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## Membership Renewal Begins Soon!

**Membership Year  
Expires June 31, 2011**

Dues renewal forms will be mailed soon. Renew your membership before June 31, 2011 to avoid a disruption of services and to continue receiving discounted pricing to ISVMA events



## Spring: A Time to Begin, Renew and Grow

*Michael P. Thomas, DVM – ISVMA President, Board of Directors*

After a long, cold winter, spring is here! I hear many people say that fall is their favorite season; but, spring is my favorite season. There are many reasons that I like springtime. It is a time of renewal; a time of fresh, new beginnings; grass and trees come back to life from dormancy; color returns to the landscape, and I enjoy the anticipation of summer. Every spring I get excited about planting my garden and seeing the new plants emerge from the soil. I uncover my roses to find out which ones have survived the winter and get them ready for a new year of color and possibility. As the corn and soybeans are planted on the farm, I look forward to the possibilities of the new crop.

Springtime is a time for renewal and new beginnings at Illinois State Veterinary Medical Association (ISVMA) as well. A truly new beginning this year, firmly taking root in the association, our Certified Veterinary Technician membership surpassed the required 100 member level for seating a CVT member on the ISVMA Board of Directors. An election was held, and on April 30, 2011 the ISVMA welcomed its first CVT representative to the board, Caroline Miskell. Congratulations to our CVT members!

Springtime also marks transition and new beginnings at the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine (U of I CVM). As ISVMA President, I attended the White Coat Ceremony on campus, the transition or new beginning, that recognizes the move into clinical rotations for a final year as a student of veterinary medicine. I, also, had the honor of attending graduation and presenting the valedictorian award. Graduation is significant new beginning for the graduates as they enter the honored profession of veterinary medicine. Just as new growth from spring plantings need to be nurtured, I challenge my fellow ISVMA members to mentor these new graduates. Not just to help them be good and strong veterinarians, but to inspire in them the values and importance of the ISVMA. Give them the support they need to be active members in ISVMA, so they can participate in such tasks as the formulation of revisions to the veterinary practice act and other legislative issues that affect our profession and ability to practice veterinary medicine.

Springtime is the season that ISVMA holds Lobby Day in Springfield to address legislative issues. This year's Lobby Day was held on April 6, and marked for many of us who attended, a new beginning in relationships with newly elected legislators. There was a large turnover in legislators in the last election, and we lost many important legislative relationships. We had only one issue this year – lack of funding for the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine. Having only one issue helped us to focus on building new relationships. It is surprising how little some legislators know about veterinarians and the veterinary profession. Some have no idea how much schooling is required, thinking it is only two years! They are unaware of the average debt and average starting salaries of new veterinary graduates. All who have participated in Lobby Day have related how eager their legislators were to meet with them and find out what we do. Legislators look to professionals for advice in legislative issues in their respective profession. I encourage all of you to get to know your representative and senator from your home and practice locations (these may be different legislative districts).

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## Caroline Miskell Joins ISVMA Board of Directors

### *First CVT Board Representative in History of ISVMA*

*Peter S. Weber, MS, CAE – Executive Director*



In November of 2008, at the ISVMA Annual Meeting, an amendment to the ISVMA Constitution was put to the vote: Should the Illinois Veterinary Medical Association add a new membership category to include Certified Veterinary Technicians?

In what would be a resounding “YES”, the Illinois State Veterinary Medical Association (ISVMA) became the first statewide professional association to represent more than one licensed veterinary professional: membership was now available to both veterinarians and certified veterinary technicians.

Certified Veterinary Technician (CVT) membership has steadily increased since then. In early 2011 their levels surpassed the minimum requirement of 100 CVT members; which, according to the ISVMA Constitution, triggered the requirement to add a voting CVT member to the ISVMA Board of Directors.

The election process began when nomination forms were mailed to all ISVMA CVT Members on March 9, 2011, encouraging member participation in the election. The deadline to return the nomination form was March 27. This process was used to provide all CVT members the same opportunity to nominate a member candidate. As stated in the ISVMA Constitution:

*“Each qualified Veterinary Technician member is allowed to nominate a representative to the ISVMA Board of Directors from within the Veterinary Technician membership. The nominee must be a current Veterinary Technician member of the ISVMA.”*

When the nomination period ended, two deserving and highly qualified candidates were placed on the election ballot. The race was between Linda J. Brown, CVT (University of IL College of Veterinary Medicine) and Caroline Miskell, CVT, LVT (VCA Berwyn Animal Hospital). The ballots were mailed by April 9 with the voting closing on midnight, April 29. It was an extremely close race. When the votes were tallied, the first elected CVT representative to the ISVMA Board of Directors was Caroline Miskell.

Ms. Miskell will take her seat at the June 15, 2011 ISVMA Board Meeting in Springfield, IL and will hold the position until the ISVMA Annual Meeting in November 2014. She will be eligible to run for a second three-year term in 2014, when her first term expires.

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## Comment Period Nearing Its End

As reported in the Winter 2011 issue of the **EPITOME**, the ISVMA CVT Roles & Responsibilities Task Force has developed a comparative list (i.e., a grid) of procedures, and proposed supervision requirements, for both CVTs and unlicensed practice personnel. The Task Force desires feedback from ISVMA members to assist in refining these recommendations. The draft recommendations are posted on the ISVMA homepage at [www.isvma.org](http://www.isvma.org) where the link to the grid is posted for membership access, review and comment. By the end of May a final draft will be developed by the Task Force for consideration by the ISVMA Board of Directors at their upcoming board meeting June 15, 2011. Upon approval from the ISVMA Board, the ISVMA will seek regulatory changes to implement a schedule of procedures and supervision for CVT and unlicensed practice personnel.

Please, if you have not already done so, make the time to review the draft recommendations. Send your comments, insights and suggestions to [peter@isvma.org](mailto:peter@isvma.org). Your feedback will guide the final draft recommendations of the Task Force report.

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## ISVMA Accepts Nominations for its 2011-2012 Board of Directors

The ISVMA's Boards of Directors need you! Here is your chance to help lead the association dedicated to furthering the profession of organized veterinary medicine. Region III (Eastern Illinois Veterinary Medical Association), Region IV (Mississippi Valley Veterinary Medical Association), Region V (Kankakee Valley Veterinary Medical Association) and Region VII (Chicago Veterinary Medical Association) are accepting nominations for candidates. Apply or nominate a colleague for one of six open seats. The deadline for nominations is June 17, 2011

### Regional Veterinarian Representative Board Openings

Regions III, IV, and V each currently have two representatives seated on the board, where one representative will have their term expire in November of 2011. In Region III, Dr. Mary Welle has served two terms and is ineligible for re-election; Region IV, Dr. Patrick Fairbrother has served two terms and is ineligible for re-election; Region V, Dr. John Ehrhardt has served two terms and is ineligible for re-election.

Region VII seats four representatives, and three of the four will have their terms expire. Both Dr. Steven Cairo and Dr. Paul Arndt have served two terms and are ineligible for re-election. Dr. Natalie Marks is completing her first term of service and is eligible to run again for a second term.

### Who Can Nominate

The nomination, and election, of members to the ISVMA Board of Directors allows for broad member participation. Each qualified veterinarian voting member of the ISVMA is allowed to nominate a veterinarian representative to the ISVMA Board of Directors from their region. This nominee must be a current member of the ISVMA. In addition, the Executive Board of the Constituent Region shall also nominate at least one candidate for each vacant position.

Members are allowed to nominate themselves. If nominating a colleague, however, they must sign the nomination

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## Miskell

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**Thank you to the ISVMA'S Certified Veterinary Technician membership for your participation in the recent election. Congratulations to both candidates on a very close race.**

Meet the candidates:



**Linda J. Brown, CVT**  
**ISVMA Member since 2010**

- 1986 Parkland College, AAS, Veterinary Technology
- Professional Experiences Include: University of IL-College of Veterinary Medicine, Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research where duties revolve around care, health and well-being of agricultural animals used for research and teaching (2004-present); University of IL-College of Veterinary Medicine where duties included responsibility for driving research in a parasitological molecular biology laboratory (1997-2004) and training/teaching of necropsy procedures to veterinary and veterinary technician students (1986-1995).
- Volunteer Leadership Experiences Include: Association leadership positions with the Veterinary Technician Association of Illinois; Chair of Fundraising Committee, Parkland College Veterinary Technician Association (1987-1989); Secretary of Douglas County Republican Central Committee (2008-present); Member, Illinois Society of Histotechnologists (Vice President Central Chapter 1996).



**Caroline Miskell, CVT, LVT**  
**ISVMA Member since 2009**

- 1994 graduate of Purdue University's Veterinary Technology Program
- Professional Experiences Include: Instructor of veterinary technician education at Joliet Junior College; Cutting edge research at University of Chicago; Emergency & Referral Medicine/Management at VCA Berwyn Animal Hospital.
- Volunteer Leadership Experiences Include: Association leadership positions with the Veterinary Technician Association of Illinois; ISVMA Veterinary Professions Task Force (2006-2008); ISVMA CVT Roles & Responsibilities Task Force (2009-present); Combined CVT Membership Services Committee (2010-present).

## President's Message

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Please let us know at ISVMA that you have established a connection with your legislator. You may even have a legislator as one of your clients, and we would like to know that too.

So this spring, let's continue to renew, and begin to grow, our relationships. Continue to encourage CVT membership to seat the next CVT board representative; plant relationships with our legislators to help ISVMA's grass roots efforts to flourish, and remember to mentor our newest crop of veterinary graduates in the value of ISVMA membership and involvement. And don't forget to enjoy the spring!

### Sign Me Up!

Tired of too much paper? Receive your EPITOME by email each month. Contact the ISVMA office at [info@isvma.org](mailto:info@isvma.org) and let us know!



## Important Information on the NEW USDA Accreditation Program

*Beginning in December 2009, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced it had revised its National Veterinary Accreditation Program. (Reported in the ISVMA EPITOME, December/January 2010, Vol. XLVII, Number 3 and April/May 2010, Vol. XLVII, Number 5.) It outlined changes which included each applicant being assigned a unique accreditation number and the creation of two accreditation categories, a departure from the former single category. The program also introduced renewal stipulations as well as mandated supplemental online training.*

### Registration Deadline Approaches

Initially, a registration deadline of August 2, 2010 was established; however, due to the enormous influx of applications received by the USDA, the deadline was indefinitely extended. Although a formal statement has not been forwarded by the national staff of the USDA in Riverdale, MD, the ISMVA office has been informed by the Area USDA APHIS office that a deadline is approaching.

"We've been informed at the Area Office of an August 1 deadline. Anyone accredited under the old program must reapply by then," stated Dr. Suzett Hexum, IL Field VMO. "Applications received from an accredited veterinarian after that date will be treated like a brand new applicant, which means they will be required to re-take their core orientation."

