

AABP Officers



President

L. Mac Cropsey, D.V.M.
Golden, Colorado

Dr. Cropsey is a 1945 graduate of Michigan State University with a B.S. in animal science and D.V.M. degree. He developed an extensive, specialized practice in dairy and beef fertility in the Midwest in the late 1940's. In the 50's, due to the growth of his practice, he limited this private practice to beef fertility, breeding management, and traveled the entire nation and Ontario upon request for his services. Many reputable beef herds across the country started their first successful artificial insemination programs with Dr. Cropsey's consultant services.

In 1960, he founded International Beef Breeders at Denver, Colorado, which was the pioneer beef A.I. station on the continent. This company was sold to Syntex Corporation in 1970. In the early 70's he joined Premier Corporation, an extensive "Sperm to Steak" integrated beef cattle operation with divisions in many states. While with Premier, he purchased for them and started the breeding program at the 50,000-acre original Painter Ranches of Roggan, Colorado. He also developed the modern A.I. Center for Premier at Bennett, Colorado.

Since Dr. Cropsey's resignation from Premier early last year, he has sold his interest in the American Beef Friesian Corporation and incorporated his veterinary and cattle interests under the name of American Dakota Cattle Co. with offices in the Livestock Exchange Building in Denver. This company is involved with breeding several hundred beef cows to the established breeds as well as to some of the more recent imported breeds.

Dr. Cropsey has been active in many cattle organizations. He is a director of the largest stock show on the continent (National Western) and also is a director of the American Beef Friesian Society. He is a long-time member of the American Society of Breeding Soundness, American National Cattleman's Assn., American Angus Assn., and also two new breeds: American Simmental Assn. and American Chianina Assn. He has been very active in the beef A.I. development programs of the National Association of Animal Breeders and served as chairman of their national convention in 1966.

Dr. Cropsey represented District 9 on the AABP Board of Directors before becoming an officer. He was the local arrangements chairman for the 1971 convention in Denver and the program chairman for the Fort Worth convention last year.

He and his wife, Marjory, have a daughter, Kim, age 27, and a son, Craig, age 26, who live in Golden, Colorado, where they belong to the Shepherd of Hills Presbyterian church. In the past, Dr. Cropsey has been active in community affairs by serving as school board president for three years and co-founder and president of a non-profit community medical center complex for physicians and dentists.

A Message From the President :

An analysis of AABP history shows an amazing growth pattern in the last three years. With all due respect and sincere appreciation for the efforts of our first officers of the AABP and the early beginnings of our annual meetings in Chicago, most of our original members will admit the big growth and interest took place when the meetings were placed in different areas of the country and many more private practitioners participated in our

annual meeting.

It was Dr. George Crenshaw, a board member from California in the late sixties, who made the motion to go to Denver in 1971. A reluctant Board of Directors approved and the new growth started in Denver, followed by another record attendance in Milwaukee in 1972 and still another record at Fort Worth last December.

Another equally important factor in the sudden

growth of AABP is the involvement of individual practitioners and their participation in the meetings. During the last three meetings, we have had a large number of practitioners take part in the program planning, as well as being speakers. It is evident to most of our members attending the annual meeting that the majority of practitioners like to hear practitioners speak. Some members have been critical of all speakers, i.e., non-veterinarians, government or university personnel, as well as practitioners. Since AABP has had three record-breaking meetings, I would strongly suggest to future officers and program chairmen: Please do not alter your program content and format too drastically when AABP has been so successful in attendance and interest. I fully concur with former President Francis Fox's statement, "It is a most gratifying experience to find yourself among hundreds of practitioners (i.e., at AABP annual conventions) interested principally in 'taking something home with them' to utilize in their practice. It's a feeling that one rarely or never experiences in a mixed veterinary conference or other meetings."

As to the present, the enthusiastic response to 12 permanent major committees at the Denver meeting in July was a big step for bovine practitioners everywhere in North America. Not only is there increased participation of members, but each committee has extremely important goals to fulfill in guiding our profession in the present and future cattle industry. If you are not a member of a committee, please feel welcome to attend any committee meeting that interests you. There are two meetings each year: at AVMA in July and the other on Saturday afternoon just prior to our AABP convention. Please keep in touch with your district director of AABP concerning your interest in becoming a regular committee member when a vacancy does occur.

