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NEXT MEETING DATE

March 10, 2022

Location Mayacoo Lakes **Country Club**

Topic: Hemodialysis & **Extracorporeal Blood** Purification

6:30-9:30 pm Entry Fee: Free to 2022 Paid Members, \$150 Non-Member www.pbvs.info/events

President's Letter

Dear Palm Beach Vet Society Members,

A new year is upon us, and we all have a lot of hopes riding on 2022 turning out to be better than the past 2 years. So far there have been some exciting changes for the Palm Beach Vet Society. The first major change is that we're back to having live, in-person lectures again. We kicked the year off with our first lecture of the season on February 3, with Ed Bayo giving a lecture the biennial Pharmacy and Law lecture. In a stroke of irony, Ed's



lecture was the last live lecture we had in 2020. I guess we're coming full circle.

There have been some changes in the make up of our Board. I am pleased to announce that Dr. Beth Keser will we taking over as the FVMA representative, and that Dr. Michelle Durkee will be taking over as our Animal Care & Control representative. I am also excited to announce the formation of a new Continuing Education Committee that will be led by Dr. Ellen Gray. Ellen has hit the ground running and has doing a great job lining up interesting topics for this year's lecture series.

Dr. Karina Salvo will stay on as Vice President and Dr. Leanne Browne-Feldman will stay on as the Secretary. Dr. Susan Carastro will stay on the board as a member at large.

We're always looking for people wanting to get involved in our organization. We need people to help on the Continuing Education committee, which will be tasked with coming up with topic as well as speaker suggestions. We also are looking to expand our social media presence, so if you're an aspiring Social Media Influencer, we could use your help in getting us off the ground. Finally, we need people to reach out to our local State Senators and Representatives on important legislative matters. We're looking for people who will bring the voice of the veterinary profession to our legislators, thru phone calls and email campaigns.

I look forward to seeing you again at one of our monthly meetings.

Sincerely, Steve Simmons, DVM President



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March 10, 2022 Hemodialysis & Extracorporeal Blood Purification

Join us for an interesting lecture on the use of hemodialysis in veterinary medicine. The lecture will cover the indications, complications, as well as the specific use for acute kidney injuries, intoxications, and for the treatment of immune mediated diseases.

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If you are a veterinarian and are interested in joining our society, please fill out the 2016 membership form on the last page.

Membership cost for the year is \$150.00 Membership begins on January 1st and ends on December 31st We are pleased to announce that Dr. Jamie King has joined Dr. Peters on our Neurology team to help us provide appointment services Monday through Saturday and emergency services 7 days a week for your neurologic patients.

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OPHTHALMIC EXAMINATIONS

Should not be complicated or expensive

By Ron Ofri, DVM, PhD, DECVO January 7, 2022 dvm 360

The ins and outs of performing ophthalmic examinations including tips on the necessary equipment, observation techniques, and beyond.

An ophthalmic examination should not be a scary experience. Although the interpretation of the findings may sometimes be challenging, the examination itself follows a logical, anatomical order. Furthermore, it does not require expensive equipment. In fact, the most important items required are nonophthalmic in nature: a room that can be darkened; a strong source of focal light, such as a Finoff transilluminator; and a magnifying loupe. You will need an ophthalmoscope to examine the patient's fundus and a tonometer to diagnose and monitor glaucoma and uveitis patients. Other than that, all you need is a couple test strips (Schirmer tear test strips to measure tear production and fluorescein stain to diagnose corneal ulcers), a couple topical solutions (topical anesthesia and tropicamide solution to dilate the pupil), and fine forceps and/or swabs to evert the eyelids.

Remember, as with any other system and organ, one should pay particular attention to the patient's signalment. Numerous ocular diseases may be breed- or age-related, particularly in dogs. Since many ophthalmic disorders may be manifestations of systemic or neurological diseases, a general history should be taken, and a comprehensive physical and neuro-ophthalmic examination should be conducted.

Observation

The patient should be observed as they walk into the room, as this is an unfamiliar environment that may highlight visual deficits, which will be further evaluated later. Then regard the patient from a distance without touching it (as this may cause squinting), and ask yourself the following questions:

Are both eyes open normally? Is there squinting or excessive blinking, indicating pain?

Are the eyes of normal size and position? Determine whether the eye is protruding (exophthalmos) or enlarged (buphthalmos) (Figure 1), and whether the pupils are of equal size.

