

Great veterinary leaders fall. And know how to get back up.



Leaders in veterinary practices are living in those places where mistakes are part of every day. It's what they do immediately after they screw up that separates them from others.

Here are three things that leaders do to make sure that while they might have a bad day today, they won't have a second one tomorrow.

They have a “get back up” mechanism.

Whenever veterinary leaders get off track, they have a reliable method of getting back on. The key is that they recognize they are in the ditch and are determined not to stay there very long. So, they immediately change their environment and do something that shakes them out of their current pattern.

They refocus on the goal.

This is the biggest reason that great leaders, and those who aspire to become great at anything have a goal. The goal has to be clear, compelling, and something they are willing to work hard for. When a great leader gets off track, it's time to refocus on the goal.

They surround themselves with people who push.

Great veterinary leaders look for people who will help them get back on their feet, fast. That's rarely comfortable. In the moment, it's easy to wish they would just let us lie there. But after leaders stand back up and move forward, they know they need a push. So, they seek out those who are willing to push them.

