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French pianist Richard Clayderman plays the piano to Galapagos tortoises Dirk, aged 70, and Polly, in an attempt to put the reptiles in the mood to mate, at London zoo, Feb. 7, 2013.



President's Message

Dr. John Sykes

As we start this new year, I'd like to introduce myself to you. I grew up in Brooklyn and got my start in veterinary medicine as a kennel assistant for fellow VMA member Dr. Mark Gibson. I graduated from Cornell Veterinary School, completed a small animal internship at Rowley Memorial Animal Hospital in Springfield, MA, and a residency in Zoological Medicine at the University of Tennessee. I became boarded in Zoological Medicine while I was a staff veterinarian at the Los Angeles Zoo prior to coming back home to be an associate veterinarian with the Wildlife Conservation Society/ Bronx Zoo. I now spend most of my time at the Bronx Zoo, but do also take care of animals at our other parks in the City (Central Park, Queens, and Prospect Park Zoos and the NY Aquarium on Coney Island).



I became involved in organized veterinary medicine a few years ago with the aim of bringing a different perspective to the city and state organizations and serving as a voice for my particular aspect of this profession. As my activities with the organizations have grown, I have recognized that the diversity within our profession is one of its great strengths. Within the VMA of NYC, we have members involved in private practice, teaching, research, public health, and non-profit organizations. We work with companion animals, working animals, laboratory animals, and wildlife. Our members span generations, ethnicities, and cultures. The input from all of these different voices help make the organization a robust and viable voice for our profession within our local community and in Albany. To celebrate this diversity, we have started a new section of the newsletter devoted to member profiles. If you would like to be profiled or would like to suggest someone to profile, please contact Linda Chiaverini at info@vmanyc.org.

I am looking forward to an exciting year. I hope you are all RSVP'd for our new awards celebration at Wicked this March. This event is a bit different from our recent awards ceremonies and I hope you will all feel free to let us know how you like it! We have a great year of continuing education and community outreach planned and I look forward to see you all at our monthly meetings.

Sincerely,

John M Sykes IV, DVM, DACZM President, VMA of NYC

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Liaison Committee

The liaison committee interacts with our local specialty hospitals, educational institutions and not for profit organizations and lists in this column any information which is relevant for our membership. Specifically, we highlight continuing education which is complementary to our membership and new hires in specialty areas. Please contact us if your hospital has information that you would like to share with our membership

News from Blue Pearl Veterinary Partners:

Continuing education lectures are free and open to all area veterinarians. There are also veterinary technician CE lectures which are open to all veterinary technicians and assistants. Registration is required and is done by contacting Dr. David Wohlstadter at david.wohlstadter@bluepearlvet.com. Dinner begins at 7 PM and the lectures start at 7:30 PM. BluePearl is approved as a New York State sponsor of CE for veterinarians and veterinary technicians. Unless otherwise noted, lectures are given in Brooklyn, Queens and Manhattan at the addresses listed below:

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March 2013

Urologic Surgery: Emergency Scenarios & Minimally Invasive Procedures (for veterinarians)
Jennifer Huck, DVM, DACVS and Kelson Danielson, DVM, DACVS
March 19—Queens
March 20- Manhattan
March 21—Brooklyn

April 2013

April 18—Brooklyn

Brachycephalic Breed Emergencies (for veterinarians)
Benjamin Davidson, BVSc, MACVSc, DACVECC
April 16—Queens
April 17—Manhattan

SAVE THE DATE! May 4th, 2013

CE & the City

Westin Grand Central, 212 East 42nd Street, New York NY 10017

Speakers: To be announced...



A flock of migrating starlings is seen flying over a field near the southern Israeli town of Netivot on January 25, 2013. (DAVID BUIMOVITCH/AFP/Getty Images)

The Animal Medical Center's Partners in Practice

PARTNERS IN PRACTICE TUESDAY (7 - 8:30PM) PRACTICAL EVENING WORKSHOPS

- March 19 Challenging Medicine Cases, Speaker: Dr. Douglas Palma
- April 9 Differentiating Cardiac vs Respiratory Cough and Dyspnea, Speaker: Dr. Philip Fox
- May 7 Approach to the Orthopedic Patient, Speaker: Dr. Robert Hart
- June 18 Skin, Allergies and Therapy, Speaker: Dr. Mark Macina
- September 17 Radiology-What's Your Diagnosis?, Speaker: Dr. Anthony Fischetti
- October 15 Surgery, Speaker: TBA
- November 12 Endocrine Diseases, Speaker: Dr. Beth Appleman
- December 10 Pearls of Clinical Oncology, Speaker: TBA

PIP CONFERENCES

Feline Infectious Diseases—Sunday, March 10, 2013

9:00am-2:30pm | The Animal Medical Center

This conference will provide attendees with an update on the diagnosis and management of feline infectious GI, infectious respiratory and infectious fever.

