

Developing a Preservation Plan for Veterinary House Organs

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Purpose and Setting:

In a previous study done by this author, it was found that there was a need to identify and create a list of veterinary house organs, specifically those published by veterinary pharmaceutical companies. Several of the journals were substantive and contained much valuable information on the development of veterinary medicine in the U.S. and Canada. These journals were not indexed by any indexing service and are essentially an untapped resource for veterinary historians. Some titles are widely held and some are not recorded as being held by any library. It is important they be identified and preserved.

Objective:

To identify and create a list of veterinary house organs, specifically those published by veterinary pharmaceutical companies to be used for digitizing and preserving them.

Methods/Process:

This project will develop the methodology for identifying the journals and the number of holding libraries. Holdings will then be examined to see if complete sets can be put together. The information, once gathered, can then be used as a basis for prioritizing which journals are in urgent need of being preserved first and for securing grant monies for digitization. Digitizing the journal would not only preserve them but with using Optical Character Recognition (OCR) the content would be easily findable and accessible.

Outcomes/Conclusions:

Results and conclusions will be presented at the conference.