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## May the Force be with You

*Lydia F. Gray, DVM, MA – ISVMA President, Board of Directors*

My year as President of the ISVMA ended November 2010 at the ISVMA Annual Meeting, and generally at this time the outgoing leadership proudly relates everything that was achieved during their tenure. Sure, sure, a lot was accomplished in 2010, including a successful Heartland Veterinary Conference, a strategic planning session, and passage of phase one of our Veterinary Practice Act. But there is still a lot that needs to be done.

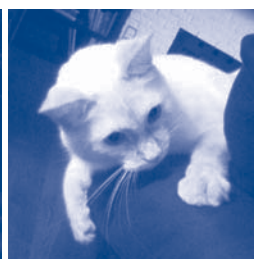
The new volunteer leadership team will need to outline the specific tactics necessary to meet the goals of our ambitious strategic plan, pass phase two of vital changes to our Veterinary Practice Act, and further delineate the role of certified veterinary technicians in our state as they approach membership levels that earn them a voting seat on the board of directors. All this as we continue to work with our seven regions to avoid redundancy in providing member benefits, explore the possibility of reviving a mentorship program and strive to appoint active committees with focused charges that advance the goals of the association. Whew, I'm ready for that Past President's pin!

While I will remain on the board of directors and Executive Committee for one more year—and serve as Chair of the Nominations and Awards Committee—I leave you in the capable hands of incoming President Dr. Mike Thomas, who has already gotten started on many of these important initiatives. So with my presidency coming to a close, what will I do with that “extra” time? I plan to get to know the newest addition to our family: Lando Catrissian.

I want to take this opportunity to thank of all you who wrote, emailed, called and stopped me at Convention to tell me you were touched by my last President's Message (“Frog Kitty 1992-2010”). Losing my little buddy last spring after 18 years of companionship was difficult for both Todd and me. But we wanted to give another cat a home.

“Snuggles” as he was known at the shelter, is a five-year-old male neutered cat that was originally adopted from Naperville Area Humane Society as a kitten then returned to them when someone in the family developed an allergy. He had been at NAHS 30 days before we showed up. He was a lot bigger than my previous cat, but seemed equally laid back, as he slowly came out of his cage to greet us and stretched languorously. Little did we know this was all an act. Once we got him home, this yellow cat with orange ears, legs and tail would become loud, energetic, demanding and moody, with huge upswings and huge downswings.

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## Public Act 096-1322

### 2010 Changes to the Veterinary

### Medicine and Surgery Practice Act

Peter S. Weber, MS, CAE – Executive Director

During 2010 Legislative Session, the ISVMA drafted a comprehensive amendment to the Veterinary Medicine and Surgery Practice Act (House Bill 5377), and it unanimously passed both the Illinois House of Representatives and the Illinois State Senate. Governor Quinn's signature turned the amended language into law as of July 27, 2010.

A summary of the changes to the Practice Act has been created. It is included in this issue as an insert (beginning page 12). This document can also be accessed on the ISVMA website ([www.isvma.org](http://www.isvma.org)) by clicking on the Legislation button.



## The More Things Change...

Brenda Weber, Managing Editor

...the more they stay, the same? I write this as we attempt to wrap up post convention details and jump ahead into the next projects of the association. This issue of the *EPITOME* notes some significant changes. Here's what is different.

**Change #1** The most significant change isn't one that may be obvious to members, but one that has had a big impact on our little office family at 1121 Chatham Road. Janet Davis, our beloved Finance Manager, passed away unexpectedly on June 22 when she died of cardiopulmonary complications related to profound scoliosis. Janet joined the ISVMA in 2003 at the request of Peter Weber, coming to work the week after Peter began his responsibilities as the Executive Director. Janet's partnership with Peter spanned a total of 19 years as either his co-worker or employee.

As the ISVMA's Finance Manager, she handled not only the fiscal duties of running the ISVMA, she was our office generalist who knew the ebb and flow of association work. To say she is missed is like saying a tornado is only a wind storm. Our beloved "bookkeeper," as she would often refer to herself, kept all of us smiling and on our toes. We very much miss her presence, her knowledge, her spunky attitude and her ability to keep us grounded when we needed a dose of "can do" attitude.

**Change #2** Taking over Janet's responsibilities is Tracy Scaduto. Tracy joined the ISVMA in 2009, and had been mentored by Janet in anticipation of potential job-sharing to allow Janet to semi-retire in 2010. Tracy has readily stepped in to handle the financial business of the ISVMA; and, although no one can fill Janet's shoes, Tracy has been doing a terrific job and has hit the ground in her own pair of running shoes. She is in the office Tuesday through Thursday weekly.

**Change #3** If you have been in touch with either Peter or myself since St. Patrick's day of 2010, you have been aware of Peter's ongoing battle with debilitating back pain. On March 19, 2010, Peter had a two level spinal fusion from L4 to S1 that successfully addressed one aspect of his pain. After nine weeks of healing, the surgeon conducted tests and determined that the debilitating sciatic pain keeping Peter flat on his back



*Shown above is Janet Davis with her daughter Alicia Davis. Each year since 2004, this dynamic duo worked the registration desk to take care of Convention attendees. This picture was from the ISVMA's 2008 Annual Convention.*

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## 50 Year Members Announced

The Illinois State Veterinary Medical Association wishes to extend congratulations to the following members on their 50th anniversary of graduation from veterinary college.

In honor of this milestone, and in appreciation of their participation as a life member of the ISVMA, each new "50 Year Member" has been given a commemorative pin and was honored at the Annual Convention.

Congratulations!

Dr. David M. Carlson  
Greenfield IL; KSU '60  
Dr. Samuel E. Clem Jr  
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## Force

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Yes, you guessed it, he's a flame-point Siamese (hey, I'm a horse person; I don't know anything about cat breeds). Fortunately he's also very intelligent, and we're having a blast watching him figure out his food puzzle, buying him complicated cat toys, and clicker training him (yes, cats CAN jump through hoops).