Guest Speaker Michael Lappin DVM, DAVCIM, PhD Center for Companion Animal Studies Colorado State University

Making the Value Proposition — Sunday, April 21, 2013

9:00am - 2:30pm | The Animal Medical Center

This day-long program covers new thinking, smart strategies and practicalthings practitioners need to know about thinking their way through fees and making the value proposition that supports those fees.

Guest Speakers Karen E. Felsted, CPA, MS, DVM, CVPM Karyn Gavzer, MBA, CVPM

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In this Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2013 photo provided by Marina Lacasse, killer whales surface through a small hole in the ice near Inukjuak, in Northern Quebec. Mayor Peter Inukpuk urged the Canadian government Wednesday to send an icebreaker as soon as possible to crack open the ice and help the pod of about a dozen orcas find open water. The Department of Fisheries and Oceans said it is sending officials to assess the situation. (AP Photo/The Canadian Press, Marina Lacasse)

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The Membership Committee

Dr. Alexandra van der Woerdt

A total of 9 veterinarians were introduced as new or returning members of the VMA of NYC in October and November, 2012. They are as follows:

New members January 2013

Dr Amanda Donovan Dr Alexis Holroyde Dr Patrick Hopper Dr Jacqueline Nenner Dr Nicole Peta

New members February 2013

Dr Abdelhady Dr Rachel Fuentes Dr Jay Herrington Dr Jones Dr Virginia Jurgens Dr Carol Margolis

Dr Robert Proietta Dr Marc Siegel Dr Tan As always, we welcome these new members into our association, and hope to see them regularly at our meetings.



THE WESTMINSTER KENNEL CLUB

2013 Westminster Recap

ended up taking 2012's Best in Show.

Dr. Mari Morimoto

The VMA was once again represented by an excellent cadre of veterinarians at the 137th Annual Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show from February 10th to 12th. For the first time in its long history, the WKC moved the daytime Best of Breed judging to Piers 92 and 94. Perhaps due to this new, much roomier arrangement, we actually saw no cases of overheating and fewer stress-related symptoms. In fact, we experienced an overall drop in the number of cases seen. And the grand winner, for those who missed the news, was the Affenpinscher Joey, a.k.a. Grand Champion Banana Joe V Tani Kazari, who actually was a runner-up in the Toy Group last year behind Malachy the Pekingese, who



Fred R. Conrad/The New York Times

Joey may be the first Affenpinscher to ever take Best in Show, but Oakley the German Wirehaired Pointer was the first of his breed to win Best of Sporting Group, and Swagger the Old English Sheepdog (Herding Group) took the first Reserve Best in Show the WKC has ever presented. The rest of the Group winners were: Matisse the Portuguese Water Dog (Working Group), Jewel the American Foxhound (Hound Group), Adam the Smooth Fox Terrier (Terrier Group), and last but not least, Honor the Bichons Frises (Non-Sporting Group).

I would like to thank my 20-strong crew of volunteers and my co-coordinator Dr. Andrea Tu, who continues to help me out enormously as my second-in-command. Despite having fewer patients this year, they were kept on their toes by numerous passersby with questions both veterinary and non-animal-related. We also continued this year to refer those seeking health certificates for travel to members with house-call practices.

According to a reliable source, the two-site arrangement will continue next year. The dates for the 138th Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show are February 10th and 11th, 2014!



A Norwegian Buhund rests with his owner after a long day at the dog show. REUTERS/Lucas Jackson

An Afghan Hound named Chino is given a drink of water by her handler.

REUTERS/Mike Segar



USA TODAY Sports/Eileen Blass

Looking good Jasper, looking good.

REUTERS/Keith Bedford

Membership Spotlight

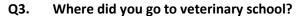
Dr. Mark Salemi

Q1. Where did you grow up and when did you move to NYC?

