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Ready, Set, Grow

By Rich Morris

Think about businesses like human beings or

animals. They have a lifetime. And while the average lifespan for a person has gone up, the average lifespan of a business has gone down – dramatically. Businesses used to last 100 years, being handed from one generation to the next. There was the startup, growth, maturity and decline. It used to be a nice, gradual process.

The way we do business, too, is changing. Few would argue that. But have you considered how quickly it's changing? That's no longer the case. The slow curve has been replaced by a sharp ascent, then dive.

Consider Apple. In two years the company was able to wrestle music sales away from stores like Best Buy and dominate music sales with its iTunes library. Now music isn't part of its growth strategy. In 5 years the iPod was replaced by the iPhone.

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Do you remember when service stations used to have their own repair shops attached to them? You could pump your gas at the same place you got your fluids drained or new wheels put on. Now those services have been specialized at repair shops, while the service stations themselves focus more on quick grocery items.

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I invite to you attend our annual member meeting at the NAVC. We'll be looking at the latest trends affecting animal health, as well as introducing a new TVC Initiative to help you succeed in the marketplace. It's called Ready, Set, Grow. Each month we will have a different theme as to how to grow your business. Some topics will be familiar, and some will be new, like how to sell pet food online.

The bottom line is, TVC wants to help you work on your business in 2017, rather than in it. Get a jump on dental health and schedule dental cleanings while boarding pets over the holidays!

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What you don't know

can hurt your veterinary practice, at least when it comes to the revenue you may be missing out on.

For eight years that missing piece for TVC Member/Owner Jennifer Mathis, DVM, Family Pet Veterinary Center Norwalk, Iowa, was dentistry. It hadn't been stressed in veterinary school, and hadn't been something she was interested in expanding into at first. But when she finally did start receiving training and an education in veterinary dentistry, the results in her practice were undeniable.

"I was a one doctor practice, and in my first year, my dentistry portion of the business changed from 5 percent to 30 percent of my gross," she says.

What was good for her business was good for the health of her pet patients. Pet owners would volunteer to her how much more energetic and happier their pets were follow-

ing dental procedures such as tooth extractions. By doing a thorough examination and using dental X-rays, in many cases Mathis uncovered hidden problems, and hidden pain.

"In 1998 they proved that pets have the same pain as people," she says. "We don't know why they don't show they have so much pain in the mouth. It might be survival of the fittest. Or that they don't know they can get help. But they will act a lot happier after being treated. At any given time, 50 percent of dogs have something going on beneath the gum line that's painful, and 70 percent of cats. If we do more Level One dentistry that incidence will go down."

Veterinary dentistry is also very engaging, hands-on work that Mathis found rewarding, calling it "the arts and crafts of veterinary medicine," she says. "Doing restorations and bonded sealants on teeth, making crowns, and sculpting with dental materials to create and restore teeth to their normal function, non invasive fracture repair with wires and acrylic, orthodontic appliance creation, shaping the fracture tip and filing the pulp for endodontics; you don't have to do all these things in general practice, but as you get into it and learn the

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more advanced techniques, it is the arts and crafts of veterinary medicine."

Mathis says she was not alone in her hesitancy with incorporating dentistry into her practice.

"The veterinary schools in general did not teach much dentistry," she says. "You learned about how many teeth a dog has in anatomy, but you didn't learn how to extract a tooth well or evaluate radiographs. They didn't teach you the basic steps."

Fortunately, that's beginning to change.

"If you talk to people (consultants), the areas of veterinary medicine that you do the most of are dermatology, dentistry and parasitology," she says. "All practices see dermatology and parasitology everyday, but few practitioners do a lot of dentistry. Or, if they are doing dentistry, there are ways they can increase it."

Mathis offered several ways that veterinary practices could incorporate more dentistry into their practice.

Every pet, every year

Does your dentist say, "Let's wait until it gets bad to clean your teeth?" Of course not. Mathis says veterinarians should approach veterinary dentistry with the same philosophy. She advocates that every pet needs an anesthetic dental procedure every year – or in some cases more frequently. "Do more dentistry, you'll have healthier pets, and build the bond with your clients," she says. "We all know with much calculus a dental procedure is necessary, it's the ones with little build up that we cannot forget the fact that this is a preventable disease."

OraStrip

Mathis says using the simple test, OraStrip, can be the first step in determining if there are hidden problems. OraStrip tests for the presence of bacterial thiols that are present with advancing periodontal disease. It directly correlates with the loss of bone around teeth. Using its scale of 0-5,

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a veterinarian can determine the likelihood of problems beneath the gum line. "With 1s, there might be something going on, but if it is between 2-5, you have at least an 82

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percent chance, if not a 100 percent chance, of having periodontal disease, and/or bone loss," says Mathis. "OraStrip is an inexpensive test that you wipe along the gum lines. It costs about \$5. I sell it for \$15 in my office. In 10 seconds, I can see what the chances are that there is a problem in the mouth. It is also a visual take home test that reinforces the need to take action."