While we had no intentions of replacing Frog, neither did we deliberately intend to get his polar opposite. What we did intend to do, however, was to maintain the "wholeness" in our family. Not to forget or replace the things that Frog brought to us, but to keep our family dynamic in balance. It's also the objective adopted by the ISVMA Executive Committee and Board of Directors each year at Convention when the faces of the board change. Our purpose is to keep the family dynamic and continue to help our Association flourish. It's been my honor to be your leader the past year, and may the Force be with all of you.

P.S. If you haven't figured out the source of his name already, just know that Todd and I are huge Star Wars fans.

## Change

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would require a second procedure. September 20, 2010, he underwent a foramenotomy and laminectomy to burr out invasive bone and clear scar tissue with outstanding results. Other than surgical pain, and weakness from being flat on his back for 10 months, Peter went without his constant companion (pain in his torso, back and legs).

If you are like many who have asked, "What?" followed by "I had no idea" then you have probably not seen much decline in his work product. That's because Peter has an indomitable spirit, a passionate belief in his service to the veterinary community, remote access to the ISVMA server so he could continue to work from home while flat on his back, and a wife who attempted to care for him and juggle her job at the same time!

**Change #4** As with other businesses that operate with a husband/wife team, Peter's debilitating back issues and subsequent surgeries, have meant that my duties as caregiver increased dramatically while my ability to work extra hours at the ISVMA decreased. Of all the responsibilities that are mine alone, the most obvious job that has suffered from my reduced time in the office has been the newsletter. So, for a variety of reasons (which include, but are not limited to, conserving resources and reducing staff time), the Fall issue, Vol. XLVIX, No. 1, began the transition of the *EPITOME* moving from a bi-monthly publication to one produced quarterly. Formatting will remain at our standard 28 pages, and may include special pull-out inserts. The publication calendar revolves around Convention and the ISVMA's fiscal year.

### **EPITOME Publication Schedule**

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Pre-Convention, No. 2	(Sept. 1)	Second Week of October
Winter, No. 3	(Dec. 1)	Second Week of January
Spring, No. 4	(March 1)	Second Week of April

**Change #5** Wasn't really a change, rather a product of circumstance that was not part of the office routine. For many days throughout 2010, there was only one person in the office. Holding down the fort while all this was going on was Jill Blanton. Thank goodness for her presence and the continuity her work provided during this time of Janet's death, Tracy's transition to bookkeeper, waiting for Peter's return from surgery and my own (Brenda's) erratic office hours. She has had to juggle much, and without her able assistance the association would be in very rough shape. Thank you Jill!

**And so it continues...** Some changes. Same great leadership. Same service-oriented staff. Different yet the same, for you, the members of the ISVMA. We look forward to what the future brings to us all.

## ISVMA Recognizes Newest Life Members

In honor of their contribution to the profession, and in appreciation of many dedicated years of participation, the Illinois State Veterinary Medical Association awarded each new "Life Member" a commemorative pin and were recognized at the Annual Convention.

The following members have earned the recognition of being an ISVMA "Life Member." Congratulations!

Dr. William L Augustine, Malta IL; ILL '75  
Dr. Lawrence M Fox, River Grove IL; ILL '68  
Dr. Ronald E Gill, West Salem IL; ILL '75  
Dr. Ronald J Goeckner, Normal IL; ILL '75  
Dr. Louis A Herrin, Bloomington IL; ILL '73  
Dr. Charles H Hoffer, E Dundee IL; ILL '75  
Dr. Mark E Hudson, Springfield IL; ILL '75  
Dr. Ludwick G Janda, Cicero IL; ILL '75

Dr. Richard F Kilburn, Naperville IL; ISU '68  
Dr. Myron W Koch, Quincy IL; ILL '75  
Dr. James E Pastrovich, Litchfield IL; ILL '75  
Dr. James M Schofield, Bensenville IL; ILL '75  
Dr. Gregory L Schroeder, Peru IL; ILL '72  
Dr. Daniel R Volz, Frankfort IL; PUR '68  
Dr. Roger L Yates, Elgin IL; ILL '75

### Qualifications of Life Membership

According to the ISVMA Constitution, Life Membership is established to recognize commitment to organized veterinary medicine through membership in the ISVMA. Qualifications and dues are established by the Board of Directors, with life members retaining all the rights and privileges of Professional Members.

As established in the Board Policies, "Any member who has completed 35 continuous years as a Professional member of the association is eligible for Life Membership. Up to 10 years credit may be granted for membership in associations of other States, provided that the most recent 25 years were in the ISVMA." Additionally, "Any member that has reached 65 years of age, has retired, and has been a Professional member of the association continuously since graduation from veterinary college, and has been out of veterinary college for a minimum of 25 years, is also eligible for Life Membership."

Life Membership is granted whether an ISVMA member is actively practicing or retired. Those who have not retired are expected to pay annual dues; however those who are retired, i.e. who have ceased all regular employment in veterinary medicine, may request a waiver of their dues upon written request to the executive director. The request shall be presented to the Board of Directors for acceptance. Once granted, and if the Life Member returns to active employment status, he/she will be required to pay dues as an Active member until retirement status is resumed.

## THE ISVMA LIFE MEMBER PLAQUE

The ISVMA and Spinner Plastics have made available a stunning ISVMA Life Members plaque to commemorate the significant milestone reached as a 35 year or more continuous supporter of their state association. This plaque features the ISVMA logo engraved in gold on a blue marbled plate and is mounted on an 8" x 10.5" solid wood back, along with the following proclamation:

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## Overlooked Small-Business Tax Deductions: 5 Things You Need to Know

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There are opportunities — as well as traps — that can cost you valuable tax write-offs if you don't know what to look for. Don't miss out on often-overlooked small-business deductions like new tax deductions (follow @irsnews on Twitter for new law developments as they occur), obscure tax breaks (the list of deductible business expenses is in IRS Publication 535, Business Expenses), as well as tax deductions VS tax credits.

For her top five overlooked small-business tax deductions, read Barbara Weltman's "5 Things You Need to Know," article where she points out business expenses and how to find the deductions that will save you even more money.

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## Veterinary Technicians Offer Unique Perspective

*Ashley Mitek, University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine*

From running blood work, to restraining that nippy miniature poodle, veterinary technicians do it all. "On any given day you could be the receptionist, grief counselor, dental hygienist, and the list just goes on," says Alyssa Galligan, the head veterinary technician for the emergency and critical care units at the Veterinary Teaching Hospital at the University of Illinois in Urbana.