I grew up in the Throgs Neck Section of the Bronx and lived there until 15 years ago, when I moved to Woodland Park, in NJ. I commuted from the Bronx to Staten Island for 11 years to my practice and it became too hard of a commute...hence the move to NJ and easier commute.

Q2. Why did you become a veterinarian and when did you know that you would become one?

I knew I loved animals as long as I can remember, and realized at around 10 years old that being a veterinarian was my calling. At one point I had a dog, cats and a duck as well as a combination of 15-17 cages or tanks in my home with fish, snakes, lizards, and pocket pets. My mother wanted to kill me...but she loved them too.



St John's University, Queens NY as undergraduate and Ross University School Of Veterinary Medicine on St Kitts, Jan 1987 graduate.

Q4. What was your first job as a veterinarian?

Believe it or not, I am still at my first Job as a veterinarian, Working at a practice that took care of the Staten Island Zoo and had a special interest in Exotic and Zoo/Wildlife medicine. I now am the co-owner of that practice. That is a story in itself.

Q5. Where do you practice now, and how long have you been there?

I own and practice at Northside Animal Hospital on Staten Island for the last 26 years. www.nahnyc.com

Q6. What pets do you have?

Right now 2 rabbits, 3 ferrets, 3 tortoises, fish and a cat.

Q7. What are your hobbies/interests?

Animals, Yankees, Rangers, Giants, Scuba Diving, Disney collectables/art, antiquing, being involved in both the veterinary and home communities (NYC VMA, NYC VERT, Woodland Park NJ Boards of Education and Health, Woddland Park Office of Emergency Management, Ross University Veterinary Alumni Association President), and speaking to children at schools in NY and NJ about being a veterinarian and proper care of their pets.



DR. MARK SALEMI

NYC VMA
MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Insurance as one of the Aspects of Disaster Preparedness

Dr. Mark Salemi

In the wake of hurricane Sandy, just over four months ago, there continues to be many families and businesses that are still affected by the horrific storm. Many of them are still displaced and may never return to the life they knew prior to her landfall in late October of 2012. Some veterinary practices throughout the city had little to no affect from the storm and others are still cleaning up or rebuilding. Disaster preparedness is something we all know we should do, and need to, but often put aside and say that we will get to it at a later time. Sometimes, that later time is too late.

Practices need to reassess their disaster plan, be it a wind, snow, rain storm, flood, fire or anything that can affect your life or the people and patients that you are responsible for. Many veterinarians and practice owners assume that they are fully covered for everything by their insurance plans, but in reality are not and find out the hard way when they try to collect on a claim and later realize they cannot because of a particular clause in the contract's small writing or not being part of the policy at all. The first step need-





ed in the process of being adequately insured is having a complete disaster preparedness plan in place. The American Veterinary Medical Association has a free downloadable <u>AVMA Emergency Preparedness and Response Guide</u> found at https://www.avma.org/kb/resources/reference/disaster/pages/default.aspx

Some important areas to look for in a policy and should be discussed at length with any insurance company that you use are:

- 1. Prepare for a disaster with <u>Business Interruption Insurance</u> in case your practice has to close down from damage, loss of electricity, or complete loss of property. Other things to consider is even if your practice survives, if the surrounding areas are completely destroyed or leveled, is your client base still a viable one? If the clients and pets don't come in, you have no business income and still have a practice overhead with loans, employees, and the everyday costs of running a practice.
- 2. Does your insurance policy cover flooding...from rain, storm surge, broken pipes, loss of electricity and sump pumps that won't work, etc.? Many insurance policies have stipulations as to how the water damage occurred. Sometimes a separate flood insurance policy is needed.
- 3. The same goes for roof damage... was it from rain, wind, or both...sounds silly, but there are specific stipulations often buried in the small writing of the contract. Watch out for deductibles that state the damage has to be a certain percentage of the cost of the roof. Many times that percentage will result in you not collecting at all.
- 4. If you are in a high risk area, like a flood zone, make sure you are covered for the possibility of being found negligent after a disaster because animals in your care are harmed or worse, lost.

Bottom line here is you need to sit down and reassess what you have for coverage, think about all possible scenarios that could affect you, your practice, your employees and your families, then tailor your insurance coverage to protect your livelihood.