### Core Orientation/Initial Training To Include Examination

From July 1, 2011 forward, the USDA will adopt a new training regimen for its Initial Accreditation Training (i.e., Core Training). Unlike years past, the applicant will be required to pass a comprehensive exam with a score of at least 80% before being given a certificate of completion. For veterinary students at the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine, their training will be built into the curriculum. Before graduation they will be required to take an online exam to receive their certificate of completion. For private practitioners already licensed to practice in Illinois, their training will be available only as an online program.

### Confirmed Receipt of Re-Application Form

As the national office processes the application forms, they have begun forwarding Individual Accreditation Numbers to the applicant. For any Illinois veterinarian who mailed in the completed VS Form 1-36A, who has not yet received their Individual Accreditation Number, there is a way to determine if your application was received. Contact the Area Office at 217-547-6030 to speak with Marcie Dunn. She is the Accreditation Technician on staff responsible for tracking applications and required paperwork.

### Accredited for Three Years

Past practice allowed accreditation status to be indefinitely ongoing. Current practice mandates that accreditation status expires every three years. To renew accreditation status, continuing education provided specifically by the USDA over the course of those three years is required. For those who are Category I, three (3) hours of USDA training are necessary; for those who are Category II, that amount increases to six (6) hours.

### Required USDA Continuing Education

The required continuing education will generally be self-training materials. Currently, there are Training Modules available online for 24-7 accessibility. There is no charge for these modules. The completed online training will not be accepted as CE required by the state of Illinois to maintain your license to practice veterinary medicine. The only exception is if the USDA presents training seminars at the ISVMA Annual convention where they would count toward both USDA accreditation and CE hours toward renewal of license to practice veterinary medicine.

## Final Core Orientation Offered

For veterinarians who currently are not accredited in Illinois, and who have forwarded an application for accreditation, this is the last opportunity for "old program" training. After July 1, 2011, the NEW PROGRAM goes into effect and Initial Accreditation Training will be required prior to attending Core Orientation.

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## AVMA Applauds Senate Passage of Bill to Repeal 1099 Tax Language

Schaumburg, IL — The American Veterinary Medical Association is pleased that veterinary practice owners and other small businesses will not be sentenced to additional and costly information-reporting procedures that would have an adverse effect on their businesses. Tax paperwork and compliance are already major expenses for small businesses and the new reporting requirements would have substantially increased these costs.

The U.S. Senate passed H.R. 4 today in a vote of 87 to 12. The U.S. House of Representatives passed the legislation on March 3. The legislation now goes to the President's desk for signature.

"The AVMA is pleased Congress has repealed H.R. 4, a bill that would place unnecessary bookkeeping burden on our members," said Dr. Larry Kornegay, president of the AVMA. "Instituting another new reporting procedure requiring filing of all business-to-business transactions would only increase costs faced by our members. This legislation would have buried our veterinarians in undue paperwork rather than allowing them to provide medical care to their patients."

H.R. 4, the Comprehensive 1099 Taxpayer Protection and Repayment of Exchange Subsidy Overpayments Act of 2011, is aimed at repealing the expansion of information reporting requirements for business-to-business payments of \$600 or more in a calendar year. For many businesses, this could amount to hundreds of new reportable transactions, which involves sending a 1099 to both the Internal Revenue Service and the reportable business.

For more information about this legislation, please visit [www.avma.org](http://www.avma.org).

## AVMF Hosts Special Events at 2011 AVMA Annual Convention

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On Friday, July 15th, a Welcome Event, "A Night at the Zoo" will be hosted by AVMF and the AVMA at the St. Louis Zoo. The event is scheduled from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. During this time guests will have exclusive opportunities to view the stingrays, penguins and puffins, access trains, enjoy a behind-the-scenes tour and more all while supporting the work of the AVMF. Tickets are \$50 for adults; \$25 for children. The cost of the ticket will allow you to enjoy hors d'oeuvres, beverages, and to make a contribution to the work of the AVMF.

On Saturday, July 16th, we are hosting the Fourth Annual "Our Oath in Action" Shelter Rehab. Veterinarians, veterinary students, family members, and other convention attendees have the opportunity to spend time on a good cause by painting and cleaning local animal shelters. All volunteers must be pre-registered. Children must be 13 years of age or older and accompanied by an adult. Volunteers will meet at 9:00 a.m. at America's Center for transportation to the shelter. The project will run from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The cost to participate is \$20 (includes t-shirt, lunch and transportation). Also, don't forget to participate in the Trails for Tails 5K run! Registration for this event benefits the AVMF and local shelters of St. Louis.

Registration is limited for these opportunities so sign up today! Thank you in advance for your consideration in attending all of these events. If you have any questions, please contact Lora Vitek at the AVMF, [lvitek@avma.org](mailto:lvitek@avma.org) or 847.285.6709. You can register for the events on the AVMA's Convention website: [www.avmaconvention.org](http://www.avmaconvention.org) or purchase ticket packages at [www.avmf.org/events](http://www.avmf.org/events).

## A Vision for AVMA's Future

The report of the AVMA 20/20 Commission, which lays out a vision for the future of the profession and the means to get there, has been published on the AVMA website. The 20/20 Commission report is a major part of the AVMA's ongoing strategic planning initiatives, and the association is asking for comments from its members to incorporate into future discussions and decisions. Learn more about the report and offer feedback through the AVMA@Work blog post (<http://atwork.avma.org/2011/04/27/a-vision-for-avmas-future/>) or view the report on the 20/20 website ([www.avma.org/reference/2020visionreport.asp](http://www.avma.org/reference/2020visionreport.asp)).

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## News and Notes

### A Vaccine to Cure Cat Allergies

Researchers, led by Prof Mark Larché at McMaster University in Ontario, Canada, are developing a vaccine to offer relief from common allergy symptoms caused by cats. In a paper published in the *Journal of Allergy & Clinical Immunology*, early trials suggest that Toleromune Cat is effective, lasts longer than current immunotherapy, and is well-tolerated. Immunotherapy injections, the only way to currently treat cat allergies, build up a tolerance to the allergen. The new approach works by identifying key areas of the protein that cause allergic reactions rather than the whole protein. In a clinical trial of 88 patients who were allergic to cats, researchers found there to be a 40 per cent reduction in effects on their skin that develop several hours after contact with a cat. Initial results by the researchers suggest that four injections would protect those allergic to cats. A larger clinical trial is ongoing. Results will be used to determine ideal dosing of a single course to offer lifelong protection against common allergy symptoms (itching, sneezing and watering eyes) caused by cats in up to one in 10 people.

### About Lost Dogs Illinois

Lost Dogs Illinois is a statewide network of animal lovers working to reunite lost dogs with their families. They have both a website ([www.lostdogsillinois.org](http://www.lostdogsillinois.org)) as well as a Facebook page. The website has resources and references for the pet owner, and is not utilized as a posting for lost animals. The Facebook page is truly the tool to getting word out that an animal has gone missing and allows postings for lost or found dogs. Images and information (including success stories of pets who have been returned home) are included, with tabs instructing how to use the page as well as resources that include how to prevent your family pet from becoming lost. Visit them on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/LostDogsIllinois](http://www.facebook.com/LostDogsIllinois).

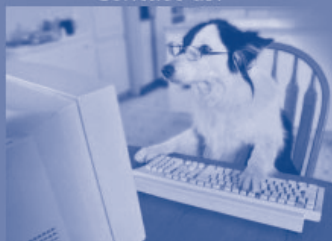
### A Home Remedy for Fleas

20-Mule Borax works wonders on fleas, according to Dr. Patty Khuly in her January 21, 2011 blog ("My top seven favorite home remedies," [www.petmd.com](http://www.petmd.com)). She recommends sprinkling it on the floor, then sweeping/vacuuming the excess. The crystals left behind will "work wonders on fleas by poking holes in their crunchy insect exoskeletons." Not only is this an inexpensive alternative, it is practically non-toxic when compared to what your bug-man sprays to combat fleas.

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### New Members

ISVMA would like to welcome the following new members who have joined from March 24, 2011 through April 24, 2011. Thank you for your support! Please help us spread the news about the many benefits of membership in ISVMA – where dues are an investment that pays tremendous dividends!

#### Veterinarian Members

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### AAHA Launches Parasite Counselor Program

*Program to Educate Veterinary Team Members on Speaking with Pet Owners about Parasite Control and Zoonotic Diseases*

Duluth, Ga., March 24, 2011 —The American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA) is launching the first-ever Parasite Counselor Program, which offers veterinarians, veterinary technicians and practice team members specially-tailored courses on parasites and prevention. This program arms veterinary professionals with the information necessary to have detailed conversations with pet owners about the harmful impact parasites have on animals and how zoonotic diseases can be spread to humans.

The Parasite Counselor Program, a complimentary web-based program that is sponsored by an educational grant from Merial, will consist of four online courses covering fleas, ticks, heartworm and internal parasites. Participants who complete all four courses will receive CE credit and designation of "Parasite Counselor" from AAHA. *Parasite Counselors will have a strong foundation for advising their clients on how to best protect their pets from parasites.* The first course, debuting April 20, will examine the impact of flea infestation on clients.

To participate in the Parasite Counselor Program, visit the education section of the AAHA website at [www.AAHAnet.org](http://www.AAHAnet.org).





## Scholarships Help Buffer Students from State Budget Woes

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

**FACT:** Over the past ten years, the college's recurring budget has been cut by \$8.3 million, and the proportion of the budget from state vs. tuition dollars has shifted from 75/25 to 49/51.

**FACT:** Over the past ten years, the college has offset loss of state dollars by increasing annual tuition costs by 125 percent (from \$9,630 to \$21,740) for in-state students and 54 percent (from \$25,150 to \$38,704) for non-resident students and by increasing class size from about 100 to about 120.

**FACT:** If the current trend of declining state support continues, the college will need to raise tuition by 20 percent or higher to continue delivering the resource-intensive DVM program.

On April 6 ISVMA members convened in Springfield to deliver this message to state legislators: the impact on veterinary education of cumulative state budget cuts in Illinois has been devastating to students, and the long-term impact on the state may diminish the ability of the veterinary workforce to protect both animal and human health.

I want to thank all of you who participated in this year's Lobby Day. Because you took the time to put the facts in front of them, legislators gained a greater understanding of the importance of the College of Veterinary Medicine and of higher education.

A packet of information for legislators also included data showing that our state support in dollars per student falls far below the national average: \$51,615 for Illinois vs. \$75,602 for all 26 state-funded veterinary colleges.

Ultimately students are the ones who shoulder the costs when state funding goes away. The average educational debt at graduation for members of the Class of 2006 was \$76,016. Just four years later, the Class of 2010 left with an average debt of \$178,693.

Andrew Hennenfent, a veterinary student in the Class of 2012, joined ISVMA members on Lobby Day to speak with legislators from his home district and those representing Champaign-Urbana.

He said, "I talked with legislators about the rising cost of vet school. Since I started vet school, tuition has gone up nearly \$4,000 a year, and if this trend continues, Illinois will lack a strong veterinary force."

