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Your Purchase Decisions Matter for TVC And Your Clinic to Thrive and Survive

By Dr. Laura Betts, TVC Treasurer

A cooperative like TVC is only as strong as its

members' support. Ultimately, TVC is in the business of getting you the best choices for your practice – better pricing, programs, and relationships with vendors who support the independent clinics that make up the cooperative. We want those choices to help your practice thrive.

However, the long-term viability of TVC depends on your engagement.

TVC will only thrive and get you better programs if vendors believe they will do more business through the cooperative. This is how VCA, Banfield and other

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What if a vendor stops working with TVC?

As an individual, you need to make your own decision as to what you will do. However, if all of the individual TVC members decide to support vendors that support TVC,

then the vendor that leaves TVC will see that staying with TVC is a better choice for their business.

However, if none of our members stop buying from a vendor that leaves TVC, we have demonstrated to this vendor and others (as it will get around the industry) that TVC is of no value to them. They can leave and their sales stay the same.

The cooperative's viability to continue to offer you discounts, rebates, education, etc., will be threatened by just one vendor leaving TVC. If and when you see such a notice, we ask you to do what is in your best interest. If enough TVC members vote with their dollars, vendors will realize they need to support the independent veterinary community, and TVC – which you own.

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Tara O'Connor, Office Manager

for Illinois-based Valley Lakes Veterinary Clinic, has noticed a subtle shift. Whereas customers used to balk at a 12-month supply of heartworm prevention, those clients who are taking advantage of the

TVC Members/Owners say wellness and insurance plans allow for better care, and better revenue opportunities clinic's wellness plans are also the ones more willing to consider purchasing the bigger bulk of heartworm prevention. It's not a coincidence, either.

"I do feel they are purchasing heartworm prevention in larger quantities than what they would be if they came into the office that day and paid \$300 for their annual wellness checkup, vaccines and then added in a year's worth of heartworm prevention," she says. "That's a big chunk of change. If they are not paying that wellness exam or vaccine fee that day because it is incorporated into their monthly payments, then they are more compelled to get that 12 pack of heartworm prevention."

Indeed, wellness plans and pet insurance can change customer conversations for the better. The Veterinary Cooperative spoke with several Members/Owners about the benefits of using wellness plans and pet insurance, not only for client care, but for the veterinary practice's bottom line as well.

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Cost not as much of a concern

Rebecca Rebillard, Practice Manager for TVC Member/ Owner Aspetuck Animal Hospital (New Preston, Conn), says pet insurance and wellness plans can eliminate much of the tough part of the client discussion related to cost. Aspetuck Animal Hospital uses <u>Petplan insurance</u>. "It takes the discussion of finances off the table when speaking to a client about treatment plans" she says. "We always recommend what is best for the pet, however, sometimes we find ourselves going to option B or option C to work within a client's budget. Clients that have <u>Petplan</u> know that they will be reimbursed for the care their pet receives, so they say yes to our first recommendation, which is what is best for their pet. "

"We have plans where we run bloodwork. We will sometimes find the kidneys are starting to slowly become a problem, and you can intervene at that moment with a kidney diet or maybe add in some fluids. You can catch some things early on before the patient is presenting with a serious problem."

"We're an AAHA-accredited hospital," Rebillard continues. "That's the quality of medicine we want to practice, but we don't always get to if the client cannot afford diagnostics and treatment as recommended."

In this economy, having a way to help clients budget for their pets' care is important, she says. "Ten years ago, money was a concern and clients would be shocked at the price of something, but still do it. These days, it's gotten worse," Rebillard says. "clients will say they can either pay their rent this month or get their animal the care it needs. Rent always wins. Being able to budget monthly through the use of insurance and only having to meet a deductible is much easier for many people these days, rather than having a \$2,000 surgery bill sprung on them. Manageable monthly payments are becoming more and more popular with clients. Jamie Holter, Practice Manager, TVC Member/Owner Dodgeville Vet, says their practice uses the concept of Flexible Spending Accounts (FSA) or Health Spending Accounts (HSA) on the human health side to describe how their clients can effectively use TVC's <u>BeWell Pet Club</u> services and Embrace Wellness. "We explain that the BeWell Pet Club is like a HSA, and ask if the client is familiar with HSA or FSA," she says. "Most are familiar and they seem to be more receptive to listening about the BeWell Pet Club once they understand that it is like a HSA. We have found that discussing it with dental procedures has been working the best so far with acceptance of the BeWell Pet Club."

