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Jobs, Cash and Hope

Stephen J. Dullard, DVM, DABVP – ISVMA President, Board of Directors

I heard a good joke the other day. 20 years ago we had Steve Jobs, Johnny Cash and Bob Hope. Now we have no jobs, no cash and no hope. Well, I have never been one to just let things happen to me. There are things we can do that can give us hope, better jobs and a little more cash.

So what has been discussed in the past, in our newsletters and at our regional meetings? One specific change to provide jobs, hope and cash has to do with the roles and responsibilities of certified veterinary technicians. Dr. Mike Thomas, as Chair of the CVT Roles and Responsibilities Task Force, has been a champion in outlining the responsibilities of technicians and

assistants. Through this slow laborious process, the Task Force has created a very workable system we can use in our practices. It rewards the technicians that have sought certification and who add their increased knowledge and skills to our delivery of veterinary services. It allows practices to continue to use lay staff as they have in the past with a little more supervision. This is appropriate considering the society we live in, the increased importance of the human-animal bond and the potential for legal action if things go wrong.

These recommended changes for technicians and assistants have been approved by the ISVMA Board of Directors, forwarded to the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, and will hopefully amend the section

of the Civil Administrative Code which sets the rules for implementation of the Veterinary Medicine and Surgery Practice Act (Practice Act).

Over the past few years, ISVMA and its members have worked in a similar fashion to make many other changes to the Practice Act to strengthen it, address omissions and correct deficiencies that fragment veterinary services, lessen the oversight of trained veterinary professionals, and expose the public to questionable veterinary care with little redress if a problem occurs. We must be diligent to safeguard these very things that helped create organized veterinary medicine in Illinois over 100 years ago.

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A Bountiful Harvest

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

It didn't seem that long ago that I was writing the spring article in anticipation of my two favorite seasons – spring and summer. As I write this, my last article as ISVMA President, my reflections are on the pleasures of the fall season. While not my most favorite season of the year, I do find enjoyment in the sunny, mild days of fall; but I find I most look forward to the excitement and joy of a bountiful harvest.

At the September 28th ISVMA Board of Director's meeting, you might say there was a harvest of sorts in that several ISVMA Task Force and committee projects received unanimous board approval. One

of these was one that I, along with a very dedicated task force of certified veterinary technicians and veterinarians, had been working on for over one and half years. This was the Certified Veterinary Technician and Veterinary Assistants Roles and Responsibilities grid. It defines what tasks, and at what level of veterinary supervision, a CVT or veterinary assistant can perform. This grid had undergone at least three revisions after receiving ISVMA member input and scrutiny from CVTs, DVMs and board certified specialists. The task force accomplished the goal that they were given: to elevate the Certified Veterinary Technician while preserving the ability to practice for veterinarians who cannot find a CVT to hire. This grid will be presented to the Department of Professional Regulation

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NEW MEMBER BENEFIT!

Project Breathe: Pet Oxygen Mask Donation Program

The ISVMA Membership Committee and Board of Directors are pleased to announce a new program available to its veterinarian members. The Project Breathe Program made available by Invisible Fence® Brand (IFB) provides specially designed oxygen mask kits to Fire Departments and First Responders to best equip them to save more pets from succumbing to fire/smoke inhalation.



The program is a collaborative effort between Invisible Fence® Brand and member veterinarians; the oxygen mask kits are to be jointly presented by the ISVMA member(s) and the Invisible Fence Brand representative to their local fire departments.

"By bringing local ISVMA member veterinarians and local IFB dealers together to offer fire departments the oxygen mask kits, we hope to draw more attention to pet safety and the importance of appropriate medical care for pets," said Dr. Kristi McCullough, Director of Education & Member Services, ISVMA. "It's also a tremendous opportunity to provide community and media exposure for member veterinarians, ISVMA, and Invisible Fence® Brand dealers."

Although the number of pets that die in fires is not an official statistic kept by the U.S. Fire Administration, industry web sites and sources have cited an estimated 40,000 to 150,000 pets each year that die in fires; most succumbing to smoke inhalation.

Invisible Fence® Brand started the donation program in 2007 and has donated over 1,800 oxygen mask kits to fire departments throughout the U.S. and Canada and is aware of at least 70 animals saved using the masks they donated. Additionally, IFB has received hundreds of media hits and an abundance of emails and phone calls from community members expressing their gratitude for the donations.

"We are excited to partner with the ISVMA and member veterinarians on a program that is very near and dear to our hearts—there is nothing better than hearing about a life saved," said Kristin Rogers, Donation Coordinator, Invisible Fence® Brand.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE: Any ISVMA Veterinarian Member

WHAT IS THE COST: Invisible Fence® Brand covers the cost of the kits and asks that members make a donation of \$100 to the Illinois Veterinary Medical Foundation (IVMF) for each sponsored fire department. The specially-designed oxygen mask kit includes a small, medium and large mask, tubing, cleaning and operational instructions, as well as a protective bag.

The donation to the IVMF will be used to further build funds to support charitable programs like these that are related to the veterinary medical profession.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: Contact the ISVMA for a checklist or download one from the ISVMA Sponsored Benefits link on the ISVMA website, www.isvma.org.

"The ISVMA would like to thank Invisible Fence® Brand for being our pet safety partner and helping our members outfit departments throughout Illinois with these lifesaving tools," stated Dr. McCullough.

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AVMA Collecting Reports on Unlicensed Veterinary Care

ISVMA regularly receives questions about non-veterinarians who provide unlicensed care for animals. (See Readers' Forum on page 30, "The practice of chiropractic by a non-veterinarian.")

Other than providing information on where to report illegal practice of veterinary medicine and the harm that may come from such practice, neither the ISVMA, nor the state of Illinois, collects data on how many non-veterinarians are providing unauthorized care or the harm that they inflict on animals. The need for this information is not only critical to the well-being of animals who may be harmed instead of helped, it is critical to support legislative language that restricts the practice of veterinary medicine to only licensed veterinary professionals.

***This is the comprehensive
national reporting
mechanism we have been
looking for.***
***—Stephen Dullard, DVM
ISVMA President***

Illinois could have used this kind of information last year when it opened the Veterinary Medical Practice Act. Legislators indicated the ISVMA's arguments for changes were weak because we couldn't provide data to back concerns that non-veterinarians were endangering the health of the animals they were treating, and the safety and welfare of the public.

Dr. Stephen Dullard, as chair of the ISVMA Legislative Committee and then ISVMA President-Elect, brought this issue forward at an AVMA delegate orientation meeting last fall and recommended the creation and use of a form to collect the necessary data.

"The illegal practice of veterinary medicine is a public safety issue, and the profession needs to know the nature and extent of the problem to address it," stated Dr. Dullard, who is also a member of the AVMA House of Delegates as the American Association of Feline Practitioners' alternate delegate. (www.avma.org/onlnews/javma/aug11/110815b_pf.asp)

Beginning June of 2011, the AVMA made a form available to collect this essential information. The resulting data will be provided for use by the AVMA to present cumulative, quantitative data. The reports will be used strictly for advocacy purposes. They will not be used to investigate or discipline individuals, keeping the names of the veterinarian(s) completing the form and patient names confidential. The AVMA does, however, encourage those placing the report to follow up with their appropriate licensing or law enforcement agencies in their state.

The AVMA Scope of Practice Information Form can be found in the Scope of Practice Issues section of the State Legislative Resources webpage at www.avma.org/advocacy/state/issues. The form can be downloaded directly from www.avma.org/advocacy/state/issues/ScopeOfPractice-InformationForm.pdf. The completed form can be returned by email to avmastateleg@avma.org, FAX 847-925-1329, or mailed to Tara Southwell, Communications, 1931 N. Meacham Road, Schaumburg, IL 60173. For questions or more information, call 847/285-6779.

How to Report Unlicensed Veterinary Care

—to the AVMA as a data source for advocacy purposes: Access the AVMA Scope of Practice Information Form from www.avma.org/advocacy/state/issues/ScopeOfpractice-InformationForm.pdf. Submit the completed form by email to avmastateleg@avma.org; fax to 847-925-1329 or mail to Tara Southwell, Communications, 1931 N. Meacham Road, Schaumburg IL 60173.

—to the State of IL to investigate or discipline: Visit www.idfpr.com/admin/complaints.asp to download the available form listed in the section entitled "Division of Professional Regulation Complaints" or to complete online.

Registration Deadline to Participate in USDA Accreditation Program has Passed

In August of 2011 the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) announced that veterinarians currently accredited in the National Veterinary Accreditation Program (NVAP) would be permitted to continue to perform accredited duties until Oct. 1, 2011.

As of October 1, 2011, any veterinarian who was accredited under the old program is no longer authorized to perform accredited work.

Those veterinarians who wish to continue to participate must be reinstated. According to the USDA's website, there are 6 steps necessary to follow to have your accreditation reinstated. Until you receive notification of your reinstatement from APHIS, do not perform accredited duties. Veterinarians who perform duties while unauthorized will be subject to criminal and civil penalties.

1. Contact the Illinois Area Office at 217.547.6030 and request to speak with Marcie Dunn, Accreditation Technician, to notify the USDA that you wish to reinstate your accreditation status.
2. Submit a completed VS Form 1-36A to the Illinois Area Office. To access the form online, go to http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/vet_accreditation/reinstate.shtml. Please note: be certain to note the difference between performing accredited duties on Category I and Category II Animals. Follow the instructions carefully.
3. Once the completed form has been submitted and processed, the Illinois Area Office will issue your national

Accreditation Number (NAN) for your use to print Certificates of Completion of the APHIS Approved Supplemental Training (AASST) units you will need for reinstatement in to the Accreditation Program.

4. Complete the required number of AASST units. These can be found online at http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/vet_accreditation/training_modules.shtml.
5. When complete, submit the required Certificates of Completion to the Illinois Area Office.
6. Upon receipt and processing of the required certificates, the Illinois Area Office will notify you of your successful reinstatement in to the NVAP.

I've reapplied to be accredited... now what?

All veterinarians who reapplied for the National Veterinary Accreditation Program (NVAP) to date should have received their Accreditation Number and their Accreditation Renewal Date (ARD) from the US Department of Agriculture. You are permitted to continue to perform accredited duties up through your renewal date (ARD), when your accreditation status will expire.