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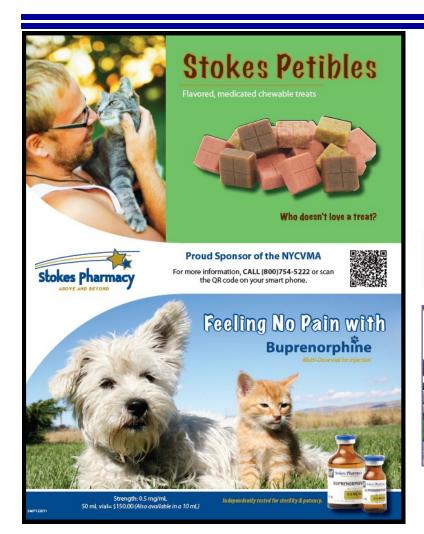
The American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA) has a <u>Business Insurance Portfolio Checklist</u> through its AAHA Business Insurance Program <u>www.aahainsurance.org</u>. The checklist understands what veterinarians need and will help you realize any shortfalls that you may have. You can find that checklist through the following link, http://aaha.hubinternational.com/content/BI%20Fall%202011%204-page.pdf

The VMA of NYC is not endorsing AAHA as an insurance company to use, but it is a good example of a company that understands the specific needs of veterinary practices.

If you are ever in the unfortunate place of being affected by a disaster, there are some government benefits you can apply for, one being the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) www.fema.gov/. The American Veterinary Medical Foundation (AVMF) www.avmf.org is another organization that offers grants to help facilitate preparedness training, some things that are not covered by your insurance and for those veterinarians that treat animal victims of disaster.

New York City, through the Office of Emergency Management (OEM), has guides, Ready New York and Ready New York for Pets that you can acquire for yourselves and have in your office to give to your clients. They are available, free of charge, by visiting www.nyc.gov/html/oem/html/ready/ready guides.shtml or call 311.

This article was meant to bring attention to the fact that disaster preparedness is very important and that insurance is a major part of that preparedness, one which needs full attention to detail. There are many insurance companies out there to choose from, you have to sit down and communicate to them your specific requirements in order to get the best possible plan that suits your needs. There isn't a simple answer, do your home work in order to be best protected.





A dog named "Shura" licks an orphaned roe deer it has befriended in the Simferopol zoo in Crimea, Ukraine. **Reuters**



Calendar of Events

Program Committee

Dr. Mark E. Peterson, Chairman, Dr. Deirdre Chiaramonte, Dr, Sally Haddock

The schedule of the VMA of NYC Continuing Education meetings for the 2013 calendar year is listed below, including the speakers and topics. All meetings will be held at the Pfizer Headquarters Building, 235 E. 42nd Street, NYC. The meetings will start at 7 PM. Please bring photo ID with you to allow entry into the Pfizer facility. Members of the VMA of NYC are automatically registered to attend the meetings, but guests need to be added to the attendance list in advance of each meeting date.

March 6, 2013

Speaker: George Moore, DVM, PhD, Dip, ACVIM, ACVPM

Purdue University, College of Veterinary Medicine

Topic: Heartworm Disease: Winning or Losing?

April 3, 2013

Speaker: Jane Armstrong, DVM, Dip. ACVIM

University of Minnesota, College of Veterinary Medicine

Topic: Pancreatitis: A Tale of Two Species

May 1, 2013

Speaker: Micheal Peak, DVM, Dip. ACDC

Tampa Bay Veterinary Dentistry

Topic: Dentistry

June 5, 2013

Speaker: Hock Gan Heng, DVM, Dip. ACVR, ECVDI

Purdue University, Veterinary Clinical Sciences

Topic: Radiology

September 11, 2013

Speaker: Tina Wismer, DVM, Dip. ABVT & ABT

ASPCA, Animal Poison Control Center

Topic: Clinical Toxicology: When Pets Ingest Human Medications

October 2, 2013

Speaker: Linda Barton, DVM, Dip. ACVECC

Veterinary Specialty Center of Seattle

Topic: Fluid Therapy

November 6, 2013

Speaker: Debra Horowitz, DVM, Dip. ACVB

Veterinary Behavior Consultations

Topic: Behavior

December 4, 2013

Speaker: Ed Breitschwerdt, DVM, Dip. ACVIM

North Carolina State University College of Veterinary Medicine

Topic: Tick Diseases

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hesitate to provide your
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great speaker or timely
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Tooth Resorption

Dr. Mary Buelow

Previously known as FORL (feline odontoclastic resorptive lesion), cervical lesions, or neck legions, tooth resorption (TR) is a disease the affects both cats and dogs. This newsletter edition addresses tooth resorption issues and provides



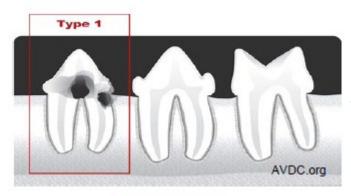
some facts that can aid in the diagnosis and treatment of this common disease seen in our practices.

