Pre-Veterinary Medical Association

General Meeting

September 16, 2009

I. Guest Speaker, Deborah J. Briggs

 a. From the Center for Disease Control and Kansas State

b. Spoke about Rabies control and prevention

II. Rabies Statistics

a. Most common animal that carries rabies in the U.S. is the raccoon; it’s the dog in places such as Africa and Asia.

b. 3.3 million people live in dog infected areas in Africa, 83% live in rural areas where this occurs.

 c. 50% of the deaths are children

 d. 98% of these deaths in Africa and Asia are caused by dogs.

 e. By vaccinating the dogs we can eliminate rabies in people.

III. Education is Key

 a. We can change the World!!!

 b. A Anti-Rabies Clinic sees 150-200 new patients a day in other countries

c. Some people depend on their “Local Healers” for care and elimination of rabies

 i. They can use special herbs, bracelets, or even things such as a quarter.

d. Some places use faulty vaccines, such as “Sheep brain” to prevent rabies.

 i. Cheaper

e. Only two diagnostic labs in India and only a few in Europe

f. Need to promote responsible pet ownership

 i. Brochures and posters

 ii. Free Rabies Clinics

IV. Organizations Uniting for the cause

 a. Joined with S.A.V.M.A.( Students of American Veterinary Medical Association)

b. Veterinary colleges across the world joined for rabies day to help promote the idea of stopping this problem

 c. International Groups joined

 d. The global Veterinary associations joined

e. Groups such as the Humane Society, the World Health Organization, and even magazines joined.

f. This revitalizes the Rabies Control Programs and creates awareness throughout the world.

V. Other Business

 a. T-shirts still for sale

 i. New ones to come later

 b. Taking up Dues

 i. $15 dollars during the month of September; will increase to $20 after.

 c. World Rabies Day

 i. Holding a clinic on-campus

 ii.September 26, 2009 at Trask Parking Lot, 1pm to 3pm

 iii. 12:30 to help with setup