In order to renew your status you must complete APHIS-approved supplemental training (AASST) prior to that renewal date. AASST for accreditation renewal is available in three formats:

1. On the National Veterinary Accreditation Program web site.
2. Printed or CD materials purchased by using the Supplemental Training Materials Order Form.

3. Lectures at veterinary meetings and conventions updated at NVAP Presence at Upcoming Conferences.

It is your responsibility to retain your AASST Certificate of Completion for each AASST module completed. You may take the AASST at any time prior to your ARD, but it is essential that you retain your certificates as they will be needed for accreditation renewal and may be requested during periodic training audits. Please do not submit anything related to your completion of APHIS-approved supplemental training (AASST) or accreditation renewal prior to your first ARD reminder.

Renewal deadline reminders will be forwarded to you by the USDA APHIS. If you have provided an e-mail address in your accreditation records, an e-mail reminder of your renewal will be sent to you at six (6), three (3), and one (1) month intervals prior to your ARD. It is essential that if you change your e-mail address, you notify the Illinois USDA office so that they can update your record. If you did not provide an e-mail address, the NVAP will send you a reminder notice via postage mail three (3) months prior to your ARD.

For more information on the accreditation program, please contact Marcie Dunn at the Illinois USDA APHIS office at 217.547.6030.

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Illinois Animal Identification Brochure Contains Typo

Brucellosis Calfhood Vaccination Tattoo belongs in right ear

The ISVMA office has been notified by the USDAAPHIS, VS offices that the September 2010 issue of the Illinois Animal Identification brochure has a typo.

The incorrect information is ONLY on page 7, in the chart for “**Brucellosis Calfhood Vaccination Tattoo.**” The Comments section should read it is “applied in the right ear.” The incorrect text indicated that the tattoo should be placed in the left ear.

The incorrect copies were provided primarily through National Veterinary Accreditation Orientation programs since 2010. Additional distribution was provided at 2010 and 2011 Fall Conferences at the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine and the 2011 ISVMA Fall Conference.

For a copy of the corrected document, contact the USDA APHIS office or you may request one from the ISVMA office as well.



Recommended Roles and Responsibilities for Certified Veterinary Technicians

As part of 2010's Veterinary Medicine Practice Act Amendment, changes were made to allow the roles and responsibilities of Certified Veterinary Technicians (CVT) and veterinary assistants to be defined in the Administrative Code. (Public Act 096-1322 A Summary of Changes in the Law: The Veterinary Medicine and Surgery Practice Act (2010, Pre-Convention Vol. XLVIX, No. 2). *EPITOME*, p.10-16.)

A group of volunteer ISVMA members were appointed that year to provide legwork for those changes, the CVT Roles and Responsibilities Task Force. They were charged with developing language to distinguish the roles and responsibilities of licensed CVTs as opposed to unlicensed veterinary assistants. In current law, there

is no differentiation between the two types of employees except for title protection.

The CVT Task Force met multiple times over a period of 18 months and prepared a total of three drafts of a "Roles and Responsibilities Grid" that specified the tasks, and required levels of supervision for each task, to be carried out by the licensed technician and the unlicensed assistant. Each draft was made available to all ISVMA members for the purpose of obtaining feedback and input. The fourth, and final, grid was approved by the ISVMA Board of Directors on September 28, 2011. The CVT Task Force relied upon the statutes and regulations of other states, input from veterinary professionals (both CVT and Veterinarian), the American

Veterinary Medical Association and faculty at accredited schools of veterinary technology in preparing the approved grid.

Upon unanimous approval by the ISVMA Board of Directors, the recommendations have been forwarded to the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation for their public review process. The end result will hopefully be the amendment of the Administrative Code to definitively identify the roles and responsibilities of licensed Certified Veterinary Technicians and those of unlicensed veterinary assistants.



CVT Roles and Responsibilities/ ISVMA Legislative Committee Joint Task Force

Thank you to the following individuals for their dedication to this project.

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Roles and Responsibilities Grid

The following supports the information on the Roles and Responsibilities for Licensed Veterinary Technicians and Unregistered Veterinary Assistants in Illinois on the facing page.

Final Recommendations for Roles and Responsibilities for Licensed Veterinary Technicians and Unregistered Veterinary assistants in Illinois

DEFINITIONS:

The three distinct levels of supervision are defined by the Veterinary Medicine and Surgery Practice Act (225 ILCS 115/3):

- "Immediate supervision" means the supervising veterinarian is in the immediate area, within audible and visual range of the animal patient and the person treating the patient.
- "Direct supervision" means the supervising veterinarian is readily available on the premises where the animal is being treated.
- "Indirect supervision" means the supervising veterinarian need not be on the premises, but has given either written or oral instructions for the treatment of the animal and is available by telephone or other form of communication.

PROVISION FOR UNREGISTERED ASSISTANTS WHO ARE STUDENTS OF VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY:

For veterinary practices with a veterinary assistant on staff, whom the veterinarian feels is qualified to perform a task or tasks at the same level of supervision as a CVT (as long as the supervision is direct or immediate), there is a provision in the Veterinary Medicine and Surgery Practice Act (225 ILCS 115/4) which provides:

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

Under this provision, the veterinary assistant may be enrolled in any of the AVMA accredited schools of veterinary technology (including any of the online programs) and, as a student of veterinary technology, this veterinary assistant would have more latitude to perform certain tasks under direct or immediate supervision.

Roles and Responsibilities for Licensed Veterinary Technicians and Unregistered Veterinary Assistants in Illinois

TASKS	LICENSED TECHNICIAN			UNREGISTERED ASSISTANT		
	Immediate	Direct	Indirect	Immediate	Direct	Indirect
Anesthesia-						
▪ Induction	√	√		√		
▪ Endotracheal Intubation	√	√		√		
▪ Maintenance	√	√		√		
Anesthesia-						
▪ Monitor Vital Signs	√	√		√		
IV catheter	√	√	√	√	√	
Cut down (with needle)	√	√				
Central Line (without cutdown)	√	√				
Dental Prophylaxis	√	√		√		
Dental Extractions						
Deciduous Extractions						
Gingival Resection						
Administer Chemotherapy	√	√	√	√	√	
Skin Closure	√	√				
Removal of Sutures, Drains, Staples	√	√	√	√	√	
Microchip Implant	√	√	√	√	√	
Perform Local Nerve Blocks	√	√		√		
Cast Application (does not include setting of bones)	√					
Splint Application	√	√		√		
Bandage Application	√	√	√	√	√	
Male K9 Urinary Catheterization	√	√	√	√	√	
Female K9 Urinary Catheterization	√	√		√		
Blocked Male Cat- Urinary Catheterization	√	√		√		
Fine Needle Aspiration	√	√				
Puncture Abscess with a Needle	√	√				
Euthanize an animal	√	√	√	√	√	
Decapitate for rabies test submission	√	√		√		
Clamp Calves' Tails						
Dock Sheep/Pig Tails						
Float Teeth						
Castrate Calves						
Dehorn Calves						
Castrate Swine						
Castrate Cats (<i>or any other animal</i>)						
Trim Normal Hooves (excluding equine)	√	√	√	√	√	√
Necropsy-Tissue Sample Collection	√	√	√	√		
Radiological images- acquire/process	√	√	√	√	√	
Venipuncture	√	√	√	√	√	
Obtain objective patient data without diagnosis	√	√	√	√	√	
Cystocentesis	√	√	√	√		
Process laboratory samples	√	√	√	√	√	√
Bacterial Streak and Culture	√	√	√	√	√	√
Administer Non Rabies Vaccines	√	√	√	√	√	
Intramuscular + Subcutaneous Inj	√	√	√	√	√	
Intravenous injection into uncatheterized vein	√	√	√	√	√	
Intravenous injection into catheterized vein	√	√	√	√	√	
Animal Restraint	√	√	√	√	√	√

LEGEND: Strictly Prohibited

√ Permitted

AVMA Recognizes Newest Honor Roll Members

The AVMA House of Delegates granted honor roll status to 431 AVMA members in 2011. To reach this designation, members must have maintained membership for a period of 40 years or more and have reached the age of 70, or have reached the age of 72 and maintained continuous membership since graduation.

Congratulations to the following ISVMA members on attaining this notable milestone.

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AVMA House of Delegates Action on 2012 Regular Winter Session

The AVMA House of Delegates voted on several amendments and resolutions at its Winter Session held January 6-7 in Chicago. Supporting statements (appearing below in italics with each amendment and resolution) are taken from the AVMA website. To view these documents in entirety, go to www.avma.org/about_avma/governance/hod/2012RegularWinterMeeting.asp.

Proposed Amendment to the Bylaws

Bylaw Amendment 1—All Bylaw Amendments Require a 2/3 Vote

It is important that the House of Delegates receive a recommendation from the Executive Board on each proposed bylaw amendment. It is also important that the vote required to change the bylaws is a higher standard than other decisions made by the House. The higher vote requirement gives the bylaws the stability they need and that is recommended by Robert's Rules.

Bylaw Amendment 2—AVMA Membership

The current AVMA Bylaws & policy stipulate that automatic AVMA membership may only be granted to graduating students who are certified to be a member in good standing of a Student Chapter of the AVMA. The board believes AVMA Bylaws and policy should be amended so that all students who graduate from schools represented in the Student AVMA qualify for automatic conversion to AVMA membership.

Resolutions

Resolution 1—Policy on Animal Abuse and Animal Neglect

In November 1995, the Executive Board approved a policy on Animal Abuse and Animal Neglect, which was reviewed and updated in April 2000 and November 2009. During a recent meeting, the Animal Welfare Committee (AWC) considered correspondence indicating that participants in a multi-stakeholder, industry-supported farm animal care initiative had reviewed the AVMA's policy on Animal Abuse and Animal Neglect. The participants applauded the AVMA for having this policy, but in light of recent on-farm events revealed by undercover videotaping, asked whether the AVMA would consider including an explicit statement regarding expectations for timely reporting. The AWC agreed that prompt reporting of such incidents can be critical to protection of both animals and people (specifically in situations with co-existing domestic violence) and recommended revisions accordingly.

Resolution 2—Policy on Annual Rabies Vaccination Waiver

Following a request from the Council on Biologic and Therapeutic Agents (COBTA) Executive Board liaison over a year ago that the AVMA consider a policy on rabies vaccination exemptions due to pre-existing medical conditions and an accompanying model certificate, the Council on Public Health and Regulatory Veterinary Medicine (CPHRVM) has worked diligently with multiple entities to develop a policy to address exemptions from mandatory rabies vaccination requirements.