The future of the bovine practitioner is of great concern to all of us who depend heavily on the cattle industry for a major part of our income. We have all witnessed many bovine practitioners (also young potentials), who have been attracted to other careers in veterinary medicine since bovine practice does not offer the shorter hours and the financial rewards.

It is becoming increasingly apparent that nutrition specialists, feed salesmen, A.I. technicians, and state and county extension agents are increasing their efforts to displace the bovine practitioner (in most cases, unintentionally, but it is happening). This above group will dispense not only herd health programs, but also actual medicines, vitamins, and minerals without any diagnosis or

scientific knowledge. In their minds, a veterinarian is only to be used as a last resort by the cattleman after their dispensed materials and ideas do not work.

My solution and answer for the bovine practitioner in the very competitive world of the cattle business is to get out of your office or clinic and sell your strong points to the cattleman. Every cattle veterinarian knows more anatomy, physiology, pharmacology, pathology, preventive medicine, and herd health than any of the competition serving the cattle industry.

A bovine practitioner has the problem of being a good salesman for his services and still following the Code of Ethics for a veterinarian. My personal opinion is that the Code of Ethics approved by the AVMA is a deterrent of financial income for food animal veterinarians. In the meat and milk animal practice, the veterinarian may not be receiving a good income because his services are based on lower fees than are the companion animal practitioners. If veterinarians are allowed by the Code of Ethics to go out and sell their superiority to the cattle industry over the laymen salesmen or consultants in this practice area, I believe the bovine practitioner will have a much better opportunity for increased income and less working hours.

Perhaps many of you members have personal opinions better than the ones I have just expressed for the future improvement of bovine practice. Please come to Columbus, Ohio, in December and take part in the committee meetings. If you cannot come Saturday, be sure to arrive Sunday as the program has been advanced one-half day over previous years to allow adjournment on Wednesday noon.

September 1, 1974

L. Mac Cropsey, D.V.M.
President

President - Elect and Program Chairman

Our new president-elect is also the energetic general and program chairman for the Columbus convention.

A native of Hemlock, Ohio, Dr. Tharp received the D.V.M. degree from the Ohio State University in 1940 and has been associated with the Department of Veterinary Clinics at the College of



Vernon L. Tharp, D.V.M.
Columbus, Ohio

Veterinary Medicine, Ohio State University, since 1942 and is presently associate dean at the College. Dr. Tharp has devoted many years to teaching

clinical medicine and conducting research in clinical areas. His personal effort resulted in the bequest of a veterinary research farm to the college. Dr. Tharp is a member of the AVMA and represents veterinary clinical sciences on the Council on Education. He is also a member of the Ohio VMA, Columbus Academy of Veterinary Medicine, American Horse Show Association, Ohio Dairymen's Association, and the Ohio Agricultural Council. Dr. Tharp represented District IV on the Board of Directors, AABP, until his recent election.

Dr. Tharp will be president-elect of the Ohio State VMA in 1975.

Dr. and Mrs. Tharp have two sons and four daughters.



Vice - President

Leland C. Allenstein,
D.V.M.
Whitewater, Wisconsin

Dr. Leland C. Allenstein, Whitewater, Wisconsin, is the new vice-president. He has represented District 5 on the AABP Board of Directors since 1971.

Dr. Allenstein received the D.V.M. degree from

Iowa State University in 1950 and has been engaged in a primarily dairy practice in Whitewater since graduation. He has two partners, Dr. E. F. Engel and Dr. R. D. Niedfeldt.

The new vice-president was the local arrangements chairman for the AABP convention in Milwaukee in 1972 and is at present the advertising manager for *The Bovine Practitioner*.

Dr. Allenstein has served on the Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association executive board for four years and is a past chairman of the board.

For many years, Dr. Allenstein has been a contributor to the "Cowside Practice" column of *Hoard's Dairyman* magazine.

