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Welcome to Prague

Vítejte v Praze

Dear colleagues,

The Czech Small Animal Veterinary Association is very pleased and honored to host the 31st World Congress of WSAVA and 12th European Congress of FECAVA in Prague, the capital of the Czech Republic, from October 11 to 14, 2006.

It is the first time in the history of WSAVA and FECAVA that such a unique event takes place in a part of Europe, which had been isolated from the democratic world for many years. After six years of thorough preparations, Prague and its Congress Center are going to become the capital of small animal veterinary medicine for the year 2006.

Looking at the host cities of the previous world congresses, such

as Amsterdam, Vancouver, Granada, Bangkok, Mexico City, and Sydney, we recognize prominent destinations with a rich cultural history and social weight. Prague will



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Vážené kolegyně, vážení kolegové,

malých zvířat je velmi poctěna pořádáním 31. světového kongresu WSAVA a 12. kongresu FECAVA v Praze, v hlavním městě České republiky, ve dnech 11.-14. října 2006.

Je to poprvé v historii WSAVA a FECAVA, kdy se takováto unikátní událost koná v této části Evropy, která byla po mnoho let izolována od demokratického světa. Po šesti letech příprav je Praha a Kongresové centrum připravena se stát hlavním městem veterinární medicíny na rok 2006.

Když se namátkou podíváme na seznam pořadatelských

měst světových kongresů (Amsterdam, Vancouver, Granada, Bankok, Mexico City, Sydney) zjistíme, že se jedná o prominentní destinace, o místa s bohatou kulturní historií i s velkým společenským významem. Mezi ně po letošním říjnu bude patřit i Praha.

V době, kdy čtete tyto řádky, by mělo být již vše detailně připraveno k plné spokojenosti více jak dvou tisíc účastníků a jejich doprovodů, přednášejících, sponzorů i vystavovatelů.

Zkrátka, dovolte mi přivítat Vás v Praze a popřát Vám, aby jste si kongres užili.

Jiří Beránek Congress President

be amoung those cities after October 2006. While you are reading these lines, the congress preparation work will be completed, in order to ensure full satisfaction of more than two thousand participants, with their guests, speakers, sponsors, and exhibitors.

In short, let me welcome you all to Prague and enjoy the congress.

Jiri Beranek Congress President Left to Right:
Pavel Stellar, Zdeněk Hanzálek,
Pavla Kněžourová, Jiří Beránek,
Milan Svoboda, Miroslav Svoboda,
Renáta Somolová, Karel Suchý,
Barbora Vinšová, Alena Fullsacková







Speakers' Corner

Four days scientific programme allows us to open as many as sixteen different specialization areas presented through lectures, interactive courses, round table discussions, workshops, labs and free communications. Presentations are offered in three different scientific levels - lectures, advanced lectures and master-classes. The scientific programme is carefully designed for veterinary surgeons and nurses who wish to keep their professional level up to date. The speakers represent both academia and best specialists from private veterinary clinics. Almost one hundred world-class speakers coming from all around the globe committed to create the scientific program and to give lectures.

Ray Butcher (UK)

Ray Butcher is a Board member of the World Society for the Protection of Animals (WSPA) and has previously been presented with the WSAVA award for service to the profession. In his presentations this year he will discuss "The



Dangerous Dogs Act" and introduce the "Blue Dog Project".

The breed-specific "Dangerous Dog Act" of 1991 and its problems and enforcement difficulties will be addressed in:

"Dangerous Dogs" Legislation – the Wrong Solution?

11 October, 15.15 – 16.00, Hall 8

The "Blue Dog" – How does the Programme work in Practice?

(co-lectured by Tiny De Keuster) 12 October, Part 1, 8.30 – 9.15 Part 2, 9.15 – 10.00, Hall 8

Tiny De Keuster (BE)

Dr. Tiny De Keuster graduated from the State University Ghent, Belgium, and specialised in Veterinary Behavioural Medicine. The former Secretary of the European Society



for Veterinary Clinical Ethology is since 2004



Chairperson of the "Blue Dog Project". As a programme of the Animal Welfare Forum, this project is aimed to promote safe relationships between children and dogs:

Education – the "Blue Dog" is born 11 October, 16.45 – 17.30, Hall 8

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James Carpenter (USA)

Domestic or exotic, pets are at comfort with him: Prof. James Carpenter has been a clinical and research veterinarian for 29 years in the field of exotic animal, wildlife, and zoo animal medicine. He is the current President of the Association of Avian



Veterinarians and Treasurer of the American College of Zoological Medicine as well as Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Avian Medicine and Surgery*. Take a walk on the wild side and join Prof. Carpenter's scientific presentations on pharmacotherapeutics in reptiles, birds, and small exotic mammals:

Pharmacotherapeutics in Reptiles: A Review and Update

11 October, 14.30 - 15.15, Hall 10

Pharmacotherapeutics in Birds: A Review and Update

11 October, 15.15 - 16.00, Hall 10

Pharmacotherapeutics in Exotic Small Mammals: A Review and Update 11 October, 17.30 – 18.15, Hall 10

Simon Platt (UK)

"He's got "nerves": Dr. Simon Platt, Head of the Neurology Unit at the Animal Health Trust in Newmarket, UK, coedits for the new BSAVA manual of Canine and Feline Neurology.