Determine whether eyelid conformation is normal. Do you detect eyelid inversion (entropion) or eversion (ectropion) (usually of the lower lid)(Figure 2)? Is there visible prolapse of the upper or third eyelid?

Is there evidence of discharge? If so, what is its nature?



Figure 1. Exophthalmos, or forward displacement, of the left eye in this dog is caused by a retrobulbar abscess.



Figure 2. A cat with severe entropion, or eversion of the lower eyelid. This results in irritation of the cornea and potential ulceration.

The orbital area is then palpated to detect any fractures, abnormal swellings, etc. Use the opportunity to press on the globe through the upper lid. This serves both as a retropulsion test, which indicates the presence of a mass behind the globe *Continued on page 8*







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(Figure 1), and to proptose the third eyelid, allowing inspection of its outer surface. Remember that this is not an effective way of evaluating intraocular pressure.

Grossly inspect the eyelids. Carefully examine the skin and look for discharge and signs of dermatological disorders, such as dermatitis, alopecia, scaling, swelling, crusting, ulceration, etc. Slightly evert the eyelids to visualize the conjunctiva lining the lids and the 2 punctas. Use the opportunity to test the blink reflex in response to touching of the skin around the eye. Continue by examining the conjunctiva lining the globe and the cornea surface.

Testing vision and pupillary light reflexes

Assessment of vision and the pupillary light reflex (PLR), and workup of a blind patient, are described in detail in the February 2020 issue of this publication. Briefly, vision is usually evaluated by evoking the menace response with a threatening hand wave and observing a blink response. Remember that this is a cortical response, not a reflex. Therefore, it may be absent in young animals. Additional reasons for a false negative response include facial nerve paralysis (to be ruled out by testing the blinking reflex) and the patient's mental state.

Conversely, the test may be affected by false positive results. Therefore, be sure to cover the untested eye, as it may trigger a response (Figure 3), and avoid touching the eyelashes/hair of the patient or generating air currents. These can be prevented by making the threatening gesture behind a clear plastic shield.



Figure 3. Vision in the left eye of this dog is evaluated by testing for the menace response. To prevent a false positive response, the untested eye is covered, and care is taken not to touch the facial hair.

Vision can also be assessed using an obstacle course. You should be consistent in the obstacle course you construct, and make sure it can be navigated by normal animals. Test the patient in light and dim conditions, as this may aid in the detection of hereditary outer retinal degeneration, which often affects night vision in early stages.

Next, dim the lights and observe the dilation of both pupils.

Use a dim light and stand at a distance so you can visualize both pupils simultaneously, using the tapetal reflection. The tapetal reflection also serves to highlight any ocular opacities (by means of retroillumination), particularly in the lens or vitreous. Finally, use a bright light to evoke the PLR. If one of the pupils does not react to light, or if it cannot be visualized (eg, in cases of severe corneal edema or hyphema), the consensual PLR should be checked. Alternatively, check the dazzle reflex. Like the PLR, this is a subcortical reflex and is observed as a



bilateral, partial blink in response to a bright light (Figure 4). Figure 4. In cases when the pupil cannot be visualized, testing the dazzle reflex of the left eye by shining a bright light and watching for a blinking reflex, as well as testing the indirect pupillary reflex to the right eye, has great prognostic importance.

Examining the outer surfaces of the eye

The rest of the examination is continued in the dark, using magnification and a focal light source, as the anterior structures of the eye are examined in an anatomical order.

Begin by evaluating the eyelids, carefully observing the eyelid margin. In a normal animal, you should see the entire margin in close contact with the globe. Lack of contact may be due to ectropion (drooping lid). On the other hand, if you cannot see the margin, or parts of it, the lid may be everted (entropion) (Figure 2). Eyelash abnormalities may be better visualized if the lid is slightly retracted. Aberrant dark eyelashes can then be highlighted against the background of the white conjunctiva. Surgical treatment of eyelid diseases is discussed in the November 2020 issue of this publication.

Next, examine the conjunctiva lining the inner aspect of the eyelids and globe for change in color, congestion, edema, prominent vessels, masses, thickening, discharge, moistness, or subconjunctival hemorrhage (Figure 5). Don't forget the conjunctiva lining the third eyelid. The outer aspect of the third eyelid may be examined by pressing on the globe, causing third eyelid elevation. The inner aspect of the third eyelid margin may be examined after application of topical anesthetic and eversion of the lid with fine forceps. Look for foreign bodies or hyperplasia of lymphatic follicles.

Figure 5. Subconjunctival hemorrhage in a dog due to anticoagulant poisoning.

