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What drew me to Veterinary Nephrology and Urology?

I was haunted by the death of a blocked cat that belonged to my best friend in Veterinary school. (I was an extern living in the Veterinary clinic and provided primary care to this cat) I wondered for a long time what we could have done differently to allow this cat to survive.

My first week as an intern I was asked to collect a 24-hour urinalysis from a dog. I had never heard of such a test and found the calculations of surrogates for GFR and fractional and quantitative excretion of electrolytes to be fascinating.

My mentor at AMC during my residency (Scotty - Richard Scott) was the king of fresh urinary sediment examinations. He taught me to value examining sediment within minutes of collection when possible and we identified elements in urine that were thought to not occur in animals -so that was exciting.

The influence of Dr. Carl Osborne was very high! The first journal article I read when I graduated from veterinary school was on "Pseudohypoparathyroidism in the Dog"- C.A. Osborne. From then on, I was hooked on all conditions related to hypercalcemia. The early giants in the field like Osborne, Lowe, Finco, Bovee, and Ling inspired me to see what quality of work and new knowledge could

be generated when focused in a narrow area of expertise. - Dennis J. Chew DVM, Dipl ACVM (Internal Medicine), Emeritus Professor

Awards/Recognition:

1996 Merck/AqVet Award for Creativity in Teaching - for innovative approaches to veterinary teaching

1999 Animal Medical Center Distinguished Alumnus Award

2010 Michigan State University Distinguished Alumnus Award

2020 Distinguished Alumni Award, The Ohio State University- presented May 7, 2021 pandemic delay

Textbooks:

Urinalysis in the Dog and Cat 1st Edition, by Dennis J. Chew, Patricia A. Schenck

Canine and Feline Nephrology and Urology, by Dennis J. Chew DVM DACVM, Stephen P. DiBartola DVM DACVM

Interpretation of Canine and Feline Urinalysis (Nestle PURINA Clinical Handbook Series), by Dennis J. Chew and Stephen P. DiBartola

Manual of small animal nephrology and urology, by Dennis J. Chew and Stephen P. DiBartola