The United States Department of Labor estimates that in 2006 there were 71,000 licensed veterinary technicians in the country. While the majority of them act as the "jack of all trades" at small animal clinics across the country, the role of a veterinary technician at the university level is a bit more specific.

"In the university setting we are all very specialized," explains Galligan. "We are not always the receptionist and we can focus solely on providing nursing care for our patients, as well as teach students," she goes on to mention.

From a young age Galligan knew she wanted to spend her life working with animals. She enrolled in the Parkland College veterinary technician program and then took a job at the Veterinary Teaching Hospital. She enjoyed the fast pace and adrenalin rush of working in the emergency room, so she decided to specialize in that side of veterinary medicine.

She now oversees 13 veterinary technicians and makes sure the emergency and critical care units at the Veterinary Teaching Hospital run smoothly on a day-to-day basis. "The big payoff in working as a technician here is being able to help a patient go home with its family again," she notes.

While humans may flock to a celebrity walking down the block, Galligan is a celebrity in the pet world. She frequently has previous furry four-legged patients run up to her on the street when they see her out and about. "It really is rewarding to see that they remember that I took care of them," she explains.

The university setting for veterinary technicians is not just unique in the sense that the technicians specialize in departments ranging from oncology to dermatology, but they also frequently see a wider range in patients from a species standpoint. Connie Arnold has been a veterinary technician at the Veterinary Teaching Hospital for 25 years. Her patients are usually slightly bigger than that five-pound Chihuahua, or even that 120-pound Great Dane. In reality, her patients can vary from barely a pound to over 2,000.

"I grew up on a farm and I just really enjoy working with cattle," she explains of her decision to work with large animals, "I like the challenge." From foot trims to dehorning, to maintaining a sick dairy cow's IV fluids in the ICU, Arnold has all the bases covered.

The spring brings an exciting, but busy, few months for Arnold who helps teach the veterinary students on cesarean-sections and how to deliver farm animal neonates. "It's rare that I have a day that I don't want to come to work," says Arnold.

If you would like more information on veterinary technicians or becoming certified, visit the National Association for Veterinary Technicians Web site at [www.navta.net](http://www.navta.net).

*An archive of Pet Columns from the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine is available online at [www.vetmed.illinois.edu/petcolumns/](http://www.vetmed.illinois.edu/petcolumns/). Requests for reprints of this article may be directed to Mandy Barth, [mandyb@illinois.edu](mailto:mandyb@illinois.edu).*



## News and Notes

### Phosphine Gas Exposure

Veterinary personnel in Michigan last spring, became ill during the treatment of dogs who had ingested zinc phosphide rodenticide pellets. Zinc phosphide, as well as aluminum phosphide, are common components in commercial rodenticides and industrial insecticides. Both release phosphine gas, which is highly toxic to both animals and people. Animals are exposed to the gas upon eating the product(s). Veterinary personnel are exposed when the gas is released by the animal during examination and/or treatment.

Suggestions for veterinarians, and pet owners, on how to avoid being sickened by the phosphine gas are posted on the AVMA website. Go to [www.avma.org/public\\_health/phosphine\\_gas/default.asp](http://www.avma.org/public_health/phosphine_gas/default.asp) for a complete listing of the clinical signs of phosphine poisoning in animals, symptoms of phosphine intoxication in people, guidelines for veterinarians when treating a suspected case of phosphine poisoning, as well as guidelines for pet owners.

### Zoonotic Disease Cards Are Lifesavers — Get Yours Free!

For years, American Humane has distributed Occupational Exposure Advisory cards to attendees at their professional trainings. These wallet-size cards advise physicians and hospital staff that the card's carrier has a risk of exposure to certain zoonotic diseases that are not considered routinely in the differential diagnosis of infectious diseases. If a shelter professional falls ill to one of the 14 serious infections listed, showing one of these cards to a physician can literally be a lifesaver.

In Richmond, Ind., a shelter employee recently went to the emergency room, where her illness remained a mystery — until her husband showed the zoonotic disease advisory card to hospital staff. The employee was diagnosed with tularemia, or “rabbit fever,” that night and was subsequently treated.

**American Humane offers Occupational Exposure Advisory cards at no charge to all shelter professionals.** To request yours, email [denaf@americanhumane.org](mailto:denaf@americanhumane.org) or call (303) 925-9453.

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### Research and Development: Transdermal Insulin Delivery System

Phosphagenics Limited, an Australia-based pharmaceutical company, on March 31, 2010, announced the signing of a global agreement with Novartis Animal Health to develop their patented transdermal (TPM) insulin delivery system for the treatment of diabetes in companion animals.

Specific terms of the agreement are not being disclosed. Novartis will pay the costs of developing the insulin product, and should it elect to pursue the formulations resulting from the collaboration, Phosphagenics will receive an initial payment, milestone payments and royalties.

### What Makes A Big Cat Curious?

How do zookeepers keep confined animals curious? What scents will bring a big cat running? How about Calvin Klein's 'Obsession for Men'?

According to an article in the Wall Street Journal, it is a long standing practice to spray perfumes and colognes on rocks, trees and toys. Pat Thomas, the general curator for the Wildlife Conservation Society's Bronx Zoo in New York, conducted his own study in 2003 to see how long it took two cheetahs to notice scent and how much time they spent interacting with it. The big winner was Obsession for Men with a time of 11.1 minutes.

The findings of Mr. Thomas' study have been utilized widely since then, not just in zoos, but in the field as well to study wildlife. The Wildlife Conservation Society's Jaguar Conservation Program has benefitted greatly from this research. The reclusive habits of the jaguar had made them difficult to study. Since incorporating the use of the cologne, researchers have had three times the previous average interactions with the jungle cats.

To read the full article, “Big Cats Obsess Over Calvin Klein's 'Obsession for Men,’” visit The Wall Street Journal online at <http://online.wsj.com>.



## Our Alumni Make 'Brilliant Futures' Possible

*Herb Whiteley, DVM - Dean, University of Illinois - College of Veterinary Medicine*

Have you ever wished you could do your veterinary studies over again?