More receptive for more services

O'Connor says wellness plans and insurance encourage clients to consider things that they might normally decline during a regular visit. Valley Lakes uses <u>Veterinary Credit Plans</u>. "You will have plenty of clients who don't necessarily think that they need the Bordetella or Lyme vaccines," she says. "If it's part of their plan, then they are more inclined to accept the vaccinations."

Some of those vaccinations and diagnostic tests covered with the plans are critical to spotting issues that

could become more serious down the line, she says. "We have plans where we run bloodwork. We will sometimes find the kidneys are starting to slowly become a problem, and you can intervene at that moment with a kidney diet or maybe add in some fluids. You can catch some things early on before the patient is presenting with a serious problem."

O'Connor says if a client's contract is about to expire and they still need to run a urinalysis and stool check for the pet, the veterinary clinic can contact them about those covered services. "Clients who have an account with us have access to their own portal," she says. "They can see all the services available, what they have used and what's been unused ... As long as they are still enrolled, you can go back to the previous contract and use those services."

Flexibility

O'Connor says <u>VCP</u> gives them a tremendous amount of flexibility to tailor plans to maximize what the veterinary clinic has to offer. "You can create any type of a plan you want," she says. "If you have acupuncture, laser therapy, dental cleanings, boarding, grooming, day care – whatever you want to offer, you can have in these plans. You can have a multitude of different plans. You can have secondary plans attached to the major plan. There is so much you can do with this program."

Rebillard says they have benefitted from <u>Petplan's</u> customer service.

"Sometimes dealing with insurance can be a nightmare," she says. "It can be a confusing process and very complicated for a client to submit a claim. <u>Petplan</u> offers an app to owners and all they require is a picture of an invoice to process a claim. If they need anything else, they will contact the clinic, but it is quick and easy on the client end. Also, we have a great field rep assigned to us that is always available

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to answer my questions, retrain staff and keep me updated on what new offerings they have."

Educating and promoting with clients

Rebillard says they market the pet insurance through brochures, and signing new clients with puppies or kittens up to a free 30-day trial. "There is so much information at a new puppy or kitten visit that a client can be overwhelmed. By signing them up for insurance, they can go home and know their pet is covered, and look more in depth at

what that means through the emails <u>Petplan</u> sends during the trail," she says. "It's easiest to get young, healthy pets started on the plan because there are less pre-existing conditions meaning they are set-up for a lifetime of coverage through insurance!"

O'Connor says they have brochures explaining Veterinary Credit Plan at the front desk, posters in the waiting

Gaining Wallet Share

Pet clubs, monthly payment plans, and pet insurance all allow you to get more of the "Wallet Share" – the money a client is spending on their pet, regardless of location. Why not gain as much of that for your clinic?

What is a client worth? How much revenue and profit could you be letting walk out the door? Do this simple calculation:

> Take the number of active clients you served this month or year and divide that into the total revenue you received that month or

year from veterinary services and products sold, such as pet food and pharmacy products. If you are like the average TVC clinic, it will be between \$150 and \$200. \$1,000,000 / 5,000 = \$200

- Now, how much does that client spend per year on their pet?
 - \$1,000 average
 - 25% on veterinary care (\$250)
 - 30% on Pharmacy items like Flea and Tick (\$300)
 - 35% on Pet food (\$350)
 - 10% Other (\$100)

 Look at the percentage of what you sell a client. Are you getting all you could, or are you letting that revenue and profit walk out the door?

If you doubled your average client spend (things they already spend money on) = \$400 or \$200 extra revenue from 5,000 clients = another 1 million in revenue. Even at a skinny 25% margin, that would mean an extra \$250,000 in profit to your business. Best practice members do between \$400 and \$500 per client in revenue.