While the CPHRVM still endorses and strongly supports the National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians' (NASPHV) recommendation that all dogs, cats, and ferrets should be vaccinated to protect against rabies infection, the Council recognizes that there are unique circumstances in which an annual rabies vaccination waiver may be justified and warranted.

The CPHRVM has thoughtfully considered and incorporated constructive comments from COBTA, the Clinical Practitioners Advisory Committee to COBTA, the Council on Veterinary Services (CoVS), the AVMA PLIT, and the NASPHV prior to development and submission of its recommendation for the new Policy on Annual Rabies Vaccination Waiver and accompanying model waiver form.

Resolution 2—Attachment

Model Annual Rabies Vaccination Waiver Form

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Resolution 3—Model Veterinary Practice Act

The first AVMA Model Veterinary Practice Act (MVPA) was developed by the Judicial Council of the AVMA in the early 1960's. The MVPA has been revised several times to reflect professional, technological and societal changes. The last major revision occurred in 2003. In 2010, the AVMA Executive Board established the Task Force on Model Veterinary Practice Act (TFMVPA) and the latest revision process began in January 2011 with a 30-day public comment period. Approximately 1,000 comments were submitted by AVMA members and non-members concerning various provisions of the VMPPA. The TFMVPA issued a first draft of revisions in June 2011. After additional input from AVMA councils, committees and the House of Delegates, the TRMVPA submitted a final draft of proposed revisions for approval.

Resolution 3—Attachment

Model Veterinary Practice Act

AVMA Veterinary Leadership Conference

Congratulations to the following ISVMA members who were selected to receive scholarships to attend the 2012 AVMA Veterinary Leadership Conference at the InterContinental Hotel in Chicago from January 6-8, 2012.

ISVMA's 2012 AVMA Future Leader Attendee (recipient of AVMA Scholarship)

Jacqueline L Mann-Reed, DVM, (U of I 2011)
Teegarden Veterinary Clinic, Washington IL

2012 AVMA Future Leader Attendees, ISVMA Regional Scholarship Recipients

- Region 1 **Kristin M Stahlheber, DVM**, (U of I 2007)
Hawthorne Animal Hospital, Ltd., Glen Carbon IL
- Region 2 **Christina N Holbrook, DVM**, (U of I 2009)
Capitol Illini Veterinary Services – Springfield, Springfield IL
- Region 3 **Kandice S Norrell, DVM**, (U of I 2006)
University of IL College of Veterinary Medicine, Champaign IL
- Region 4 **Kimberly L Stevens, DVM**, (U of I 2010)
Galva Regional Veterinary Services, Galva IL
- Region 5 **Doreen N Turner, DVM**, (U of I 2009)
VCA Aroma Park Animal Hospital, Aroma Park IL
- Region 6 **Amanda J Mansnerus, DVM**, (U of I 2010)
Amboy Veterinary Clinic, Amboy, IL
- Region 7 **Julie Bunn, DVM**, (OSU 2005)
Glendale Animal Hospital, Glendale Heights, IL

ONLINE CE

The AVMA PLIT has added two new online courses at www.avma.plit.com that address prevalent practice management issues in the veterinary industry. These modules were created to help veterinarians and practice managers train and engage with staff on the topics of controlled substances and managing regulatory inspections. These courses will help staff members better understand the risks of controlled substance, theft, DEA requirements, and how to manage a visit from a regulatory official such as the EPA or OSHA. At the end of each course, the participant completes a quiz and the score is emailed to both the participant and the supervisor. The test results also provide the practice with written documentation. All of these modules are available to AVMA members at no cost through the PLIT website at www.avma.plit.com.

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Welcome New Members

ISVMA would like to welcome the following new members who have joined from July 5, 2011 - October 13, 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!

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Patricia M Jurczyk, CVT
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Crystal M Redinger, CVT
Kimberly R Reyes, CVT
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Shannon Seiss, CVT
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Jacob Levin, DVM
Leah Litchfield, DVM
Margaret R Lobitz, DVM
Brendan C McKiernan, DVM, DACVIM, SAIM
Mark A Mitchell, DVM, MS, PhD, DECZM
Adam Mordecai, DVM
Alison Muehrcke, DVM

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for their review process before becoming the rule that the Department of Professional Regulation will enforce on the profession. (Refer to page 6 for grid.)

A second project that was approved was the first revision of the ISVMA Policy Task Force report on changes to the ISVMA Constitution and Bylaws. These changes mostly involved cleaning up duplication between the two documents and defining the election process and setting term limits for the AVMA delegate and alternate delegate from Illinois. These revisions were presented at the ISVMA annual business meeting at the annual convention in Peoria for member approval.

The Member Services Committee has added two new member benefit programs for ISVMA members. The first approved program was with Energy Plus® for energy savings with ComEd. This not only saves energy costs for ISVMA member's clinics, but there can also be residential savings for veterinarians and staff at the clinics that sign up. (More information can be found on page 11). A second new benefit program was entered into with Invisible Fence® Brand at the September Board meeting. Invisible Fence will partner with veterinarians who donate \$100 or more to the Illinois Veterinary Medical Foundation. Invisible Fence will donate a set of oxygen mask kits to the veterinarian's local fire department. They will provide media coverage and training at the local fire department, along with the veterinarian, in the use of the oxygen masks for fire rescue of pets. (Details on page 3.)

I would like to mention one more accomplishment for ISVMA that occurred at the September Board meeting. This was the first Board of Directors meeting that ISVMA had a voting CVT member present. Board members welcomed Caroline Miskell, CVT to the ISVMA Board of Directors.

Yes, you can see that ISVMA had a bountiful harvest this past fall. However, there is more work that needs to be done, several other projects that are in progress and new ones that will appear in time. With your continued membership and support, the growing season at ISVMA will continue its circle from spring, summer through fall for many bountiful harvests long after my presidency is finished. It has been my pleasure to be entrusted to the leadership of the ISVMA, and my distinct pleasure to be associated with the "fall harvest" of 2011.

Hot Iron Branding vs. Microchip Implantation

If you were to make an educated guess, which method of identifying a horse for ownership would seem to be the most stressful? Finding an answer to that question was the goal of a team of seven researchers led by Christine Aurich, DVM, PhD, professor at the Graf Lehndorff Institute for Equine Science, University of Veterinary Sciences, Vienna, Austria.

Dr. Aurich and her team studied 14 foals between 1 and 5 months old. The team measured heart rate, physical reactions, salivary levels of cortisol, skin temperatures and behavior. Of the seven foals who were branded and the seven foals who were microchipped, the team recorded no markedly different measurements in physiological and behavioral changes indicative of stress.

Aurich is reported as stating in an article published in *the HORSE.com*, "When the foals were immobilized by humans for the procedure, they were found to be nearly as stressed as when having the procedure itself done. This was the most striking surprise of all." (www.thehorse.com/Print.aspx?ID=19025)

The abstract of the study, "Physiological and behavioural responses of young horses to hot iron branding and microchip implantation," is at www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/21917490.

New Anesthesia Guidelines for Dogs and Cats

The American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA) has developed new anesthesia guidelines for veterinary professionals. The *AAHA Anesthesia Guidelines for Dogs and Cats* appeared as an article in the November/December issue of the *Journal of the American Animal Hospital Association*. Sponsored by an educational grant from Abbott Animal Health, and convened by AAHA, a task force of seven experts prepared the guidelines.

The newly published guidelines were created to complement existing protocols from AAHA and other resources, like those published by the American College of Veterinary Anesthesiologists.

The guidelines provide information on all aspects of anesthesia, from pre-anesthetic evaluation to recovery.

To download a copy of the AAHA Anesthesia Guidelines for Dogs and Cats, visit online at www.aahanet.org/PublicDocuments/Anesthesia_Guidelines_for_Dogs_and_Cats.pdf.

Adverse Event Reporting

Whether it is an adverse reaction to a veterinary drug, a pesticide, a medical device, a vaccine, or animal food, there is now one site to visit to report problems with these different products.

The AVMA has created a website for veterinarians to report adverse events. These reports are collected by the government and manufacturers who monitor emerging trends, and provide them the ability to take appropriate action if needed such as a product recall or product label change. These reports are instrumental in determining the actual safety and efficacy of products used in the field.

There are different groups responsible for tracking the events. Would you know who to contact in order to report an adverse event in association with:

- a veterinary drug or medical device?
- a pesticide (such as a flea and tick product)?
- a vaccine or other biological product?
- pet food or other animal feed?

The AVMA's Reporting Adverse Events page can be found at www.avma.org/animal_health/reporting_adverse_events.asp?utm_source=smartbrief&utm_medium=email#vets.

AAHA-AVMA Preventive Healthcare Guidelines

The American Veterinary Medical Association and the American Animal Hospital Association have collaborated on the publication of new health guidelines for dogs and cats. Developed in response to startling statistics that indicate visits to veterinarians are declining while preventable diseases in pets are increasing, these guidelines are designed to provide the foundation for the veterinary practice team to promote preventive veterinary medicine.

The guidelines are a tool to help ensure complete checkups by providing a springboard for veterinarians to explain to their clients the importance of each step in the preventive care checkup, without being overly prescriptive.

The guidelines are online and may be downloaded for printing. Visit www.aahanet.org/Library/PreventiveHealthcare.aspx.

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Update on Clinical Services

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

ISVMA Supports University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine

2011-2012 Event Sponsor

For seven consecutive years at the Platinum Level, and two more at the Gold Level, the ISVMA is again proud to be a Platinum sponsor to over 24 events hosted by the College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Illinois in 2011-2012. The ISVMA is pleased to show its support in this way to more than 450 Illinois veterinary students, as well as College faculty, staff, alumni, and thousands of animal owners!

More than 8,500 attendees participated in these 2010-2011 events.