Dr. and Mrs. Allenstein have two sons and one daughter who are students at the University of Wisconsin.

Executive Secretary - Treasurer

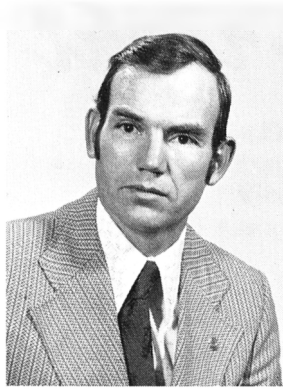


Harold E. Amstutz, D.V.M.
Lafayette, Indiana
President, World
Association for Buiatrics

Re-Elected Director



Horace T. Barron, D.V.M.
College Station, Texas
District 8, 1976



Jack E. Shanks, D.V.M., Ohio State University, 1964; District 2, 1976. Raised on a beef cattle farm in Wilmington, Ohio; engaged in a three-man mixed practice, Damascus, Maryland, specializing in bovine practice. Past president of the Western Maryland VMA, member of the Board of Directors, MVMA, member AVMA, Montgomery County VMA, past president of the Damascus Lions Club, member of Maryland Holstein Assoc., director of Maryland Polled Hereford Assoc. He and his wife Nancy have two children, Jack Douglas, 12 years old, and Kimberly, 8 years old.



Robert H. Keith, D.V.M., Iowa State University, 1959; 5th District, 1976. Attended the University of Wisconsin prior to spending four years in the Veterinary Corps of the U.S. Air Force. Has practiced in Monroe, Wisconsin, since graduation in a five-man mixed practice consisting of 75% dairy and 10% beef cattle. He is married with four children. Hobbies include curling, golfing, hunting and canoeing.



Lavon M. Koger, D.V.M., Washington State University, 1942; 11th District, 1976. Born on old Oregon pioneer family homestead, Cove, Oregon, in Grande Ronde. Employed by Washington Div. of Dairy and Livestock, summer of 1942, and by Dr. Charles Seagraves, Oregon City, 1942-1943. He owned a mixed practice in Ontario, Oregon, 1943-1964—primarily range cattle, four-man practice. Served on school board, church trustee; past president of the Southwest Idaho VMA, Oregon VMA, Intermountain VMA and Oregon Veterinary Examination

New Directors

Board; Trustee, AVMA Group Insurance Trust. At present, Associate Professor, Department of Veterinary Clinical Medicine and Surgery, WSU. He is married with three sons—two in school, one a 2nd Lieutenant in the Marine Corps Aviation Program.

AVMA Delegate



*Maurice L. Weldy,
D.V.M.*

Record Price for Holstein Cow

Bovine practitioners who attended the pre-convention tour of Allen Helts' farm during the AABP convention in Milwaukee in 1972 will be interested to know that the eight-year-old Holstein, Gene-Acres Felicia May Fury, 1973 All-American Aged Cow owned by Mr. Helts, was sold on May 8, 1974, for \$80,000.

Dr. L. C. Allenstein, Whitewater, Wisconsin, is a member of the syndicate which paid the record price. Dr. Allenstein is advertising manager and vice-president of the AABP.



All Things Bright and Beautiful

by James Herriot

James Herriot at home with his pets in the Yorkshire dales, setting for his new book of memoirs, *ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL*. (Photo by Paul Conklin)

Editor's Note: This is the book we have all been waiting for! I was privileged to receive an advance copy and here is my review.

As I traveled across this nation during the past several months, I was thrilled by the number of colleagues, friends, and people having no connection with veterinary medicine who remarked, "Have you read *the book*?" They were referring to James Herriot's superb novel, *All Creatures Great and Small*.

The sequel that so many of James Herriot's admirers have been waiting for will be published in September by St. Martin's Press.

I have just completed my reading of this book, his latest masterpiece, *All Things Bright and Beautiful*. I can honestly say, "... but wait until you read *this one!*"

I was so enthralled with this new book that I found myself getting up at two o'clock in the morning and reading several chapters over a cup of tea!

Here is a brilliant, honest, lucid, day by day (and night) exposition of the triumphs and despairing moments of veterinary practice.