These three of his lectures will give you the round-up on:

Use of MRI in the Diagnosis of Spinal Cord Disease

11 October, 15.15 – 16.00, Hall 6

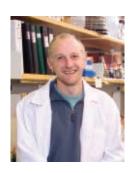
Inflammatory Diseases of the Central Nervous System

12 October, 9.15 – 10.00, Hall 6 of neuro-imaging:

Cerebrovascular Disease in dogs 12 October, 11.10 – 11.30, Hall 6

Kenny Simpson (UK)

Scotsman Dr. Kenny Simpson, Diplomat of the American and European Colleges of Veterinary Internal Medicine, likes to travel and enjoys regional cuisine. Accordingly, his research interests focus on gastroenterology,



particularly host-flora interactions in the GI tract. Here in Prague he will talk among other subjects about inflammatory and immune responses in dogs with gastritis and their relationship to Helicobacter spp. Infection and discuss "Helicobacter heilmannii" subtypes in the gastric mucosas of cats and dogs:

Update on Pancreatitis in Dogs 11 October, 16.45 – 17.30, Hall 2

Chronic Gastritis in Companion Animals 12 October, 8.30 – 9.15, Hall 2

Helicobacter in Dogs and Cats – What's New? 12 October, 17.30 – 17.50, Hall 2

Histiocytie Ulcerative Colitis: Infectious or Immune Mediated?

12 October, 17.55 – 18.15, Hall 2

Alain Fontbonne (F)

Where Cupid's arrow happens to miss, he will hit the mark: Alain Fontbonne, Diplomate of the European College of Animal Reproduction, is specialised in canine male and female infertility. As President of the European



Veterinary Society of Small Animal Reproduction (EVSSAR), one of his main professional aims is to create a European network of vets involved in canine Artificial Insemination. So take good aim and join his lectures about:

- different problems that can lead to apparent infertility and how to distinguish them:

Canine Infertility: What can go wrong before or after Conception

11 October, 15.15 – 16.00, Hall 9

- the most practical advances of the past 10 years in various fields of veterinary andrology: Recent Advances in Canine Male Reproduction

 11 October, 16.45 17.30, Hall 9
- two increasingly used techniques of intrauterine artificial insemination:

How to Perform Transcervical Catheterization in the Bitch

12 October, 17.30 - 17.50, Hall 9



Speakers' Corner

Allan Rebar (USA)

Dr. Alan Rebar is practicing clinical pathology for over thirty years and knows the high value of this discipline to everyday practice of veterinary medicine. At this year's WSAVA Congress he invites you to his very



practice orientated case-based sessions in:

Hematology – 11 Oktober, Hall 7 Illustration and reinforcement of principles of hemogram interpretation with active participation in the interpretive process:

Interpreting Hemograms: White Cell DisordersPart I, 14.30 – 15.15

Part II, 15.15 – 16.00

Interpreting Hemograms: Red Cell Disorders
Part I, 16.45 – 17.30
Part II, 17.30 – 18.15

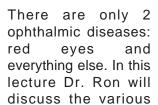
Ron Ofri (IL)

Here's looking at you, kid: Ron Ofri, Diplomate of the European College of Veterinary Ophthalmology and Senior Lecturer at the Hebrew Uni-



versity of Jerusalem, Isreal, focuses his research on retinal and optic nerve

physiology including comparative visual physiology in wildlife species. His lectures are real eye-openers!



causes of red eye(s), their diagnosis and treatment:

Clinical Approach to the Dog with Red Eye(s)

11 October, 14.30 – 15.15, Hall 5

Loss of vision in a beloved pet is one of the most distressing diseases for the both the dog and its owner. Get the round-up on causes, diagnosis and treatment of blindness in dogs:

Clinical Approach to the Blind Dog 11 October, 15.15 – 16.00, Hall 5

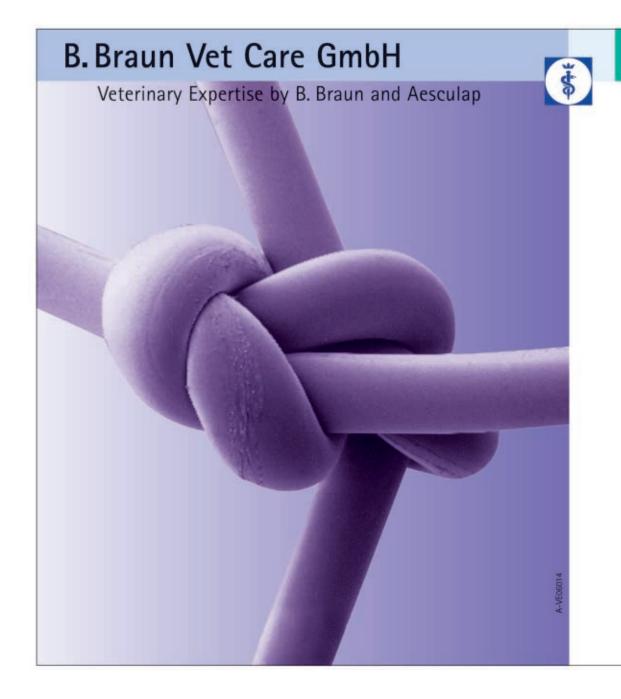
An ophthalmic examination should not be a scary experience! Though admittedly interpretation of the findings may sometimes be challenging, the examination itself follows a logical, anatomical order:

Ocular Examination

11 October, 16.45 – 17.05, Hall 5 11.October 2006, Hall 5

14.30 – 15.15 Clinical Approach to the Dog with Red Eye(s)
15.15 – 16.00 Clinical Approach to the Blind Dog

16.45 – 17.05 Ocular Examination 17.10 – 17.30 Electroretinography



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Controlling Animal Bites in the Home

For those of us who remember the television series "Lassie," Timmy and his beloved Collie recall the ideal relationship between children and their pets. In real life, however, the relationship is sometimes less than ideal, often to the detriment of both the child and the animal.

Injuries to people resulting from dog bites are a real problem throughout the world.

In a survey in Belgium (Gisle et al 2001) 1% of the population was found to be a victim of a dog bite incident that required

m e d i c a l attention.
Further studies
(Kahn et al 2004) showed that children



The Blue Dog

of age were twice as much at risk than adults. Further, most dog bite ad (age 5 years a

under 16 years

most dog bite accidents in young children (age 5 years and under) occur during everyday activities in the home environment with a dog that is familiar to them. Eighty-six percent of the dog bites occurring at home were found to be triggered by an interaction initiated by the child. In many cases there was no parental supervision at the time.

There was no evidence of breed differences, nor evidence that any breed is safer with children

In the 1990's it became fashionable to blame only certain "dangerous" breeds, and much "Media-hype" pressurised governments to introduce breed specific legislation to address this.

Whilst "dangerous breeds" may be a problem in some circumstances, consideration will be given as to whether legislation is really effective in reducing the incidence of dog bites.

Since some bite accidents are a reason for the euthanasia of otherwise healthy dogs, the veterinarians play an important role in preventive medicine in the case of dog bites.

Cultivating healthy child-pet relations requires patient, consistent efforts and proper education.

A very important contribution to achieve an improvement of child safety at home is the project "Blue Dog".

The "Blue Dog" is an interactive cartoon created to teach children and parents how best to behave around dogs. Using visuals the special programme illustrates a range of risk scenes involving a child and a dog. A child viewing the cartoon is offered the choice of a colour marked solution representing a dangerous outcome, or a "safe" solution - for a good outcome. This way the child may learn to avoid stressful (dangerous) situations and interpret the dog's body language properly.

Although each child and each pet is unique, some general guidelines apply. These are presented in the form of the interactive "game" on the "Blue Dog" CD.



It is hoped that

the "Blue Dog" will become a useful tool within a wider prevention programme in veterinary practices, human health care practices, schools and canine rescue centers

Further information on preventing dog bites initiative will be presented during the lectures and workshops on 11th and on 12th October (Wednesday and Thursday).

www.thebluedog.org

Help for Blind People Guide Dog Training School

People keep dogs for many reasons. WSAVA Congress Organizer would like to draw your attention to the Guide Dog Education Centre which trains guide dogs for blind people.

The highly trained guide dogs are not only pets and best friends of the visually impaired but they also play a significant role in their lives; these dogs boost both self-confidence and independence.

To support this worthy cause delegates are invited to buy lottery tickets which are available in the registration area and can also be purchased during the Gala Dinner.

These tickets are for the section of the raffle, in which you may win the picture of the Czech cartoonist Miroslav Pavlicek.