Although the state is struggling with financial issues of its own, there is one measure legislators could take that would help our bottom line while costing the state nothing. Simply by voting to do away with legislative waivers—the practice of legislators doling out free rides to students in their district—our college could recoup as much as \$400,000 a year.

With no end in sight for the state's budget problems, scholarship support for veterinary students becomes increasingly important. Cost should not keep good students from being able to pursue their dream of a veterinary career, and graduates who achieve that dream should not be saddled with decades of loan repayment.

In April the college was able to award the highest amount ever—nearly \$475,000—in scholarships to 154 of our students, thanks to the generosity of alumni and friends. However, when you consider that we have nearly 480 students, most incurring well over \$100,000 in debt, you can see that much more is needed.

We are grateful for the partnership of the ISVMA in being our voice in Springfield as well as being a champion of our students through scholarships and many other forms of support.

The fact is, the need is great. I urge Illinois veterinarians, collectively and as individuals, to seek out ways to relieve the financial burden of students.

If you'd like information about starting a class endowment, or you'd like to discuss estate planning options, please contact Brenda Betts, our assistant dean for advancement, at 217-333-5545, or me at dean@vetmed.illinois.edu.

### 2011 U of I CVM Continuing Education Opportunities

The courses identified as "Vet U" are one-hour, free CE meetings hosted regionally, and not held at the University.

For more information visit online at <http://vetmed.illinois.edu>

#### June 8

Vet U: Insulin Preparations Used in Dogs and Cats, Plainfield, IL.

#### June 24-25

Canine and Feline Dental Techniques for Practitioners, Urbana, IL.

#### July 8-9

Canine Oral Surgery Intensive Short Course, Urbana, IL.

#### September 15-16

Fall Conference for Veterinarians, Champaign, IL.

#### October 12

Vet U: Surgical Oncology: What Do I Do With That Lump?, Glen Carbon, IL.

#### November 2

Vet U: Glaucoma: What's New and What Works?, Glen Carbon, IL.



## Class of 2011

Congratulations go out to the 115 graduates who were awarded the Degree of Doctor of Veterinary medicine at the Commencement Convocation Program on Sunday, May 15, 2011. All the best to the class of 2011!

Alena Lynn Abens  
Cely Acevedo  
Meredith Virginia Adams  
Faith Kathryn Albright  
Kimberly Haley Arnold  
Katrin M. Asbury  
Deanna Rae Baker  
Jennifer Marie Banks  
Jessa Nicole Bartholme  
Megan Renee Bauer  
Marci Justine Beals  
Amber Nicole Bogart  
Jarad Wessel Bolsen  
Hillary R. Boyden  
Craig Thomas Brininger  
Laura Marie Bukowski  
Roberto A. Cediel  
Marilynn Joyce Culbreth  
Kelly Lyn DeBaene  
Joseph Charles Deutsch  
Heidi Ann Dinelli  
Adrienne Haley DiPietro  
Melissa Christine Dodd  
Sarah Rebecca Dowling  
Carly Anne Duff  
Valerie Grace Eisenbart  
Kara Beth Escutia  
Stephen Charles Etter  
Daniel James Fitzsimmons  
Andrea Lynn German  
Jacqueline F. Gest  
Nicole Christine Gilbert  
Kayla Dawn Golan  
Melissa Dawn Goodemote  
Rebecca Green  
Sharon E. Grieger  
Robin Marie Hansen  
James David Harris III  
Jessica S. Haydel

Michelle L. Heinig  
Theresa Anne Hess  
Kristen Jade Hicks  
Angela L. Hinlicky  
Allen Joseph Hodapp  
Hope Ranee Hollingsead  
Sarah Anne Hughes  
Stacy L. Hynes  
Theodore George Johnson  
Amanda Renee Johnston  
Megan Elizabeth Cecelia Kees  
Brian A. Kennedy  
Kathryn L. Korpan  
Seth Christian Kramer  
Kathryn T. Kryda  
Mike Kustusch  
Kimberly Michelle Lamb  
Beva Law  
Jeremiah Adrien Lehde  
Jennifer Fay Lietzau  
Amanda Kathleen Loveless  
Lindsey Nicole Lucas  
Michelle Madonia  
Jacqueline Lee Mann  
Miki Louise Mannino  
Nicholas William Marion  
Jacob Wikoff Mauck  
Ashley Rebecca Maul  
Ruth Mae McAlonan  
Charles Samuel McCully  
Peggy Marie McMahon  
Cassandra Mefford  
Kimberly L. Metz  
Michael Miller  
Brenten Daniel Minick  
Ashley Mitek  
Matthew Richardson Moodie  
Shannon R. Moore  
Christina Rush Munn

Mallory Renee Neese  
Miša Neumann  
Zachary L. Neumann  
Katie Parent  
Jennifer Kathleen Pepping  
Katherine E. Player  
Rebecca Ann Poliwka  
Arrin Marie Price  
Kara Michelle Robbins  
Melanie Lynn Rossin  
Cynthia Jeanne Sapp  
Stephanie Anne Schmidt  
Paula Shields  
Samantha Anne Shields  
Carolyn Eve Shimkus  
Abigail Maureen Shoen  
Canaan P. Shores  
Catherine Mary Smith  
Jennifer Smith  
Katie Erin Speller  
Kelly Lynn Spence  
Krysta Stewarts  
Drew Roley Sullivan  
Keely Laurie Szilagyi  
Zoltán Szilagyi  
Jacob Andrew Taylor  
Micah Lynn Taylor  
Candice Marie Turnlund  
Nina Lynn Waldron  
Jason Walker  
Kristina Marie Wanders  
Megan Kae Watson  
Jennifer Joan Wendt  
Emily R. Wheeler  
Megan Elizabeth Williams  
Rachel Lauren Witt  
Kristin D. Zyga

## Fall Conference for Veterinarians

<http://vetmed.illinois.edu/ope/fallconf>

**Thursday, September 15, and  
Friday, September 16, 2011  
Hilton Garden Inn, Champaign IL**

Fall Conference is again off campus, because the conference and the College are getting bigger and better! The Illinois Integrated Professional Veterinary Curriculum initiated in 2010 means the college veterinary students are in class during the conference—in many of the classrooms previously used for Fall Conference.

Make plans now to join the College as you reunite with classmates and make new connections at Fall Conference. Make plans now to attend!



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:

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- Diagnostic Imaging
- Cytology
- Parasitology
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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.

*Shown left to right are Scott Michels, Todd Mario, Dr. Ron Gill and Robert Trimble. The three students are the recipients of the Southern Illinois Veterinary Medical Association Scholarship. Dr. Gill, of Gill Veterinary Clinic in West Salem IL, is Past President of the Illinois State VMA and active member of the Southern IL VMA.*



## U of I College of Veterinary Medicine - 2011 Awards and Scholarship Winners



**Melissa Goodemote**

Award for Academic Excellence, Class of 2011 Co-valedictorian



**Cassandra J. Mefford**

Award for Academic Excellence, Class of 2011 Co-valedictorian



**J. Charles Deutsch**

ISVMA Student Representative Scholarship/Dr. Clint L. Franks Memorial Scholarship



**Andrew K. Hennefent**

ISVMA Student Representative Scholarship/Dr. John T. Creasey Memorial Scholarship



**Scott A. Michels**

ISVMA Student Representative Scholarship Southern Illinois Veterinary Medical Association Scholarship



**Drew Sullivan**

Eve Larocca Award

## Executive Pork Producers Program

### Certificate in Business Management

November 2011 through May 2013

*Register by July 5, 2011, for a \$500 discount!*

The Executive Pork Producers Program builds on the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine's award-winning Executive Veterinary Program (EVP). EVP was developed in 1991 to enhance the business, communication, and planning skills of busy animal health professionals. Since that time top swine industry veterinarians from throughout North America have benefitted from the program.

The Executive Pork Producers Program (EP3) addresses essential skills for excellence in swine business management. The objective of EP3 is to enhance the financial management, leadership, strategic thinking, and problem-solving skills of leaders in the pork industry.

**Program Organization** - EP3 is a comprehensive interdisciplinary certificate program distinct from many traditional educational programs. Ten interactive learning modules will be held every other month for two days each (Thursday and Friday). In the time between each module, you will be expected to complete assigned work while applying the information in your workplace. Modules are organized sequentially to enhance the integration of the subject matter.

**Program Modules** - EP3 meets every other month for two days each (Thursday and Friday). All sessions will be held at the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine campus in Urbana, Ill. The first meeting begins with Module 1 on November 10-11, 2011 with the final Module 10 held May 16-17, 2013.

**Admission Requirements** - Enrollment is open to pork producers interested in increasing their business acumen and leadership skills.

**EP3 Coordinators** - Dr. Larry Firkins and Dr. Jim Lowe, both graduates of the Executive Veterinary Program, have spent their careers in the pork industry as veterinarians, educators, and business consultants. They bring a unique set of skills gained from working in and with some of the most progressive pork production companies in North America. Their work on swine health and management issues has resulted in serving the global swine industry in 20 countries. Dr. Firkins is a recognized leader for training veterinarians and livestock producers in human resource and leadership skills. Dr. Lowe's practical experience in teaching, consulting, and managing pork production systems brings a practical, get-it-done perspective to today's business challenges. Together they have developed an educational program that reflects their diverse experiences to benefit pork producers in an increasingly competitive market.

Lawrence D. Firkins, DVM, MS, MBA ~ Assistant Dean for Public Engagement ~ University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine

James F. Lowe, DVM, MS ~ Visiting Clinical Instructor ~ University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine

**Registration** - Tuition for registrations placed by July 5, 2011, is \$7500; a deposit of \$500 is due at the time of registration. Tuition for registrations placed after July 5, is \$8000; a deposit of \$1000 is due at the time of registration. The balance is payable in five installments of \$1400 each on November 10, 2011, March 1, 2012, July 12, 2012, November 8, 2012, March 14, 2013. Enrollment is limited to 40 participants. Registration includes all program materials, daily lunches, and one dinner per module.

Registration is available online at <https://ecommerce.aces.illinois.edu/EPPP/>.

For More Information contact Lawrence D. Firkins, [firkins@illinois.edu](mailto:firkins@illinois.edu), 217 333 2907.