James Herriot grew up in "dear old Glasgow town" in Scotland. It was a monumental task for a "green" young veterinarian, with his background, even to attempt general practice in the rugged hills and dales of Yorkshire where the local "Tykes" are tough and demanding.

The book is a brilliant kaleidoscope of his first three years in practice as he meets every challenge with courage, wit, and sometimes with sheer anguish. He relives those early days in the light of thirty years' experience.

How very true is the statement: "This to me, is the thing that lies at the very heart of veterinary practice; the wondering and worrying about how your patient is progressing, then the long moment when you open that door and find out." (*Phew!*)

James Herriot's honest revelations come as a much needed tonic and reassurance to a world which appears to be going mad. Daily we are faced with crime, scandal and vanishing moral standards. His colorful, detailed description takes us up hill, down dale and into the quaint cottages to meet the "salt of the earth" who make up his clientele.

As a fellow veterinarian who spent seventeen years in a similar practice in Wales, I am overjoyed that my colleague portrays so well the bonds of trust and friendship with his clients which are the basis of a successful professional life. At the present time, there is an enormous surge of applicants for admission to our veterinary colleges. To aspiring veterinarians, here is a superb thesis on veterinary practice, whose strength and vitality are built on the love of people and all creatures great and small, transcending material values.

James Herriot's dedication to his beloved wife, Helen, is a breath of fresh air in today's disintegrating society, and a renewal of faith in family life.

"As I crawled into bed and put my arm around Helen it occurred to me, not for the first time, that there are few pleasures in this world to compare with snuggling up to a nice woman when you are half frozen."

These are the opening lines which will bring instant approval from practicing veterinarians across the globe! To me, they are also a warm stimulus to digest and enjoy an even greater journalistic achievement than his original best seller, *All Creatures Great and Small*.

I highly recommend this fine publication as a book for all seasons, for young and old, as the author unfolds for the professional and the layman the "guts" of veterinary practice—a profession founded on art, science, physical endurance, mental fortitude and love.

"*All Things Bright and Beautiful*," by James Herriot. Published by St. Martin's Press, 175 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10010. Price: \$8.95.

In Memoriam

The Late Prof. Dr. Bratanovic
Belgrade, Yugoslavia
Vice-President
World Association for Buiatrics

A tribute by
Prof. Dr. Gustav Rosenberger
Hanover, Germany

Prof. Dr. Uros Bratanovic, Director of the Institute for Pathology and Therapy of domestic animals and head of the clinic for claw animals of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Belgrade, Yugoslavia, died at the age of 61 on March 13, 1974. Prof. Bratanovic was on a journey to Hanover, West Germany, and Utrecht, Netherlands, in order to receive information for his faculty about veterinary schools, their courses of studies, as well as arrangement of the clinics. Soon after his arrival in Hanover, he had an apoplectic attack and died ten days later. Prof. Bratanovic was a well known and

highly esteemed scientist who received great honors for solving important health problems dealing with large stock cattle and pig herds.

For two election periods he was Dean of his Faculty, and for several years he was president of the Veterinary Association of Serbia and editor of the "Veterinarski Glasnik." He was a member of the Board of Directors of the World Association for Buiatrics since its foundation and organized and managed the 5th International Meeting for Cattle Diseases in Opatija in 1968, which became a great success due to his fabulous organization. In 1972 he was elected vice-president of the Association.

Many friends all over the world are deeply affected by the death of Prof. Bratanovic. Together with members of his family and the faculty in Belgrade, they are mourning a highly respected colleague who will always be remembered in honor.

Australian Association of Cattle Veterinarians Inaugural Meeting

The Inaugural Meeting of the Australian Association of Cattle Veterinarians was held at Flinders University, Adelaide, on Friday, May 31, 1974. Professor D. F. Dowling, convener, presided. Fifty-one veterinarians attended the meeting.

Dr. D. Flynn, president of the Australian Veterinary Association, gave the opening address and stated, "It is always the hope of those interested in the Australian Veterinary Association that we will remain a united, cohesive family of veterinarians and that we will avoid the risks of the 'hiving off' of specialist groups. Here we have a new group coming up expressing a wish to be part of the Association."

