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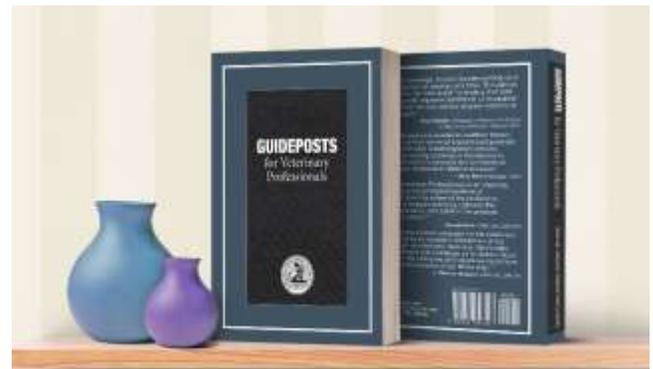
Status Report on AVMHS’s *Guideposts* Book

The finish line is in sight for AVMHS’s *Guideposts for Veterinary Professionals* book. Editors Drs. Susan Aiello (susan@words-world.net) and Russell W. Currier (ruscurreier@yahoo.com) are pleased to report that the final version was recently sent to the printer, and books will be available before the end of May. The editorial team is currently making plans for contacting each of the veterinary colleges in the United States and Canada to determine the number of copies needed for complimentary distribution for this year’s class of veterinary students at white coat ceremonies or other suitable event.

The 5x7” 256-page book features nearly 30 chapters written by prominent leaders in the veterinary medical profession who generously shared their experience and wisdom on education, practice, character, life balance, and more. Also included is a chapter on the significance of Sir William Osler’s life and work to veterinary medicine as well as a section with biographical sketches of 13 luminaries in the profession.

A new page for *Guideposts* will be added to the AVMHS website soon providing more details about the book’s content and availability for single and bulk orders.

We are very grateful to all the authors for their valuable contributions and to *The Merck Veterinary Manual* for partnering with the AVMHS to fund printing of this inspirational book.



Zoom Videoconference on Fort Ord Station Veterinary Hospital

On Wednesday evening February 24, 34 members joined the special 90-minute AVMHS videoconference on the Fort Ord Station Veterinary Hospital (FOSVH) at Monterey, California. Informative presentations were given by Margaret Davis, Dr. Karen Hassan, and Greg Krenzelo, who is Director of the U.S. Army Veterinary Corps Historical Preservation Group. The buildings and their original interior constitute the only remaining World War II military equine hospital and should be preserved. Yet, despite heroic efforts and considerable time, the FOSVH is in serious jeopardy of being destroyed largely due to politics involving a horse owner group that wishes to continue their activities on the property.

Margaret Davis's illustrated PowerPoint provided an overall description and history of the Station and hospital while Dr. Hassan talked about the political issues and ongoing campaign to save it. Greg Krenzelok provided further background on the Station, much of which he has carefully documented and photographed for archival purposes. Please see his impressive webpage of the Fort Ord U.S. Army Station Veterinary Hospital at <http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~gregkrenzelok/genealogy/veterinary%20corp%20in%20ww1/fort%20ordequstriancenter.html>

By request, this session was recorded by President Zbig Wojcinski and is available for viewing by contacting him.

As time is clearly running out for a decision by the Marina City Council, AVMHS members wishing to lend support for this worthy and timely endeavor should contact Dr. Hassan (bigreypony@yahoo.com) or Greg Krenzelok (gregkrenzelok@msn.com) as soon as possible.

AVMHS Bylaws Review

As announced at the fall Board meeting in early September 2020, President Zbig Wojcinski proposed reviewing the Society's bylaws this year. The current bylaws have not been comprehensively reviewed and updated since being approved by the membership at the July 13, 1999 meeting at New Orleans. He has been assisted by board member Dr. John de Jong and Secretary-Treasurer Susanne Whitaker.

Initially, three zoom conferences were held last fall that resulted in rearranging some of the sections, adding further details, such as membership categories and committees, and refining text to reflect current practice. The resulting draft was presented at the quarterly board videoconference on January 21, 2021, moving the process along for wider review by the membership and eventual approval at the annual meeting in July 2021.

As a result, the draft was forwarded to all members electronically by email or in print by surface mail for their review and comments during a 60-day period. Feedback is requested by April 15 so that the Board can compile concerns, address further changes, and plan for conducting a vote later in the summer.