## U of I College of Veterinary Medicine 2011 Awards and Scholarship Winners

On Saturday, April 2, the College of Veterinary Medicine presented more than \$410,000 in donor-funded awards and scholarships at their Awards and Scholarships Ceremony. The ISVMA and some of its member regions annually contribute awards to deserving students. The following are this year's winners:

Illinois State Veterinary Medical Association Student Representative Scholarship Recipients:

- **Charlie Deutsch, Class of 2011** – winner of the Clint L. Franks Memorial ISVMA Scholarship
- **Andrew Hennenfent, Class of 2012** – winner of the John T. Creasey Memorial ISVMA Scholarship
- **Scott Michels, Class of 2013** – winner of the ISVMA Auxiliary Student Scholarship Fund
- **TBA** – winner of the ISVMA Student Representative Scholarship

**Melissa Goodemote, Cassandra J. Mefford** – College of Veterinary Medicine Award for Academic Excellence, Class of 2010 Co-Valedictorians. *Sponsored by ISVMA.*

**Drew Sullivan** – winner of the Eve Larocca Award for current membership in the Illinois State Veterinary Medical Association and the Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association, with demonstrated exemplary service and leadership in any of the student organizations and good academic standing. *Sponsored by the Regional Chapters of the ISVMA.*

**Katie Parent** – winner of the Dr. H. Preston Hoskins Award for students who demonstrate proficiency in technical writing or editorial service for veterinary publications. *Sponsored by the ISVMA and CVMA.*

**Todd Marlo, Scott Michels, Robert Trimble** – winners of the Southern Illinois Veterinary Medical Association Scholarship for students with financial need who are natives of the region encompassed by the Southern Illinois Veterinary Medical Association. *Sponsored by Southern Illinois Veterinary Medical Association.*

**Hillery Boyden** – winner of the Dr. Edward C. Khuen Memorial Award for proficiency in small animal dentistry. *Sponsored by the CVMA.*

**Theodore Johnson** – winner of the Chicago Veterinary Medical Association President's Scholastic Award for demonstrated achievement in small animal medicine and surgery. *Sponsored by CVMA.*

**Linnea Olson** – winner of the Chicago Veterinary Medical Association Scholarship for an essay on how the student will benefit the veterinary profession in the Chicagoland area; the student must also have a minimum grade point average of 2.5, financial need, and continuous membership in the Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association. *Sponsored by CVMA.*

**Sarah Hughes, Jamie Reichert** – winner of the Illinois State Veterinary Medical Association Auxiliary Scholarship for student membership in ISVMA, continuous membership in the Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association, minimum grade point average of 2.5, and financial need with preference given to an Illinois resident. *Sponsored by the Auxiliary to the ISVMA.*

**Dr. Thomas Graves** – winner of the Chicago Veterinary Medical Association Outstanding Instructor Award. The award is given to an instructor who provides excellence in clinical instruction as chosen by the previous two years of Illinois veterinary graduates who are members of the CVMA. *Sponsored by the CVMA.*



**Katie B. Parent**  
Dr. H. Preston  
Hoskins  
Scholarship



**Jamie L. Reichert**  
Auxiliary to the  
ISVMA Scholarship



**Sarah Hughes**  
Auxiliary to the  
ISVMA Scholarship



**Todd Marlo**  
Southern Illinois  
Veterinary Medical  
Association  
Scholarship



**Robert Trimble**  
Southern Illinois  
Veterinary Medical  
Association  
Scholarship



**Hillery Boyden**  
Dr. Edward C.  
Khuen Memorial  
Award



**Linnea Olson**  
Chicago Veterinary  
Medical  
Association  
Scholarship



## Introducing Practice Pending Licensure For New Graduates

Every year, ISVMA receives many phone calls from practices wondering when is the earliest a recent graduate can expect to begin practicing as a doctor of veterinary medicine?

Although the question never changes, there is a new law that was introduced by the ISVMA in 2010 that has changed the answer to this commonly asked question.

In the past, recent graduates in Illinois would have to wait for an indefinite amount of time from the time they graduated until they received their license. During the lapse, they were unable to practice veterinary medicine while they waited for their license to be processed. The Practice Act specified that without a license to practice, newly graduated veterinarians could not diagnose patients, perform surgery or make prescriptions – even under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian. This delay in getting recent graduates to work as veterinarians could often mean months of waiting.

Since July 27, 2010, when ISVMA-proposed changes to the Veterinary Medicine and Surgery Practice Act were signed into law, graduates of AVMA

accredited colleges of veterinary medicine are now allowed to work in Illinois while waiting for license approval from the State of Illinois. In the statute it provides that a veterinarian applicant can work UNDER DIRECT SUPERVISION of a supervising veterinarian who is licensed in Illinois until receiving their license:

*(225 ILCS 115/11) (from Ch. 111, par. 7011)*

*(Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2014)*

*Sec. 11. Practice pending licensure. A person holding the degree of Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, or its equivalent, from an accredited college of veterinary medicine, and who has applied in writing to the Department for a license to practice veterinary medicine and surgery in any of its branches, and who has fulfilled the requirements of Section 8 of this Act, with the exception of receipt of notification of his or her examination results, may practice under the direct supervision of a veterinarian who is licensed in this State, until: (1) the applicant has been notified of his or her failure to pass the examination authorized by the Department; (2) the applicant has withdrawn his or her application; (3) the applicant has received*

*a license from the Department after successfully passing the examination authorized by the Department; or (4) the applicant has been notified by the Department to cease and desist from practicing.*

*The applicant shall perform only those acts that may be prescribed by and incidental to his or her employment and those acts shall be performed under the direction of a supervising veterinarian who is licensed in this State. The applicant shall not be entitled to otherwise engage in the practice of veterinary medicine until fully licensed in this State.*

*The Department shall immediately notify, by certified mail, the supervising veterinarian employing the applicant and the applicant that the applicant shall immediately cease and desist from practicing if the applicant (1) practices outside his or her employment under a licensed veterinarian; (2) violates any provision of this Act; or (3) becomes ineligible for licensure under this Act.*

*(Source: P.A. 96 571, eff. 8 18 09; 96 638, eff. 8 24 09; 96 1000, eff. 7 2 10.)*

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## Neurologic Side Effects of Common Antibiotic Combo Noted in Case Review

By: Stacey Oke, DVM, MSc

November 23 2010 Article #17285

Neurologic signs observed in horses undergoing treatment with the commonly used antibiotic combination of trimethoprim (TMP) and sulfonamide have prompted researchers to warn veterinarians and owners about this potential side effect. They also recommend that veterinarians report potential adverse drug reactions (AEs, or adverse events).

These AEs are defined as unintended consequences that occur when medications are administered at routine doses. For instance, diarrhea can occur after the administration of TMP and sulfonamide combinations in horses, although this particular AE does not occur any more frequently with this antibiotic combination than it does with the use of the antibiotics.

Unlike diarrhea, neurologic disorders in horses following administration of antibiotics containing sulfonamides with or without trimethoprim are extremely rare; this is the first report of such reactions in horses. Alice Stack, MVB, Dip. ACVIM, and Hal Schott II, DVM, PhD, Dipl. ACVIM, both from Michigan State University's College of Veterinary Medicine, examined the following horses

after the animals received the antibiotic combination:

- A 9-year-old Clydesdale gelding with pneumonia secondary to an esophageal obstruction (choke) that became markedly agitated in response to sound and touch and was observed to lift all four limbs independently and repeatedly;
- A 25-year-old Thoroughbred gelding that developed an abnormal gait and dull mentation (the horse appeared depressed or "not with it");
- A 5-year-old Clydesdale mare that developed altered mentation (in this case, excitation) and hyperesthesia (i.e., increased sensitivity to stimulation);
- A 12-year-old Thoroughbred broodmare (at nine months gestation) that became lethargic, but overreacted when faced with everyday stimuli, such as a person in her stall, and also developed an abnormal gait; and
- A 7-day-old filly that was accidentally overdosed with a combination of pyrimethamine and a sulfonamide that began circling to the left and chewing incessantly.

All of the horses fully recovered after veterinarians discontinued the antibiotic.

Further research is needed to determine how and why these drugs induce neurologic disturbances in these animals. Until veterinarians have a better understanding of this reaction, Stack recommends seeking veterinary attention immediately for complete neurologic evaluation if a horse displays neurologic signs while being treated with these medications. This is important as other conditions, such as rabies and Eastern equine encephalitis, can initially present with similar clinical signs.

"Complete recovery after a two- to three-day 'wash-out' period should be observed before the trimethoprim-sulfonamide combination is suspected as the underlying cause," noted Stack.

Veterinarians should report all suspected AEs to both the drug manufacturer and appropriate regulatory agencies.

This report, "Suspect novel adverse drug reactions to trimethoprim-sulfonamide combinations in horses: A case series," will be published in an upcoming edition of the *Equine Veterinary Journal*. The abstract is currently available online. (<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.2042-3306.2010.00158.x/abstract>)

**Readers are cautioned to seek the advice of a qualified veterinarian before proceeding with any diagnosis, treatment, or therapy.**

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# Convention EDUCATION

## 2011 Annual Convention Speaker Line-up!

Mark the calendar for November 11-13, 2011 and come to Peoria to hear some fabulous speakers.

Jessica Antonicic CVT, VTS (Anesthesia)  
Matthew Beal DVM, DACVECC  
Grant Beckett BVSc, MRCVS, MMD  
R. Avery Bennett MS, DVM, DACVS  
Philip Bushby MS, DVM, ACVS  
Louise Dunn  
Harris Durham, Jr. CVT, LATG, VTS  
John Godbold DVM  
Ralph Hamor DVM  
Ralph Harvey MS, DVM, DACVA  
Amber Labelle DVM, MS, DACVO  
Fred Metzger DVM, DABVP  
Darryl Millis MS, DVM, DACVS, CCRP, DCVSMR  
Deborah Mitchell MS, DVM  
Larry Oxenham  
Daniel Smeak DVM, DACVS  
David Twedt DVM, DACVIM  
David Waters DVM, PhD, DACVS  
Lynne White-Shim MS, DVM  
Sophia Yin MS, DVM

## Wet labs offered in 2011

Wet labs are again being offered daily throughout the week-end. Each lab will be offered to Convention attendees for an additional fee.

Ophthalmology (Hamor)  
Laser (Godbold)  
Orthopedic wetlab - Patella luxation (Millis)  
Orthopedic wetlab - Simple fracture repair (Millis)  
Small Ruminant Reproduction (Wenkoff)  
Techniques for your practice - Pain management (Harvey)  
Soft Tissue Surgery Wetlab (Smeak)



## 2011 Outstanding Veterinarian Awards

Nominate a colleague or classmate for the 2011 Outstanding Veterinarian Awards. Nominations close August 31, 2011. Complete the form and forward nomination materials by fax (217/546-5633), email ([info@isvma.org](mailto:info@isvma.org)) or mail to Outstanding Veterinarian Awards, 1121 Chatham Rd, Springfield IL 62704.

## Silent Auction Accepting Donations

The Illinois Veterinary Medical Foundation (IVMF) is accepting donations for its annual fundraiser. All funds raised go directly to the IVMF to help fully endow the four University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine ISVMA Class Representative scholarships. Donations, which are fully tax-deductible, can be submitted by individuals, clinics or classes. The IVMF is a 501(c)3 charity. To make a donation please contact Tracy Scaduto, ISVMA at 217.546.8381 or Dr. Sally Foote, Silent Auction Coordinator at [dr.sally@okawvet.com](mailto:dr.sally@okawvet.com).

