enjoy your life after work, but most of all have fun and enjoy every day as you grow in your skills and professional life. We provide top salaries and benefits including vacation/paid time off, paid CE, paid licensing fees, liability/ malpractice insurance 100% paid, and more. Please contact Dr. David Thompson with Creekside Veterinary Clinic, at 605-990-3388 or email us at businessoffice@creeksidecares.com.

ASSOCIATE VETERINARIAN

WANTED for busy equine/companion animal practice. Equine work is preventative medicine, lameness, reproduction, medicine and surgery plus some referral work. Companion animal work is focused more on preventative medicine. Emergency work for equine is necessary and split between all doctors. Small animal emer-

gency work is sent to nearby emergency clinic. The clinic has modern equipment including digital x-rays, gas anesthesia, digital ultrasounds, endoscopy, arthroscopy, IRAP, PRP, etc. A competitive salary dependent on experience plus all benefits come with the package and is based on experience. Interested applicants can send resume to Dr. Michelle Jensen at drvetmike@yahoo.com or mail to PO Box 10 Harrisburg, SD 57032.

ADVANCED VETERINARY CARE is

looking for an Associate Veterinarian to join our TEAM. At Advance Veterinary Care, we provide the following services: wellness exams, surgeries including orthopedic surgeries, internal medicine, critical care, diagnostics (blood chemistry, digital X-ray, lab testing), dentals, senior care, emergency care during office hours, and much more. Please consider finding out more about our practice and our animal care team. Contact Kris Nelsen at (402) 329-4805 or email

knelsenwcvs@gmail.com

VETERINARY TECHNICIAN WANTED:

DO YOU WANT TO WORK, live and play in the beautiful Black Hills? Emergency Veterinary Hospital is seeking



Veterinary Technicians to join our evening, overnight and weekend emergency practice. The ideal candidates are detailoriented, have a positive attitude, and proficient in admitting, triage, client education and communication, monitoring and discharging patients, dispensing medications, proper restraint techniques, blood collection, assisting in surgery (inducing and monitoring anesthesia), performing venous and urinary catheterization, taking vital signs and radiographs. Applicants must be able to work evenings, overnights, weekends and holidays. Please send cover letter and resume attention: Sarah to acrapidcity@nvanet.com.

4 VET PRACTICE looking for a vet tech or large animal tech. Duties would include preparing vaccines and serums for prevention of diseases. Prepare tissue samples, take blood samples, and laboratory tests, such as urinalysis and blood counts. Clean and sterilize instruments and materials and maintain equipment and machines. Assist veterinarian during surgery. This is a mixed animal practice. The tech will be working with both large animals and small animals. Along with general technician duties, job will also require receptionist work and

janitorial cleaning. Job position is open to vet technicians or a large animal technician. Preference will be given to a certified vet tech or ability to become certified. Shift will be 4 10 hour days. Including Saturday rotation. Pay will be dependent on certification. Applications can be e-mailed to clvet@itctel.com.

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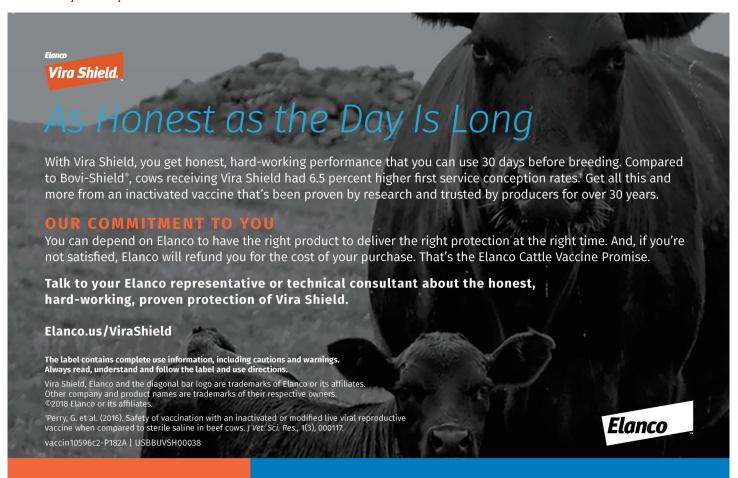
in Watertown, SD is a busy 1 1/2 doctor practice currently seeking an energetic, enthusiastic veterinary technician. This individual must have a degree in veterinary technology. This is a full-time position with benefits. Duties will include, but not limited to, patient care, animal handling, client communication and education, detailed medical record keeping, anesthesia monitoring laboratory procedures per-

monitoring, laboratory procedures, performing dental cleanings with digital dental radiography. We use Cornerstone Practice Management Software and we practice paper light medical records. If you are interested in applying for this position, please forward your resume to Marsha at caresmallanimal@yahoo.com. You may also send your resume via mail to Care Small Animal Hospital, 320 4th St NE, Watertown, SD 57201.