- Alumni Reception at the American Veterinary Medical Association Conference
- Veterinary Student Orientation (Includes Blue Coat Ceremony)
- Fall Conference Alumni Pre-Game Event
- Alumni Reception at the American Association of Equine Practitioners Conference
- Alumni Reception at the North American Veterinary Conference
- Alumni Reception at Western Veterinary Conference
- Student Applicant Interviews and Recruitment Program
- Veterinary Medicine Open House
- Student Awards Ceremony
- White Coat Ceremony
- Graduating Senior Student Farewell
- College of Veterinary Medicine Commencement Reception
- Monthly Grand Rounds

To be sure you're up on all the news on clinical services from your College of Veterinary Medicine, here's a recap of the top stories of 2011 and previews of what's ahead for 2012. I welcome your feedback at dean@vetmed.illinois.edu.

The Return of Brendan McKiernan

It's great to have Dr. Brendan McKiernan back at the Veterinary Teaching Hospital, this time as director. An internationally renowned specialist in respiratory diseases of dogs and cats, Dr. McKiernan spent his early career at Illinois, from 1974 to 1998. Now he is back after spending the past 13 years at private specialty practices, first in Denver, Colo., and later in Medford, Ore.



"Among my primary goals as director is helping our hospital strengthen relationships with referring veterinarians. We are implementing new procedures to get communication about your patients back to you quickly and often," he says. Look for more from Dr. McKiernan in the next issue of the hospital's rVet Report.

In addition to serving as the chief administrator for the hospital, Dr. McKiernan will be involved in training residents and will provide his expertise as part of the team approach to care for patients with severe respiratory problems. Dr. McKiernan is also collaborating with veterinary radiologist Dr. Bob O'Brien, who is working to image pulmonary structure. Dr. McKiernan will be looking at ways to assess pulmonary function without using anesthesia.

Dr. McKiernan was founder and first president of the Veterinary Comparative Respiratory Society. His interests encompass evaluation and surgical repair of airways in brachycephalic breeds; pulmonary diseases including chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, asthma, pulmonary fibrosis, and chronic bronchitis; and diagnosis and treatment of nasal, pharyngeal, and laryngeal disease, including placement of tracheal stents for severe tracheal collapse cases.

Please feel free to get in touch with Dr. McKiernan to introduce or reacquaint yourself, ask a question, or offer feedback on hospital services. He can be reached at 217-265-6554 or VTHdir@vetmed.illinois.edu.

Chicago Animal ER: It Happened!

Last summer, under the leadership of director Dr. Tom Graves, our Chicago Center for Veterinary Medicine began offering 24/7 emergency services at its location in the Illinois Medical District, 2242 West Harrison Street. Staffing the service are Drs. April Finan and Donna Jacobsen, both Illinois graduates who bring prior emergency experience to their new roles.



In addition to emergency care, round-the-clock monitoring of patients is now available at our Chicago facility. Clients referred by partner clinics receive reduced ER fees, and the transfer fees are waived for patients needing overnight care that are referred by partner clinics.

For more information about Chicago Animal ER, see ChicagoAnimalER.com or call 312-226-2588.

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Drs. Labelle and McFadden Return

We're very pleased that two specialists trained at Illinois returned last fall to join the faculty.



Dr. Amber Labelle is a board-certified ophthalmologist interested in ocular manifestations of systemic disease, equine ophthalmology and treatment of equine glaucoma, novel ocular imaging techniques, and infectious keratitis. She invites you to call her with questions and to follow the progress of her long-term study of pigmentary keratitis in pugs at pigmentarykeratitis.blogspot.com/.

Dr. Michael McFadden is a boarded small animal surgeon who performs both soft tissue and orthopedic surgeries. He oversees the rehabilitation program with Kim Knap, and he has a special interest in the surgery of exotic animals.

For a complete list of clinicians at our Urbana hospital, see vetmed.illinois.edu/4dvms/ or call our referrers hot line: 217-333-5311.



New Faces in the D-Lab

Dr. Rick Fredrickson, director of the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, brought two new pathologists on board last fall.



Dr. Elizabeth Driskell, a boarded anatomic pathologist, is especially interested in dermatopathology, ocular pathology, and diagnostic electron microscopy.

Dr. Stephane Lezmi came to Illinois from France. His interests include neuropathology, toxicology, infectious diseases and comparative pathology.



You can find more information about the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory online at vetmed.illinois.edu/vdl/, or call with your questions: 217-333-1620.

Coming in April: New Docs in Small Animal Surgery and Medicine



Dr. Heidi Phillips, a board-certified surgeon, will soon join us from the University of Pennsylvania. Her interests include feline kidney and other organ transplants, microvascular surgery, reconstructive surgery, and surgery of the urinary tract.

She's a 2001 graduate of the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine. After gaining board certification, she practiced with a referral hospital in the Pittsburgh area for two years and then joined the faculty at the University of Pennsylvania, where she directed the small animal surgery residency program and helped run the renal transplant program.

Canadian-born Dr. Stanley Rubin will be returning to Illinois, where he completed his residency, and returning to an academic setting after spending the past few years at a private specialty practice in Tucson, Ariz. The boarded internal medicine specialist previously spent 25 years on faculty at the University of Saskatchewan Western College of Veterinary Medicine (where he had earned his veterinary degree).



His interests include nephrology/urology, gastroenterology, metabolic disease, and electrolyte and acid-base disorders. Dr. Rubin is a co-editor of *Canine Internal Medicine Secrets*, published in 2007, and has written numerous scientific articles and textbook chapters.

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Stacey Dehlinger Elected Class of 2014 ISVMA Representative

Toward the end of their first full year of vet school, University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine first year students are encouraged to become involved with organized veterinary medicine as the Class Representative to the ISVMA. The Class of 2014 held their election in May of 2011 and with four nominees in the running, included students with a variety of backgrounds. The nominees (in no specific order) included:

Jean Cruse – Jean originates from Bolingbrook, IL and completed her undergraduate education at a work college, Blackburn College in Carlinville IL.

Stacey Dehlinger – Stacey credits growing up on a large grain farm in Olney, IL with her love of veterinary medicine where she was involved with 4-H and her high school FFA program. She earned her bachelor's degree in Animal Science at the University of Illinois where she was Vice President of the Pre-Veterinary Medicine Club.

Jason Kennel – Jason grew up in Roanoke, IL where his family is largely involved in agriculture. He earned his degree in Biology from Judson University in Elgin. While working on his undergraduate degree he worked at a small animal clinic and following graduation worked at Teegarden Veterinary Clinic near his hometown until August of 2010 when he started at the U of I College of Veterinary Medicine.

Natalie Windell – Natalie grew up in Evansville, IL and earned her undergraduate degree from Purdue University. She worked at a variety of vet clinics and zoos before coming to the U of I College of Veterinary Medicine.

When voting closed, Stacey Dehlinger was elected as the Class of 2014 Representative to the ISVMA. Congratulations to Stacey and thank you to Jean, Jason and Natalie for your interest and support.

The commitment as Class Representative is for all four years of study in the Veterinary Medicine program. Each year has specific duties, with the potential of significant contribution to the ISVMA possible. In exchange for this commitment, the Class Representative is presented with an annual scholarship from the ISVMA in the amount of \$1,000 each year for a total amount of \$4,000 awarded over the four years as Class Representative.

As veterinarians, it is critical for us to understand the importance of being actively involved in professional organizations. Organizations such as the ISVMA exist for the benefit of veterinarians and work to ensure the continued strength of the veterinary profession. I have always had a passion for professional organizations such as the ISVMA. My respect for the ISVMA began during high school when I had the honor of shadowing Dr. Ron Gill who was then President-Elect of the ISVMA in 2007. Through my experience with Dr. Gill, I was able to see first-hand the impact that the ISVMA can have. I learned that as a veterinarian it is our responsibility to advocate our cause. With current controversies surrounding animal welfare and the practice act (both of which I am deeply passionate about), it is crucial that we understand the importance of veterinary advocacy. This may be a daunting task, but one that I am determined to take on. It is my deepest honor to represent ISVMA for the Class of 2014.

– Stacey Dehlinger



The current ISVMA Class Representatives are:

Class of 2015 – elected Spring of 2012
Class of 2014 – Stacey Dehlinger
Class of 2013 – Scott Michels
Class of 2012 – Andrew Hennenfent

Wanted: 300 Pugs to Help Find Answers to Perplexing Eye Problem

Dr. Amber Labelle, a veterinary ophthalmologist at the University of Illinois Veterinary Teaching Hospital, pug enthusiast and proud owner of a 5-year-old pug named Dexter, says most of the pugs seen at the teaching hospital are afflicted with pigmentary keratitis and unfortunately, very little is known about it. "There was one academic paper published on pigmentation of the cornea in 1966, and that's it," says Dr. Labelle. "This is why there is such a huge need to learn more about the disease."

Luckily for pugs, Dr. Labelle is tackling a study of the disease to make a major contribution to pug health. Current treatment is aimed at preventing the spread of pigment across the surface of the eye using one of two prescription eye drops: cyclosporine A and tacrolimus. However, it is not known why these medications are effective against pigmentary keratitis.

"My goal is to put a stop to pigmentary keratitis," says Dr. Labelle. Over the next few months, she will examine the eyes of 300 pugs as part of a study of the disease. Each dog will have every aspect of its eyes inspected, ranging from the shape of the head to detailed examination of the surface of the eye. The results of those examinations will be analyzed to determine possible risk factors for pigmentary keratitis.

If you have a pug and would like to participate in the project, or for more information on pigmentary keratitis and Dr. Labelle's study, visit the "Pigmentary Keratitis in Pugs" blog: <http://pigmentarykeratitis.blogspot.com/>

To view this article in full, visit online: <http://www.aces.uiuc.edu/news/stories/news6062.html>

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Information on Spay/Neuter Clinics Ambato, Ecuador

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Ambato is a city about a two hour ride southwest of Quito. It is 7,000 feet elevation so the weather is fairly consistent all year around; cool in the morning, mid 70's in the afternoon and cool in the evening.

The hotel where volunteers stay is walking distance to the clinic and charges \$22 to \$25/person/night including breakfast. Lunch is provided by the Foundation at the clinic and for dinner we usually go downtown to eat at a local restaurant where prices for meals are reasonable. Provisions are easily made for vegans and vegetarians.

We use the very best sterile techniques available under the circumstances and employ gas anesthesia when possible. We do the best we can to make sure that each animal has a pain free recovery, is wormed and vaccinated. Our funds are very limited, but they are stretched to the maximum.

Speaking Spanish is not a necessity and there is no problem with exchanging money since the American dollar is the Ecuadorian currency.