What is the etiology of tooth resorption?

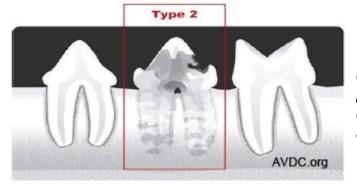
The cause of TR is unknown. It has been seen in cats as early as the 13th and 14th centuries. Dietary, inflammatory, hormonal, and viral influences have been explored and are thought to contribute to the development of tooth resorption, but no specific etiology has been confirmed to date.

How is Tooth Resorption classified?

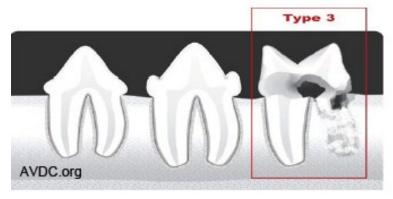
TR can be classified based on severity of the lesion into Type 1, 2 and 3 lesions.



Type 1 lesions are characterized by presence of the periodontal ligament. The remaining root structure is similar in radiodensity to unaffected teeth.



Type 2 lesions are characterized by destruction and/or absence of the periodontal ligament and replacement of the tooth substance by alveolar bone.



Type 3 is a combination of both lesions.

How should I treat tooth resorption?

Treatment is aimed at alleviating discomfort and depends on the type of lesion.

A type 1 lesion is treated with routine extraction due to the presence of an intact root structure. A type 2 lesion requires a crown amputation because the root structure has been replaced with alveolar bone, making routine extraction impossible. A type 3 lesion would require extraction of the intact root and crown amputation of the resorbed root.

"Treatment is aimed at alleviating discomfort and depends on the type of lesion."

Case Study: Cookie

Cookie is a 7 year old DSH who presented with difficulty eating dry food and hissing at her housemate. Cookie eats Hills Oral Care. She began dropping her food for approximately 3 months and had fully stopped eating her dry food 1 week prior to her examination. She had also begun to hiss at and become antisocial with her housemate of 7 years approximately 3 weeks prior to her examination.

A complete oral examination was performed under general anesthesia.

There was tooth resorption noted to be affecting 7 teeth. The pictures on the following page depict the treatment of one of those lesions. Cookie recovered



Cookie happily sleeping in the company of her brother Spongebob.

uneventfully from anesthesia and was sent home with oral Buprenorphine for pain management. Upon recheck 2 weeks later, the client reported that Cookie had returned to her normal eating habits. She was no longer dropping food. Dry food was reintroduced 7 to 10 days post-extraction/crown amputations and was readily accepted. We are happy to report that she is now peacefully interacting with her housemate again!

Cookie's bad canine tooth



A resorptive lesion was noted on the buccal aspect of the mandibular right canine.



A mucoperiosteal flap was created to expose the tooth. A #2 round bur was used to cut off the crown of the tooth approximately 3 mm below the level of crestal alveolar bone.

The flap was closed with 6-0 monocryl.



On dental radiographs, it was noted that there was approximately 20% bone loss (periodontal disease) and extensive root resorption with loss of the periodontal ligament and replacement of the root with alveolar bone. This is known as type 2 resorption.

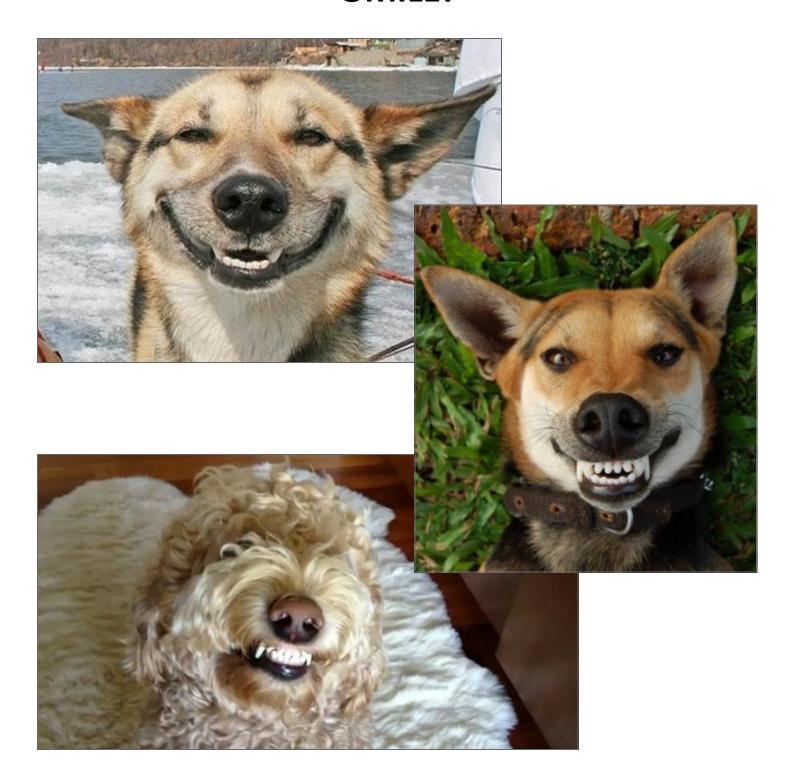


A post-operative dental radiograph was taken and revealed a smooth and successful low crown amputation.

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SMILE!



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VETERINARIANS NEEDED

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- **-WANTED**: Part-time or per-diem vet with interest in preventive and shelter medicine needed for two or three days a week with Williamsburg, Brooklyn clinic. New York State license and prior experience required. Email resume to <u>felton-vet@verizon.net</u> or fax to 718-388-6968.

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Want to place a classified ad? Please send your submissions to vmanyc@solutionsplusonline.com. Submissions will only be accepted from NYC VMA members. Be sure to provide a brief description of the posting and appropriate contact information.

IN MEMORIAM

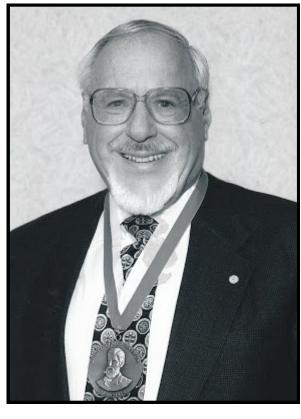
Dr. Harold Zweighaft

In October of 2012, the VMA of NYC lost one of its greatest leaders. Harold Zweighaft passed at the age of 81.

Harold was a 1956 Cornell graduate, practice owner, and a family man. This was only the beginning of his story. As an outspoken advocate for our profession he worked with people from all walks of life.

Breeders from the show world all knew him and would look for him at the Westminster Dog Show, every year, dressed in a tuxedo. Veterinary students all knew him because he always

had advice for them, whether they wanted it or not. Comments on their clothes were common also.



He will be missed at all levels of politics. Active at the city, state, and national level, he served on the executive board of the AVMA.

Although we had disagreements over the years we always respected each others opinion. Dr. Aspros, president of the AVMA on hearing of Harold's death commented "This is the passing of an era and the loss of a very effective advocate for veterinary medicine."

The **New York Times** published the following obituary on October 19, 2012;

ZWEIGHAFT-- Harold M., Veterinarian, died surrounded by his family on October 18, 2012, at age 81 following complications from pneumonia. Born and raised in the Bronx, he is survived by his wife and friend Dorothy, his children Stuart, David, and Rachel, his daughter-in-law Susannah, and his son-in-law Gerald Adamski. He is also survived by his grandchildren Joshua, Samuel, and Matthew Zweighaft and Orli Adamski. An accomplished veterinarian, Harold served with distinction as the chair of the Executive Board of the American Veterinary Medical Association and served on the Executive Board of the New York State Veterinary Medical Society for over 20 years. He won the Society's Distinguish Life Service Award and was named Veterinarian of the Year. Harold was a licensing board member for the New York State Board of Veterinary Medicine. He also served his alma mater, the Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine, on the College's Advisory Council and as a member of the Cornell University Council. Always quick with a humorous vignette, Harold took pride in his ability to comfort people and animals. Funeral services will be held at Riverside Memorial Chapel, Amsterdam Avenue and 76th Street, on Sunday, October 21, at 10am. Contributions may be made to the Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine, Box 39, Ithaca, NY 14853.