Jennifer Devey, DVM, DACVECC, will be the featured speaker at this year’s SDVMA Summer Meeting, June 5-6, at the Ramkota in Pierre. An internationally known expert in companion animal emergency and critical care, Dr. Devey will speak on several critical care topics Friday morning and lead a hands-on procedure lab in the afternoon.

Dr. Devey is a graduate of the Ontario Veterinary College, University of Guelph. She did an internship and an emergency and critical care residency at the Animal Emergency Center in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and became a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care in 1996. She subsequently completed a surgical residency in 2004 studying at several private practices in the USA. Jennifer has been director of emergency and intensive care services at a number of large private referral practices in Canada and the United States – most recently at Lauderdale Veterinary Specialists in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, where she was the department head of the emergency and critical care service and director of education. She has published over 50 articles and book chapters, is actively involved in research, and is a member of seven professional veterinary organizations around the world. Jennifer enjoys teaching and is actively involved in training interns and residents as well as lecturing and teaching workshops to nurses and doctors.

Topies for the morning session will cover subjects such as making the right decisions regarding critical cases, anesthesia decisions for seriously ill patients, fluid therapy, and how to deal with “Big Dog vs. Little Dog” cases. The afternoon emergency procedures lab will include hands-on practice with placing and managing all sorts of “tubes”, such as central venous and epidural catheters as well as esophagostomy, tracheostomy, and thoracostomy tubes, just to name a few!

Once again, the Friday afternoon breakout session will feature important updates from industry partners and other topics of wider interest.

The meeting kicks off on Thursday with recreational activities including golf, fishing and trap shooting followed by an evening supper for all participants. The meeting once again coincides with the state veterinary board exam, and a special invitation is made to veterinarians in town to take the boards.

Look for registration information coming soon in the mail or available on www.sdvetmed.org. Limited spots are available in the afternoon procedures lab, so register right away!
**Greetings from your President**

Dr. Tom Rentschler

Shortly after the last issue of the Vet-Net was published, I was contacted by two veterinarians that had an individual performing equine lay dentistry in their respective practice areas. Both had the same question for me: what do we do? I knew that a complaint could be turned into the South Dakota Veterinary Medical Exam Board, but I honestly wasn't exactly sure how the process works. I called and talked to our state veterinarian, Dr. Dustin Oedekoven. He had a great wealth of information and educated me on the complaint process and how to file a complaint. There is an easy to follow complaint procedure form found on the South Dakota Veterinary Medical Examining Board’s website. This form details how to submit a complaint against an unlicensed individual performing veterinary services. Dr. Oedekoven also noted that the Veterinary Exam Board’s budget does not allow them to actively search or seek out these individuals, so it is up to us (veterinarians) to help police our profession. Because if we don’t, who will?

In February I had the opportunity to attend a “One Health” meeting put on by the South Dakota Department of Health and the SDSU Extension Office. Dr. Russ Daly played a large part in putting on this meeting. The topic was: "Preserving the Usefulness of Antibiotics: Efforts in Animal and Human Medicine in South Dakota". This was a great learning experience on the various measures the human medical field is doing to decrease antimicrobial use. Going into the meeting, I expected a lot of discussion on MRSA or C. difficile resistant infections; however, there was very little on MRSA or C. difficile. A large amount of discussion focused on CRE (Carbapenem-resistant Enterobacteriaceae). The human medical field looks at CRE as the new "super-bug". The reason for so much concern about CRE is the 50% mortality rate for CRE infections!

The legislative session has ended. The two bills the SDVMA was supporting were passed into law. Senate Bill 75 prohibits local governments from enacting, maintaining, or enforcing regulations on certain breeds of dogs. Senate Bill 46 revised certain provisions regarding animal welfare and provides a felony penalty for cruelty to animals. Senate Bill 46 was the result of the hard-work and effort from our state veterinarian Dr. Dustin Oedekoven.