Please forward your feedback to President Zbig Wojcinski (zwojcinski@gmail.com), telephone 734-660-4564, or by surface mail.

AVMHS Dues Increase for 2021-2022

Based upon a recommendation from the Membership Committee at the January 21 board meeting, a motion was approved to increase dues for fiscal year 2021-2022, beginning this July for Individuals and Couples. Life and Student memberships will remain the same. Dues were last increased 15 years ago in 2003-2004 and remain the primary source of revenue for funding Society projects and activities. This includes page design, printing, and distribution of *Veterinary Heritage*, annual booths at AVMA conventions, some office supplies, and other modest expenses. While the Society operates very conservatively, expenses for postage, AVMA booths, essay contest appreciation items, and printing expenses have all increased substantially since 2003. Officers and board members serve on a voluntary basis without compensation.

	2004-2021	2021-2022
Individual	\$35.00	\$50.00
Couples	\$40.00	\$60.00
Life	\$500.00	\$500.00
Student	\$20.00	\$20.00

Oral History Interviews at K-State

Dr. Howard Erickson (erickson@vet.k-state.edu) reports on a superb alumni oral history initiative at the College of Veterinary Medicine at Kansas State University. Sharon Greene (sharong@vet.k-state.edu) is the Project Specialist for their Digital Alumni Biography Project. The biographical history videos can be found near CVM graduate composites under the alumni tab on the CVM Alumni Biography Videos page at <https://www.vet.k-state.edu/alumni/>.

Currently, there are 31 video interviews, 5-12 minutes each, with alumni representing classes from 1918 to 1983, accessible in a standardized presentation format.

Dr. Russell Hardin, Class of 1946, is one of their oldest. He started college at Purdue, was drafted in WWII, and sent to K-State to study veterinary medicine. He is nearly 100. We have also interviewed children of alumni.

Another AAAP Biography

AVMHS members Drs. Howard Erickson and Karel Schat announce the publication of another in the AAAP biography series.

The biography of Dr. Reed Rumsey was published on 2-23-2021 on the website of the American Association of Avian Pathologists in the series *Biographies of Professionals in Poultry Health*, which is available in the

public domain. The biography of Dr. Rumsey can be accessed at <https://www.aaap.info/biographies> (click on Reed Rumsey).

March is Woman's History Month

All the early private veterinary colleges had closed by 1927, but not before graduating 6 pioneer women veterinarians:

- 1903: Mignon Nicholson (McKillip Vet College)
- 1910: Elinor McGrath (Chicago Vet College)
- 1914: Asta Striever (McKillip Vet College)
- 1916: Grace Pearce (McKillip Vet College)
- 1916: Ida McGuire (Grand Rapids Vet College)
- 1917: Clara Lumbleigh (San Francisco Vet College)

Unfortunately, as noted by the Association of Woman Veterinarians (AWV) in 1947 [Some history. Private schools. *AWV Bull.* 1(2):2, 1947 Oct.], *"we know nothing about most of these women."* But, what important history they made and personal stories they could have told.



McKillip Veterinary College class of 1914 composite shows Miss Asta Striever (top row center) with faculty in the center. Photo courtesy Dr. Fred J. Born Veterinary Museum, Galloway House and Museum, Fond du Lac, WI.

Exhibit: "Barbie, D.V.M." at Minnesota

History comes in many shapes and sizes. Recently, curator Paul Maravelas (mara0074@umn.edu) reported that the Minnesota Veterinary Historical Museum annually designs and installs small exhibits on the history

of veterinary medicine. Each exhibit shows for about a year at the University of Minnesota's College of Veterinary Medicine on the St. Paul campus, then is moved to the office of the Minnesota Veterinary Medical Association for others to enjoy.

Paul says, "Our most popular exhibit to date is 'Barbie, D.V.M.,' an exploration of woman as veterinarian as envisioned by the designers of the popular Barbie doll. Barbie was introduced in 1959; her first career, fashion editor, came in 1960, and she's had more than 150 careers since. Barbie's first stint as a veterinarian was in 1984, and she's reinvented the career fifteen times; a tenth of her career moves have been into the profession."



The exhibit was inspired by the donation of a collection of veterinary Barbie dolls by Delores and Dr. Dick Olson in 2018, to which the museum has added some additional examples. The current exhibit was written and designed by the Museum's curatorial assistant Katherine Goetz. "Barbie, D.V.M." was installed in 2019.

An excerpt from the exhibit text follows:

The Barbie Backlash

The doll became the focus of controversy soon after it was introduced. Much of it was due to the unnatural proportions of Barbie's body and

the doll's adherence to traditional gender signifiers, such as the color pink. Infamously, *Teen Talk Barbie*, introduced in 1992, incorporated a voice box with the phrases, "I love shopping!" and "Math class is tough!"

Billions of Barbies have been sold, making it one of the most influential toys ever made. Barbie appears regularly in academic studies on play, gender studies, and sociology.

When in the St. Paul area, the Minnesota Veterinary Historical Museum is well worth visiting. It is open 9am-5pm Monday-Friday in Gortner Hall at the College of Veterinary Medicine. For more information, visit <http://hist.cvm.umn.edu/>

Kudos to President Zbig Wojcinski

We just learned that our president Zbigniew Wojcinski has been honored by becoming a Fellow of the International Academy of Toxicologic Pathology (IATP) in January 2021. This is a global professional scientific organization that establishes the criteria of excellence and accomplishments in toxicologic pathology for accreditation of members (fellows). It also serves as a worldwide source of experts in toxicologic pathology and organizes unique educational opportunities for toxicologic pathologists, related scientists, and trainees. See more information at: <https://www.iatpfellow.org/> Congratulations on this well-deserved recognition!

Decades of AHT Archives Saved in UK

In July 2020, the Animal Health Trust (AHT), the world-class research institute established in 1947 at Potters Bar, Newmarket, UK, closed. According to a March 16, 2021, *Vet Times* article, former AHT staff have collaborated with the RCVS Knowledge in "rescuing" nearly 80 years of AHT history. In addition to "unique and priceless memorabilia," such as royal charters, more than 160 boxes of books, journals, scientific reports, and other materials from the AHT Library, some dating from 1942, have been donated to the Harper & Keele Veterinary School and RCVS Knowledge archives for preservation.

In Memoriam

Mrs. Maran Gluckstein has kindly shared the following short biography of long-time Society member, **Dr. Fritz Gluckstein (1927-2021)** who passed away on Feb. 14.



Photos courtesy United States Holocaust National Museum
<https://www.ushmm.org/online-calendar/event/MAFRSTPERGLU0318>

Fritz P. Gluckstein was born on January 24, 1927, in Berlin, Germany to a Jewish father and a Christian mother. His father, a liberal Jew, was a judge and a decorated veteran of World War I. When Hitler came to power in 1933, his father was dismissed from office, and the family lived in drastically reduced circumstances. Raised as a Jew, Fritz was a Geltungsjude, a counted Jew, and was subject to all the restrictions imposed on the Jews of Germany, including the wearing of the Yellow Star. In 1942, his Jewish school was closed, and he was sent to work cleaning up a Jewish cemetery.

On his 16th birthday, he was interrogated by the Gestapo. Following that, he was assigned to work in a factory that made armaments for the German Air Force. He and his father were picked up with the rest of Berlin's remaining Jews during the infamous Fabrikaktion on February 27, 1943.

Released from the Clou nightclub, one of the holding centers where Jews were taken, he was rearrested the following week, when he went to pick up the family's ration cards. He was then interned with other husbands and children of non-Jewish women in a building on the Rosenstrasse. That building, which had previously been an administrative office of Berlin's Jewish Community, was the scene of a demonstration by the non-Jewish wives and mothers demanding the release of their loved ones. The only public demonstration against the Nazi regime ever to take place in Germany, it resulted in the release of all those being detained.

After that, Fritz and his father were assigned to forced labor gangs, which were sent to demolish damaged buildings after air raids.

When the war ended, Fritz returned to a special course to finish his high school diploma. In January 1948, he immigrated to America, arriving in St. Paul, Minnesota, in February. There he studied at the University of Minnesota, receiving the degree of Doctor of Veterinary Medicine in 1955. After serving two years in the United States Army, he worked for the Department of Agriculture in Ames, Iowa, and Washington, D.C. and the Smithsonian Institution, also in Washington.

In 1966, Dr. Gluckstein was commissioned an officer in the United States Public Health Service and was assigned to the National Library of Medicine at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland. There he established the Veterinary Section, which he headed until his retirement in 1993. At NLM, he compiled and published a number of veterinary-related bibliographies. In later years, he was active with the Smithsonian's Holocaust National Museum. Highlights of his achievements can be found in *Who's Who in America*. He died on February 14, 2021, at age 94.

Oral history interview (1992): <https://portal.ehri-project.eu/units/us-005578-irn77746-irn511629>
 First Person Interview (2019): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kJTisX6jit0>

AVMHS Logo Redesign

In working on overall design for *Guideposts for Veterinary Professionals*, Dr. Susan Aiello pointed out that AVMHS should have a unique logo. Since the Society was founded in 1978, our logo has featured Chiron, the half-man-half-horse centaur, as a classic symbol of healing. Chiron also appears on other organization logos and has been used for other purposes. Because there was insufficient time at the January 21 board meeting, Dr. Aiello will make a formal presentation at the next meeting. Further information will be shared with members as this initiative develops.

Imrie P. Eight decades of AHT history saved. *Vet Times*. 2021 March 16. <https://www.vettimes.co.uk/news/eight-decades-of-aht-history-saved/>

History Books in Preparation

Dr. Susan Jones (jone0996@umn.edu) reports that in early February she turned in the final manuscript to Cambridge University Press for the book she is co-authoring with Dutch vet historian Dr. Peter Koolmees titled, *A Concise History of Veterinary Medicine*. She indicates it is a globally oriented survey of veterinary

history since 1500, meant as a textbook for vet students and other students of vet history. Once it is published, Dr. Jones has generously offered to donate copies for the winners of the Smithcors Essay Contest. This book will be a welcome addition to the literature on veterinary history and we look forward to further reports when it will be available later this year.

AVMHS's honorary member Dr. **Philippe de Wailly** is pleased to announce that Glyph Editions has recently agreed to publish his book of memoirs covering 60+ years of veterinary practice outside Paris. Publication is expected in spring 2022.

News & Comment reporters welcome news about what members are involved in related to veterinary history to inform and share with others.

Dr. Born's Vintage Veterinary Item Quiz #10

Dr. Fred J. Born (fjorn@att.net) offers another vintage instrument for identification. What was this surgical instrument used for? It is a 7-inch long thin strip of aluminum with numbers inscribed on both the inside and outside edges. See page 7 for an explanation.



Meeting and Event Calendar 2021

April 15	Student History Essay Contest Deadline
April 22	AVMHS Board Meeting (virtual)
June 30	AVMHS 44th Annual Meeting and program [virtual via Zoom videoconferencing]

2022

April 15	Student History Essay Contest Deadline
August	World Association for the History of Veterinary Medicine 45th International Congress, Brescia, Italy

New AVMHS Members (as of March 30)

We are pleased to welcome:

Alexander Amalfitano (*Peachtree City, GA*)
 Jennifer Brown, DVM (*Indianapolis, IN*)
 Sarah Clark (*Readyville, TN*)
 Jon Frank, DVM (*Prince Frederick, MD*)
 John Herbold, DVM (*San Antonio, TX*)
 Diane Noll, DVM (*LeClaire, IA*)
 Deanna Pritchard (*Davis, CA*)
 John P. Sanders, Jr, DVM (*Kearneysville, WV*)
 Gwen Schneider, DVM (*Terrebonne, OR*)
 Jaroslaw Sobolewski, DVM (*Zielonka, Poland*)
 Tamara Walker, DVM (*Seattle, WA*)

New Registry of Heritage Veterinary Practices

We are pleased to welcome the following new Registry practices:

Animal Hospital (*Morristown, TN*) Estab. 1936 by Dr. Silbert B. Isbell (AUB '35) (1911-1989).



Noffsinger Veterinary Hospital (*Clay Center, KS*) Estab. 1930s.



Saybrook Veterinary Hospital (*Old Saybrook, CT*). Estab. 1945 by Dr. Howard Larsen

<https://www.saybrookvet.com/our-history.html>



New Books and Videos

All Creatures Great & Small, Season 1. [Arlington, Virginia]: PBS; distributed by PBS, 2020, 2021. 2 videodiscs (approx. 6 hr.): sound, color; 4 3/4 in. ISBN: 9781531713010

Buiting, Chloe. *The Jungle Doctor: The Adventures of an International Wildlife Vet*. Seaforth, NSW: Pantera Press, 2021. 365 pgs. ISBN: 9781925700671

Campbell, Olivia M. *Women in White Coats: How the First Women Doctors Changed the World of Medicine*. Toronto, Ontario, Canada: Park Row Books, 2021. 261 pgs. ISBN: ISBN: 9780778389392

Cheville, Norman. F. *Pioneer Science and the Great Plagues: How Microbes, War, and Public Health Shaped Animal Health*. Purdue University Press, 2021. 330 pgs. ISBN: 9781612496429
<http://www.thepress.purdue.edu/titles/format/9781612496429>

<http://blogs.lib.purdue.edu/news/2021/02/10/the-fascinating-history-of-plagues-and-veterinary-science/>



Mills, David. *Cow-Tales: Memories of a Rural Animal Doctor*. Mesa, AZ: Brighton Publishing, LLC, 2021. 207 pgs. ISBN: 9781621835882

Nicholson, James C. *Racing for America: The Horse Race of the Century and the Redemption of a Sport*. Lexington: University Press of Kentucky, 2021. 236 pgs. ISBN: 780813180649

Doniger, Wendy and Anna Lise Seastrand. *Winged Stallions & Wicked Mares: Horses in Indian Myth and History*. Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press, 2021. ISBN: 9780813945750

Doran, Beatrice. *From the Grand Canal to the Dodder: Illustrious Lives*. Chicago: The History Press, 2021. ISBN: 9780750996402

Includes chapter on John Boyd Dunlop (1840-1921), veterinary surgeon and inventor of the pneumatic tire.

Nimura, Janice P. *The Doctors Blackwell: How Two Pioneering Sisters Brought Medicine to Women and Women to Medicine*. W.W. Norton & Company, 2021. 336 pgs. ISBN: 9780393635546
<https://www.janicenimura.com/doctors-blackwell/>

Small, Mike. *Vet Downunder*. [Australia? or New Zealand]: Small Animal Publishing, 2021. ? pgs. ISBN: 9780646831046

Tahan, Mary R. *The Return of the South Pole Sled Dogs: with Amundsen's and Mawson's Antarctic Expeditions*. Cham, Switzerland: Springer, 2021. 467 pgs. ISBN: 9783030651121

ANSWER: Dr. Born's Vintage Item Quiz #10

This thin strip of aluminum is a **catheter gauge**. Dr. Born explains that this instrument would have been handy in both human and veterinary medicine to quickly check and sort many sizes of catheters in a large hospital's inventory.

With inches marked on the left outer edge and centimeters on the right outside edge, English catheter sizes are given on the inner left edge across from French sizes on the right inner side. As an example, English catheter size 28 is equivalent to the French catheter size 40.

Contents of Recent Veterinary History Journal Issues

Copies of articles may be obtained through interlibrary loan services provided by your local college or public library, or from the AVMHS Secretary-Treasurer if unavailable from other sources.

Recent Journal Articles and Chapters Related to the History of Veterinary Medicine

[No author given]. 'Change is a marathon, not a sprint'. *Veterinary Record*. 2020 Jul 25;187(2):52-53. doi: 10.1136/vr.m2954. PMID: 32723880.

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Choudhury A, Aron S, Botigué LR, et al. High-depth African genomes inform human migration and health. *Nature*. 2020 Oct;586(7831):741-748. doi: 10.1038/s41586-020-2859-7. *PubMed Central*,
<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7759466/>



The most popular urinary catheter in veterinary medicine is the 8 French, which would be a 2 English.



From a distance, one could not read the numbers, but only need to look at the gauge. While we don't know exactly when this item was devised or used, it was included in a collection of veterinary and human instruments dating between 1845 and the early 1920s.

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Send news, comments, and suggestions for the next *News & Comment* to either: Dr. Helen Wojcinski helenwojcinski@gmail.com, or AVMHS Secretary-Treasurer Susanne Whitaker, 23 Wedgewood Drive, Ithaca, NY 14850-1064, phone 607-257-9248 or email skw2@cornell.edu or avmhs.info@gmail.com.

"The farther backward you look, the farther forward you are likely to see."

Winston Churchill (1874-1965)

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