ROCK VATERINARY CLINIC in Luverne, Minnesota is seeking to hire a full

time veterinary technician. We are a five doctor mixed animal practice located 35 minutes from Sioux Falls, SD. We currently employ three full-time veterinary technicians, one part-time technician, and multiple support staff. Our small animal equipment includes the following: full IDEXX in clinic lab software, digital x-ray, gas anesthesia, dental scaler-polisher. Our large animal equipment includes: haul-in facilities with a hydraulic chute, working tub, and tilt table for feet work, two portable working chutes, and a portable tub/alley combination for on farm work. Duties would include all components of mixed animal practice, with rotation among large and small animal work. Applicant must be comfortable with cattle work. Competitive salary based on licensure or ability to become licensed, licensing fees paid, memberships to professional organizations provided, CE allowance, personal pet discount, paid vacation, and 3% 401K match after one year employment. Please send a resume to Dr. Erin deKoning, DVM at erin.m.dekoning@gmail.com.

ANIMAL MEDICAL CARE, LLC in Brookings SD is seeking a SD licensed or license eligible Veterinary Technician to join their team of seven veterinarians and five technicians. Post educational experience is preferred but not necessary. This is



a full-time position with one Saturday a month and minimal emergency duty. Majority of the work is in small animal medicine and surgery, but could include some large animal work depending on interest and skill level. The practice is equipped with both dental and whole body digital radiography, dentalaire unit, ultrasound, gas anesthesia and therapeutic laser. Routine, as well as more specialized surgeries such as stifle stabilization, IM pinning and enterotomies, are completed in a special surgery room using sterile techniques. Salary, benefits, and time off are competitive. Please email resume to rmg1616@gmail.com

ANIMAL HEALTH CLINIC is a two doctor, small animal practice on the Missouri River in an area with a lot of recreational opportunities. We are seeking a dependable registered Veterinary Technician to join our passionate team to provide quality care and customer service. This is a full-time position with some Saturday

mornings, but rare emergency work. Responsibilities include: surgery/anesthesia, dentals, lab work, radiology, client education, front desk, pharmacy, patient history, and much more. Cornerstone software and IDEXX equipment used. Experience preferred. For more information or to submit a resume, contact Dr. Cindy Franklin at franklindym@iw.net.

FOR SALE

EQUIPMENT FOR SALE: Lightly used H2O brand water treadmill for sale. Excellent condition. Well maintained. Purchased one year ago and no longer need. Will require manufacturer to move and set up. Located in Minneapolis area. Amy Morgan (763) 438-9204 amym.ogah@email.com

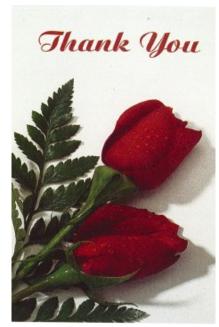
REPROSCAN RS-XTC purchased new in 2016. Used very lightly for a year. Associates left and is not being used. Has 2 batteries, hands free arm and all the cases, cords etc that came with it. It is in like-new

shape. Asking \$7,500. Located in Beulah, ND. Contact Carolyn Woodruff (701) 873-5525 or kniferivervetclinic@gmail.com

SMALL ANIMAL PRACTICE SOUTH-WEST OF RAPID CITY Here is an opportunity for you to own a practice in the gorgeous Black Hills area of South Dakota. This is a 1 doctor, small animal practice in an excellent community and generating over \$500,000 in revenue. Outdoor recreation and entertainment for the whole family is endless. An added bonus is that South Dakota is one of the few states with no state income tax. The facility is free-standing facility with a total of about 2,000 Sf and has room to expand. The owner prefers to lease the real estate. Contact Nikki Nitz at (877) 322-6465 or email Nikki@SimmonsMidwest.com

PROFITABLE 3 VETERINARIAN PRACTICE IN ND

Opportunity to own a profitable, full-service, 3 veterinarian mixed practice, pay yourself \$100,000 plus, and have \$40,000 for upgrades each year after debt management. Turn-key, well-equipped practice with excellent staff and transition assistance available from owners. Practice has plenty of growth potential. Modern 5,200 sq. ft. facility may be leased or purchased. Located in progressive community of 3,000 with strong economy, great schools, and a wide variety of services and recreational opportunities. Owners are ready to retire. Contact Dr. Carolyn Woodruff at 701-870-5526 or e-mail drcrwoodruff@gmail.com



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-Doug Kampmann & Family



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