See you in Pierre in June for the Summer Meeting!

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**Notes from your Executive Director**

Jennifer Stalley

One of the easiest ways to measure if an association is meeting the needs of its members is to look to participation.

I am happy to report that we saw near record attendance at the 2014 Bailey Herd Health Conference this year. This happened on the same weekend the West River VMA hosted a well attended continuing education opportunity. It is great to see that we are meeting the needs of our members with quality continuing education on both sides of the state. If you participated, thank you. If you did not, watch for these annual events in 2015; you are guaranteed to have an opportunity for quality continuing education and networking opportunities.

The Continuing Education Committee is hard at work planning the Summer and Annual Meeting programs to provide more opportunities for you to access continuing education close to home and with your colleagues. Watch for the program and registration information for these meetings to be coming soon.

The Membership Committee is working on projects to help improve membership services. The Committee is exploring improvements to the SDVMA website that will make online registration for SDVMA programming available and make it easier to access a wider range of information. The committee is also beginning work to celebrate SDVMA’s 125th anniversary in 2016.

The committee’s efforts to provide access to business and personal financial education can be seen with the addition of this topic to our Summer Meeting program. The committee continues to look for ways to provide services that the membership wants, so please pass your suggestions for additional services or programming on.

The Legislative Committee spent time this winter monitoring the legislative session for legislation that impacts you and your practice. SDVMA provided a weekly bill list to the membership and we got positive feedback from you on the issues we monitored. Your participation in the legislative arena helped pass SB 46 and SB 75. Lending your voice to these issues helped educate legislators on these issues and your profession.

Thank you for participating in your Association. It is gratifying to see the positive response to the efforts by all of the SDVMA committees. While we enjoy the success we have seen, we are busy planning for enhancements to how we serve you and planning for additional services to help you maximize your membership. Please feel free to offer your suggestions on how we can improve - your voice matters.

I look forward to seeing you at the Summer and Annual meetings. Thanks for being an SDVMA member!
Thanks to the support of a broad coalition of animal, livestock, and agricultural organizations, including the SDVMA, SB 46 was passed by the legislature and signed into law by Governor Dennis Daugaard. While South Dakota has had good and effective laws to deal with cases of neglect, mistreatment, and abuse of animals, this law creates a felony for the most malicious and intentional acts of cruelty. Perhaps more importantly, it builds on the strengths of our current law to provide clear protection for all acts conducted by licensed veterinarians, as well as all usual and customary management practices of animals and for all aspects of the livestock industry.

The Veterinary Medical Loan Repayment Program (VMLRP) is now entering its fifth year. This program is administered by USDA’s National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) and provides loan repayment of up to $25,000 each year for 3 years for veterinarians with qualifying student loan debt who are willing to work in a designated food animal shortage area. Shortage areas are nominated by each state’s chief animal health official, and are then subject to designation as such by the VMLRP program staff. South Dakota was once again given the opportunity to nominate up to 6 shortage areas in South Dakota. NIFA is expected to announce the designated shortage areas and application process within the coming months.

Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea virus (PEDv) has been confirmed in at least 22 South Dakota swine farms as of this writing. As we prepare for the upcoming summer show season, veterinarians are encouraged to participate in planning local swine exhibitions to advise show officials on biosecurity, health certificate requirements, and isolation practices for swine returning home after the show. The pork industry and the American Association of Swine Practitioners have developed guidelines that can be accessed at www.pork.org and www.aasv.org. PEDv is a reportable disease in South Dakota.

The South Dakota Animal Industry Board has modified South Dakota Certificates of Veterinary Inspection in part to meet expectations of USDA’s Animal Disease Traceability rule (ADT). The new CVIs can be used either for intrastate or interstate movement. Books of continuation forms are also available to list more than 20 animals covered by the certificate. Electronic certificates of veterinary inspection continue to gain popularity. If you write CVIs and have not yet looked at this technology, I’d encourage you to visit with Dr. Susan Reenders, AIB staff veterinarian, about the available options.