Whether they've been in practice 5, 15, or 45 years, time and again alumni who visit our new Clinical Skills Learning Center tell us they are so excited about this facility, and other elements in our new Illinois Integrated Veterinary Professional Curriculum, that they want to return as students.

While we appreciate their enthusiasm, I'd like to suggest another way to participate in this exciting venture: financial support for the current and future students who are educated here.

Last October, veterinary medicine held the spotlight at the annual meeting of the University of Illinois Foundation. Our Clinical Skills Learning Center was featured in the showcase of notable activity on campus over the past year, and donors attending the meeting were invited for a tour.

In addition, four bequests to our college, totaling over \$4 million, were announced. These gifts will benefit students and programs here and, as the campaign theme promises, ensure "Brilliant Futures" for veterinary medicine on this campus.

One of these gifts was from an alumnus, Dr. Sheldon Rubin (DVM IL '68), and his wife, Paulette Rubin, long-time supporters of the veterinary profession and our college. Their estate gift will establish the Sheldon B. and Paulette Rubin Endowed Professorship in Veterinary Leadership and Communication as well as endow a seminar series at the college. Dr. Rubin recently retired after 40 years of practice at Blum Animal Hospital in Chicago.



We are deeply grateful to the Rubins for their generosity and commitment to veterinary education.

Two other gifts announced at the meeting came to us from animal owners whose veterinarians are our alumni:

- Dr. Dwight Boehm (DVM IL '87) and Dr. Liz Vollmer (DVM OH '84), who own the Waterloo (Ill.) Animal Hospital, have built a strong relationship with Lou Mund, a successful business and land owner from East Carondelet, Ill. He created the Louis I. Mund Endowment for Veterinary Medicine to support cattle research.
- Dr. Joseph Busch (DVM IL '79) and Dr. Kurt Klepitsch (DVM IL '88), owners of the Gateway Veterinary Clinic in St. Charles, served as our connection to donors Bob and Jeanie Gernon, who are deeply devoted to their large-breed dogs and to wildlife. Their gift will support companion animal research and emergency medicine.

Also recognized was a gift from Len Lewicki, a lawyer in Sequim, Wash., with two degrees from the University of Illinois. His gift in support of our Veterinary Teaching Hospital and the Chicago Center for Veterinary Medicine honors his beloved dog, Harley, and the many other animals he has owned.

All these gifts are investments in the future. Through scholarships for students, endowed faculty positions, and support of the fund for our Clinical Skills Learning Center, you can become a part of veterinary education again.

If you'd like to discuss making a gift or connecting us with a client who has an interest in honoring your service with a gift to us, please give Brenda Betts a call at 217-333-5545. You can contact me at [dean@vetmed.illinois.edu](mailto:dean@vetmed.illinois.edu).



## Pfizer Animal Health Awards Scholarships to Veterinary Students

***As part of \$2 million, multi-year initiative, Pfizer partners with American Veterinary Medical Foundation to help decrease debt burden***

Pfizer Animal Health announced in May 2010 the names of the first recipients of a new national scholarship program for U.S. veterinary students. Nine students from the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine received this notable award.

The initiative, designed to support the future of the veterinary profession, will provide up to \$2 million in scholarships over its first three years. Administered in partnership with the American Veterinary Medical Foundation (AVMF), the program is an opportunity for Pfizer Animal Health to further demonstrate its support of veterinary education, as well as its commitment to encouraging more students to focus on food-animal practice and increasing diversity in the profession.

In the initial year of the program, Pfizer Animal Health awarded 222 second- and third-year U.S. veterinary students with a total of \$555,000 in scholarships. Scholarship recipients, who hail from 28 U.S. veterinary schools accredited through the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA), are from diverse backgrounds, ages, genders, physical disability and ethnicity. Although open to all students, 18 percent represent students from diverse backgrounds, and two-thirds are studying to practice food-animal veterinary medicine.

Scholarship recipients were selected based on several criteria, including academic excellence, leadership, diversity and potential for contributing to food-animal or food-safety veterinary medicine, each received \$2,500.

"Rising debt, insufficient diversity and fewer practicing or skilled food-animal veterinarians in rural America are serious challenges to the veterinary profession," said Michael McFarland, DVM, Group Director, Veterinary Medical Services & Corporate Citizenship, for Pfizer Animal Health. "As a market leader, we have a responsibility and an obligation to help support the future of the veterinary profession."

The scholarship program is part of a broader commitment from Pfizer Animal Health to support the future of the veterinary industry—including scholarships, training and education, and research and development.

"This scholarship program is a huge investment in the future of veterinary medicine," says AVMF Executive Director Michael Cathey. "Pfizer has recognized the gaps and has set out to proactively and generously help address them."

The U.S. Department of Agriculture currently projects a shortage of 600 veterinarians and anticipates demand for food-animal veterinarians will increase 12 to 13 percent by 2016. Over the last few years, about 2,600 veterinarians graduate annually from U.S. veterinary schools. The average debt a veterinary student incurs by graduation is approximately \$120,000.

The Pfizer Animal Health Veterinary Student Scholarship Program complements a number of other Pfizer Animal Health programs supporting the veterinary profession, including more than \$15 million invested last year in universities, industry education and training, scholarships, and allied organizations.

"As the global leader in animal health, we're proud to take the lead in strengthening the long-term viability of the veterinary profession," said Clint Lewis, President of U.S. Operations for Pfizer Animal Health. "The magnitude of this initiative underscores our level of commitment and dedication to supporting veterinarians, their practices and their profession."

### **Congratulations to the following ISVMA Student Members, recipients of the 2010 Pfizer Animal Health Awards Scholarship.**

Daniel Borsdorf  
Jacqueline Mann  
Thomas Maske  
Zachary Neumann  
Cassandra Peterson  
Adam Schelkopf  
Canaan Shores  
Drew Sullivan  
Ilse Williams



The University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine offers a Web-based continuing education program specifically developed for busy veterinarians. Veterinary Education Online (VEO) delivers professionally developed university-level courseware in an interactive environment.

