

Take Home 100 Years of History



Celebrating 100 Years of Compassionate Care, a new book released by the Kentucky Veterinary Medical Association, is now available for online purchase. Its 120 pages are filled with facts, figures and photos that will hold your interest from beginning to end. Covering topics from the origins of the association to the future of veterinary medicine and the one-health movement, the book is both a chronicle of yesteryear and a prompt for discussions of tomorrow.

This entertaining volume captures the practice and the spirit of veterinary medicine in Kentucky from its earliest beginnings to 2011 and beyond. And snippets of veterinary “advice” from the early 20th century sprinkled liberally throughout the book provide a delightful peek into the past. For example, did you know . . .

- UK once had a veterinary school, but only one veterinarian was ever graduated?
- Frank Eisenman, the KVMA’s first president, was also Kentucky’s first State Veterinarian?
- The KVMA Auxiliary, which was formed in 1947, prepared, presented and adopted its constitution in a single day?

You’ll find the stories behind these and hundreds of other “fascinating facts.” And in the section called *Tales From How It Used To Be*, you can read firsthand accounts—some hilarious, some touching, all entertaining—from the lives of some of the KVMA’s most seasoned practitioners.

We’ve also produced a commemorative CD entitled *Voices of Kentucky Veterinarians*. In this compilation of oral histories, Kentucky veterinarians young and old recount why they wanted to become vets, what it was like to go to vet school, their memories of practice, and what has changed in the profession over the years. This 55-minute-long, professionally produced narrative is a priceless testimony to the greatest profession in the world practiced in the most beautiful state in the union. The vets who tell their stories in the book are not the same folks who tell their stories on the CD, so you’ll want to own both to enjoy the full flavor of the Kentucky veterinary experience. *100 Years of Compassionate Care* is available for \$35 and *Voices of Kentucky Veterinarians* for \$15. Each can be purchased separately or they are available as a package for \$42.50.

Consider reserving your copy today, and while you’re at it, you might think about reserving a second copy to donate to your local library and/or historical society.