If you assist producers who are planning to move livestock to other states for any number of reasons this summer (grazing, show, change of ownership, etc.), please advise them of their responsibility to get CVIs in accordance with the requirements of the state of destination. ADT has caused some states to change their import requirements to be compliant with the new federal rules, so if you haven’t checked with the state animal health official in the destination state recently, be sure to contact them to assure your client is in compliance.

Under the now year-old federal animal identification regulation, veterinarians are to forward CVIs to the state veterinarian’s office within 7 days of issuance. If you find this difficult to achieve, try implementing a new habit or policy in your office to send out CVIs on a set day of the week and you’ll always have this task completed. Or, consider using electronic CVIs as these are automatically forwarded at the time of issue. Per the ADT rule, veterinarians must keep copies of CVIs for swine and poultry for at least 2 years, and at least 5 years for all other livestock species.

**SDVMA Scholarship Foundation**

Good Morning South Dakota!!

Finally a bright sunny day with Spring on the horizon.

This is the time of year when the Foundation is in the doldrums state. We are all busy with the workings of our profession, spring cleaning, family functions, chasing after kids in sports, and thinking about our plans for the future. What a Great Time of year.

If you are like my wife Nancy and me you are also attending myriads of fundraisers. We all make choices of where our time and finances go to support all that is needed in our communities. Having a front door on main street business, I’m sure you can relate.

Last summer we had 14 student applicants for 6 SDVMA educational Scholarships. Wouldn’t it be nice if we could have helped all 14 deserving applicants with assistance instead of just 6? Please look at helping as an investment for the future. If we award a $1000 scholarship, that will save $30 a year in the future so a young graduate can reduce their educational debt at a little faster and be able to enjoy the spring cleaning, family functions and all the other things of Spring.

On another note.... We are looking for ideas for increasing the corpus of the Foundation. If anyone has an idea please give Janice or me a call and we will pursue the idea. We mentioned last fall of a few possibilities at the August Meeting. Golf outing, tennis tournament, walk run. Let us know if you would like to participate so we can make plans.

We need everyone’s help to move Veterinary Medicine into the future. Use the Spring to rejuvenate your giving to assist in that endeavor. Remember” Giving Makes You Feel Good “.

Bruce Teachout DVM
Proud to be a VETERINARIAN
**Dr. Roy Masson**

Roy N. Masson, 96, of Brookings, died on February 21, 2014 at the Brookings Hospital. Private family funeral services were held February 24, 2014.

Roy Masson was born on June 15, 1917 in Groton, SD, the son of George and Sophie Masson. He graduated from Groton High School and attended South Dakota State University. He obtained his Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine from Iowa State University. Roy practiced veterinary medicine in South Dakota for 71 years and was recognized by the state for his years of service in 2012.

Roy was a lifetime member of the South Dakota Veterinary Medical Association. He was also a member of the Elks Lodge and the American Legion. Roy enjoyed fishing, golfing, gardening and hunting. He was a friend of the First Baptist Church. He was active in helping children in 4-H and received the 4-H achievement award. Roy was also active in helping the Veterinary Medicine program at the South Dakota State University College of Agricultural and Biological Sciences, where he was a member of the Dean’s Club and the South Dakota State University Foundation.

Roy is survived by his grandson, Trapper (Emilee) Masson and their daughter, Rosalee of Rapid City, and his niece, Annette Zink.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Delpha, one son, Robert and his parents.

Full obituary is available at www.rudesfuneralhome.com.

**Dr. David Myers**

David Myers, 63, died May 26, 2013 at Avera St. Luke’s Hospital in Aberdeen.