Course modules are designed to enhance knowledge and increase clinical skills as well as provide continuing education credit. Modules offered are in:

- ♦ Pain Management
- ♦ Ophthalmology
- ♦ Clinical Small Animal Dentistry
- ♦ Diagnostic Imaging
- ♦ Cytology
- ♦ Parasitology
- ♦ Emerging Diseases

The Office of Public Engagement will grant continuing education credit upon successful completion of courseware assessment, ranging in earned hours of 0.5 to 3 hours per module.

The cost is just a fraction of typical CE courses, can be taken at any time and at your own pace. Visit the VEO homepage at [www.cvm.uiuc.edu/veo/](http://www.cvm.uiuc.edu/veo/) or call the Office of Public Engagement at 217/333-2907.

## Public Act 096-1322

### A Summary of Changes in the Law: the Veterinary Medicine and Surgery Practice Act

December 2010



The following EXCERPTED language of PA 096-1322 pertaining to veterinary medicine can be found in the Illinois Compiled Statutes (ILCS) Chapter 225 (Professions and Occupations) Section 115 (Veterinary Medicine and Surgery Practice Act). The Legislative Reference Bureau maintains a database of the Illinois Compiled Statutes. The following language highlights only those subsections that changed with HB 3577. To access the entire Veterinary Medicine and Surgery Practice Act, go to [www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs.asp](http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs.asp). Click on the link for Chapter 225, then open Section 115.

#### IN SUMMARY

##### **PREAMBLE (225 ILCS 115/1)**

*The preamble has been modified for clarity. There are no known policy changes as a result.*

##### **DEFINITIONS (225 ILCS 115/3)**

*This definition has been separated from the existing definition of Certified Veterinary Technician. It also adds that programs recognized by the American Veterinary Medical Association's (AVMA) Committee on Veterinary Technician Education and Activities are recognized as equivalent to AVMA accredited programs.*

*This definition is necessary to provide title protection for validly licensed CVTs only.*

*This definition is updated to remain consistent with the AVMA Model Practice Act.*

*Clarifies that direct supervision (one of three levels of supervision proposed in the amendment) requires the supervising veterinarian to be readily available on the premises.*

#### CURRENT LANGUAGE OF THE LAW

**Sec. 1.** The practice of veterinary medicine in the State of Illinois is declared to promote the public health, safety, and welfare by ensuring the delivery of competent veterinary medical care and is subject to State regulation and control in the public interest. It is further declared to be a matter of public interest and concern that the practice of veterinary medicine is a privilege conferred by legislative grant only to persons possessed of the professional qualifications specified in this Act.

**Sec. 3.** (NEW TO THE PRACTICE ACT) "Accredited program in veterinary technology" means any post secondary educational program that is accredited by the AVMA's Committee on Veterinary Technician Education and Activities or any veterinary technician program that is recognized as its equivalent by the AVMA's Committee on Veterinary Technician Education and Activities.

"Certified veterinary technician" means a person who is validly and currently licensed to practice veterinary technology in this State.

"Complementary, alternative, and integrative therapies" means a heterogeneous group of diagnostic and therapeutic philosophies and practices, which at the time they are performed may differ from current scientific knowledge, or whose theoretical basis and techniques may diverge from veterinary medicine routinely taught in accredited veterinary medical colleges, or both. "Complementary, alternative, and integrative therapies" include, but are not limited to, veterinary acupuncture, acuthery, and acupressure; veterinary homeopathy; veterinary manual or manipulative therapy or therapy based on techniques practiced in osteopathy, chiropractic medicine, or physical medicine and therapy; veterinary nutraceutical therapy; veterinary phytotherapy; and other therapies as defined by rule.

"Direct supervision" means the supervising veterinarian is readily available on the premises where the animal is being treated.

**IN SUMMARY****DEFINITIONS (225 ILCS 115/3) cont'd**

*Adds an additional level of supervision – would become the most restrictive (current levels of supervision only include direct and indirect).*

*This definition is re-formatted and updated to be more consistent with the AVMA Model Practice Act. The only policy change is that the definition now specifically includes a prohibition against offering telephonic or other electronic advice for reproductive management including diagnosis or treatment of pregnancy, sterility or infertility.*

*This definition has been updated to clarify that a Veterinarian-client-patient relationship (VCPR) requires that all conditions in the definition have been met.*

*It also provides for a veterinarian to allow an associate, emergency veterinarian, or colleague to provide appropriate follow-up care to an animal patient if the veterinarian with the VCPR is unavailable (e.g. vacation, illness, etc.).*

*For instance, a veterinarian sees a patient and prescribes medicine as part of its treatment regimen. The veterinarian then leaves on vacation. The veterinarian may designate an*  
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**CURRENT LANGUAGE OF THE LAW****Sec. 3. cont'd**

(NEW LANGUAGE TO THE PRACTICE ACT) “Immediate supervision” means the supervising veterinarian is in the immediate area, within audible and visual range of the animal patient and the person treating the patient.

(NEW LANGUAGE TO THE PRACTICE ACT) “Licensed veterinarian” means a person who is validly and currently licensed to practice veterinary medicine in this State.

“Practice of veterinary medicine” means to diagnose, prognose, treat, correct, change, alleviate, or prevent animal disease, illness, pain, deformity, defect, injury, or other physical, dental, or mental conditions by any method or mode; including the performance of one or more of the following:

- (1) Prescribing, dispensing, administering, applying, or ordering the administration of any drug, medicine, biologic, apparatus, anesthetic, or other therapeutic or diagnostic substance, or medical or surgical technique.
- (2) (Blank)
- (3) Performing upon an animal a surgical or dental operation.
- (3.5) (NEW LANGUAGE TO THE PRACTICE ACT) Performing upon an animal complementary, alternative, or integrative therapy.
- (4) Performing upon an animal any manual or mechanical procedure for reproductive management, including the diagnosis or treatment of pregnancy, sterility, or infertility.
- (4.5) The rendering of advice or recommendation by any means, including telephonic and other electronic communications, with regard to the performing upon an animal any manual or mechanical procedure for reproductive management, including the diagnosis or treatment of pregnancy, sterility, or infertility.
- (5) Determining the health and fitness of an animal.
- (6) Representing oneself, directly or indirectly, as engaging in the practice of veterinary medicine.
- (7) Using any word, letters, or title under such circumstances as to induce the belief that the person using them is qualified to engage in the practice of veterinary medicine or any of its branches. Such use shall be prima facie evidence of the intention to represent oneself as engaging in the practice of veterinary medicine.

