

CURRICULUM VITAE:

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EDUCATION:

2020: recertified, Diplomate, American Board of Veterinary Practitioners, Feline Practice.

2012: Certified Veterinary Acupuncturist (CVA) certification by the International Veterinary Acupuncture Society (IVAS).

2012: Certified Veterinary Pain Practitioner (CVPP) certification by the International Veterinary Academy of Pain Practitioners (IVAPM).

2011: completion of the International Veterinary Acupuncture Society's acupuncture coursework.

2008: recertified, Diplomate, American Board of Veterinary Practitioners, Feline Practice.

2000: Diplomate, American Board of Veterinary Practitioners, Feline Practice.

1993-1995: Veterinary Management Institute at the Krannert School of Business, Purdue University -- post-graduate training course encompassing the aspects of finance, marketing, personnel management, and strategic business planning for a veterinary practice.

1976-1980: Louisiana State University School of Veterinary Medicine, Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree (DVM).

1974-1976: Louisiana State University undergraduate work.

1970-1974: Jesuit High School, New Orleans, La.

WORK EXPERIENCE:

2021: Lecture: ***World Small Animal Veterinary Association (WSAVA)***; “The Art of Feline Medicine”; “Feline Heartworm Disease: an Overview”

2019: *participant – round table discussion* The American Heartworm Society’s 2019 Triannual meeting in New Orleans

2013-present: Lecture: ***Clinical Aspects of the Feline Pancreas***; Louisiana State University School of Veterinary Medicine

2013-2014: Lecture: **North American Veterinary Conference (NAVC)** and **Western States Veterinary Conference**. Presented information regarding new diagnostic modalities as they relate to feline health and feline business for Idexx Laboratories.

2012: lecturer for Novartis Animal Health. Locations include Michigan, Louisiana

2012: Lecture: **Atlantic Provinces Veterinary Conference**, Halifax, NS. Presented various feline-related topics including zoonosis, feline heartworm disease, feline injection-site sarcoma issue, and feline pain management.

2011: review of manuscripts for Advanstar Publications.

2011: Lecture: **“The Zen of Cats”**: Novartis’ **Veterinary Leadership Conference (VLC)**; Grand Cayman, BWI.

2010: author: “A Quick Q&A on feline vaccine site-associated sarcomas”; *Veterinary Medicine*; Vol. 105, No. 12, pp. 578 (Dec 2010).

2010: Lecture: **CVC**, Kansas City, MO. Presented various feline topics, including a co-presentation with Dr. AR Alleman of the University of Florida.

2009: Lecture: **Wild West Veterinary Conference**, Reno NV. Presented various feline topics including a co-presentation with Dr. AR Alleman of the University of Florida.

2008: participant in published round table discussion of feline heartworm disease released in concert with *Compendium of Continuing Education*; 8/08. Fellow participants included Drs. Michael Dryden, Byron Blagburn, Julie Levy, and Tom Nelson.

2005-2020: national lecturer for Zoetis Animal Health on feline heartworm disease, feline zoonotic concerns, and topics concerning feline business in the veterinary practice. Lecture locations include Washington, California, Oregon, Arizona, Texas, Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama, Florida, Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, Georgia, Michigan, Iowa, Minnesota, N. and S. Carolina.

2002- 2009: national lecturer for Merial Corporation on topics regarding feline vaccinal sarcoma issues; guest lecturer at Louisiana State University School of Veterinary Medicine. Lecture locations included Illinois, California, Louisiana, Oregon.

2005: participant/speaker at Round Table discussion at the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners Symposium, May 2005; lecturer for Pfizer Animal Health on feline medicine topics and the feline business in veterinary medicine.

2004: guest presenter: “Grand Rounds” at Louisiana State University School of Veterinary Medicine;

2004: participant in a “Round Table” discussion of feline vaccines and feline vaccine issues for Merial, Inc. Fellow participants included Drs. Richard Ford, Dennis Macy, and Zack Mills. Results published by Veterinary Learning Systems.

2000-2002: contributing writer, *Catnip Magazine*, a publication of Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine.

1999-2001: Guest lecturer at the University of Florida School of Veterinary Medicine—topic: Practical Pharmacology.

1996-1999: The Cat Practice, Inc.; 2804 Belle Chase Highway, Gretna La.; owner, staff veterinarian.