Volunteers usually come a day or so early so that they can get a chance to see the country and not be there just for the clinic. The Foundation makes arrangements to pick up volunteers at the airport and return them for their flights home.

For those interested in strenuous activities there is hiking or mountain bike riding. For those more sedentary there are trips to indigenous market places and scenery to see. A semi-active volcano is not far away and Banos, a nearby town, has water baths heated by the volcano.

For more information contact Dr. Lew Seidenberg at drlew1@aol.com or 847.223.5023.

Giving Back

Lew Seidenberg, DVM

It all started at a Veterinary Conference some 20 years ago. At my lunch table one of the Veterinarians in attendance was talking about a project she and her husband were involved in. They were going to Montana to work with a group hosting a free spay/neuter campaign for stray dogs and cats at multiple Indian Reservations. They asked if I was interested in volunteering? And so began my past 20 years of adventure, dedication and interesting experiences as a veterinarian who volunteers to curb animal overpopulation and unwanted pets.

I have participated in volunteer projects that allowed me to travel to the Galapagos Islands, Mexico, Nicaragua and the Dominican Republic, as well as here in the United States. Although the main goal for each trip is the same, every project has been different. We've set up a MASH clinic on a beach as well as in a small municipal building. We've carried out our work in an old pizzeria, a closed discothèque, a fire station or sometimes on the back of a truck or in a farmer's front yard. Although the basic purpose is to spay and neuter as many animals as possible, we've also done laceration repairs and set broken legs using 2 liter bottles and branches from a tree. (Months later we learned that these surgeries were successful.)

Volunteering on such projects brings many rewards which include connecting with, and befriending, veterinarians as well as others who have a dedication and interest in taking on the overpopulation situation of companion animals. While many improvements have been made here in the States on this topic, in foreign countries there lacks a basic teaching process to educate pet owners about the proper care of their animals and the responsibilities one has as a pet owner.

On several of my trips outside the United States, I had the pleasure of working with, befriending and eventually mentoring, a young Ecuadorian Veterinarian by the name of Diego Barrera. We first met when I volunteered to be part of a project on the Galapagos Islands where Dr. Barrera was first a volunteer, and then a paid staff member, of a conservation organization whose facilities were being used for the project. After 1 ½ years on the Islands he returned to his home city of Ambato with a goal to improve the lives of the animals there. His passion for veterinary medicine, his intensity in his work for the care of stray and unwanted animals, and the desire to do something for his own community led him to create a small Foundation called PAE Ambato; and, in a friend's backyard, he worked to adopt out street animals he cared for and performed surgeries in a 6' x 6'

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shed. With the help of local volunteers he also created a mobile educational booth to set up in parks and at city events, and gave talks at many of the local schools. He was also able to convince some of the local politicians to pass and enforce laws for the care of animals and to be concerned about cruelty cases.

Additionally, he was able to get the local municipality to begin thinking about an animal control program. It was during this time that I went to visit him. One of the things I saw was the Pet Market, a pet section at one of the local markets. People would bring in pups and kittens and be there all day to sell these animals for 25 cents or a dollar; and, at the end of the day, the unwanted animals were simply thrown into a garbage dumpster. My friend and his volunteers would come in the late afternoon and retrieve as many of the pups and kittens as they could from the dumpsters. Most were either sick or emaciated and had to be euthanized because there was little funding to save them. I was so moved by what I experienced that I made a short video. It can be found on YouTube. Type in PAE Ambato and click on the monkey.

Due to my friend's efforts to educate those in charge, his municipality decided to build a facility for animal control that included a clinic and adoption buildings for cats and dogs. This is the FIRST such municipal facility in his country. When it was nearly completed, I worked with him and his Foundation and began planning a campaign to sponsor a spay/neuter clinic in the new facility. That first clinic was staffed by 8 American volunteers from various projects in the past (which included me), another Ecuadorian Vet, and about 15 Vet students from two local Veterinary Colleges. People stood in line all day to have their pets operated on; and, after five days of some 450 surgeries, there were still more people who wanted the service. It was a successful first campaign. The mayor of the city was very impressed and, in fact, Diego was asked to be the Director of the municipal facility.

And so it was, in February, 2011, we carried out another campaign. Eleven volunteers from Canada and the United States - veterinarians, veterinary technicians and helpers - went to Ambato. With the help of another Ecuadorian Vet plus many veterinary students, we were able to

complete 585 surgeries in that week. Another successful campaign.

At press time, I will have participated in the third spay/neuter clinic held in Ambato for their municipality. To date, between 140 and 160 pups and kittens are retrieved from the Pet Market EACH market day!! This is a situation that needs attention and action. For any who have an interest in participating in future projects, please contact me, Dr. Lew Seidenberg, by email (drlew1@aol.com) or phone (847-223-5023). I have found this type of volunteer work educational, interesting, challenging and very rewarding. I'm sure anyone who joins me will too.

SAVE THE DATES FOR REGIONAL MEETINGS

MARCH 2012

22 EASTERN ILLINOIS VMA ANNUAL SPRING MEETING

Univ. of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine-Basic Science Building, Urbana IL, Room 225S. Topics in cardiovascular medicine. 8:00am-5:00pm. To register or for information contact Dr. John Penning at jpenningdvm@gmail.com.

28 KANKAKEE VALLEY VMA SPRING MEETING

Weitendorf Agriculture and Horticulture Center, Joliet Junior College, Joliet IL. Topics in emergency/critical care companion animal medicine. Speaker: Todd Duffy, DVM, DACVECC. 4:00-8:00pm. Register at www.isvma.org or call 217.546.8381.

APRIL 2012

12 SOUTHERN ILLINOIS VMA SPRING MEETING

Holiday Inn Hotel, Fairview Heights IL. Topics in infectious disease. Speaker: Richard Ford, DVM, DACVIM, DACVPM (Hon). 9:00am-4:00pm. To register or for information contact Southern IL VMA President, Dr. Wendy Probst, at 618.643.2957 or wphog@yahoo.com.

20 ISVMA SMALL ANIMAL DENTISTRY WORKSHOP

Northgate Pet Clinic, Decatur IL. A program for the doctor and technician offering morning lecture 8:00 am-12:00pm and afternoon lab 1:00-5:00pm. Speaker: Larry Baker, DVM, DAVDC, FAVD. Register at www.isvma.org or call 217.546.8381.

25 NORTHERN ILLINOIS VMA SPRING MEETING

Tebala Shrine, Rockford IL. Topics in infectious disease. Speaker: Richard B. Ford, DVM, DACVIM, DACVPM (Hon). 8:00am-4:00pm. Register at www.isvma.org or call 217.546.8381.



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Shown (L to R) at the bill signing of SB 1637, the Animal Control Act amending sections pertaining to pet identification, are Governor Patrick Quinn, Steve Dale and Dr. Robyn Barbiers, ISVMA member and President of the Anti-Cruelty Society in Chicago. Photo by Dr. Sheldon Rubin.

Governor Signs Changes to Controlled Substances Act

On August 12, 2011, Governor Quinn signed into law various amendments to the Illinois Controlled Substances Act (Public Act 97-0334). The new law amends (1) defined terms, (2) rules relating to scheduling, dispensing and prescribing of controlled substances, (3) the list of anabolic steroids, and (4) the Prescription Monitoring Program. The bill also permits an authorized prescriber to issue electronic prescriptions for Schedule II through V controlled substances if done in accordance with federal rules. Veterinarians are included in the definitions of practitioner and prescriber.

New Illinois Laws Effective January 2012

More than 200 new laws were passed during 2011 legislative session. Ones that may be more pertinent to the practice of veterinary medicine are listed. For a synopsis of all new laws that went effect for 2012, a list is provided on the Senate Republican Website at www.senategop.state.il.us.

- **Animal Control Act amending Sections 10 and 35 regarding Pet Identification (SB 1637/PA 97-0240):** Impounded dogs or cats must be scanned for the presence of a microchip and examined for other currently acceptable methods of identification, including, but not limited to, identification tags, tattoos, and rabies license tags. The examination for identification must be done within 24 hours after the intake of the dog or cat. The bill also provides notification requirements to owners, agents and caretakers. Additionally, it provides that if the dog or cat has been microchipped and the primary contact listed by the manufacturer cannot be located or refuses to reclaim the dog or cat, an attempt shall be made to contact any secondary contacts listed by the manufacturer prior to adoption, transfer or euthanization. Prior to transferring the dog or cat to another humane shelter, rescue group, or euthanization, the dog or cat shall be scanned again for the presence of a microchip and examined for other means of identification. If a second scan provides the same identifying information as the initial intake scan and the owner, agent, or caretaker has not been located or refuses to reclaim the dog or cat, the animal control facility may proceed with the adoption, transfer, or euthanization.
- **Controlled Substances Act (HB 2917/PA 97-0334):** Makes various changes to clean-up the Illinois Controlled Substances Act and to bring it into compliance with federal standards including updating or deleting certain definitions; allowing authorized prescribers to issue electronic prescriptions if done in accordance with federal rules; outlining fines for crimes relating to controlled substances; providing for data collection; and more. (See article on facing page for detailed information.)
- **Good Samaritan Medical Equipment Donor Act (SB 1372/PA 97-0183):** Provides immunity for people (not corporations) who donate medical equipment or supplies (not medication) to a veterinarian school or licensed veterinarian for use by the veterinarian school or by the veterinarian in that person's veterinary practice.
- **Innkeepers Lien Act (HB 3012/PA 97-0569):** Provides for a lien for stable owners for the boarding and stabling of a horse and allows the sale of the horse or any personal property left on the premises at public or private sale in order to satisfy the lien.
- **Illinois Vehicle Code amending Section 11-1408 (HB 1315/PA 97-0017):** Bans riding in a trailer, semitrailer, farm wagon or any other vehicle while it is being towed upon a public highway, unless necessary due to an emergency situation.
- **Personal Information Protection Act (HB 3025/PA 97-0483):** Makes various changes regarding notification of a personal information security breach to an Illinois resident and outlines the Attorney General's duties upon receiving notice of a security breach. Also provides guidelines for the disposal of materials containing personal information.

ISVMA LOBBY DAY – April 18, 2012 Save the Date to be in Springfield!