Intraoral radiographs

Does your clinic take full mouth radiographs on every pet? "Teeth can look beautiful, but then you look at the X-ray and you can see bone loss," Mathis says. "When you examine



the mouth, it might look fine but you might have problems. Until you have dental X-rays, you don't know what you're missing." Common radiographic findings one would find include retained tooth roots, tooth resorption, near jaw fractures, unerupted teeth, cysts, dead teeth, causes of nasal issues, and bone involvement with oral masses.

Mathis says veterinary practices reluctant to invest in the equipment should consider the long-term financial impact of being able to offer appropriate dental care versus not. Intraoral radiographs are now the standard of care and the lack of dental radiographs makes all dental procedure practice liability cases indefensible, she says. Jokingly, she says, "For any practitioner not wanting to invest in digital intraoral radiology, I would provide the equipment for free and have the practice give me half of what they produced from what they find – two dental procedures per week easily pays much more than the equipment costs in a year and still earns the practice the other half of dental treatment income."

Discolored teeth

Ninety-three percent of discolored teeth have pulp necrosis (infection) and only 58 percent of those show radiographic signs. A vast majority of discolored teeth are non-vital (dead), eventually leading to infection. Treatment of non vital



teeth is always necessary as the necrotic pulp becomes a source of local (periapical, periodontitis, or osteomyelitis) or systemic infection (heart, liver, kidneys). These teeth already are, or soon will be, painful. This means that discolored teeth need attention. They need radiographs and then extraction or a root canal procedure. Watching and waiting is not in the pet's best interest and will only get worse.

Chipped teeth

A chipped tooth, or uncomplicated crown fracture, is commonplace on everyday exams, Mathis says. These frac-



tures expose dentin. She explains to her clients, "Dentin is porous like lava rock. When you pour water over lava rock, the water filters through. The saliva and bacteria of the mouth filter into the dentinal tubules and can progress to infection within the tooth." Again, Profender® Topical Solution (emodepside/praziquantel)

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this is where the need for dental X-rays comes in, Mathis says. "A broken tooth could be fine or it might mean infection into the roots," she says. "If the pulp is involved, the only choices are root canal or extraction. Furthermore, as 40 percent of bone loss is needed before radiographs can detect change, a tooth without radiographic evidence of pulp involvement, needs a bonded sealant/restoration and follow up intraoral X-rays in six months, then every year."

Gingival enlargement

Gingival growths in the mouth are common. The trouble is that many growths in the mouth that don't look like much



can really be a problem, Mathis says. This change, called gingival enlargement, cannot be identified as hyperplasia, pyogenic granuloma,

fibroma, ancanthomatous ameloblastoma, plasma cell tumor, or squamous cell carcinoma until histopathology returns, she says. The majority of these growths are reactive to disease or tumor based, thus finding gingival enlargement in the exam room requires further investigation.

Malocclusions

"Not every malocclusion is painful, but every animal has a right to a comfortable life," says Mathis. The teeth should interdigitate and not contact the soft tissues of the mouth. Alignments causing crowding, turned teeth, contact with soft tissues or tooth neck are or will be painful. Untreated abnormal teeth



contact results in dead teeth, soft tissue trauma, lip entrapment, and/or periodontal disease. Finding these issues early in a patient's life will have huge benefits long term.

Home care

Home care is a way for veterinarians to stay connected with their clients. It can also be a profit center with the products you're able to sell through your clinic. Helping clients choose do-able home care gives the best outcome. Veterinarians can even invite clients to return for complimentary dental exams as every visit is another touch point for building the bond while increasing education and compliance.

Dentistry should be an important part of every practice, Mathis says. With the right approach, it can lead to better health, better quality of life, and a better bottom line. "I want veterinarians to learn what to do," she says. "Our job is to be the patient advocate and help owners understand what's going on with their pet's health. This is all good medicine and good medicine happens to be good business."

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Veterinary practices should identify those factors in their service that are frustrating to their clients. Is it the fact that the customer's transport of their animal to the practice is difficult? Or is it difficult for them to visit the veterinary practice in the available hours of operation?

Creating convenience

How do veterinarians create value from convenience?

First, they need to get a little uncomfortable. Veterinary practices should identify those factors in their service that are frustrating to their clients. Is it the fact that the customer's transport of their animal to the practice is difficult? Or is it difficult for them to visit the veterinary practice in the available hours of operation? Do customers voice their frustration with a call fee, or office charge? Would they like to be able to reach a veterinarian via text message to help determine if they need to see get an immediate appointment or the next day?

All these issues can be resolved in a manner that would be valued by veterinary practice clients. Perhaps a veterinary practice may engage Ask. Vet to support their doctors by making a veterinarian available via text to clients at any time. What if the practice eliminated their office fee, in exchange for a one time annual fee like Amazon Prime membership? Extended hours, even one weekend per month, might help some clients to utilize services who cannot do so now.