1995-1996: Guest lecturer at the Louisiana State University School of Veterinary Medicine--topic: The Exclusively Feline Practice.

1987-present: The Cat Practice, Inc.; 1809 Magazine St., New Orleans, La.; owner, staff veterinarian; New Orleans' first exclusively feline veterinary hospital; second location open in Gretna, La. in October 1996.

1984-2012: Chateau Veterinary Hospital; 704 W. Esplanade, Kenner, La.; partner, staff veterinarian; medium-sized canine and feline veterinary practice.

1981-1985: Louisiana Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA); staff veterinarian; duties included medical, surgical, and business management of the largest single veterinary practice in the metro New Orleans region.

1982-1983; 1990-1992: wrote, produced, and appeared in weekly television segments educating the public on the care and management of companion animals on the largest television station in New Orleans.

1980-1981: Uptown Veterinary Hospital; 6221 S. Claiborne Ave., New Orleans, La.; staff veterinarian.

OTHER ACTIVITIES/PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

2022: Board Member: The American Heartworm Society

2021: publication: *Aldosterone and progesterone secreting adrenal tumors in 10 cats: Harro, Refsal, Shaw, Alston, Folger, Gross, Cousins, Monahan, Mazaki-Tovi, Langlois; J Vet Intern Med. 2021; 1-8. doi:10.1111/jvim16256*

2020: recertified as a diplomate in feline medicine, American Board of Veterinary Practitioners

2019-2021: Exam Chair, American Board of Veterinary Practitioners, feline certifying exam

2013: Board Member at-large- International Veterinary Academy of Pain Management (IVAPM)

2011-current: Key Opinion Leader (KOL); Elanco - involved in the launch of the FDA feline approved NSAID Onsior™ (robenacoxib).

2011: member of International Veterinary Academy of Pain Management; member International Veterinary Acupuncture Society

2010: recertified as a diplomate in feline medicine, American Board of Veterinary Practitioners

2003-2006: Continuing Education Chair and ad hoc member of the Council of Regents, American Board of Veterinary Practitioners.

2003-2004: board member, Southeast Louisiana Veterinary Association

2001-2007: Advisory board, Louisiana SPCA.

2000: diplomate (feline medicine), American Board of Veterinary Practitioners, Feline Practice.

1998-2001: applicant packet review, Admission Committee, Louisiana State University School of Veterinary Medicine.

1994-1997: board member of The East Bank Animal Control Shelter.

1994-1997: member of the "Visiting Vets" Program of the East Bank Animal Shelter—a pro-bono, volunteer organization of veterinarians who help with animal problems at the Jefferson Parish East Bank Animal Shelter.

1991-1992: Board President, Jefferson Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

1990-1995: member advisory board of the Louisiana Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

1987-1999: Hospital Director (2)-American Animal Hospital Association.

1986-1988: board member of the Kenner Animal Control Board.

1985-1986: vice-president of the Association of New Orleans' Veterinarians.

1983-1985: member Executive Board of the Association of New Orleans Veterinarians.

1980-present: member of the American Veterinary Association, American Association of Feline Practitioners, Southeast Louisiana Veterinary Association.

AWARDS/HONORS:

2014: Featured in Novartis Animal Health's inaugural edition of its publication **Beyond The Medicine**.

2013: Best of New Orleans, Gambit Magazine Readers' Pole: voted one of the three best veterinary hospitals in the New Orleans area.

2012: Feline Friendly Practice, Gold Level; awarded by the American Association of Feline Practitioners to The Cat Practice, Inc.

2005: Hospital of Merit, Veterinary Economics, Design Competition, The Cat Practice, New Orleans.

1999: New Orleans/River Region Chamber of Commerce **Rising Tide** award; Category: Business Innovation.

1996: Certificate of Merit-Jefferson Parish Council (for participation in the "Visiting Vets" program).

1995: Certificate of Appreciation- Kenner Police (for pro-bono care of their drug dog).

1993: Outstanding Service Award-Southeast Louisiana Veterinary Association.

1982: American Animal Hospital Association Excel Award.

1976: Alpo Scholarship @ LSU; LSU's Alpha Zeta Scholarship.

1974: Summa Cum Laude-Jesuit High School.