## Rabies Vaccination Boosters... on the way!

For the past three years, the Wellness Center has offered testing for rabies titres, but boosters have not been offered. This year your Membership Committee Chair in charge of the Wellness Center, Dr. Jennifer Ostrom, has been working to bring rabies boosters to the annual meeting for your Wellness.

Proof of titer is the key to receiving a booster. Due to the fact that there isn't enough time to have bloodwork analyzed on-site in time to also receive a booster, steps are being made to create a titer/booster package for 2011 Convention.

As the details are finalized, ISVMA members will receive information via E-Source, **EPITOME** and the ISVMA Facebook page. Information will also be included in the Convention Brochure.

***For ISVMA members interested in obtaining a rabies booster, make sure to forward your email address to the ISVMA office at [info@isvma.org](mailto:info@isvma.org). A direct marketing piece will be forwarded only by email with all the details.***

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## Official Nomination Form Candidate for 2011

### General Criteria/Qualifications for Nominee

- *Must have graduated from a veterinary college recognized by the AVMA or recognized by the government of the country in which the college is located.*
- *Must be a member in good standing of the Illinois State Veterinary Medical Association (ISVMA).*
- *Should demonstrate outstanding work as an ISVMA member, participating in the goals and mission of the ISVMA through leadership and/or participation in programs approved by the ISVMA.*
- *Additional consideration will be given to those serving as chair or contributing member of an ISVMA committee for at least two years or as a contributing participant in a Board of Directors designated program.*
- *No monetary stipend will accompany this award.*

### ADDITIONAL CRITERIA

- **ERWIN SMALL FIRST DECADE**  
*Nominee must have graduated within the past ten years.*
- **VETERINARY SERVICE**  
*Nominee should set an example to those entering the field of veterinary medicine and be a positive influence on others.*

Nomination period officially opened March 1, 2011 and closes August 31, 2011. Applications with a postmark later than August 31, 2011 will not be accepted

**Mail all materials to:**  
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**1121 Chatham Road**  
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## Illinois State Veterinary Medical Association's

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Spouse or Significant other: \_\_\_\_\_  
(to contact in the event of receipt of award)

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### Category of Consideration:

#### — ERWIN SMALL FIRST DECADE AWARD

This award recognizes a graduate of a veterinary college who has been practicing veterinary medicine for less than ten years. Additionally, (s)he must have supported the goals and mission of the ISVMA through leadership and/or participation in programs approved by the ISVMA.

#### — VETERINARY SERVICE AWARD

This meritorious award is designed to honor those giving special attention to, or promotion of, the human-animal bond in Illinois as well as demonstrating outstanding work as an ISVMA member.

### Nominated by:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Materials to forward when submitting a nomination:

- A completed, official nomination form.
- A resume of the nominee (to include where applicable) any ISVMA position held at regional or state level, number of years as member in regional veterinary medical association, any participation in other professional associations of organized veterinary medicine, outstanding service to the profession, instances of leadership and/or outstanding service or contribution in social, civic or religious activities.
- A letter of support (optional).

*The ISVMA Nominations and Awards Committee will select an award recipient from candidates presented for consideration from the regional associations of the ISVMA, individual members of the ISVMA, the ISVMA Board of Directors and the ISVMA Nominations and Awards Committee. Entries will be judged by members of the Awards Committee.*

**Winners will be notified by October 1, 2011 and will be presented their award at the ISVMA's Annual Convention in Peoria IL on November 11, 2011.**



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## Scholarship Application AVMA Emerging Leader's Conference

Applicants must be ISVMA members, must have graduated within the previous seven years and involved in organized veterinary medicine at some level.

One scholarship will be awarded to one recipient from each of the seven governing regional associations for a total of seven possible scholarships. Scholarship is for one full registration and is paid directly to the AVMA by the ISVMA. Travel expenses for travel, lodging and meals will be reimbursed to each scholarship recipient by each regional board and not the ISVMA state office.

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If I am not selected for this year's conference, I wish to be considered for next year's meeting.

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### Questions?

Contact Brenda Weber at the ISVMA Offices  
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## Warn Your Clients About Cocoa Mulch *It Can Be Fatal to Pets*

From the landscaper who is mulching beds for winter, to the homeowner who cannot resist leaving behind traditional shredded mulch for a newer, environmentally friendly, unique-smelling mulch, beware if pets have unlimited access to these beds. Cocoa mulch, the material left over from the cocoa bean roasting process, is extremely toxic to pets.

Cocoa mulch is significantly more toxic than milk chocolate or even baker's chocolate due to the content of the toxic compound theobromine. Theobromine, a xanthine compound similar in effects to caffeine and theophylline, is in all chocolate, especially dark or baker's chocolate. According to an article published by the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine, ([www.vetmed.illinois.edu/petcolumns](http://www.vetmed.illinois.edu/petcolumns)) milk chocolate has 44 mg. per ounce of theobromine, giving the standard Hershey bar 66 mg of the compound. Baking chocolate has nearly eight times the concentration compared to milk chocolate. And while baking chocolate is one of the most toxic kinds of chocolate, cocoa mulch has an even higher concentration of theobromine. Combine this increased concentration of toxin with access to an unlimited supply, pets who eat even a little bit of the cocoa mulch could be ingesting lethal amounts of the toxin. Even after the chocolate smell wears off, the toxicity still remains hidden in the mulch.

Generally with poisoning, there is a progression of signs that the animal has ingested a toxin. With cocoa mulch, this is not always the case, which could result in the death of the pet. If a pet owner doesn't supervise their pet outdoors, recommend they avoid use of cocoa bean shell mulch in any landscaping that is accessible to their animal.

And, if the pet owner has any doubt their animal may have ingested the cocoa mulch, an examination by their veterinarian is essential to the animal's wellbeing.



**The top eleven "people foods" the ASPCA Poison Control Center consider dangerous to pets include:**

- ♦ Chocolate, Coffee, Caffeine
- ♦ Alcohol
- ♦ Milk
- ♦ Salt
- ♦ Avocado
- ♦ Macadamia Nuts
- ♦ Yeast Dough
- ♦ Raw/Undercooked Meat, Eggs and Bones
- ♦ Xylitol
- ♦ Onions, Garlic, Chives

For more information on plants, foods, and household products poisonous to pets visit the ASPCA Poison Control Center at [www.asPCA.org/pet-care/poison-control/](http://www.asPCA.org/pet-care/poison-control/) or call 1-888-426-4435.

## Nominations

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form thus indicating their agreement to run for the position.

### Nomination Form

A print version of the ISVMA Board Election Nomination Form will be forwarded no later than June 1 to each qualified veterinarian member; an electronic version will be posted online on the ISVMA website for download at the same time. Once completed, the ISVMA Board Election Nomination Form must be returned to the ISVMA no later than June 17, 2011. The signed form may be mailed, faxed or emailed to the ISVMA office.

### Election Ballots

On August 1, all regional nominees as well as the name of the nominee for president elect will be placed on a ballot; the ISVMA Nominations and Awards Committee officially nominates a candidate for ISVMA President Elect at

their meeting in July 2011. The ballot will be distributed in the same fashion as the nomination form. Ballots will be forwarded by mail, and will also be available online for download. Voting closes on September 9, 2011 and all ballots must be returned by that date.

### Dates of Service

The newly elected regional representatives will begin service at the ISVMA Annual Meeting in November 2011 and will continue until November 2014.

### Board of Directors: Job Description, Responsibilities, Term of Service

The job of the Board is to represent the members of the ISVMA in determining and demanding appropriate organizational performance.

### Responsibilities

- ♦ The Board will concentrate its efforts on the following job products or outputs: The link between the ISVMA and membership.

- ♦ Board members will be responsive to the concerns of the ownership, the members of ISVMA.
- ♦ Board members will keep in touch with relevant current and future issues.
- ♦ Written governing policies which, at the broadest levels, address:
- ♦ Goals: Organizational products, impacts, benefits, outcomes, recipients, and their relative worth (what services for which needs at what cost or priority).
- ♦ Executive Duties and Responsibilities: Constraints on executive authority that establish the prudent and ethical boundaries within which all executive activity and decisions must take place.
- ♦ Governance Process: Specification of how the Board conceives carries out and monitors its own task.
- ♦ Board-Staff Relationship: How power is delegated and its proper use monitored; the executive director role, authority and accountability.
- ♦ The assurance of executive director performance (in relation to policies 2A and 2B).
- ♦ Legislative impact.

*See Nominations page 22*



## Finding a Rehabilitator for an Injured Wild Animal

Both Federal and Illinois law require an individual to apply for, and receive, a permit to rehabilitate Illinois wildlife.

To easily and quickly locate the nearest permit holder in Illinois, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Office of Law Enforcement, has added a link to its webpage that lists all Rehabilitators permitted in Illinois. Go to [www.dnr.state.il.us/law3/](http://www.dnr.state.il.us/law3/) and scroll down the page until you find "Licensed Wildlife Rehabilitators." The list names, by county, those who hold Illinois permits plus Federal permits to rehabilitate migratory birds as well as those permitted to rehabilitate White-Tailed Deer.

Interested in being a rehabilitator, or know someone who does? Contact the Department of Natural Resources at 217/785-5740 and request an application packet. The applicant/individual does not have to be a doctor of veterinary medicine to qualify.

## Merial Licenses Centegen's Staphylococcal Vaccine for Veterinary Applications

Jan 10, 2011 - BALTIMORE— (BUSINESS WIRE) — Centegen Inc today announced that it has entered into an exclusive licensing partnership with Merial for the development and global commercialization of its proprietary vaccine, CEN-102, designed to reduce staphylococcal infections in ruminant animals such as cows.

"Merial is one of the world's leading veterinary health companies and is the ideal partner both to develop and market the vaccine," said Joel B. Braunstein, MD, Chairman of Centegen. "Staphylococcal infections are an increasing concern in veterinary, as well as human, health. The public prefers, and regulatory agencies strongly encourage, the appropriate use of antibiotics in livestock animals. Effective vaccination is an attractive strategy to achieve that goal. This vaccine may also help reverse the trend of growing infection rates with increasingly antibiotic-resistant staphylococci."

Specific terms of the transaction were not disclosed, but include license fees, milestone payments and tiered royalties on sales. Centegen exclusively licensed the underlying intellectual property, in part, from the University of California, Davis. The company will now focus on finding a development partner for human applications of the CEN-102 vaccine.

The CEN-102 vaccine elicits potent antigen-specific T-cell and B-cell responses not present in unvaccinated animals. The vaccine aims to protect against spontaneous staphylococcal infections, reduce the need for antibiotic use, and significantly improve milk quality. The vaccine incorporates an antigen expressed on the cell surface throughout the entire life-cycle of all tested strains and species of staphylococci.

"Merial is dedicated to improving animal health, and we are already active in the important segment of mastitis vaccine with our J-VAC® product for E. coli mastitis," said Frank Milward, Head North America BioDevelopment. "Staphylococci are one of the most prevalent causes of bovine mastitis that have eluded the development of effective vaccines so far. We look forward to developing this vaccine further for this indication."