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Global pet wearable market expected to see significant growth

According to the latest market study released by Technavio, the global pet wearable market is expected to grow at a CAGR of more than 16% during the forecast period. According to Abhishek Sharma, a lead analyst at Technavio for M2M and connected devices research, "The reduced price of sensors embedded in pet wearables is a major factor responsible for significant market growth during the forecast period." The report categorizes the global pet wearable market into three major technology segments. The global pet wearable market by radio-frequency identification (RFID) technology is expected to grow at a CAGR of more than 15%. The rising trend of adopting pet RFID tags in pet tracking is the factor propelling the market growth. The global pet wearable market by GPS technology is expected to grow at a CAGR of close to 19%. GPS technology has great accuracy in identifying real-time location of a pet. The global pet wearable market by other technologies is expected to grow at a CAGR of more than 14%.

AVMA creates reputation management resources

Two new tools - a cyberbullying hotline and a reputation management service — are now available through the AVMA's online reputation management resources, according to a Bovine Veterinarian report. With 20 percent of AVMA members reporting they have experienced cyberbullying and false reviews, the House of Delegates (HOD) and Board of Directors (BOD) prioritized adding additional tools to help member veterinarians combat the emotional and financial damage caused by online detractors. The 24/7 DVM Cyberbullying Hotline, answered by experienced crisis management consultants, is now available to members being cyberbullied and in need of immediate assistance. This service includes 30 minutes of free consultation to AVMA members. Additional consultation time is available at a substantially discounted member rate. Members also may take advantage of DVM Reputation Guard through the AVMA Member Advantage Program. DVM Reputation Guard is a subscriptionbased service that uses powerful analytic tools to gather data from social media, traditional media and other online sources.

FDA names Dr. Steven M. Solomon as new leader of CVM

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration announced the selection of Steven M. Solomon, DVM, as the new leader of the agency's Center for Veterinary Medicine (CVM). Dr. Solomon will assume the directorship in January 2017 from Tracey Forfa, J.D., who is currently serving as the Acting Director. Dr. Solomon practiced large animal veterinary medicine for 10 years before joining the agency in 1990 as a Veterinary Medical Officer. He has steadily progressed through key positions in the agency and rose to the position of Deputy Associate Commissioner for Regulatory Affairs in FDA's Office of Regulatory Affairs (ORA) in 2013.

Free online tools available to promote feline wellness

According to AAHA NEWStat, Partners for Healthy Pets (PHP), an alliance of 100+ veterinary associations, veterinary colleges, and animal health companies focused on preventive care led by AAHA and the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA), is offering free, downloadable tools to help practices maintain or develop a strong emphasis on felines. The Feline-Friendly Practice series includes two web conferences and a series of videos to assist the practice team in minimizing stress for cats and clients. "Becoming a Cat Friendly Practice" is a one-hour web conference presented by Elizabeth J. Colleran, DVM. The webcast offers strategies to lessen the stress of the veterinary visit and create a more cat-friendly practice. Visit http://www.partnersforhealthypets.org/practice feline.aspx?utm medium=Blog&utm source=FelineFriend&utm campaign=PHPPartnerComm&utm term=Dec2016&utm_content=Feline

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In a controlled, double-masked field safety study in which owners administered PROFENDER Topical Solution, the most common adverse reactions reported by the cat owners included licking, excessive grooming, scratching treatment site, salivation, lethargy, alopecia, agitation/ nervousness and vomiting.

POST APPROVAL:

The following adverse events are based-on post-approval adverse drug experience reporting. Not all adverse events are reported to FDA CVM. It is not always possible to reliably estimate the adverse event frequency or establish a casual relationship to product exposure using this data. The following adverse events are listed in decreasing order of reporting frequency in cats: Application site reaction (hair loss, dermatitis, pyoderma, edema, and erythema), hypersalituation, lethargy/depression, vomiting, ataxia, anorexia, trembling/dwitching, diarrhea, mydriasis, fever, hyperactivity/nervousness. In some cases, death has been reported as an outcome of the adverse events listed. For a complete listing of adverse reactions for Profender Topical Solution reported to the CVM see: http://www.fda.gov/ADEreports.

The listing includes Adverse Events reported to CVM for products , such as Profender, that contain the combined active ingredients emodepside and praziquantel. Listings by active ingredient may represent more than one brand name.

ANIMAL SAFETY:

In a field study, PROFENDER Topical Solution was used in cats receiving other frequently used products including: analgesics, anti-fungals, non-steroidal anti-inflammatories, anthelmintics, antimicrobials, flea and tick products, sedatives, anesthetics, cardiac medications, anxiolytics, hormonal treatments, steroids, otic and ophthalmic preparations, and vaccines.

General Safety Study in Kittens: PROFENDER Topical Solution was topically applied at 0X (vehicle control), 1X, 3X and 5X the maximum dose to 48 healthy 8-week-old kittens every two weeks for six doses. One 5X kitten experienced salivation and tremors and another 5X kitten experienced salivation on the day of dosing. A third 5X kitten experienced tremors the day after dosing. Three cats vomited within 24 hours of dosing, one each in vehicle control, 3X and 5X groups.

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