The group was started in Darwin with 58 interested people who formed a Convening Committee with Professor Dowling as the convener and Dr. G. R. Murray as the secretary. Professor Dowling paid tribute to Dr. A. B. Medenis for

stimulating the original interest in Darwin.

Professor Dowling mentioned the importance of choosing a suitable name for the group. He pointed out that the term "cattle" did not include buffalo and the term "bovine" could mean that veterinarians were not so bright! He suggested the term "buiatrics" which is held in high favor among overseas veterinarians that he had contacted.

Professor Dowling stressed that "the first need of the future is to collate and understand existing knowledge and to understand new research, but we must attempt to get it used properly and by forming an Association we could put the veterinarians' skills into action." It was decided to make a levy to establish membership and to enable early recognition of the group by the Federal Association following inauguration. There were 203 financial members at the time of inauguration.

A draft constitution was presented to the

meeting. After considerable discussion, it was voted that the organization shall be named "Australian Association of Cattle Veterinarians."

The following office bearers were elected for 1974-75: President, Dr. G. I. Alexander; President-elect, Dr. D. I. Bryden; Hon. Secretary, Dr. G. R. Murray; Hon. Treasurer, Dr. L. N. Murray; Hon. Editor, Dr. J. W. Plant.

A motion to see affiliation with the World Association for Buiatrics was carried. Another motion was adopted to seek affiliation with the American Association of Bovine Practitioners.

An initial one-day program will be arranged in 1975 with the theme "Criteria for Examination of Animals for Sale."

Professor Dowling, who declined nomination for office in 1974-75, was thanked by the president, Dr. Alexander, for his drive and perseverance in getting the Association "off the ground."

Review of The Literature Abstract

*Virus-Induced Congenital Anomalies of the Bovine Fetus

Five heifers pregnant 79, 107, 116, 146, and 150 days that did not have serum antibodies against bovine viral diarrhea-mucosal disease (BVD-MD) virus and three immune control heifers pregnant 111, 141, and 144 days were inoculated intravenously with noncytopathogenic BVD-MD virus. A mild illness occurred in all five susceptible heifers, but not in the immune controls. The two calves from the heifers susceptible when inoculated at 146 and 150 days of gestation were born at term with cerebellar degeneration (hypoplasia) and ocular lesions including cataracts, retinal degeneration, and hypoplasia and neuritis of the optic nerves. The calf from the heifer inoculated at 116 days of gestation had cerebellar degeneration but no eye lesions. All three of these calves had presuckling serum neutralizing (SN) titers against BVD-MD virus indicating that intrauterine BVD-MD virus infection had occurred.

The calf from the dam inoculated at 79 days of gestation was stillborn and had mandibular brachygnathism, cerebellar degeneration, cataracts, retinal degeneration, and optic neuritis.

The mean size of the cerebellums of the four term calves from the affected group was 50% that of the normal control group, as determined by percent of the weight or volume of the entire brain.

The heifer inoculated at 107 days of gestation aborted a mummified fetus 73 days later. The fetus was estimated to have died 28 days after inoculation of the dam.

BVD-MD virus is capable of crossing both the placenta and the blood-brain barrier of fetus. This virus may cause abortion or fetal mummification, or may produce teratologic effects upon the cerebellum and the eye of the fetus if infection occurs at the appropriate stage of gestation.

*Scott, F. W., Kahrs, R. F., De Lahunta, A., Brown, T. T., McEntee, K., & Gillespie, J. H., (New York State Veterinary College at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York 14850), Cornell Vet., 63:536-559, 1973. *Veterinary Digest, Jan.-June, 1974.*

AABP Colleagues Across the Ocean

In the spring of 1974, our president, Dr. L. Mac Cropsey, was the host for Dr. Desmond Dowling, representing the Australian Bovine Practitioners Association. Dr. Dowling indicated an interest in building a stronger affiliation with the AABP. His Association has over 500 members. Dr. Cropsey has accepted an invitation to attend their annual convention in May 1975.

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