David Reed Myers was born October 19, 1949 in Rapid City to Lawrence and Edith Myers. He received his doctorate of veterinary medicine in 1974. While attending college he married Jan Pennock. The couple had two daughters, Kelly and Melody. In 1974 the couple moved to Miller, SD to work at the Meriweather Vet Clinic. He moved to Webster, SD in 1976 to join Cross Country Veterinary Clinic. David married Gloria Sessions on May 13, 1977.

The couple moved to Colorado in 1977, and finally settled in Ipswich, SD in 1980. He took over the practice in Ipswich until the time of his death. In 1986, his health forced him to slow down.

He is survived by his wife Gloria, of Ipswich; three daughters, Stephanie (Chris Martchinske) of Ipswich, Kelly (Justin) Gieger and Melody Sweeney, both of Sapulpa, OK; his mother; three brothers; and 7 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his father, Lawrence Myers.

Full obituary is available at www.grammfuneralhome.com.
Your SDVMA delegates continue to monitor the ongoing online debate on changes in AVMA governance. As I reported in the last column, in the AVMA House of Delegates (HOD) it appears that the AVMA members in the state will elect one of the two delegates and the other delegate will be elected by the SDVMA. Terms will likely be 3 or 4 years with a term limit of 2 terms. South Dakota’s vote would then be divided between the two delegates. To me this debate has gone on too long and we need to move onto more important governance issues - the AVMA committee structure. This involves fine tuning and reducing the number of committees and coming up with a better method to appoint members to committees rather than having the HOD select some and the Executive Board select others.

One of our SDVMA members contacted me about FDA’s proposed FDR for food animals and wanted to give some feedback. I was able to connect him directly with Dr. Bernadette Dunham, the director of the Center for Veterinary Medicine at FDA. If you have any questions on contacting FDA or USDA and obviously AVMA, please let us know so we can get you in contact with the right folks.

Our best wishes,
Drs. Chris Chase and Cindy Franklin
SDVMA Delegates
Dr. Bailey Recognized at Herd Health Conference

This year was the 27th annual Herd Health Conference. The first Herd Health Conference was held in 1988. In 1997, it was renamed the James Bailey Herd Health Conference in recognition of Dr. Bailey’s contributions to veterinary medicine in South Dakota.

Bailey joined the SDSU faculty in 1968 as the Extension Veterinarian. He retired in 1985 and was granted the status of Extension Veterinarian Emeritus. He served as the SDVMA Secretary/Treasurer from 1972-1985, and was the Executive Director of the SDVMA from 1985-1996.

Dr. Bailey’s distinguished career includes numerous accomplishments.

In 1969, Bailey was one of the original Extension personnel to compile the fact sheets that became the present Pork Industry Handbook. He contributed information on respiratory diseases and arthritis in swine. He was honored by the American Association of Extension Veterinarians as the Veterinarian of the Year and SDVMA Veterinarian of the Year during his career.

He served on the SD Hog Cholera and Pseudorabies Eradication Committees. He was a member of the SD Livestock Foundation from 1970-96.

He served on the Livestock Conservation Institutes Parasite Committee from 1979-81. Dr. Bailey received the SDPPC Distinguished Service Award in 1976 and was named an Honorary Pork Producer.

Dr. Bailey was a charter member of the American Association of Swine Practitioners in 1969. He served as the organization’s first secretary in 1972 and as the president in 1980-81. He was granted the distinguished Howard Dunn memorial Award for extraordinary service to veterinary medicine and the Swine industry in 1986.

Dr. Bailey served as a member of the American Veterinary Medical Association’s House of Delegates through the 1970’s and on the Council on Biologies and Therapeutic Agents during the 1980’s. Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine presented Dr. Bailey the prestigious Stange Memorial Award for distinguished alumni in 1984.

Dr. Bailey resides in Brookings.