- Who: ISVMA Members!
- When: April 18, 2012
9:00 am to approximately 2:00 pm
- Where: Springfield, IL
- Why: To make veterinarians the first source of expert advice when lawmakers are making decisions on issues related to the veterinary profession and the health and welfare of animals and the public.

RSVP to the ISVMA Office at 217/546-8381 or Refer to Form on page 34.



Fairness to Pet Owners Act of 2011

Congressional Call to Action

In support of the American Veterinary Medical Association's legislative efforts to defeat H.R. 1406, FAIRNESS TO PET OWNERS ACT OF 2011, ISVMA members are being asked to contact their U.S. Senators using the AVMA Action Alert (<http://avmacan.avma.org/avma/callalert/index.tt?alertid=56650516>).

The AVMA policy position on this bill is to actively pursue defeat of the bill.

Thanks to veterinary professionals' grassroots efforts, H.R. 1406, the Fairness to Pet Owners Act, a bill that would require veterinarians to write a prescription at the time of prescribing a product for a companion animal, regardless of whether or not you would also be dispensing the product to your client, continues to be stalled in the House. This legislation would also require veterinarians to provide a written disclosure notifying the pet owner that they may fill the prescription through you, the prescriber, or another pharmacy.

Efforts are underway to introduce similar legislation in the Senate. AVMA needs your help again.

Please call your U.S. Senators today and encourage them to not support any legislation that would mandate veterinarians to write out prescriptions – something veterinarians already do.

AVMA has a long standing policy encouraging veterinarians to write a prescription in lieu of dispensing when a client would like to go elsewhere. And pet owners already have the freedom to take a prescription to be filled at the pharmacy of their choice.

Tell your Senators why they should oppose any legislation that places mandates on prescription writing:

- Legislation like this is unnecessary and redundant.
- The American Veterinary Medical Association is supportive of a client's right to have their prescription filled at the pharmacy of their choice and

encourages veterinarians to write a prescription when asked by a client.

- Pet owners have the freedom to take a prescription to be filled at the pharmacy of their choice.
- State laws already govern veterinary prescription writing making this bill unnecessary.
- AVMA believes that the prescribing veterinarian is the most appropriate professional to provide guidance and education when dispensing a prescription product.

You can review the official AVMA position statement on H.R. 1406 (http://www.isvma.org/avma/hr1406-12_05_11.pdf), a single page, or download the full text of the bill (http://www.isvma.org/avma/hr1406_bill_text.pdf).

If you have questions, please feel free to contact Dr. Ashley S. Morgan, Assistant Director, at the American Veterinary Association's Governmental Relations Division at amorgan@avma.org.

New Illinois Law adds Tramadol, other Drugs to List of Class IV Controlled Substances

Public Act 97-0334 added several new drugs to the list of Class IV Controlled Substances. Illinois became the sixth state in the country to add Tramadol to the list of controlled substances. The underlined drugs in the following section of the law are the newly scheduled drugs (720 ILCS 570/210) (from Ch. 56 1/2, par. 1210):

Sec. 210.

- (a) The controlled substances listed in this Section are included in Schedule IV.
- (b) Unless specifically excepted or unless listed in another schedule, any material, compound, mixture, or preparation containing limited quantities of any of the following narcotic drugs, or their salts calculated as the free anhydrous base or alkaloid, as set forth below:
- (1) Not more than 1 milligram of difenoxin (DEA Drug Code No. 9618) and not less than 25 micrograms of atropine sulfate per dosage unit.
 - (2) Dextropropoxyphene (Alpha-(+)-4-dimethylamino-1, 2-diphenyl-3-methyl-2-propionoxybutane).
- (c) Unless specifically excepted or unless listed in another schedule, any material, compound, mixture, or preparation which contains any quantity of the following substances having a potential for abuse associated with a depressant effect on the central nervous system:

(1) Alprazolam	(7.1) Clotiazepam	(11) Flurazepam	(16) Methohexital	(21) Phenobarbital
(2) Barbitol	(7.2) Cloxazolam	(11.1) <u>Fospropofol</u>	(17) Methylphenobarbital	(21.1) Pinazepam
(2.1) Bromazepam	(7.3) Delorazepam	(12) Halazepam	(Mephobarbital)	(22) Prazepam
(2.2) Camazepam	(8) Diazepam	(12.1) Haloxazolam	(17.1) Midazolam	(22.1) Quazepam
(2.3) <u>Carisoprodol</u>	(8.05) <u>Dichloralphenazone</u>	(12.2) Ketazolam	(17.2) Nimetazepam	(23) Temazepam
(3) Chloral Betaine	(8.1) Estazolam	(12.3) Lorazepam	(17.3) Nitrazepam	(23.1) Tetrazepam
(4) Chloral Hydrate	(9) Ethchlorvynol	(13) Lorazepam	(17.4) Nordiazepam	(23.2) <u>Tramadol</u>
(5) Chlordiazepoxide	(10) Ethinamate	(13.1) Lormetazepam	(18) Oxazepam	(24) Triazolam
(5.1) Clobazam	(10.1) Ethyl loflazepate	(14) Mebutamate	(18.1) Oxazolam	(24.5) Zaleplon
(6) Clonazepam	(10.2) Fludiazepam	(14.1) Medazepam	(19) Paraldehyde	(25) Zolpidem
(7) Clorazepate	(10.3) Flunitrazepam	(15) Meprobamate	(20) Petrichloral	(26) <u>Zopiclone</u>

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Terry Steczo, Maureen Mulhall, Government Strategy Associates

2012 SESSION SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED

Both the House and Senate have released their 2012 session calendars, both containing the same session days and breaks. Session began on Tuesday, January 31 and is scheduled to end on Thursday, May 31. The legislature will meet weekly but has scheduled breaks for the weeks of February 13, March 12, April 2 and April 9. Session is scheduled for pretty much every weekday during the month of May.

REAPPORTIONMENT MAPS ARE FINAL

Just like cicadas that emerge from a deep sleep every seventeen years and cause havoc, the reapportionment process in Illinois has ended, burrowing itself into a comfortable place to rest until reemerging again in March, 2021.

On December 7, the federal courts dismissed the lawsuit that had been filed objecting to the map of new legislative districts drawn by the Democratic legislature. A week later, on December 15, federal judges laid objections to the congressional reapportionment map to rest. So now it's game on, legislative and congressional candidates have submitted their petitions and will be slugging it out hoping to emerge victorious in the March 20 primary elections.

Since the adoption of the 1970 Illinois Constitution, 2011 was the first time that one political party controlled the three components (House, Senate, Governor) required to the unfettered drawing of new district maps. In 1981, 1991 and 2001 control of the components was split so maps were drawn via the tiebreaking procedure provided for in the Constitution.

The United States Constitution requires reapportionment following each U.S. Census.

LEGISLATIVE TURNOVER AND TENURE

There is often an erroneous perception that, once elected, legislators never leave willingly. Rather they stick around one election too long and suffer defeats or are carried out. While that is true for some, the numbers show that there is a great deal of turnover in legislative seats during the course of each ten year period from one reapportionment to another. While sitting incumbents are still deciding whether or not to begin the process of putting their names on the ballot for the upcoming 2012 election cycle, a cursory review shows that there has been a fairly large legislative turnover since January, 2003, the date when legislators elected under the current maps were sworn into office.

Fifty-nine senators took the oath of office in 2003. How many are still serving today? Twenty seven, which represents a turnover of 54%. While a few did leave for other elective offices, most of the 32 departures simply completed their service by way of election defeat or retirement.

The turnover rate in the House is just as telling. Seventy of the 118 House members who took the oath of office in January, 2003, are no longer serving today, a turnover of 59%. Of those 70, seven moved across the rotunda to the Senate, but the other 63 left via deaths, defeats or retirements.

The departure numbers cited above do include legislators who have vacated offices by death or resignation this summer, but do not include those who have announced their intentions to retire at the end of their terms. Additionally, there will be a further winnowing of some incumbents because the new legislative maps have forced head-to-head primary election fights, and a few others that may not survive the general election next November. When the dust clears after the election season and legislators gather in Springfield in January, 2013, to begin the legislative session, expect that at least 60% of senators and 65% of representatives are new within the last ten years.

These numbers should be very meaningful to those who promote and engage in advocacy because it fractures the presumption that legislative membership is a constant and never-changing. It verifies that there is always a new coterie of legislators to educate and to tell our story.

LEGISLATIVE TURNOVER

Candidate petition filing began November 28 and ended December 5, 2011. The close of filing yielded the first official list of incumbents that are electing to take a pass on re-election. The addendum to the first list of non-returning incumbents will be the results of the March 20 primary election. A number of legislators are running against each other in the primary election so the losers will be added to the list of non-returnees. The November general election results will provide the last names to be added to the list. There is only one November race in the state that will pit a Democratic and Republican incumbent (Rep. Sidney Mathias (R-Buffalo Grove) v. Rep. Carol Sente (D-Vernon Hills)) so one of them will not be returning, but the prevailing opinion is that there will be a number of other very difficult races this fall that could send a few incumbents packing.

As reported from September 30 through December 2011

The following legislators have announced their intentions to retire at the end of their current terms rather than seek re-election: Sen. John Millner (R-West Chicago), Rep. Kimberly du Buclet (D-Chicago), Rep. Lisa Dugan (D-Kankakee), Rep. Connie Howard (D-Chicago), Rep. Joe Lyons (D-Chicago), Rep. Karen May (D-Highland Park), and Rep. Kevin McCarthy (D-Orland Park).

Rep. Tom Holbrook (D-Belleview) has resigned to become state Pollution Control Board Chairman. A replacement will be named soon.

Rep. Karen Yarbrough (D-Broadview) has announced she will not seek re-election to the Senate but will instead run for office in Cook County. Sen. Suzi Schmidt (R-Lake Forest) and Sen. Edward Maloney (D-Chicago) have also announced their intentions to retire and not seek re-election. It is expected that Sen. James Meeks (D-Chicago) will also soon announce his intention to retire.

State Sen. Jeff Schoenberg (D-Evanston) has announced that he will not seek re-election. State Rep. Daniel Biss (D-Skokie) has announced that he will be a candidate for Sen. Schoenberg's seat and will not seek re-election to the House.

Rep. Scott Penny has been appointed to replace former Rep. Tom Holbrook who recently resigned.

State Sen. Maggie Crotty (D-Oak Forest) has announced that she will not seek re-election.

