Veterinary care for all

Veterinary care for underserved populations was the central topic during the first Access to Veterinary Care Symposium, hosted by the Program for Pet Health Equity, held June 28-29 in Knoxville, Tennessee. Over 100 attendees discussed and debated how to care for the large number of animals owned by families that cannot afford veterinary care. The event focused on recommendations outlined in "Access to Veterinary Care: Barriers, Current Practices, and Public Policy," a report released by the PPHE in December 2018.

From 'Zoobiquity' to 'Wildhood'

Many humans don't realize how much they have in common with other animal species from monkeys to gazelles to even guppies. Barbara Natterson-Horowitz, MD, explored connections between human and animal health in her 2012 book "Zoobiquity." This August, she delivered the keynote for AVMA Convention 2019, "Welcome to Wildhood: What Animal Adolescents Can Teach Us About Growing Up." Prior to the convention, she spoke with JAVMA News about her work.
One-health visionary receives AVMA Award

Dr. Roger K. Mahr started his term as 2006-07 AVMA president with a vision for an initiative to increase collaboration in the fields of animal, human, and environmental health—leading to the chartering of the One Health Commission in 2009. During AVMA Convention 2019 this August in Washington, D.C., the longtime small animal practitioner received the AVMA Award for contributions to the advancement of veterinary medicine in its organizational aspects.

Virulent Newcastle cases dwindle

A viral outbreak in poultry has waned after a year of infections and the deaths of more than 1 million birds. State and federal animal health authorities euthanized or depopulated about 1.2 million birds, largely chickens, in a campaign since May 2018 to control the outbreak of virulent Newcastle disease in Southern California. Inspectors found the virus at about 450 sites around the Los Angeles area, as well as single infections in Northern California, Arizona, and Utah.

Cybercrime a potential liability for clinics

Ransomware, phishing, and other forms of cyberattack are projected to cost businesses $6 trillion annually by 2021, according to the Cisco and Cybersecurity Ventures 2019 Cybersecurity Almanac. Experts say the health care industry, with its troves of patient data and relatively weak protections, is an appealing target, and veterinary practices share these vulnerabilities.

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