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Finally, examine the cornea. Normally, the cornea is smooth and transparent. Note decreased transparency due to edema, pigmentation, vascularization, cellular infiltration, lipid or mineral deposition, or fibrosis (Figure 6). Look for surface irregularities due to ulceration, perforation and iris prolapse, granulation tissue, or corneal bullae. Estimate the corneal diameter. An enlarged diameter suggests glaucoma, whereas a reduced diameter indicates a phthisical or microphthalmic eye.



Figure 6. The cornea of this dog is not transparent, which is a consequence of severe pigmentation due to chronic keratoconjunctivitis sicca (dry eye).

Intraocular examination

In normal eyes, the aqueous humor should be clear. Look for any opacities or masses, such as blood, fibrin, hypopyon, aqueous flare, luxated lens, persistent pupillary membranes, iris cysts, or vitreous strands (Figure 7). Also evaluate the depth of the anterior chamber (best visualized from the side), as it may be increased or decreased in various intraocular diseases.



Figure 7. Hyphema due to Ehrlichia canis infection leads to loss of aqueous humor transparency.

Next, look for alterations in pupil shape, which may be due to iris adhesions, atrophy, hypoplasia, or coloboma. Changes in the color of the pupil may indicate cataract, vitreous/retinal hemorrhage, or retinal detachment. The size of the pupil may be altered in uveitis, glaucoma, and retinal or neurological diseases. Continue by examining the surface of the iris for any masses or changes in color. These may be due to inflammation, hemorrhage, or neoplasia (Figure 8). Fluttering of the iris may indicate lens luxation.



Figure 8. Heterochromia iridis, or a multicolored iris. This case is a normal congenital variation, but in some patients, changes in iris color may indicate inflammation or neoplasia.

Following pupil dilation, the lens should be evaluated for any opacities (ie, cataracts), using both direct and retroillumination. Note that in older dogs, nuclear sclerosis is often mistaken for cataract. Retroillumination can help distinguish between the two. Also, look for early signs of lens luxation, such as an aphakic crescent or vitreous in the anterior chamber.

Ophthalmoscopy

This part of the examination is the one that clinicians usually dread the most. Part of this undoubtedly stems from the large range of normal variations in the appearance of the canine (and, to a lesser extent, the feline) fundus. Admittedly, if you are not in the habit of examining fundi, you will find it difficult to diagnose abnormalities. Therefore, you should make a habit of examining—however briefly—the fundus of every patient you see. Clients will appreciate the extra touch, and you will gain the required proficiency.

Because of the high cost of an indirect ophthalmoscope, only a direct ophthalmoscope is available in many general practices. This instrument provides a high magnification (x16 in an average dog). The unfortunate consequence of the high magnification is a small viewing field (40), which extends the time required to examine the entire fundus. However, monocular direct ophthalmoscopy may be obtained using a bright light source and a handheld lens (20D-30D), facilitating a rapid *Continued on page 10*

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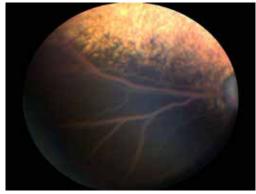
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examination of the entire fundus.

Ophthalmoscopy should be conducted in a dark room, following dilation of the pupil. First evaluate the tapetal reflection from a distance to detect any opacities of the lens or vitreous. Once you are focused on the fundus, look for changes in



the tapetum, nontapetum, blood vessels, and optic disc (Figure 9). Figure 9. Lipemia retinalis. The cream color of the blood vessels indicate this dog is suffering

from systemic hypertriglyceridemia and led to the diagnosis of Cushing syndrome.

Ancillary tests

Intraocular pressure should be measured in every patient suspected of glaucoma or uveitis. Glaucoma is discussed in the September 2021 issue of this publication. Dry eye, or keratoconjunctivitis sicca, is diagnosed using the Schirmer tear test. This is discussed in the April 2021 issue of this publication (Figure 6).

Every red or painful eye should be stained with fluorescein to diagnose corneal ulcers.

Bacteriology, mycology, and cytology samples are collected when indicated. The first 2 should be taken before any drops are put in the eye, as solutions frequently contain preservatives.

Test for nasolacrimal patency by observing passage of fluorescein from the eye to the nose by cannulating the nasolacrimal system or by contrast radiography.

Ultrasound is used to image the retrobulbar area when an orbital tumor or abscess is suspected (Figure 1). It is also used when the posterior segment cannot be examined due to hyphema or cataract. CT and MRI techniques may be used in certain cases.

