President’s Message
Dr. Timothy Lee

As was mentioned in the last newsletter, we have officially changed several things about this organization. We have changed the name from the American Association of Human-Animal Bond Veterinarians to simply the Human Animal Bond Association. We have modified our logo accordingly. This new name is the result of the revision in the makeup of the organization. We are not strictly an association of veterinarians and veterinary students; we now include technicians and allied professionals who are involved with the Human Animal Bond. Veterinarians will continue to lead the organization, but we want to emphasize the importance of the entire veterinary team in our educational efforts.

The Human Animal Bond Association is continuing to provide educational tracts for the veterinary profession. We have long been associated with the North American Veterinary Conference (now called the VXM) in Orlando and with the AVMA annual meeting at its various locations. New in 2018 we are working with the Western Veterinary Conference (WVC) to provide information at its Las Vegas venue. Presenting at these three important meetings assures that the message is available to a broad section of our profession.

Our speakers at these locations are talking about the Human Animal Bond as it deals with the animals we treat, but also about the mental stress veterinary professionals experience in their practices. They are stressing that the emotional fatigue some professionals endure is not rare and that it is important to recognize its signs and obtain help early in the course of the problem.

At this year’s Board of Directors meeting at the Western Veterinary Conference we will be announcing the recipient of the 2018 Student Scholarship. In past years, the scholarship was presented to a veterinary student who was associated with one of the student Human Animal Bond clubs partially sponsored by our association. Now we allow any veterinary student in Canada and the U.S. to apply for the scholarship. The basic requirement is an involvement with the Bond in school activities. The response this year has been huge.

We, as an association, want to thank our sponsors, without whom we could not continue our efforts in education. Please recognize their support by giving their products the consideration they deserve.

Thanks also to the members of the association who provide membership dues to help the effort. If you are not a member, consider joining us in this worthwhile endeavor. Make your practice team aware of the bond and aware that they may become members of HABA.

The Human Animal Bond is a part of everyday life for the veterinary profession. We must recognize and support those caring for animals, large and small and for their owners. The Bond is the reason for the profession.
Check out our new website!
humananimalbond.net

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HUMAN-ANIMAL BOND TRACK AT WVC

The Human Animal Bond and How It Affects Our Personal Journey to Sustainability and Wellbeing
Co-presenters:
LAURA BALTODANO, DVM & KIMBERLY POPE-ROBINSON, DVM

When What We Do “Hurts” Our Patients and the Emotional Toll on Us
Presenter:
JADE VELASQUEZ, LVT

The Challenges of Treating Pets Owned by Seniors and the Impact on Our Wellbeing
Presenter:
KIMBERLY POPE-ROBINSON, DVM

Diving Into Technology: How It Can Both Hinder and Help Veterinary Wellbeing
Presenter:
ADAM LITTLE, DVM
STUDENT CORNER
Congratulations to our recent scholarship winner!

Jeremy Kiene | CSU

My desire to become a veterinarian was sparked by my interest in the human-animal bond, a concept I first encountered in my work on representation of animals in literature. I understand it as an evolving set of physical, psychological, and emotional interactions between humans and animals that enhance the wellbeing of both. Sound, holistic veterinary practice is about more than repairing bio-mechanical systems; it is also about fostering the bond between animals and their human caretakers. Veterinarians are uniquely positioned to educate the public about the fundamental connections between human and animal health. As a veterinary student with previous doctoral training in the humanities, I believe that study of the human-animal bond can enrich medicine by integrating insights from psychology, the humanities, and the arts. CSU supports participation in interdisciplinary research on the human-animal bond through its Human-Animal Interaction Studies initiative, an opportunity I hope to pursue with HABA support.

HAB in the News

Rent or purchase “Adele and Everything After” today on iTunes, Amazon, Google Play, cable and satellite!

Be inspired and captivated by Marty and Adele’s story. As Marty herself said in an interview with The Boston Globe, “My intention was never really to make it a training video about service dogs,” Harris said. “My biggest thing was, ‘don’t give up.’ People tell you no all your life. At some point you just have to say, ‘well, they don’t know everything.’ Sometimes you have to explore to find what it is that you need.”

This movie, and Marty and Adele’s relationship, inspires other people with that message: Don’t give up.

THE NATIONAL LINK COALITION – the National Resource Center on The Link between Animal Abuse and Human Violence – has announced the publication of a free National Directory of Abuse Investigation Agencies, covering more than 6,500 counties, cities and towns, that identifies which agency in that jurisdiction investigates reports of suspected animal cruelty, abuse and neglect. Veterinarians are not required to prove that a situation is cruelty, abuse or neglect, but rather to report it to investigators who can make that determination.

The Directory is online at http://nationallinkcoalition.org/how-do-i-report-suspected-abuse
Join the HABA online at humananimalbond.net
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*All HABA members will be listed in the directory unless the member specifies otherwise.

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Date _____________________________

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