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## How You Can Help Wild Baby Animals

by Julia Disney

In springtime wild critters emerge from their winter hideaways and before you know it, baby animal season is here. When you go out to enjoy the warmer weather, you may hear the peeps of baby birds high up in the trees, or the little chirps of baby rabbits hiding in their nests of grass.

But, wait! You see no sign of the mother. You begin to worry about the helpless little ones. You sit on your porch, waiting for the mother to return. After several hours with no sign of the mother, you conclude that these animals must be orphaned. What can you do to save them?

According to Anne Rivas, a veterinary student and co-manager of the Wildlife Medical Clinic at the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine, approximately half of the "orphaned" animals brought to the wildlife clinic are perfectly healthy. Some of these animals have been removed from their nest to avoid such dangers as the family pet or tree removal. But unfortunately, well-meaning people often "kidnap" baby animals that are being cared for by their parents.

Why don't you see the mother? It's because mothers in the wild instinctively try to protect their nests. That means not drawing attention to the area where the newborns lie. If the mother detects that her nest is being watched by a potential predator (even a human standing at a distance), she will stay away from the nest completely until the coast is clear. If you would like to ensure that the mother visits the nest to feed her babies, it is best to watch from afar (completely out of sight)

for 4 to 6 hours. In fact, even without the prospect of danger, mother rabbits normally spend no more than 5 minutes at their nest per day.

If you find a baby animal out of its nest, however, this is a time when you can take action to help the newborn! What to do depends on the age of the animal.

Young birds with feathers are likely fledglings that may be ready to leave the nest even though they are not yet fully able to fly. If the bird is featherless, it needs to go back to its nest as soon as possible.

For baby mammals, age is more difficult to estimate and depends on the species. The most commonly found baby mammal is the wild rabbit. If the rabbit is about the size of a tennis ball, looks just like a miniature form of its adult counterpart, and is able to hop around, then it is old enough to survive on its own.

If the baby animal appears too young to survive on its own, it is very important to remember that any baby animal's best chance for survival is with its mother.

"Even in the best possible scenarios, humans will be nowhere near as proficient in care for these delicate little animals as their mothers will. Survival rates for animals raised in captivity can be significantly lower than those raised in a natural setting," Rivas says.

There is also a risk that the baby animal will "imprint" on humans, meaning that it will no longer have a fear of humans. In

order for the animal to have a good chance of being successfully returned to the wild, it needs to maintain a healthy fear of humans to avoid harm to itself and to people. This is particularly true for raccoons, deer, and birds, who may pose a risk if they approach people once they are returned to the wild.

Contrary to popular belief, it is not true that the mother won't feed a baby that has been touched by human hands. If a baby animal has fallen or been removed from its nest, you can certainly pick up the baby and return it to its nest if possible. If you are unable to find the nest or the nest is no longer intact, you can place the baby in a shallow box with grass and place it near where the baby was found (in a tree for birds, on the ground for baby mammals). Then, out of sight, you can once again monitor the make-shift nest for the mother to return.

Unfortunately, you may also find a baby animal that is injured. According to Rivas, "If the animal appears to have broken a bone, is very cold, is bleeding, or has been attacked by a predator, the baby animal needs medical attention."

There are many wildlife rehabilitators throughout the country who know how to care for an injured baby animal and ready it for release back into the wild once it has healed. To find a wildlife rehabilitator, you can call your state wildlife agency, a local veterinarian, humane societies, Audubon societies, animal control officers, or the US Fish and Wildlife Service.

If you are unsure whether an animal is old enough to survive on its own or needs medical attention, then it is best to contact a wildlife rehabilitator before removing it from the area where you found it.

"Remember," Rivas stresses, "any baby animal's best chance for survival is with its mother in the wild."

If you have any questions about orphaned animals, contact your local veterinarian or visit the University of IL Wildlife Medical Clinic website at [vetmed.illinois.edu/wmc](http://vetmed.illinois.edu/wmc).

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In the current fiscal year (July 1 through April, 2011), \$ 9,800 has been donated to the Veterinary Medicine Political Action Committee (VMPAC) Committee. VMPAC would like to thank the following individuals for their contributions.

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## Obituaries –

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

—Johann Von Schiller

**William L. Hay, DVM**, 91, a lifelong veterinarian, of Piper City, died at 1:45 p.m. Friday (March 25, 2011) and his wife, Waneta (Flack) Hay, 88, of Piper City, died at 7 a.m. Saturday (March 26, 2011) at the Piper City Rehab & Living Center.

Dr. Hay was born Sept. 5, 1919, in Lima, Ohio, the son of Charles Russell and Blanch A. Groves Hay. His childhood was spent in Ohio. He graduated from Lima South High School and attended Ohio State University, receiving a doctorate of veterinarian medicine degree in 1950. He moved to Piper City in 1950 to practice with Dr. Gerald Raudabaugh.

Waneta was born Oct. 18, 1922, in Lima, the daughter of Harry Leslie and Lucille Shortridge Flack. Her childhood was spent in Ohio and she graduated from Lima South High School. They married Aug. 25, 1945 in Lima.

Dr. Hay and Waneta were members of the Presbyterian Church in Piper City. She was also a church trustee. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving from 1941 to 1945. Dr. Hay served in Iran from 1942 to 1945 in the Persian Gulf Command. He was an honorary member of the American Veterinary Medical Association, state of Illinois, past president of the Central Illinois AVMA, and past president and member of the Piper City school board. He also held memberships in the Gibbs Post 588 American Legion, VFW, Lions Club, village board and historical society. Dr. Hay was an avid reader and he enjoyed golfing. Waneta was past president of the Central Illinois American Veterinary Association Auxiliary and also a member of the Monday night reading circle and library board. She enjoyed reading and refinishing furniture. They both enjoyed camping and traveling.

Surviving are five sons and four daughters-in-law, William Leslie and Kathy Hay, of Charleston, Michael Lee and Toni Hay, of Piper City, Daniel Allen Hay, of Danville, Charles Russell and Nancy Hay, of Gibson City, and David Bryan and Jody Hay, of Pana; 12 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Thursday, March 31, 2011, at the Presbyterian Church, Piper City. Inurnment, with military rites provided by the Gibb Post 588 of the American Legion, Piper City, was in Brenton Cemetery, Piper City. Memorials may be made to the Presbyterian Church or to the donor's choice.

**Robert A. Latham, DVM** - Retired veterinarian, longtime Erie resident, and amateur chef Robert Allen Latham, DVM, 89, died April 12, 2011, at Rosewood Care Center, Moline, Illinois, of complications from type 2 diabetes.

While on the Erie Elementary School Board in the 1960s, Dr. Latham met his future wife of thirty years, the former LaVonne M. Hilmer (they married in 1979).

A wildlife preservation enthusiast, Dr. Latham delighted in visiting America's national parks and donating to wildlife protection foundations. Also a train enthusiast, he enjoyed riding them and collecting HO model trains. He was a fundraiser for the building of the Erie Public Library; as Cubmaster, he and Dens 1 through 6, and Cub parents annually swept area farmers' harvested corn fields for remaining ears (then known as "corn picks"), which then netted thousands of dollars from the Erie Lumber & Grain to fund annual Cub Scout trips to Chicago's Museum of Science and Industry, Lincoln's Salem and Springfield, and the one to Brookfield Zoo.

Dr. Latham was born November 20, 1922, in Milton Junction, Wisconsin, and was reared by the late Robert Allen and Lillian Schmidt Latham in Mcleansboro and Cairo, Illinois. First attending Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Illinois, Dr. Latham received his B.S. degree from the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana in 1950, and his veterinary degree with the first graduating class of the University of Illinois, College of Veterinary Medicine in Urbana in 1952. Long specializing in small animal and equine care and treatment, Dr. Latham partnered in private practice in Erie for many years with his veterinary classmate, the late John Robert Baker. Also, he operated the

former Hampton Veterinary Clinic and was a track veterinarian at East Moline Downs in the 1990s.

A member of the First Baptist Church of Cordova, Illinois, and the Illinois State Veterinary Medical Association's Past President, Dr. Latham was also formerly active in the Erie Lions Club, the Erie Public Library as a trustee, and in the Academy of Veterinary Medicine, the Mississippi Valley Veterinary Medical Association, and the American Veterinary Medical Association. Dr. Latham enlisted and served in World War II as a pharmacist's mate with the United States Navy in the Philippines.

Besides LaVonne, a retired educator with Erie Community Unit District No. 1, Katherine of Rock Island, formerly a Quad Cities radio announcer and newspaper reporter, and Robert, an attorney in Los Angeles, CA, and his partner and close family friend John Sterling McLouth, a television awards show talent producer and USAirways flight attendant, Dr. Latham is survived by his youngest son, Benjamin, an investment analyst in Tallahassee, FL, his wife Janis, a registered nurse, and their children Rebecca in college and Tom at home; his middle son, Timothy, a commodities trader in Houston, TX, his wife Sue Ellen, and their children Timothy Jr., recently graduated from University of Notre Dame, and Sarah at home and starting at Texas Christian University in the fall; and his and LaVonne's red, miniature dachshund Maisie (Worm) and their yellow Labrador retriever, Addison. Dr. Latham's marriage to Diana Dowell Memos of Bettendorf, Iowa, ended in divorce.

Services were, April 20th at the First Baptist Church, Cordova. In Lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church, Cordova, the Erie Ambulance Service or the Univ. of Illinois – College of Veterinary Medicine Foundation.

**Notices and obituaries are gratefully received and, when space is available, will be reprinted.**  
**Please call the ISVMA office at 217/546-8381.**

## Nominations

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### **The Board has additional responsibilities, including:**

- ♦ Determining and understanding the organization's mission and purposes.
- ♦ Selecting the chief executive officer (CEO).
- ♦ Supporting the CEO in the performance of his/her responsibilities.
- ♦ Ensuring organizational planning and goal setting.
- ♦ Managing the organization's resources.
- ♦ Determining, monitoring and strengthening programs and services for members.
- ♦ Promoting the organization's image.
- ♦ Ensuring legal and ethical integrity in the organization.
- ♦ Helping recruit new leaders.
- ♦ Assessing and measuring organizational performance.

### **Time commitment**

The Board members are expected to attend all Board meetings (approximately five per year); support the ISVMA legislative effort by participation in Lobby Day (typically held in conjunction with one of the Board meetings); and support the ISVMA education program by attending, and encouraging their staff to attend, ISVMA sponsored CE events (Annual Convention & Spring Seminar Series).

### **Term**

No Board Representative from a Constituent Region shall be elected to more than two consecutive three-year terms. A Constituent Region representative, upon election, shall take office at the first Board of Directors meeting following the Annual Meeting of the Association and shall continue in office until a successor is duly elected.

The student representative from the University Of Illinois College Of Veterinary Medicine shall be the third-year ISVMA class representative and shall serve for a term of one year and until his or her successor has been elected. All ISVMA class representatives must be members of the ISVMA.



### **DONATIONS TO ENDOWMENT**

At the start of this fiscal year on July 1, 2010, through February 28, 2011 the IMVF has received contributions totaling **\$11,558**. The ISVMA thanks those who have forwarded contributions.

To make a contribution to the Illinois Veterinary Medical Foundation (IVMF), a 501(c) 3 charity, visit online at [www.isvma.org/about\\_us/resources](http://www.isvma.org/about_us/resources) or call the ISVMA office at 217/546-8381 for a donor form. Your fully tax-deductible donation should be made payable to Illinois Veterinary Medical Foundation and mailed to:

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### **IN HONOR OF**

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# ISVMA Member RESOURCES

## Login To ISVMA Member Center

User name and password are tied to the ISVMA database and default to the following. Once logged in, username and password can be personalized.

**Username:** MMember (initial of first name AND Full last name)  
**Password:** 12345 (ISVMA member number)  
 (Login is case sensitive)

## Membership Services

**CE Recordkeeping** ISVMA is a designated recorder of veterinary continuing education (CE) in Illinois. Send ISVMA copies of earned CE certificates by fax, mail or email. We'll retain copies for four years as required by regulation. If requested by the member, ISVMA will validate member approved hours to the IDFPR during an audit.

**Frequently Asked Questions** Members' Only section of the ISVMA website lists questions frequently asked that pertain to various areas of the veterinary medical profession: licensure, recordkeeping, sharps removal, prescribing meds, business practices, etc.

**Legal Consultation** To members in need of legal consultation, ISVMA offers access to white papers in our legal reference library free of charge. If an issue involving interpretation of veterinary law or accompanying regulation has not been researched, ISVMA has retained Legal Counsel to provide a complimentary initial consultation.

**Pet Food with Medicinal Purpose** [www.isvma.org/isvma\\_library/pet\\_foods.html](http://www.isvma.org/isvma_library/pet_foods.html)  
 IL Dept of Revenue have given ISVMA permission to collect required letters from animal food manufacturers which state their branded animal food is sold only to licensed veterinarians. Recreated copies are maintained on the ISVMA website for download and printing to support tax status. The downloaded letter(s) must be kept with the hospital's books and records, and are valid through Dec. 31 of each year.

Help the ISVMA keep the lists comprehensive. Report foods sold that are not included below.

**Hills Prescription Diet**

**iVet Professional Formulas**

**Royal Canin Veterinary Diet**

**IAMS Veterinary Formula**

**Purina Veterinary Diets**

## ISVMA Legislative Relationship Form

ISVMA Executive Director and Legislative Committee track relationships with legislators through the ISVMA Legislative Relationship Form. Information provided gives ISVMA an opportunity to influence laws, rules and regulations affecting the veterinary profession. Examples of relationships with elected officials include:

*Client (next to family, this is as good as it gets)*

*Attend the same church or synagogue*

*Belong to same organizations (i.e. Rotary, Lion's Club, etc.)*

*Children attend school together*

*Classmate, friend, neighbor*

*Served together on a committee, board or project team*

The form can be downloaded from the website ([www.isvma.org](http://www.isvma.org)) or faxed by calling the ISVMA (217/553 7194). Information will be used solely for internal use. Submit completed form annually so information can be kept updated.

## OSHA Resources

ISVMA no longer creates its own OSHA resource. Members seeking current OSHA information are referred to American Animal Hospital Association's website OSHA tools. A number of guides are available for member as well as non member purchase. <https://secure.aahanet.org/eWeb/DynamicPage.aspx?Site=aahastore&Webcode=category&category=Safety%20and%20OSHA%20Tools>  
 Members are also directed to the newly updated edition of **The PLIT Veterinary Safety Manual**. It can be purchased by going to the AVMA's website at <http://avmaplit.com/uploadedFiles/AVMAPLIT/Order%20Form%202009.pdf>.

[www.isvma.org](http://www.isvma.org)



## Sponsored Programs

Take advantage of the following to save money and/or staff time for more productive work for the practice.

### TransFirst Health Services

Provider of transaction processing services and payment technologies tailored specifically for veterinarians.

**Rene Buzicky**

ISVMA@TransFirst.com

1-800-577-8573 x160

### Diversified Services Group

Licensed collection agency that recovers delinquent receivables.

**Jerry Kane**

jmk@divservgrp.com

888-494-7900

## Numbers You Need

### Illinois Dept. of Finance and Professional Regulation

#### DVM and CVT licensing or renewal

-Average hold time when calling either number is 30 minutes. Lines are for all IDFPR 70 professions, which include over 270 different licenses. Best time to call is 8:30am or between 4:00pm-4:30pm.

#### License Maintenance Unit

217-782-0458

For questions for an active license

#### Technical Assistance Unit

217-782-8556

For questions for new applications

### USDA APHIS

Animal import and export Veterinary Accreditation Program

**Area Office for Illinois**

217-547-6030

### Waste Haulers of Potentially Infectious Medical Waste

PIMW haulers are listed online or contact the Illinois EPA.

**Beverly Albarracin**

Beverly.Albarracin@illinois.gov

217-524-3289

#### Online listing of haulers

[www.epa.state.il.us/land/wastemgmt](http://www.epa.state.il.us/land/wastemgmt)

Select link "Medical Waste," then select link "PIMW Facilities"

## Want help but don't know where to go?

ISVMA offers a resource that directs callers to the help you want, the help you need. All calls confidential, and never go through the ISVMA office.

Available 24 hours. Callers are contacting a helpline.

1-800-215-4357

## Three easy ways to donate to VMPAC!

- Visit online at [www.isvma.org](http://www.isvma.org) and make a secure donation with your credit card.
- Complete the form below and mail to the ISVMA office with your donation (credit card OR check).
- Complete the form at left using your credit card and fax your donation to the ISVMA office at 217/546-5633.

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## Policies and Rates to Advertise

### Display Ads

#### Rates:

\$200	Business Card (Horiz. 3.5" w x 2" h)
\$300	Quarter page (Horiz. 4.75" w x 3" h)
\$300	Quarter page (Vertical 2.75" w x 3" h)
\$500	Half page
\$900	Full page

#### Technical specifications:

File format requested - .jpg, .pdf, .tif. 2 color ads are accepted. Please specify colors as PMS 158 orange and PMS 281 blue; screens accepted; no bleed

### Classified Ads

#### Print Rates

- ISVMA Members pay discounted rate of \$50 for the first 40 words, \$0.35 each additional word
- Non-Members pay \$75.00 for the first 40 words, \$0.45 for each additional word
- Unemployed, ISVMA member may place a "Seeking Employment" ad free of charge for up to 6 months.

#### On-line Rates

- ISVMA Members receive a complimentary posting on the ISVMA website with purchase of print ad.
- Non-Members may pay an additional fee of \$20 to have ad appear in both print and online.
- ISVMA members may choose to pay for ONLY online ad for a MONTHLY fee of \$35. (limit 200 words)
- Non-Members may choose to pay for ONLY online ad for a MONTHLY fee of \$60. (limit 200 words)

#### Counting Words

Any hyphenated word is considered as multiple words, each section counting as one word. If using a post office box, P.O. is considered two words, box is considered one word and the following box number is one word. Cities and states consisting of two words or more are considered as multiples (i.e. Downers Grove would be considered two words). Internet or email addresses count as one word. Telephone numbers (with area code) are considered one word.

If the ISVMA finds a discrepancy in counting that significantly affects the amount owed, you will be contacted by a member of the staff to discuss any refund or excess charge due. If unsure, leave the rate/word count information blank and ISVMA staff will count for you and invoice you for the ad.

### Publication Deadlines, Distribution, Posting

Issue	Publication Deadline	Distribution Schedule
Summer, No. 1	(June 1)	Second Week of July
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

#### Publication

Classified ads purchased for online posting, after confirmation of payment, will be posted immediately on the ISVMA website at [www.isvma.org/classifieds/index.html](http://www.isvma.org/classifieds/index.html) and remain online for 30 days. If purchased to also appear in print, the webpage ad will run through the end of the EPITOME publication date in which it will appear.

#### Misprints

If there are errors, notify ISVMA immediately. ISVMA does not accept liability for damages that may result from an error or omission in and ad. ISVMA liability is limited to the first issue of publication

#### Cancellations

Cancellations are accepted either in writing or by email and must be received on or before the deadline of the scheduled issue.

#### Forwarding instructions

Submit by email to [info@isvma.org](mailto:info@isvma.org) or mail on disk to ISVMA, 1121 Chatham Road, Springfield IL 62704.



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## VETERINARIAN SEEKING EMPLOYMENT

Experienced in small, large and equine practice. Interested in a position in Northern IL or Southern WI. Will consider full-time, part-time or relief. Please contact me by email: trh\_dvm@yahoo.com.

Looking for associate position in a high-quality practice with a congenial, team-oriented atmosphere. 2007 Cornell grad with small animal, avian, exotic and emergency medicine experience which included a 12-month Internship in avian/exotics medicine at Carolina Veterinary Specialists. Personal strengths include excellent people skills, strong Internal medicine skills, some ultrasound experience, the ability to address emergency situations and routine surgical experience. Professional experience also includes publication in peer-reviewed journals and presenter at exotics small mammal conference. Please contact me by email, hgranson@yahoo.com, or phone, 845-521-9641.

Experienced small animal veterinarian seeking relief or full-time employment in Will or surrounding counties. 1978 Iowa State grad. Resume and references available. Dr. Larry Klaaren. Please contact me at dr.klaaren@gmail.com or 815-514-4100.

## VETERINARY RELIEF

Experienced in small, large and equine practice. Interested in a position in Northern IL or Southern WI. Will consider full-time, part-time or relief. Please contact me by email: trh\_dvm@yahoo.com.

Experienced small animal veterinarian based in southern suburbs available for relief work in IL and IN. 1978 Iowa State graduate, former practice owner. Resume and references available. Dr. Larry Klaaren. Contact at dr.klaaren@gmail.com or 815-514-4100.

Small animal relief veterinarian with 15 years med/emergency experience available throughout IL. Dr. Heidi Britt-Sherrock; cowdocui@aol.com or 217-899-5353.

Small animal medicine/surgery/emergency relief veterinarian available for DuPage and Cook Counties. Will also consider other areas in the state. Available 7 days per week. Please contact Dr. Rosemarie A. Niznik at (cell) 630-915-0156 or drroseniznik@gmail.com.

Small Animal Relief Veterinarian with over 12 years of practice experience available throughout IL. Please contact me by e-mail at amstaff66@sbcglobal.net or 618-363-8140 (cell).

Small animal/exotic relief veterinarian with over 12 years' experience and 5 years locus experience is available for bookings throughout IL. Resume and references upon request. Andrew Abshier; andrew.abshier@gmail.com or 618-977-5769 (voice/text).

