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## President's Message

Happy warm weather greetings to my colleagues! No doubt that you, like myself, have spent these first few very warm days enjoying the outdoors in one capacity or another. There seems to be no greater joy than the feeling of the hot sun after a long season of cold and rainy days. That being said, with the hot weather comes the dangers of sun and heat exposure for our pets. Although the media often covers this topic, it seems that tragedies still occur, and each one is as heartbreaking as the next. Therefore, with the change of seasons and weather comes our responsibility to remind our clients of how to properly care for their pets during the warmer months. The VMA of NYC has written a list of summer health advice that can be shared with your clients to help prevent heat-related injuries. With proper education and planning, our clients can enjoy this beautiful sunny weather safely with their pets at their side.



## Summer Heat Pet Health Advisory

During the summer months, pets are susceptible to overheating. If it's hot outside, it's even hotter for pets – make sure they have a means for cooling off. Owners can take the following precautions to keep their pets safe.

1. NEVER, EVER leave your pet in the car. Leaving pets unattended in cars in extreme weather is illegal in New York. Hundreds of pets die each year after being left in a parked car. Studies have shown that the temperature in a car rises rapidly. For example, on an 85-degree day, the temperature inside a car with the windows opened slightly can reach 102 degrees within 10 minutes. After 30 minutes, the temperature will reach 120 degrees. *Continued next page.....*

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1. Unlimited access to fresh water is a must for your pets.
2. Access to shade when outside – always.
3. Walks should be taken during the cooler hours of the day, and limit the intensity and duration of exercise on very hot days, especially for short-nosed pets who may have difficulty breathing.
4. Stay off the asphalt for extended periods. Hot asphalt and other surfaces can burn your pet's paws.
5. Talk to your veterinarian before trimming your pet's fur. Trimming longer hair on your pet is often fine, but never shave them. The layers of a pet's coat protect them from overheating and sunburn. Apply sunscreen to their skin if she or he has a thin coat.
6. Keep all unscreened windows closed and make sure adjustable screens are tightly secured. According to the ASPCA, there is an increase in the number of cats that are seriously or fatally injured after falling out of windows during the warmer months. This is also known as high-rise syndrome.

Sincerely,

Mary Buelow, DVM DAVDC

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Starving orangutans are being rescued from a forest after bulldozers destroyed their home. Among those saved from the brink of death were a pregnant female and a mother and baby who refused to let go of each other during the horrific ordeal. The orangutans were found clinging to the last few remaining trees when the Indonesian forest they were living in was bulldozed to make way for a palm oil plantation.

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- **Sunday, September 18:** Infectious Disease

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- **September 6:** Medicine, Presented by Dr. Beth Appleman
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#### **July 19, 20, 21**

**Topic:** Dermatology Topic TBA

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#### **August 16, 17, 18**

**Topic:** Oncology Topic TBA

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## Community Outreach

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On behalf of the Community Outreach committee of the VMANYC we wanted to let you know about our planned activities for 2016-17 season and invite you all to become more involved. We need volunteers for many of these events. If you are interested in being included, please contact John Sykes at [jsykes@wsc.org](mailto:jsykes@wsc.org) and we will add you to our list.

The VMANYC is pleased to announce that we now have a **Community Outreach Toolkit** at headquarters that any member can borrow when doing local community events. See the list below and photos on page 10!

**High School Career Explorations Program**— We invite New York City high school students to participate in four evening talks scheduled through the early fall. At each talk we have two veterinarians from different walks of the profession give presentations about what they do and how they got there. Last year, this program was filled to capacity!

**Pre-vet College Night** — Joint with Columbia University and Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine. One evening in the fall we invite all of the pre-vet clubs in New York City to join us at Columbia for an evening discussion with a Cornell Admissions officer and 3-4 veterinarians from different aspects of the profession. This year will be our third time holding the joint event and it has been a great success so far.

**Meet-the-Breeds** — We anticipate participating in this event again this year. Hundreds of animal lovers visited our booth last year to learn about how important it is to have a relationship with your local veterinarian.

**Local Career Fairs** —With each passing year we are getting more invitations to participate in career fairs, but often decline as our existing committee members are unavailable. If you would like to be on our list of people willing to participate in local middle school and high school career fairs, please let us know. We have the items in the Community Outreach Toolkit below to help out with these events.

**High School Awards Program** — The VMANYC distributed this award to four high school seniors this past year in schools from all over the city. If you would like to nominate a deserving high school senior this year, please be on the look-out for the call for nominations in the late winter. We are also always happy to have the awards presented by a veterinarian in the school's area. If you are interested in being considered as a presenter, please let us know.

### Community Outreach Toolkit

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See-through anatomy models: Cow, Dog, Chicken, Horse

Canine ear model — one side normal, other side showing an ear infection

Dog skull with periodontal disease

Battery-operated microscope with built-in screen (bring your own slides)

The toolkit can be picked up at headquarters, or potentially sent by courier if needed. Contact [events@vmanyc.org](mailto:events@vmanyc.org) to make a request for the Community Outreach Toolkit

Looking forward to working with many more of you this coming year!

Community Outreach Committee  
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**Urban Vet Animal Hospital.** Manhattan Animal Hospital located in Village seeks full time, part time, relief doctor. Experience preferred but new graduate/intern trained considered. Send resume to 212-674-8600, or email to [onedogtwo@aol.com](mailto:onedogtwo@aol.com).

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## Record Keeping in the 21st Century

John F. Sangirorgio, DVM

Why do we have to waste time with record keeping? As years pass, and technology changes, we are all faced with multiple challenges. One of these is to document the things that we have done. It seems that record keeping has taken off in two different directions. One veterinary medical provider produces four pages of pre written documentation for each animal examined with a few lines of abnormal findings; while a major non for profit has a check box stating "I have examined this animal and he/she is a suitable candidate for surgery"

It is not unusual that our philosophical minds have to find a way to express themselves with newer technologies. Just as photographers and animators have adjusted veterinarians must also.

I reviewed the AVMA principles of ethics (section 5b) describes how records should be maintained and protected, but not what they should contain. A review of the Purdue OWL to see what is still advised, and how the industry conforms to this advice shows: signalment, history, client comments, observations, diagnosis or rule outs, and plan. That has not changed for years. Computer technology over the past 30 years has labeled every exam, prescription, radiograph, vaccination etc. done at my veterinary center. The signalment includes patient information, client information, date and time including time zone. The only small challenge is knowing how to find that information. It is all there, and cannot be altered or changed. The client comments are included on exam check in sheet, long before the client even presents the animal. This is only one of the ways computing has helped veterinary medicine.

Basically, what is left? The reason why the client came to you for a second opinion. (The first opinion is naturally an Internet search) A client comes to a veterinarian to discover: what problem exists, and what can be done to fix it. These two little statements are likely to be the two most important part of your documentation, as the rest of the material is automatically posted by the computer.

In conclusion, I feel any statement containing these two ideas conforms to the basic reason we keep records. An answer to these two questions is full record keeping. We as a society have to see the big picture. Sometimes less is more. Reading two lines can be more informative and efficient then sifting through four pages of a perfect exam .



A British Shorthair kitten plays with a toy mouse during an international feline beauty competition in Bucharest, Romania. The contest, far less enjoyed by the cats than by the numerous visitors, was entered by more than 200 felines.

Picture: Vadim Ghirda/AP Photo

## VMA of NYC

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*To improve and advance the education of veterinarians  
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standards of integrity, honor, courtesy and ethics in the profession;  
to foster protection of the public health, and enlighten  
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