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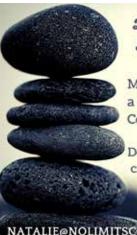
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FLORIDA BILLS TO WATCH FOR THE 2022 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Below is a listing of current and previous legislative bills that have been introduced in the Florida Legislature. For additional information visit our website at: **pbvs.info/legislation-updates**

Proposed bill	Summary of Proposed Bill or Regulation	Status
HB 25 SB 226	Care for Retired Law Enforcement Dogs Creates Care for Retired Law Enforcement Dogs Program within FDLE; requires department to contract with nonprofit corporation to administer & manage program; specifies requirements for nonprofit corporation & disbursement of funds for veterinary care of eligible retired law enforcement dogs.	
HB 87	Criminal History in Professional Licensing Applications Revises period of time when conviction, or any other adjudication, for crime may not be grounds for denial of licensure in specified professions; provides exception; removes provision requiring good moral character for licensure in such professions; requires applicable board to approve certain educational program credits offered to inmates in certain institutions or facilities for purposes of satisfying training requirements for licensure in specified professions.	
HB 121 SB 256	Aggravated Animal Cruelty Prohibits certain acts against an animal while engaged in specified offenses; prohibits unlawful killing an animal belonging to family member.	
НВ 227 SB 172	Courtroom Animal Advocates Provides for appointment of advocate for interests of animal in certain court proceedings, at discretion of court; provides powers & duties of such advocates; requires Animal Law Section of The Florida Bar to maintain list of attorneys & certified legal interns meeting specified requirements who are eligible to be appointed as such advocates; specifies that certain rules of The Florida Bar govern such advocates.	
SB 238	Endangered & Threatened Species Directing the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to protect certain endangered or threatened species, regardless of the status of their federal classification; prohibiting the commission from considering certain costs when designating a species as endangered or threatened; directing the department, in consultation with the Endangered Plant Advisory Council, to protect certain endangered or threatened species, regardless of the status of their federal classification; prohibiting the department from considering certain costs when designating a species as endangered or threatened, etc.	
HB 2041	Zoo Miami Expansion / Renovation of Animal Hospital Provides an appropriation for the Zoo Miami Expansion/Renovation of Animal Hospital.	
HB 6001	Verification of Employee Eligibility by a Private Employer Removes option for private employer to verify person's employment eligibility using specified federal form; removes requirement that private employer maintain records for specified length of time; removes authorization for certain persons & entities to request, & requirement that private employer provide, documentation relating to person's employment eligibility.	

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нв 253	Retail Sale of Domestic Dogs & Cats Prohibits pet stores from selling or offering for sale domestic dogs & cats; provides penalties.	
НВ 307	Pub. Rec/ Animal Adoption Provides exemption from public records requirements for records containing certain information pertaining to persons who have adopted an animal from an animal shelter or animal control agency operated by local government; provides for future legislative review & repeal of exemption; provides statement of public necessity.	
SB 416	Animal Cremation Creating "Sevilla's Law"; requiring a provider of companion animal cremation services to provide certain individuals and entities with a written description of the services that the provider offers; requiring the written description to include a detailed explanation of each service offered; requiring certain providers to include a certification with the returned animal's cremation remains; providing powers of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, etc.	
HB 435 SB 420	Animal Abuse Increasing the criminal penalties for sexual activities involving animals; assigning an offense severity ranking for sexual activities involving animals for purposes of the Criminal Punishment Code; increasing the offense severity ranking for fighting or baiting animals for purposes of the Criminal Punishment Code, etc.	
SB 448	Veterinary Telehealth Citing this act as the "Providing Equity in Telemedicine Services (PETS) Act"; defining the term "telemedicine"; authorizing veterinarians to practice telemedicine; requiring veterinarians using telemedicine to establish a veterinarian/client/patient relationship and meet certain professional standards; authorizing employees, agents, or contractors of animal control authorities to administer rabies vaccinations under certain circumstances; providing that a supervising veterinarian assumes responsibility for any person vaccinating animals at the supervising veterinarian's discretion or under his or her supervision, etc.	
SB 614	Authorization of Restrictions Concerning Dangerous Dogs Authorizing certain housing authorities to adopt certain ordinances, rules, or policies relating to dangerous dogs; removing an exemption for local ordinances adopted before a specified date which pertain to dogs that have bitten or attacked persons or domestic animals, etc.	