State Sen. David Koehler (D-Peoria) has reconsidered his decision to leave the Senate and run for Congress. He will run for re-election instead.

State Rep. Kevin McCarthy (D-Orland Park) has resigned. A replacement has not yet been named.

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Membership Committee Seeks to Form Retirees Organization

At the ISVMA State Convention on Saturday, November 12, the ISVMA Membership Services Committee held an informational meeting for ISVMA members who were interested in forming a retired/senior veterinarian organization.

The idea to form such a group was proposed some time ago in committee as a means to provide a program for senior members at the state convention. It was the hope of Membership Services Committee Chair, Dr. Craig Stevenson, to have an open discussion to help develop a rounded idea of what an ISVMA Retirees Organization could provide its members.

Interest was strong and Dr. Stevenson is excited about the possibilities for moving forward. "We had a good response with fourteen members attending," said Stevenson.

As hoped, the discussion at the meeting ventured into other areas of involvement. Among them was establishing a social media connection with members of the group to allow the group members to easily and rapidly communicate with each other. There are issues of common interest to this age group including volunteerism opportunities, travel ideas, hobbies, investments, healthcare and many others.

Stevenson stressed to the group that the vision for a Retirees Organization wouldn't be limited to retired veterinarians. Since many issues of interest for this type of group would also be of interest to those nearing or thinking about retirement, nearly-retired ISVMA members would be welcome to join the group as well.

Before adjourning the meeting, those assembled were asked who would be willing to serve on the planning committee. Dr. Stevenson was extremely pleased with the support to his question. "Everyone in attendance raised their hands! They are obviously enthusiastic about the prospect of a senior/retired veterinarian group within ISVMA."

The next stage in the organization of this group is the establishment of a task force. A group of twelve volunteers, plus Stevenson, have made their commitment to serve on this task force and will seek approval by the ISVMA Board of Directors to continue its forward progress.

President's Message

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I ask you to help deliver our message to our elected officials. We need your help so our collective voice can be heard. The Practice Act and our ability to address laws which affect our profession rests almost entirely on how effective we are in communicating with state and federal officials. Those of us who have been in the trenches know this is true. Individuals do make a difference. The AVMA helps establish national policy but your ability to practice veterinary medicine is totally governed by your state rules and regulations – which is why support of the ISVMA is critical to your success. That is why your participation is critical to our future.

Last year ISVMA held Lobby Day in Springfield, as we have done for several years. There were less than 20 veterinarians who participated with no representation from the Chicagoland area. Unfortunately, most of the legislation that can reduce the role of veterinarians has come out of the Chicagoland area. This is our Achilles heel. To influence what happens to the veterinary profession, there need to be veterinarians who will make contact with their legislators, educate them and tell our story. If you are saying to yourself, "I know this, but where do I start?" We can help you. We, as in the ISVMA.

The turnover of representatives is constant and much greater than in the past with many of ISVMA's staunch legislative supporters retiring from their seats. Some of ISVMA's devoted grass-roots lobbyist-members have retired as well. Now is the time for you to step forward and make a difference for your profession. By making contact, and establishing a relationship with your legislator, you can have a profound effect on the veterinary profession.

The ISVMA is committed to fighting for our profession and can teach you how to do this. There are mentors readily available to help lead the way. Drs. Craig Stevenson and Wayne Brown (both former ISVMA Presidents) were both mentors that showed me the importance of organized veterinary medicine. Plus, there is a bounty of both resources and tools readily available on the ISVMA website and through ISVMA staff that will make you successful.

ISVMA urgently needs to cast a wider net. Chicagoland veterinarians - we need you to educate your representatives. Downstate veterinarians - we need you to educate your representatives. These are tasks that are needed consistently day in and day out - not just for emergencies. Veterinarians need to engage politically, or we will see our profession's influence die slowly due to its inability to have a seat at the table of our State's decision makers.

If you have a legislative contact, let the ISVMA know about it. If you do not know your legislator, let's find out who he or she is and make contact. Legislators have pets - those individuals can become our greatest allies. I challenge every ISVMA member to make at least one legislative contact.

Mark your calendar to attend ISVMA's Lobby Day on April 18, 2012. An investment of one day of your time can pay you back several times over due to the impact legislation can have on your ability to practice. Make a difference. And make our profession strong.



2012 Outstanding Veterinarian Awards

Nominate a colleague or classmate for the 2012 Outstanding Veterinarian Awards. Nominations close July 31, 2012. Complete the form and forward nomination materials by fax (217/546-5633), email (info@isvma.org) or mail to Outstanding Veterinarian Awards, 1121 Chatham Rd, Springfield IL 62704.

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2011 ISVMA Annual Convention

Ever expanding to meet the needs of our members, this year's convention held a number of new initiatives and programs for our attendees. Those in attendance were provided options to participate in the development of an ISVMA Retirees Organization, earn credit hours towards USDA Accreditation status, earn CE in exhibit hall, and a Wellness Center that offered a rabies booster vaccine.



The 2011 Convention returned to the Peoria Civic Center for its 129th year. Educational sessions, wet labs, a MONOPOLY®-themed trade show, social events and the ISVMA Annual Meeting made up the agenda for the Friday through Sunday event. The Annual Meeting, at which the business of the association is conducted, was held Friday afternoon prior to the President's Welcome Reception. Newly elected board members were recognized, the new ISVMA president sworn in, the association's financial report given, a vote of the membership was taken regarding proposed amendments to the ISVMA Constitution, and colleagues were honored for their accomplishments and dedication to veterinary medicine.



In his capacity as ISVMA President, Dr. Michael Thomas conducted the ISVMA's Annual Meeting. This year's meeting included a vote by the veterinarian members on Board-recommended amendments to the ISVMA Constitution. A motion was made and seconded to adopt the amendments as drafted. A voice vote was taken and the amendments were unanimously approved.



Dr. Brendan McKiernan, Director of the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine Teaching Hospital provided an update on the Veterinary Teaching Hospital to the membership.



Honored for their dedication to veterinary medicine and their state association, were ISVMA's newest Life Members. Life membership is granted in recognition of 35 years of continuous membership in the ISVMA. Shown above are (at right) Dr. Emil E. Baukert, Skokie, IL and Dr. Steven Cairo, Highland Park, IL, two of the twenty-four ISVMA members who earned the distinction of Life Membership in 2011.



Shown accepting the congratulations of incoming President Dr. Stephen Dullard is 50 Year Member Dr. Cesar Agustin.

Congratulations were extended to the following ten ISVMA Life members in honor of significant contributions through their work experiences, learning and mentoring on the 50th anniversary of their graduation from veterinary college, Class of 1961.

In honor of this milestone, and in appreciation of their participation as a life member of the ISVMA, each new "50 Year Member" received a commemorative pin prior to the annual meeting.

*Cesar C Agustin, VMD, Oak Park, IL
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Steve Cairo Elected 2011-2012 ISVMA Vice President

Congratulations to the ISVMA's newly elected ISVMA Vice President, Dr. Steve Cairo of Cairo Animal Hospital in Highland Park IL. (ISVMA Region VII). Since 1981, Dr. Cairo has been Owner and Medical Director of Cairo Animal Hospital (now VCA Cairo Animal Hospital after a merger in 2011 with VCA Antech). He was also a founding member of the Animal Emergency and Referral Center, Northbrook IL (now BluePearl-Northbrook). Active in organized veterinary medicine since 1976, Cairo has been an ISVMA board representative for District VII to the Board of Directors from 2003 to present. From 2008-2010, he was a member of the Executive Committee as ISVMA Treasurer.

"Having been active in organized veterinary medicine since graduating from veterinary school, I am humbled and honored to be given this opportunity to serve my colleagues at this level," stated Cairo when learning he had been elected.

Regional Election Results

Region III – Dr. Gregory Mauck was elected to a three year term. He had served as a representative previously and, after taking the requisite time off from the Board as required by the term limits in the Constitution, is seated again to serve his region.

Region IV – Dr. Matthew Nelson was elected to a three year term. He takes over for retiring board member Dr. Mary Welle.

Region V – Dr. Scott Keller was elected to a three year term. He takes over for retiring board member Dr. John Ehrhardt.

Region VII – Drs. Jack Brar, Sandra Faeh and Natalie Marks won a contested election in their region. Dr. Marks returns for a second term. Drs. Brar and Faeh will each serve a three-year term to take the seats of retiring board member Dr. Paul Arndt and ISVMA Vice President Dr. Steven Cairo.

Each of the seven constituent regions is represented on the board with a minimum of two representatives. Additional representation is assigned, using a formula, based upon the total number of ISVMA members in the region. In regions where there is more than one representative, their terms of office are staggered to prevent representation from expiring at the same time. Tenure on the board as a regional representative includes a term of 3 years with a limit of serving two consecutive terms.

To bring issues, praises or concerns to the board, contact your regional representative. (The elected regional representatives are listed on page 2, and can also be found online at www.isvma.org/about_us/boardofdirectors.html.) Your representative will present the information to the full board for consideration.



ISVMA's Incoming Board President, Dr. Stephen Dullard, is shown with outgoing President Dr. Michael Thomas. Dullard will serve his one year term as ISVMA President through November 2012. He is a 1986 graduate of the Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine, and owner/practitioner of the Ancare Veterinary Clinics located in Mendota and Spring Valley, IL.

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ISVMA 2011-2012 Board of Directors and Ex-Officio Members



Back row, from left to right: Clyde Dunphy DVM, Matthew Nelson DVM, Phil Fassler DVM, Al Whitman DVM, Michael Thomas DVM, Herb Whiteley DVM, Todd Florian DVM, Stephen Dullard DVM, Sheldon Rubin DVM, Gregory Mauck DVM, Steve Cairo DVM

Front row, from left to right: Michelle Gundlach DVM, Caroline Miskell CVT, Lynette Hemker DVM, Tracy Myers DVM, Dena Nelson DVM, Elizabeth Clyde DVM, Sandra Faeh DVM, Tamara Lutz DVM.

Missing from the picture: Peter Weber MS CAE, Natalie Marks DVM, Robert Ebbesmeyer DVM, George Richards DVM, R. Scott Keller DVM, Jack Brar, BVSc&AH, Scot Michels

ISVMA President's Award

Dr. Craig Stevenson, former owner of Sandwich Veterinary Hospital in Sandwich, IL, was presented with the 2011 ISVMA President's Award. This award, given at the discretion of the ISVMA President, goes annually to recognize person(s) for their contribution to significantly advance the interests of the veterinary profession, animals, the public and the environment.