Best Practice



room and exam rooms, as well as posts about wellness plans on Facebook. They also send out reminder cards in the mail and put blurbs about the wellness plans on them. "Anytime we are doing a mailing – for example, dental health month mailing – we will put something on that about our plans to make the client aware that we offer a wellness plan," she says.

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Their practice also sends out notifications to their Rewards Clients through an app. "We sent one when we started with the link to our website to explain, and then we also ran a promotion for this February for double points with dental products, including information on the BeWell Pet Club."

Growing the business

TVC Member/Owners listed several ways that wellness and insurance plans have helped retain or bring in revenue. O'Connor says she has noticed that clients who invest in these plans are not as likely to shop around to lower-cost clinics in the area for services such as spay/neuter, dental cleanings, or even purchasing prescription medication or heartworm prevention through online pharmacy.

There's also the steady revenue flow the plans can create. "As far as revenue – if you've got 100 people on this plan and they are paying you \$35 a month, you are looking at \$3,500 a month being brought in," she says. "When you have those slow months – February, for instance, is usually a slow month – you're still going to be bringing in some revenue while not having as many appointments. Of course, when a client is paying monthly for their preventive care, they are more inclined to go and accept those extra X-rays you may need to run, or some other special testing. They are more likely to accept something you recommend and do that for their pet, because they don't have that big expense of the wellness visit that day – it's covered in their plan."

Holter says they have seen an increase in compliance with scheduling dentals quicker by talking about the <u>BeWell Pet Club</u>. "The staff appreciate this option, because they feel like they are helping the clients do what is best for their pet."



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Mentally Strong Leadership

By Patrick T. Malone

Recently I came across an article entitled

"13 things mentally strong people don't do," which is excerpted from the book of the same title by Amy Morin. In my coaching experience, telling someone what not to do usually ensures they will fail. My preferred coaching method is "try this" as opposed to "don't do that."

It occurred to me that mentally strong leaders rarely operate in the negative. So, rather than considering the glass half empty, let me give you the glass half full version of 13 positives actions or attitudes that I believe mentally strong leaders employ to ensure their personal and organizational success.

- 1. Grateful. While leaders may not have everything that they want, they want everything that they have. The good, the bad, and the ugly are all reasons for leaders to feel grateful, and outwardly express that gratitude as an example of their positive mental attitude.
- 2. Stand up for themselves. They have established very clear physical and emotional boundaries and do not allow those boundaries to be encroached upon. They are the epitome of the line from the old Clint Eastwood movie – a man needs to know his limitations.
- 3. Embrace change. They know that while the status guo may be good for today, it will be only fair for tomorrow and detrimental in the future. Sometimes they are the change agent, but most often they are the chief encouragement officer supporting the
- 4. Control their own environment. They are the embodiment of the Serenity Prayer knowing what they can impact and what is beyond

change being advocated by others.

their control. They know there is no sense in attempting to impact some things which leads to less stress, better relationships and increased opportunities.

- 5. Able to say NO. Their superior performance makes them an attractive target for other's requests. They know which requests are in the scope of their abilities and which they are willing to undertake. Other requests are respectfully declined with either an explanation or a referral to another who is better equipped to aid the requester.
- 6. Take calculated risks. The emphasis on "calculated." They can fully assess each situation and determine which actions justify the risk and which are simply reckless.
- 7. Reflect on the past. There is a huge difference between reflecting on the past and living in the past. Every action is a learning experience, so reflecting on those experiences increases the potential success rate of the future.
- 8. Learn from mistakes. While there are failures in their past, they are viewed as opportunities to understand what doesn't work, and that puts them closer to the ultimate successful solution.
- 9. Celebrate other's successes. Leadership requires a well-developed ego, but one that is very much under

control. So, effective leaders are genuinely happy when others succeed and often lead the celebration.

- 10. Persevere after failure. There are very few overnight successes. Most success is usually a series of failing, getting up, dusting yourself off and then trying again. That process is why it often looks effortless to those on the outside when the goal is achieved.
- 11. Embrace alone time. Confidence is often described as being comfortable in your own skin. There are times that it is necessary to be in the white-hot

Playing the comparative game will always lead to disappointment, because there is always someone faster, stronger, smarter, etc. Accepting criticism, acknowledging flaws and playing only against yourself provides greater happiness.

> spotlight, but a steady diet of engagement can be debilitating. The need to be alone and be comfortable alone is necessary to recharge the batteries and check the internal compass.

- **12. Focus on their own efforts.** Playing the comparative game will always lead to disappointment, because there is always someone faster, stronger, smarter, etc. Accepting criticism, acknowledging flaws and playing only against yourself provides greater happiness.
- 13. Play the long game. Impatience, immediate gratification and unrealistic expectations are the biggest roadblocks to success. The secret to success is having the mental toughness to keep your eyes on the goal even when you have failed.

This is what I have seen from successful managers, directors and executives that I have had the pleasure of working with over the years. If you are new in your respective role, this can serve as a series of goals to be attained as your grow in experience and confidence. If you are a veteran, this can be a checklist to monitor your own performance and identify areas for improvement.

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The NAVC unveils new name for world's largest animal health conference

The North American Veterinary Community (NAVC) announced that starting in 2018, its flagship event, the NAVC Conference, will be known as the Veterinary Meeting & Expo - or VMX. The new brand identity was created to better represent what the conference has evolved into as well as allow for future growth, according to a release. In addition, with the NAVC continuing to grow as an organization with the development of various new offerings such as a growing portfolio of publications, additional continuing education events, its Industry Services division and more, this change resolves any brand confusion between the organization and the conference. The "Meeting" portion of the name encompasses all of the world-class educational offerings that the event offers, while "Expo" illustrates the exhibit, sponsorship and partnership components. "We felt it was time to allow both the NAVC and the conference to have their own, yet connected identities," said Tom Bohn, Chief Executive Officer of the NAVC. "We are excited about all of the opportunities that this name change will provide us for future conferences, ensuring that we continue to evolve our offerings to the industry's needs." To learn more about the new Veterinary Meeting & Expo, visit NAVC.com/VMX.

Vet school applications on the rise

Nearly 400 more college undergraduates - about a 6 percent increase - applied to veterinary schools in 2016 compared with the year before, according to the Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges and highlighted by *Veterinary Practice News*. A total of 7,071 undergraduates – 80 percent female – used the Veterinary Medical College Application Service (VMCAS) in 2016 to submit 34,116 applications. The comparable numbers from 2015 were 6,673 undergraduates and 30,567 applications.

Global pet care sales top \$100 billion

According to *Petfood Industry*, sales for all pet products and services totaled US\$103.5 billion globally in 2016, surpassing the US\$100 billion mark for the first time. That represented a 4.7 percent increase over 2015, a growth rate that stands out among other consumer packaged goods industries, said Jared Koerten, lead analyst for Euromonitor International. Among product categories, he singled out dry dog food as the largest globally, racking up nearly US\$30 billion in sales and growing 4.6 percent a year. It accounted for almost 40 percent of the US\$75.25 billion global pet food market.

Research: Availability of dogs in animal shelters at all-time low

According to Pet Business, the Pet Leadership Council (PLC) funded new research from the College of Veterinary Medicine for Mississippi State University (MSU) that says the availability of dogs in animal shelters is at an all-time low. The findings were shared at the North American Veterinary Community (NAVC) Conference. The study was developed to determine how many dogs are entering shelters and what happens to them after they do. It found that shelters take in 5.5 million dogs and 2.6 million are adopted. 969,000 are returned to their owner, 778,000 are transferred and 776,000 are euthanized. "When you consider that it's estimated as many as 20 million dogs were euthanized a year in the 1970s, it's truly astounding to see how effective the efforts of shelters and the responsible pet industry have proven, said Bob Vetere, PLC chairman. "We believe this new research demonstrating the progress we have made will inspire an increasingly strong demand for and focus on efforts to ensure responsible breeding and opportunity to meet the growing desire for dogs in our country."

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