“Veterinarian client patient relationship” means that all of the following conditions have been met:

- (1) The veterinarian has assumed the responsibility for making clinical judgments regarding the health of an animal and the need for medical treatment and the client, owner, or other caretaker has agreed to follow the instructions of the veterinarian;
- (2) There is sufficient knowledge of an animal by the veterinarian to initiate at least a general or preliminary diagnosis of the medical condition of the animal. This means that the veterinarian has recently seen and is personally acquainted with the keeping and care of the animal by virtue of an examination of the animal or by medically appropriate and timely visits to the premises where the animal is kept, (NEW LANGUAGE TO THE PRACTICE ACT) or the veterinarian has access to the animal patient’s records and has been designated by the veterinarian with the prior relationship to provide reasonable and appropriate medical care if he or she is unavailable; and
- (3) (NEW LANGUAGE TO THE PRACTICE ACT) The practicing veterinarian is readily available for follow up in case of adverse reactions or failure of the treatment regimen or, if unavailable, has designated another available veterinarian who has access to the animal patient’s records to provide reasonable and appropriate medical care.



## IN SUMMARY

### DEFINITIONS (225 ILCS 115/3) cont'd

*associate in the practice, with access to the patient records, to make modifications to the dosage or specific drug recommended if the animal has an adverse reaction and if the veterinarian can make a medically appropriate modification without seeing the animal.*

*This new definition makes it clear, for instance, that an online pharmacy cannot use a "staff veterinarian" to order a prescription for an animal they have never seen.*

*A new definition that is included in the AVMA Model Practice Act and has been absent in the Illinois Practice Act.*

*A new definition that is included in the AVMA Model Practice Act and has been absent in the Illinois Practice Act.*

*A new definition that emphasizes existing federal law regarding veterinary prescription drugs.*

*A new definition that establishes recognition of veterinary specialties (diplomates).*

### EXEMPTIONS (225 ILCS 115/4)

*Allows for in-practice consultation.*

*This exemption addresses instructors at continuing education programs offered by approved providers in the State – such as a veterinarian lecturer from Oregon providing instruction in a lecture, clinic or demonstration at the ISVMA Annual Convention or the Fall Conference at the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine.*

## CURRENT LANGUAGE OF THE LAW

### Sec. 3. cont'd

(NEW LANGUAGE TO THE PRACTICE ACT) "Veterinarian client patient relationship" does not mean a relationship solely based on telephonic or other electronic communications.

(NEW LANGUAGE TO THE PRACTICE ACT) "Veterinary medicine" means all branches and specialties included within the practice of veterinary medicine.

(NEW LANGUAGE TO THE PRACTICE ACT) "Veterinary premises" means any premises or facility where the practice of veterinary medicine occurs, including, but not limited to, a mobile clinic, outpatient clinic, satellite clinic, or veterinary hospital or clinic.

(NEW LANGUAGE TO THE PRACTICE ACT) "Veterinary premises" does not mean the premises of a veterinary client, research facility, a federal military base, or an accredited college of veterinary medicine.

(NEW LANGUAGE TO THE PRACTICE ACT) "Veterinary prescription drugs" means those drugs restricted to use by or on the order of a licensed veterinarian in accordance with Section 503(f) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 353).

(NEW LANGUAGE TO THE PRACTICE ACT) "Veterinary specialist" means that a veterinarian is a diplomate within an AVMA recognized veterinary specialty organization.

### Sec. 4. Exemptions.

(2) Licensed veterinarians from other states who are invited to Illinois for consultation by a veterinarian licensed in Illinois.

(NEW LANGUAGE TO THE PRACTICE ACT) (3.5) A veterinarian or veterinary technician from another state or country who (A) is not licensed under this Act; (B) is currently licensed as a veterinarian or veterinary technician in another state or country, or otherwise exempt from licensure in the other state; (C) is an invited guest of a professional veterinary association, veterinary training program, or continuing education provider approved by the Department; and (D) engages in professional education through lectures, clinics, or demonstrations.

**IN SUMMARY****EXEMPTIONS (225 ILCS 115/4) cont'd**

*This new exemption addresses veterinary students that work in veterinary clinics on externships or volunteer at spay-neuter clinics as long as they are appropriately supervised by a licensed veterinarian.*

*This new exemption provides a similar exemption for veterinary technician students performing veterinary technology duties under the appropriate supervision of a licensed veterinarian.*

*This is the most critical (and potentially volatile) of the changes in this amendment. The current language has been interpreted very broadly by the agencies responsible for enforcing unlicensed practice of veterinary medicine. It has had the effect of allowing owners to designate "agents" to provide primary-care treatment to their animals – these agents can be unlicensed, unregulated and for-profit "care givers" who, in providing their services, put the health of the animal and the public at risk.*

*This new exemption distinguishes between training and the practice of veterinary medicine.*

*This is another important (and potentially controversial) amendment. It clarifies that only a veterinarian with a VCPR can refer an animal patient to another licensed or regulated caregiver. This eliminates the possibility of a veterinarian referring animals, with which they have no medical knowledge or experience, to massage therapists, chiropractors, dentists, etc.*

*This also provides immunity from liability for veterinarians in situations where the other licensed professional exempted does not meet or comply with the requirements of the exemption.*

**CURRENT LANGUAGE OF THE LAW****Sec. 4. cont'd**

(5) Veterinary students in an accredited college of veterinary medicine, university, department of a university, or other institution of veterinary medicine and surgery engaged in duties assigned by their instructors or working under the immediate or direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian.

(5.5) (NEW LANGUAGE TO THE PRACTICE ACT) Students of an accredited program in veterinary technology performing veterinary technology duties or actions assigned by instructors or working under the immediate or direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian.