In his introductory speech, ISVMA President Dr. Michael Thomas shared that Stevenson had been part of his veterinary career from their first days as students at the College of Veterinary Medicine at the Univ. of IL. "We spent our four years as lab partners and, possibly more importantly, bridge partners. For those of you that are younger, bridge is a card game played in the days before personal computers, Facebook, and cell phones," quipped Thomas.

Dr. Stevenson has been the recipient of multiple awards at the local, state and national levels of organized veterinary medicine for his leadership and commitment to the veterinary profession. An active member of the ISVMA, he's been a member of, or chaired, numerous ISVMA committees and task forces. In 2001 he received the ISVMA Service Award; he's been an active member of the board of directors of Northern Illinois VMA, serving as president in 1989; he was their regional representative to the ISVMA Board of Directors from 1992-1998, and 2004-2008. Stevenson was a member of the Executive Committee, serving as ISVMA



Shown presenting the 2011 Presidents award are (left to right) Dr. Craig Stevenson and ISVMA President Dr. Mike Thomas.

Vice President, President-Elect, President and finally Past President.

Even after selling his practice and cutting back on his hours in 2008, he's continued to provide outstanding leadership to the ISVMA as Chair of the Membership Services Committee. Under his leadership, the committee introduced the ISVMA's two newest member programs, oversaw the introduction and growth of CVT membership, introduced the Wellness Center to the ISVMA Annual Convention and is in the development stages of providing an organization for retired veterinary professionals in Illinois.

Exclaimed Thomas as he closed his presentation, "I could go on for hours talking about all he has done to advance the veterinary profession and support the ISVMA, but I would rather just ask him to come and receive this well-deserved President's Award."



Six ISVMA Board Members completed their terms of service. Dr. Mary Welle (Region III), from All Creatures Animal Hospital, Urbana IL; Dr. Patrick Fairbrother (Region IV), from Vet Care Associates, Alpha IL; Dr. John Ehrhardt (Region V), former owner of McNabb Veterinary Clinic, McNabb IL; Dr. Paul Arndt (Region VII), from Lombard Animal Hospital, Lombard IL; Mr. Andrew Hennenfent (U of I Vet Med Student Representative), from Urbana IL and Dr. Lydia Gray, concluding her term as ISVMA Immediate Past President, of SmartPak Equine, Elburn IL. (Top photo from left to right: Arndt, Ehrhardt, Fairbrother. Bottom photo: Welle)

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2011 Outstanding Veterinarians Awards

Each year, two veterinarian members of the ISVMA are recognized for their zeal, passion and dedication to both the animals they care for and to organized veterinary medicine. Nominations for each award, the Erwin Small First Decade Award and the Veterinary Service Award, are accepted beginning January each year through the end of July. The Nominations and Award Committee reviews all nominations at that time for selection.

Dr. Matt Nelson Honored with Erwin Small First Decade Award

Dr. Matt Nelson from Geneseo, Illinois was presented with the Dr. Erwin Small First Decade Award at the 129th Illinois State Veterinary Medical Association (ISVMA) Annual Meeting in Peoria, IL on November 11, 2011. This prestigious award is given annually to one veterinarian who has graduated from veterinary college within the last ten years. It recognizes a young veterinarian who represents high standards of professionalism and demonstrates leadership in programs approved by the ISVMA.

A member of the ISVMA since 2003, Dr. Nelson is a 2002 graduate of the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine and is the owner of Maple Ridge Veterinary Clinic in Geneseo, IL. He has been actively involved in the organization as a member of the ISVMA Legislative Committee, the Joint Task Force on CVT Roles and Responsibilities and was most recently elected to the ISVMA Board of Directors.

"The Erwin Small Award is a tremendous honor that is bestowed only on those who have given selflessly to advance the profession and to raise other veterinary professionals to higher levels of achievement," said Peter Weber, Executive Director of the ISVMA. "Dr. Nelson is a wonderful role model for other young veterinarians and it is people like him that inspire such great hope for the future of our profession."

In addition to his memberships and volunteer positions in organized veterinary medicine at the national, state and local level, Dr. Nelson is active in his community by serving on the board of directors of the Animal Emergency Center of the Quad

Cities, the Geneseo Kiwanis Club, and the Geneseo Chamber of Commerce. Additionally, he has volunteered at the Animal Emergency Center, has appeared on "Ask the Vet" segment on KWQC TV 6 Paula Sand Live television program, served as the veterinary professional on-site for the local Humane Society's "Bark in the Park" 5k run and dog walk as well as given various veterinary medicine presentations for pre-school through middle school students.



At right, Dr. Matt Nelson, ISVMA member and recipient of the 2011 Dr. Erwin Small First Decade Award, is shown with Dr. Ronald Gill, left, ISVMA Past President and member of the Nominations and Awards Committee.

Dean Herb Whiteley Receives Veterinary Service Award

Dr. Herb Whiteley, Dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Illinois, was the recipient of the Veterinary Service Award at the 129th ISVMA Annual Meeting in Peoria, IL on November 11, 2011. The recipient sets an example to those entering the field of veterinary medicine as well as demonstrates outstanding work as an ISVMA member.

Dean Whiteley was responsible for taking the dream of building a veterinary heritage museum and moving it towards a reality by donating space at the College of Veterinary Medicine and working with ISVMA on the planning and fundraising to make the Dr. Walter Zuschlag/ISVMA Veterinary Heritage Collection and Information Commons a reality. He has also supported ISVMA efforts to get faculty and students more involved in ISVMA programs and our advocacy efforts. He has served with distinction on the ISVMA Board of Directors and tirelessly worked to spread the message about the importance

of veterinary medicine to the health and welfare of animals and the public.

"Dean Whiteley has been a key figure in many of ISVMA's proudest achievements in the last decade, showing unprecedented cooperation and coordination with ISVMA," expressed Dr. Ronald Gill, ISVMA Past President and member of the Nominations and Awards Committee, as he presented Whiteley with his award.

Dr. Herbert Whiteley became the sixth dean of the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine in August 2001. His background includes a B.S. in Animal and Veterinary Science from the University of Maine in 1973, a DVM from Purdue University in 1977, a PhD from Colorado State University in 1984, and diplomate status from the American College of Veterinary Pathologists. He was in private practice in Massachusetts from 1977 until 1980. After finishing his PhD, he joined the Department of Veterinary Pathobiology. He served on the faculty at Illinois from 1984-1995 and was awarded the College's All Around Excellence Award in recognition of teaching, research, and service in 1994. In 1995, Dr. Whiteley moved to the University of Connecticut at Storrs, where he headed the Department of Pathobiology and Veterinary Science and served as director of the Connecticut Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory and as interim director of the Office of Animal Research Services. His professional interests are in the area of ocular, diagnostic and toxicologic pathology. In 2007, he was elected to American Veterinary Medical Association's Council on Education representing veterinary medical research.



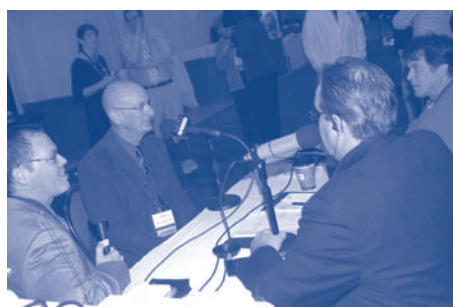
At right, 2012 Veterinary Service Award winner Dean Herb Whiteley, DVM, is shown with Dr. Ronald Gill.

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2011 Trade Show Presents MONOPOLY® Theme

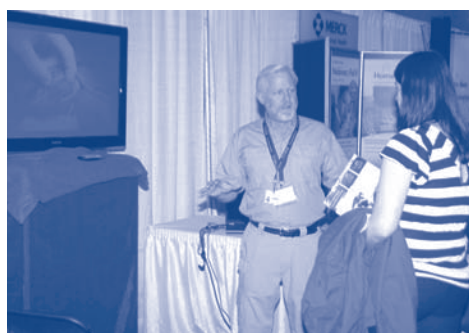
This year's trade show provided a new twist by including a theme of the iconic board game MONOPOLY®. Vendors were encouraged to join in the fun by participating in the Battle of the Booths contest and sponsoring the family friendly Money Grab Booth.

A wide variety of products and services were represented by the many vendors in attendance. The services provided in the Wellness Center expanded again this year to include the rabies booster as well as a relaxation station where massages were offered. Increasing from one program to two, CE-earning programs were offered throughout the week-end providing attendees an option to earn extra hours.



ISVMA President Stephen Dullard and ISVMA Past President were live on the radio during this year's Convention. Interviewed by Greg Batton and Dan Diorio of "The Greg and Dan Show," the show aired Saturday morning on 1470 BMVD AM. Drs. Dullard and Thomas answered a number of questions presented by their hosts on a variety of veterinary topics.

Convention attendees had the opportunity to vote on the booth that best represented the MONOPOLY® theme. Congratulations went to Cheshire Partners LLC in Booth #116 and Mr. PennyMoney who obtained the most votes. The winning prize was free booth fees for 2012 Convention.



Offering additional CE in exhibit hall was speaker Chris V. Simmons, RPh who presented information on treatment options afforded by compounding. WMBD-TV came to interview Chris and ISVMA's Dr. Stephen Dullard. The edited story ran Sunday November 13, 2011 on their 10:00pm newscast. To see the story on WMBD's website, visit http://centralillinoisproud.com/fulltext/?nxd_id=211417.

Money Booth a Big Hit

Thank you to the sponsors of the Money Grab Booth. Attendees had the opportunity to make one trip into the booth each day for daily prizes. Thank you to the following exhibiting companies for their generous support of this entertaining and challenging activity!



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Exhibit Hall Winners

Congratulations to Dr. Hope Hollingsead who won a Nook by participating in the Community Chest Drawing; to Dr. Lynette Hemker, Ashlee Webb (Class of 2012 Joliet Jr. College), and Sandra Goldenson who all won \$50 VISA cash cards for guessing correctly the Mystery Instrument; to Dr. Larry Loop who won the IVMF 50/50 Drawing.

Dr. