

# Cattle handling workshop

## Low Stress Cattle Handling Workshop, February 8th

People's interaction with livestock can have either a negative or positive impact on animal health, performance, and subsequent handling ease. Cattle expressions Low Stress Cattle Handling Workshop will explain how to reduce stress on animals and their handlers during several critical points: cow-calf, backgrounding, stocker and feedlot operations.

This workshop, part of the Amazing Grazing Series of Educational Events, will be offered Feb. 8, 2014 at Ramada Hotel & Conference Center, 1616 W. Crawford St. in Salina, KS 785-823-1791.

Dr. Lynn Locatelli of Cattle Expressions is a student of renowned animal handling expert Bud Williams. Dr. Lynn began her veterinary career in Benkelman, Neb., after gradu-

ating from UC-Davis, and has 19 years of experience in both large animal veterinary practice and consultation. She educates many by private consultation and as a national and international speaker at veterinary seminars and cattleman's conferences. She resides in Watrous, New Mexico.

**Workshop Agenda**  
 8:30 Registration  
 9:00 Welcome  
 9:05 Understanding Cattle Behavior in Order to Modify Our Behavior and Effectively Communicate with Cattle  
 10:00 Bud Williams Low Stress Cattle Handling Concepts and Techniques for Cattle Movement  
 11:00 Managing Cattle Movement During Grazing  
 12:00 Lunch  
 1:00 Cow-Calf Production Event Management and Calf-Formative Behavior

2:00 Weaning, Acclimation and Transition Management  
 3:00 Processing and Shipping Facilities Design, Trouble Shooting and Effective Use  
 4:00 Wrap-Up, Questions, Evaluations

Everyone has a little different opinion about what low stress animal handling means. Plan to attend this Low Stress Cattle Handling session to learn cattle handling techniques that will improve cattle health, well being, performance, handler safety and profitability in your operation. Registration for the day is \$25 and can be done by going to [kansasgraziers.blogspot.com](http://kansasgraziers.blogspot.com). You can register online or download a registration form and mail it to the address given. For questions or folks with no email to register: Call Mary Howell at 785-562-8726.

# Save the hunt...



There was a great turn out for the Prairie Dog First Annual National Wild Turkey Federation hunting heritage banquet that was held last weekend at the Norton Eagles Club. Corey Roy, Lance Kinderknecht, Jerry Hawks and Gail Roy are all seen here as Lance auctions off tickets for a chance to win a new grill. After a meal catered by Big Belly Barbeque and served by the Norton FFA Chapter there were many items auctioned off, a raffle and guns given away. There were also two \$250 scholarships awarded and they went to Johnnye Ruder and Austin Hager.

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# Kansas loses ground in support for emergency patients

In the five categories that make up the 2014 American College of Emergency Physicians' (ACEP) state-by-state report card on America's emergency care environment ("Report Card"), Kansas received an A-, an F and three C's, signaling one success but many shortcomings in a state that ranked 8th in the nation just five years ago.

A strong medical workforce and relatively short wait times in our emergency departments are points of pride for Kansas, but we received a failing grade in the category of Quality and Patient Safety," said Dr. Jeffrey Norvell, president of the Kansas Chapter of ACEP. "Kansas needs to fund a state EMS medical director and expand the size of its emergency medicine residency program."

Kansas' best grade, an A- in the category of Medical Liability Environment, ranked it fourth in the nation. The state has enacted many reforms that discourage frivolous lawsuits, and its \$250,000 cap on non-economic damages was recently upheld by the state's Supreme Court.

For Public Health and Injury Prevention, Kansas received a C+. According to the Report Card, the state needs to put programs in place to address the high rates of traffic fatalities and

fatal occupational injuries. In addition, the state needs to dedicate funding for occupational injury prevention and enact a ban on hand-held cellphone use while driving.

Kansas received C-'s in both categories of Access to Emergency Care and Disaster Preparedness. The state has a solid health care workforce and an ample supply of emergency physicians, the direct result of the creation of its first emergency residency program. However, in order to improve, Kansas must expand the size of its residency program and address its high rates of uninsured and uninsured children.

The state improved on its previous disaster planning and has a strong infrastructure for a disaster or mass casualty event, but must increase the number of health care providers registered with the Emergency System for Advance Registration of Volunteer Health Professionals.

Kansas' F for Quality and Patient Safety Environment ranked it 44th in the nation. The grade was chiefly attributed to a lack of guidelines and protocols for its emergency medical services (EMS) system, which is particularly challenging for rural areas of the state. A state emergency medical services medical director also could oversee develop-

ment and implementation of field triage guidelines and destination policies for stroke, heart attack and trauma patients.

"America's Emergency Care Environment: A State-by-State Report Card - 2014" evaluates conditions under which emergency care is being delivered, not the quality of care provided by hospitals and emergency providers. It has 136 measures in five categories: access to emergency care (30 percent of the grade), quality and patient safety (20 percent), medical liability environment (20 percent), public health and injury prevention (15 percent) and disaster preparedness (15 percent). While America earned an overall mediocre grade of C- on the Report Card issued in 2009, this year the country received a near-failing grade of D+.

ACEP is the national medical specialty society representing emergency medicine. ACEP is committed to advancing emergency care through continuing education, research and public education. Headquartered in Dallas, Texas, ACEP has 53 chapters representing each state, as well as Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia. A Government Services Chapter represents emergency physicians employed by military branches and other government agencies.

# Veterinary medicine mobility act passed

Recently, the U.S. Senate delivered a victory for veterinarians and unanimously passed the Veterinary Medicine Mobility Act, which was introduced by U.S. Senators Jerry Moran (R-Kan.) and Angus King (I-Maine). Once passed by the U.S. House of Representatives, the bipartisan legislation will allow veterinarians to legally carry and dispense controlled substances to protect the health and welfare of the nation's animals, ensure public safety, and safeguard the nation's food supply. Companion legislation, H.R. 1528, was introduced in the House by veterinarians, Reps. Kurt Schrader (D-Ore.) and Ted Yoho (R-Fla.).

"The passage of the Veterinary Medicine Mobility Act is a step in the right direction for the licensed practitioners who help ensure public safety and care for animals in Kansas and across the country," Sen. Moran said. "By legalizing the trans-

portation and dispensation of controlled substances, this legislation makes certain veterinarians are equipped with the tools they need, and is particularly important for practitioners who work in rural areas, conduct research or respond to emergency situations."

"It is essential that veterinarians be able to transport the drugs they need to appropriately treat their patients," said Kansas State University Department of Clinical Sciences Professor Mike Apley, DVM, Ph.D. "This includes the transport and use of controlled substances to treat multiple species in situations that may not be anticipated prior to examining the patient. These situations include restraint, anesthesia, and humane euthanasia. It is apparent that legislation is urgently needed to enable creating the regulations which will allow this transport, and to avoid needless pain and suffering of veterinary patients as

well as safety concerns for the people handling these patients."

The legislation is endorsed by the American Veterinary Medical Association, which had this to say about its passage:

The 1970 Controlled Substances Act (CSA) stipulates that controlled substances must be stored and dispensed at the specific address veterinarians have on file with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). The DEA enforces the CSA and has informed organized veterinary medicine that without a statutory change, veterinarians are in violation and cannot legally provide complete veterinary care.

The practice of veterinary medicine requires veterinarians to treat patients in a variety of settings, including rural areas, "house calls" or mobile clinics, research and disease control activities, emergency response situations, and removal or transfer of dangerous wildlife.

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