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What drew me to Veterinary Nephrology and Urology?

In veterinary school at UC Davis in the early 1970's, I was troubled by how the kidney's role in acid base balance (specifically the reabsorption of bicarbonate) was explained to us and by my failure to understand exactly what was meant by the comment, made by one of our favorite instructors, that lactated Ringer's solution was alkalinizing because the "lactate was converted to bicarbonate." It took me years to finally understand what actually was behind those processes. However, what really drew me to nephrology was meeting Dr. Dennis Chew when I arrived as a medicine resident at Ohio State University in 1977. I was drawn to his infectious enthusiasm for the subject and we soon began collaborating on clinical studies. We wrote many papers together and taught the urinary system to veterinary students at OSU for more than 30 years. - Stephen P. DiBartola, DVM, Diplomate ACVM

Professional Career:

DVM degree from the University of California, Davis in 1976

Internship in Small Animal Medicine and Surgery at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York in June 1977

Residency in Small Animal Medicine at the Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine from July 1977 - July 1979

Assistant Professor of Medicine at the College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Illinois from July 1979 - August 1981

Assistant Professor of Medicine Department of Veterinary Clinical Sciences at the Ohio State University August 1981-1985; promoted to Associate Professor in 1985; Professor in 1990

Awards/Recognitions:

Emeritus Professor of Medicine at Ohio State University's College of Veterinary Medicine

1988 Norden Distinguished Teaching Award in 1988

2014 Zoetis Distinguished Teaching Award

Textbooks:

Fluid Therapy in Small Animal Practice is in its fourth edition (2012)

Journal of Veterinary Internal Medicine, Coeditor-in-chief 1997-present