We would like to take this opprtunity to thank the company Eukanuba for its generous donation of canine food for 45 dogs for one year at this centre. We also thank following companies for their support: Intervet, Merial, Purina and Royal Canin.



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The Blue Dog – How does the programme work in Practice?

Speakers: Dr Tiny De Keuster and Dr Ray Butcher

This topic is covered in two pars (I & II) 11 - 12 October 2006

The *Blue Dog* package will be launched at the WSAVA/FECAVA Prague Congress in 2006. It takes the form of an interactive CD-ROM and a printed Parent/ Teacher guide. The welfare session of the previous day will outline the background and development of the project.

This session will take the form of a workshop. Various scenes of the CD will be shown. The presenters will then relate these scenes to aspects of the relevant sections of the parent/teacher guide.

In this way it is hoped that the delegates will get a working knowledge of the programme and will be encouraged to use it further.



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Long-term prognosis in **gastric adenocarcinomas and leiomyosarcomas** is poor for most cases.

Surgical resection, however, does alleviate gastric outflow obstruction in the immediate postoperative period. This is the result of the retrospective study based on the medical records 1986 – 1999.

latrogenic induced hermaphroditism: six female littermates developed true hermaphroditism due to treatment of the bitch with synthetic androgens during pregnancy: examination of the genital tracts demonstrated the presence of bilateral ovotestis and remnants of the Wolffian duct system in all cases. The experiment from Belgium has been described in "Reproduction in Domestic Animals 41 (1), 22-26".



Neckties have more effects on the **intraocular pressure** than previously thought. A recent study on 18 normal and 19 primary open-angle glaucoma patients showed a significant increase in IOP after 3 minutes of tight necktie wear, followed by a significant decrease in IOP after 15 minutes.

Diaphragmatic hernias are common emergencies in small animal hospitals and clinics. Surgery should not be delayed in cats and dogs: perioperative survival rates are much better when surgery is performed within 24 hours after admission. This conclusion is based on the observations of 92 cases (1990-2002) and has been presented in "Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association", 2005 Jul 1;227(1):105-9

A **recessed vulva** in bitches causes problems like intertrigo or chronic urinary tract infections and may be related to growth rate or body conformation (large and giant breeds). Vulvoplasty is the recommended choice: it greatly reduces the incidences of UTI, vaginitis, and external irritation.

The results of vulvoplasty were evaluated in 34 dogs that underwent surgery at the University of Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital between 1987 and 1999.

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It is important to know the "normal, morphology of corneal cells at different ages before one can decide what is pathologic. The effect of age on **endothelial cell density and endothelial cell morphology** was investigated in a total of 30 dogs. Results show an initial decrease in cell density and increased polymegethism and pleomorphism with advancing age.

Canaries are patients which are difficult to anesthetize by injection or inhalation. A prospective randomized study indicates intranasal sedative drug administration as

an acceptable alternative method of drug delivery: intranasal benzodiazepines produce rapid and effective sedation in canaries.

Dogs with malignant neoplasma of digit or feet: in comparison with complete amputation, partial foot amputation may be recommended in malignant tumors in which more than one digit must be amputated to achieve adequate surgical margins.

Canine tonsillar squamous cell carcinoma is an aggressive disease with a poor prognosis. Various therapies have been tried in the past. Is carboplatin of any benefit? A retrospective study presented in "Journal of Small Animal Practice 47" (4), 216-220, suggests surgical cytoreduction followed by coarse fractionated radiotherapy together with carboplatin - a useful method to treat this type of tumor.

Instead of classic therapeutics like diazepam or barbiturates, ketamin might be an option in selected clinical cases of refractory Status Epilepticus: it antagonizes a certain ionotropic receptor subtype (the N-methyl-d-aspartic acid, NMDA) and may deserve more consideration in clinical research.

Obesity in dogs and cats have been increasingly recognized in recent years. Because obesity underlies various diseases, pet owners and veterinarians have an important responsibility to help animals lose weight and maintain their health. But as in



humans, losing weight is much more difficult than gaining weight. Is diacylglycerol a substance that helps solving this problem? It seems so! As indicated in a present study, dietary diacylglycerol (DAG) given to obese dogs results in a statistically significant reduction in body weight averaging a 2.3% reduction within 6 weeks.



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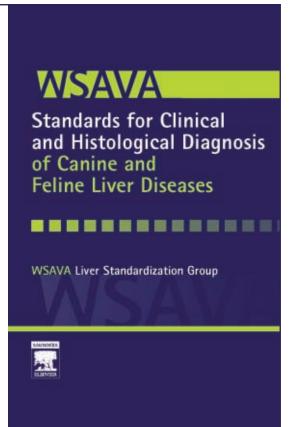
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