(8) An owner of an animal, or an agent of the owner acting with the owner's approval, in caring for, training, or treating an animal belonging to the owner, so long as that individual or agent does not represent himself or herself as a veterinarian or use any title associated with the practice of veterinary medicine or surgery or diagnose, prescribe drugs, or perform surgery. The agent shall provide the owner with a written statement summarizing the nature of the services provided and obtain a signed acknowledgment from the owner that they accept the services provided. The services shall comply with the Humane Care for Animals Act. The provisions of this item (8) do not apply to a person who is exempt under item (7).

(8.5) (NEW LANGUAGE TO THE PRACTICE ACT) Any person who provides appropriate training for animals that does not include diagnosing or the prescribing or dispensing of any therapeutic agent.

(9) A member in good standing of another licensed or regulated profession within any state or a member of an organization or group approved by the Department by rule providing assistance that is requested in writing by a veterinarian licensed in this State acting within a veterinarian client patient relationship and with informed consent from the client and the member is acting under the immediate, direct, or indirect supervision and control of the licensed veterinarian. Providing assistance involves hands on active participation in the treatment and care of the patient, as defined by rule. The licensed veterinarian shall maintain responsibility for the veterinarian client patient relationship, (NEW LANGUAGE TO THE PRACTICE ACT) but shall be immune from liability, except for willful and wanton conduct, in any civil or criminal action if a member providing assistance does not meet the requirements of this item (9).

**IN SUMMARY****EXEMPTIONS (225 ILCS 115/4) cont'd**

*This new exemption addresses graduates of veterinary school who are furthering their education in a postgraduate instructional program in veterinary medicine and are working under the appropriate supervision of an instructor or licensed veterinarian.*

*This clarifies and affirms an amendment sponsored by Rep. Mautino, passed by the General Assembly in 2009, and approved by the Governor that restricts certified euthanasia technicians to performing their approved duties only on the premises of a licensed euthanasia facility.*

*Establishes a link between Certified Veterinary Technicians and their certified technology responsibilities defined above.*

*A new exemption that is included in the AVMA Model Practice Act and was absent in Illinois. Allows for the sale of permitted veterinary prescription drugs or animal related products – but not diagnosing, prognosing, writing prescriptions, or surgery unless by a veterinarian with a VCPR.*

*This is how the law is intended to be enforced and is a clarification – not a policy shift.*

*This new exemption provides for necessary, professional assistance in the case of an emergency or disaster.*

**CURRENT LANGUAGE OF THE LAW****Sec. 4. cont'd**

(10.5) (NEW LANGUAGE TO THE PRACTICE ACT) A veterinarian who is enrolled in a postgraduate instructional program in an accredited college of veterinary medicine performing duties or actions assigned by instructors or working under the immediate or direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian or a faculty member of the College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Illinois.

(11) A certified euthanasia technician who is authorized to perform euthanasia in the course and scope of his or her employment (NEW LANGUAGE TO THE PRACTICE ACT) only as permitted by the Humane Euthanasia in Animal Shelters Act.

(13) Any certified veterinary technician or other employee of a licensed veterinarian performing permitted duties other than diagnosis, prognosis, prescription, or surgery under the appropriate direction and supervision of the veterinarian, who shall be responsible for the performance of the employee.

(13.5) (NEW LANGUAGE TO THE PRACTICE ACT) Any pharmacist licensed in the State, merchant, or manufacturer selling at his or her regular place of business medicines, feed, appliances, or other products used in the prevention or treatment of animal diseases as permitted by law and provided that the services he or she provides do not include diagnosing, prognosing, writing prescriptions, or surgery.

(15) An individual providing equine dentistry services requested by a veterinarian licensed to practice in this State, an owner, or an owner's agent. For the purposes of this item (15), "equine dentistry services" means floating teeth without the use of drugs or extraction.

(15.5) (NEW LANGUAGE TO THE PRACTICE ACT) In the event of an emergency or disaster, a veterinarian or veterinary technician not licensed in this State who (A) is responding to a request for assistance from the Illinois Department of Agriculture, the Illinois Department of Public Health, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency, or other State agency as determined by the Department; (B) is licensed and in good standing in another state; and (C) has been granted a temporary waiver from licensure by the Department.



**IN SUMMARY****GENERAL (225 ILCS 115/5)**

*Clarifies and makes consistent the procedures for collaborative practice between a veterinarian with a VCPR and another licensed professional.*

**GENERAL (225 ILCS 115/5.5)**

*This has always been the ethical standard of the AVMA and is the understood obligation in veterinary medicine. However, the specific reference was absent from our Practice Act.*

**DISCLOSURE OF PATIENT RECORDS; MAINTENANCE (225 ILCS 115/25.17)**

*This section pulls together all of the requirements that are currently in statute, regulation and the Principles of Veterinary Medical Ethics of the AVMA and puts them in one place. Practices have a hard time knowing what is required of them when the requirements are contained in multiple sources. This amendment will assist in compliance.*

**CURRENT LANGUAGE OF THE LAW**

**Sec. 5.** No person shall practice veterinary medicine and surgery in any of its branches without a valid license to do so. Any person not licensed under this Act who performs any of the functions described as the practice of veterinary medicine or surgery as defined in this Act, who announces to the public in any way an intention to practice veterinary medicine and surgery, who uses the title Doctor of Veterinary Medicine or the initials D.V.M. or V.M.D., or who opens an office, hospital, or clinic for such purposes is considered to have violated this Act and may be subject to all the penalties provided for such violations.

It shall be unlawful for any person who is not licensed in this State to provide veterinary medical services from any state to a client or patient in this State through telephonic, electronic, or other means, except where a bonafide veterinarian client patient relationship exists.

Nothing in this Act shall be construed to prevent members of other professions from performing functions for which they are duly licensed, subject to the requirements of Section 4 of this Act. Other professionals may not, however, hold themselves out or refer to themselves by any title or descriptions stating or implying that they are engaged in the practice of veterinary medicine or that they are licensed to engage in the practice of veterinary medicine.

**Sec. 5.5. (NEW LANGUAGE TO THE PRACTICE ACT)** Practice outside veterinarian client patient relationship prohibited. No person may practice veterinary medicine in the State except within the context of a veterinarian client patient relationship.