ADRDL News

Jane Hennings, DVM,MS—Director ADRDL

The ADRDL has been busy doing a lot of testing and research for Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea Virus (PEDV) and Porcine DeltaCoronavirus (PDCoV). Real-time PCR is available for both PEDV and PDCoV. The fluorescent antibody test for tissue sections can also be performed using the PEDV monoclonal antibodies produced at the ADRDL. In addition, two recently funded National Pork Board Grants are supporting the research related to PEDV and are entitled, “Duration and level of PEDV neutralizing antibodies for clinical protection using feedback protocols” and “PEDV diagnostic approaches to assess sow immunity and piglet protection”. We appreciate the opportunity to work with veterinarians in the field on these specific projects.

For new personnel, Dr. Angela Pillatzki will be joining us on June 9 of this year. Dr. Pillatzki is a Board Certified Pathologist and has spent the last five years as a Clinician/Veterinary Diagnostician in the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory at the College of Veterinary Medicine at Iowa State University.

West River VMA Annual Meeting Held in Rapid City

There were 75 participants at the West River VMA Annual Meeting held February 8 in Rapid City, and 27 attendees at the District 3 dinner in the evening. Dr. Dr. Greg Gauer, the speaker for the CE portion, was excellent, and provided a lot of new information regarding urinary tract disease in the dog and cat.
THANK YOU

Thanks so much for the $100 memorial to the SDVMA Scholarship Foundation. The family of Doc Maxson—Bev & Carolyn

The SDVMA received numerous thank yous from FFA individuals, chapters, and administration. Below are just a couple.

Thank you for sponsoring the travel scholarship for the Vet Science CDE winning team at the 2014 SD State FFA Convention. Your support of the FFA and its members is greatly appreciated. Sincerely, Menno FFA

Thank you for your generous sponsorship of opportunities for our students to develop their potential for leadership, personal growth, and career success during the 2014 SD State FFA Convention. We greatly appreciate the effort of others on our behalf and thank you for your continued support of Agricultural Education and the FFA organization in South Dakota. Without the hard work, dedication, and generosity of people and organizations such as yourself, many of our activities would be impossible to plan and hold. Once again, thank you for your generosity in making this event a relevant, real world experience for us. Sincerely, Rachel Schartz, president West Central FFA

SDVMA Alliance News

Our science fairs are over. Please make certain to check the winners in your part of the state. We did send certificates to Rapid City, Mitchell, Brookings, and Aberdeen so we hope that you all have someone to congratulate!

I haven’t heard from either Dr. Behrens or the Scholarship Committee, but those awards will be here before the next Vet-Net. Watch out for them as well. Meanwhile we’re coming up to summer (Yes, it will get warm again!) and it’s never too early to be thinking about something that you might bring for the auction. See you August 10-13 in Sioux Falls!

Shari West-Twitter

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All ads from members will be placed at no charge. All ads from non-members will be placed at a charge of $10 for the first 60 words; 15¢ for each additional word. The editor reserves the right to edit copy. If you wish to place a classified ad, send copy of ad along with payment (if required). The SDVMA does not endorse any of the classified ads.

VETERINARIANS WANTED

Wanted: Small animal veterinarian. Must be experienced on small animal care. 3-4 days a week. Very flexible hours. Call 507-442-3772 or 507-227-9531 cell.

FOR SALE

For Sale: Eight foot Bowie America veterinary box insert. Good shape, clean, and in working order. Brand new water pump and day heater motor, new internal water tank connections. The unit is not currently installed and is kept inside. John Ismay 605-490-1785.
Continuing Education

June 5-6, 2014—SDVMA Summer Meeting
Ramkota Inn, Pierre
(605) 688-6649 or www.sdvetmed.org

June 19-21
Nebraska VMA Summer Meeting
Midtown Holiday Inn, Grand Island, NE
www.nvma.org

June 29-July 1
Montana VMA Summer Meeting
Hilton Garden Inn, Missoula, MT
www.mtvma.org

August 10-13, 2014—SDVMA Annual Meeting
Ramkota Inn, Sioux Falls
(605) 688-6649 or www.sdvetmed.org

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