## IN-STATE OPPORTUNITIES SEEKING VETERINARIANS

Seeking a caring compassionate veterinarian to join our three doctor practice. A motivated and dedicated individual is required with great people skills and a love for small animal medicine. Emergency work not required. Competitive salary and benefit package with potential future ownership opportunities. Please contact Dr. Michelle Leckrone; 618-654-4688; Highland Animal Hospital, Highland IL 62249.

Passionate and motivated veterinarian(s) wanted for new start up afterhours ER facility in South Elgin. Advancement opportunities for the right individual(s) who not only enjoys the challenges of ER medicine, but who also can envision themselves in a leadership role as the future development of the organization unfolds. Well-equipped facility and large referral base. Salary and benefits package based on experience. If interested, let's talk. Please forward resume and cover letter to A. Ragni, DVM at a.ragni@aemc911.com.

Richmond Veterinary Clinic, an integrative small animal practice, is searching for a third veterinarian. Preference given to individual that has prior experience in homeopathic, nutritional therapies and/or acupuncture certification. Diagnostic and

communication skills are essential. Please reply to Dr. Pat Hourigan at 815-678-4700 or richmondvet@rvetclinic.com.

Small animal hospital in Palatine is seeking a full-time or part-time veterinarian(s). We are a 2-doctor, well established, AAHA accredited practice in the northwest suburbs of Chicago. Enjoy work in a low stress atmosphere while practicing high-quality medicine with an excellent, compassionate staff and a high-end clientele. A 35 hour work week with no emergencies offers a great work/life balance. Equipment includes ultrasound, digital radiography, endoscopy, in-house chemistry/hematology, and more. Competitive salary with generous benefits. Please e-mail resume to animaldox@sbcglobal.net or contact Dr. Abel at 847-358-6767.

Emergency veterinarian needed for growing 24-hour hospital. Interviewing for a part- or full-time associate with a strong desire to practice high quality emergency/critical care medicine. Animal Emergency of McHenry County is a progressive emergency and referral hospital located in the far Northwest suburbs of Chicago. We are currently expanding with medicine, surgery and canine rehabilitation departments. We believe in team work, communication and exceptional patient care. If you would like to learn more about joining our team please send your resume by e-mail to m.hochman@aemc911.com or FAX to 847-854-9119, Attention Dr. Mike Hochman.

2-doctor mixed animal clinic is looking for a full-time associate. We serve about 70% small animal clients and 30% large animal clients (mostly beef and equine). Great staff and clientele! Definite room for growth in area(s) of interest and opportunity for partnership. Please email resumes to ashtonvet@ashtonvet.com or call 630-742-5628.

## Two Postings for One Price!

The purchase of a classified ad with the ISVMA gives you two times the exposure. Your ad appears online as well as in print. Call to place an ad at 217/546-8381 or purchase online at: [www.isvma.org/classifieds/index.html](http://www.isvma.org/classifieds/index.html).

Mundelein Animal Hospital is seeking an experienced full-time veterinarian. We are a 5 doctor full service hospital located in the suburbs north of Chicago. The practice opened in 1970 and in 2009 was ranked one of the top ten hospitals in Chicagoland by Consumers Checkbook. We work out of a spacious 5 year old facility. We provide compassionate care and the best possible medicine for our clients. Our compensation package includes insurance, profit sharing, 401K, association dues, and continuing education. Visit our website at [www.mahonline.net](http://www.mahonline.net). Email resumes to [mundeleinanimalhospital1@yahoo.com](mailto:mundeleinanimalhospital1@yahoo.com) or fax resumes to 847-566-5877.

Forty-two to Forty-five dollars per hour. Examines, vaccinates and treats animals owned by individuals authorized medical treatment in DOD facilities. Maintains proper and legible animal health records using the SOAP format and prepares reports as necessary. Explains medical findings and prescribes treatments to animal owners. Provides emergency treatment for military working dogs if they are presented for treatment when military veterinarians are not available. Conducts physical examinations prior to issuance of health certificates and release of rabies quarantine suspects. Performs and interprets laboratory, radiological and diagnostic procedures. Provides veterinary training to assigned military and NAF animal technicians. Veterinary Medical Degree. IL Veterinary Medical License. Seeking IL USDA Accreditation. Certification of continuing education courses completed. Must have a valid driver's license. Applicants can email resume to [valerie.gaston@navy.mil](mailto:valerie.gaston@navy.mil) or call 847-688-2110 x103 for information.

Full-time and part-time Veterinarians needed for new state-of-the-art small animal hospital in the west loop, Chicago. 6800 sq ft facility, well-equipped, 7 days/week full-service hospital. Seeking enthusiastic and independent associates, interest in exotics a plus. Competitive benefits and salary. Please send resume to [carecenterchicago@gmail.com](mailto:carecenterchicago@gmail.com).

Looking for full-time associate to expand our young but rapidly growing practice in Schaumburg, IL. Our practice philosophy is honest and forward thinking towards the future of veterinary medicine. We have a great work environment with a great family-like staff. Our ideal candidate would

be honest, excited to learn and expand skills, still enjoy being a veterinarian!, have good interpersonal skills, and genuinely have the best interests of their patients and the practice in mind. Full benefits package available, 3 day weekends once monthly. Practice has in-house lab, laser surgery, Class IV therapy laser, radiography. Please contact Jeff Bloomberg, DVM at [drbloomberg@park-wise.com](mailto:drbloomberg@park-wise.com) if interested in the position.

Associate veterinarian wanted for a 4 doctor small animal practice in Lemont, a far southwest Chicago suburb. Located adjacent to the I-355 corridor. Contact Chris Johnson DVM, 630-257-5121, [johnson8877@sbcglobal.net](mailto:johnson8877@sbcglobal.net).

Southern IL mixed animal practice (75% small animal and 25% large animal) seeking veterinarian. The practice has 2 clinics and 6 doctors that share on call equally. We offer opportunity for mentorship and future ownership potential. Please contact Dr. Cerny at Meller-James and Associates at 618-658-4111.

The Animal Care Clinic in Princeton, IL is seeking a full-time (40 hours per week) veterinary associate. The clinic is a two doctor small animal practice specializing in high quality veterinary medicine with an emphasis on client communication. The practice is fully-equipped with in-house Idexx lab, EKG, Ultrasound, Surgical Laser, Therapy Laser, X-ray, and Videoscope. The practice is a general practice that does provide surgical procedures including orthopedic and soft tissue surgery. The applicant should be personable, have excellent communication skills and desire to practice high quality medicine. There are shared emergency duties. Competitive compensation and benefits. Send resume to Animal Care Clinic, Dr. Mark Maxwell, 1616 N Main ST, Princeton IL 61356 or email [animalc@comcast.net](mailto:animalc@comcast.net). Visit our website at [animalcareofprinceton.com](http://animalcareofprinceton.com).

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Conducts experimental research lab work and/or assists in design of one or more specific phase(s) of entire project(s). A fully functioning level of understanding in the following skills with mice and rats is required: husbandry, breeding and screening transgenic mice, dissections, blood collection, surgical procedures, database management of colony. Please contact by email at [h-ardehali@northwestern.edu](mailto:h-ardehali@northwestern.edu).

Full-time veterinarian for 3 doctor small animal practice in Huntley IL. Capable, amicable associate would practice with competent, long term support staff in new, well-equipped facility. Please visit our web site at [www.huntleyvet.com](http://www.huntleyvet.com). Call 847-669-5888 for more information.

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Emergency Veterinarians: Animal Emergency and Referral Center currently has opportunities to join our emergency practice as an emergency veterinarian. We are one of the Midwest's premier 24 hour emergency, critical care and specialty referral practices. Located in Northbrook IL, (a northern suburb of Chicago) our emergency and critical care practice services the greater Chicago area. Our specialty referrals come from as far away as WI, IA, MI, OH and of course, throughout IL. Our veterinary services include 24 hour emergency medicine and specialty referral services of internal medicine, orthopedic and soft tissue surgery, cardiology, neurology/neurosurgery, radiology, and specialized imaging. Each specialty department is headed up by a board certified veterinarian, who also sponsor our prospering veterinary internship program. Support staff of 100 includes technicians, technician assistants, receptionists and administrative personnel. The medical center is equipped with a wide range of diagnostic and monitoring equipment to include ultrasound with color flow Doppler, video endoscopes, fluoroscopy, CT and MRI digital imaging. We have a well-equipped in house laboratory and provide on-site blood banking. AERC maintains a

strong commitment to continuing education. Providing CE to our community as well as to our staff is a fundamental part of our core values. As an associate emergency veterinarian, you will have the opportunity to continue to grow your career by participating in CE at our veterinary center, and offering CE to the referring community. We are in search of experienced, energetic, emergency veterinarians that enjoy practicing emergency medicine, and insist on practicing high quality medicine in a fast paced environment. Our veterinarians celebrate the human-animal bond and can successfully blend what is in the best interest of both the patient and the client. Applicants must have excellent communication skills, be responsive to the referring veterinarians and possess a diverse skill set to handle a busy, and often complicated emergency case load. To learn more about employment opportunities with AERC and our outstanding compensation and benefits package, please contact Sheri Rothschild at 847-564-3109, e-mail your CV and questions to her at [srothschild@aercenter.com](mailto:srothschild@aercenter.com) or fax to 847-564-9604. Visit our website at [www.aercenter.com](http://www.aercenter.com).

### PRACTICE PERSONNEL

Busy practice looking for individual committed to excellent customer service, and exceptional animal care. Illinois license required. Workday includes client education, surgical assisting, lab work, venipuncture, radiology, and critical care monitoring. Full-time or part-time CVT position available. Benefits available. For more information, please email [johnny@highlandpethospital.com](mailto:johnny@highlandpethospital.com).

Capitol Illini Veterinary Services has been an accredited member of AAHA since 1975. We are currently seeking a Certified Veterinary Technician to add to our TEAM. We are a small animal/exotic, 7 doctor, state of the art facility including General Surgery, Ultrasound, Endoscopy, Arthroscopy, Orthopedic Surgery, Digital Radiography, Wellness/Preventative Care, Dental Care and an In-house Laboratory & Pharmacy in addition to general services. We offer a competitive wage and a great benefit package. We are looking for a CVT who is capable of working both independently and in a team setting. Someone who is goal oriented, has a positive attitude, has the ability to communicate, educate, and work towards

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CVT Position. Seeking a part-time/full-time licensed veterinary technician to join our practice. We are a progressive 2 1/2 doctor, 3 CVT small animal practice. We have a well trained staff, new facility, and friendly clientele. We are located in Huntley, IL, a northwest suburb of Chicago, you can visit our website at [huntleyvet.com](http://huntleyvet.com). Please fax resume to 847-669-5911 or any questions contact Kristin at 847-669-5888 or fax No 847-669-5911.

### PRACTICES FOR SALE IN-STATE

For Sale or Lease: 40+ year established small animal practice in DuQuoin, IL (near Carbondale). Excellent opportunity. Sale includes practice, with option of additional real estate. Call 618-542-4472 or email [dqvet@hotmail.com](mailto:dqvet@hotmail.com) for more information.

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