**Sec. 25.17. Disclosure of patient records; maintenance.**

- (a) No veterinarian shall be required to disclose any information concerning the veterinarian's care of an animal except on written authorization or other waiver by the veterinarian's client or on appropriate court order or subpoena. Any veterinarian releasing information under written authorization, or other waiver by the client, or court order of subpoena is not liable to the client or any other person. The privilege provided by this Section is waived to the extent that the veterinarian's client or the owner of the animal places the care and treatment or the nature and extent of injuries to the animal at issue in any civil or criminal proceeding. When communicable disease laws, cruelty to animal laws, or laws providing for public health and safety are involved, the privilege provided by this Section is waived.
- (b) (NEW LANGUAGE TO THE PRACTICE ACT) Copies of patient records must be released to the client upon written request as provided for by rule.
- (c) (NEW LANGUAGE TO THE PRACTICE ACT) Each person who provides veterinary medical services shall maintain appropriate patient records as defined by rule. The patient records are the property of the practice and the practice owner. Patient records shall, if applicable, include the following:
  - (1) patient identification;
  - (2) client identification;
  - (3) dated reason for visit and pertinent history;
  - (4) physical exam findings;
  - (5) diagnostic, medical, surgical or therapeutic procedures performed;
  - (6) all medical treatment must include identification of each medication given in the practice, together with the date, dosage, and route of administration and frequency and duration of treatment;
  - (7) all medicines dispensed or prescribed must be recorded, including directions for use and quantity;



## IN SUMMARY

### DISCLOSURE OF PATIENT RECORDS; MAINTENANCE (225 ILCS 115/25.17) cont'd

### PENALTIES (225 ILCS 115/25.18)

*Increased maximum penalty from  
\$ 5,000 to \$ 10,000.*

## CURRENT LANGUAGE OF THE LAW

### Sec. 25.17. cont'd

- (8) any changes in medications or dosages, including telephonically or electronically initiated changes, must be recorded;
- (9) if a necropsy is performed, then the record must reflect the findings;
- (10) any written records and notes, radiographs, sonographic images, video recordings, photographs or other images, and laboratory reports;
- (11) other information received as the result of consultation;
- (12) identification of any designated agent of the client for the purpose of authorizing veterinary medical or animal health care decisions; and
- (13) any authorizations, releases, waivers, or other related documents.
- (d) Patient records must be maintained for a minimum of 5 years from the date of the last known contact with an animal patient.
- (e) Information and records related to patient care shall remain confidential except as provided in subsections (a) and (b) of this Section.

### Sec. 25.18. Penalties.

- (a) In addition to any other penalty provided by law, any person who violates Section 5 of this Act or any other provision of this Act shall forfeit and pay a civil penalty to the Department in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 for each offense as determined by the Department. The civil penalty shall be assessed by the Department in accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 25.3 through Section 25.10 and Section 25.14.
- (b) The Department has the authority and power to investigate any and all unlicensed activity.
- (c) The civil penalty shall be paid within 60 days after the effective date of the order imposing the civil penalty. The order shall constitute a judgment and may be filed and execution had thereon in the same manner as any judgment from any court of record.
- (d) All monies collected under this Section shall be deposited into the Professional Regulation Evidence Fund.

## Obituaries –

“He who has done his best for his own time has lived for all times.”

—Johann Von Schiller

**James A Bates, DVM**, 67, of DuQuoin, IL, passed away on Tuesday, October 5, 2010 at 8:00 p.m. in his home.

Dr. Bates was born on August 26, 1943 in Harvel, IL, a son to Wayne and Marge (Bruntjen) Bates. On November 1, 1980, he married Beth Williams in DuQuoin, IL and she survives. He was the owner and operator of DuQuoin Veterinary Clinic for 41 years. He was a member of the Christian Fellowship Church, DuQuoin, IL, where he shared his love of playing the piano for many years. He was also a member of the American Veterinary Medical Association, the Illinois State Veterinary Medical Association, enjoyed tinkering with computers, taking pictures, overhauling Massey Harris tractors and was an all around handyman.

Survivors include his wife, Beth Bates of DuQuoin, IL; two sons, Doug (Regina) Bates of Zeigler, IL and Joel Atteberry of Seattle, WA; three daughters, Audrey (Phil) Christians of Peoria, AZ, Andrea (Paul) Adam of Fenton, MO and Sarah (Hector) Munoz-Bates of Phoenix, AZ; eight grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at the Christian Fellowship Church, DuQuoin, IL on Saturday, October 9, 2010. Interment followed at Old DuQuoin Cemetery, DuQuoin, IL.

Memorial donations may be made to the Christian Fellowship Church, American Macular Degeneration Foundation or Wounded Warriors Fund.

**John Bernard Finley, DVM**, 64, passed away Tuesday, Sept. 28, 2010, at his home after bravely fighting cancer for three years. He was surrounded by his family, listening to his favorite music and sitting in his favorite chair.

Dr. Finley, known as the slow jogger in Carterville, was a beloved veterinarian in both Herrin and Carbondale. He was a dedicated member of the Lions Club in Carterville, for which he was given the 2010 Lifetime Achievement Award, the highest honor a Lion can receive. He is a graduate of University of Illinois.

He was 64 years old, but had the spirit and joy of the rambunctious boy he was when he grew up in Benton. He loved fireworks, feeling the sun on his face, fried food, Halloween and hearing his

granddaughters and great-nieces laugh. He was a huge fan of music, loved to build furniture for his loved ones and was a life-long fan of the St. Louis Cardinals and the Fighting Illini.

He is survived by his wife, Pam Finley of Carterville; son, Jason Finley and wife, Leslie Finley, of Nashville TN; son, Jeremy Finley and wife, Rebecca Howerton Finley, of Nashville TN; granddaughters, niece, great-nieces and other much-loved family in Southern Illinois, Arizona and California.

Memorial services were held Saturday, Oct. 2, 2010, in Cannon Park shelter in Carterville. Friends and family planted a tree in his honor. The family asks financial gifts be made to Vanderbilt Ingram Cancer Center; c/o Vanderbilt Gift Processing Center Office, PMB 407727, 2301 Vanderbilt Place, Nashville, TN, 37240-7727 or to Hospice of Southern Illinois, 204 Halfway Road, Marion, IL 62959.

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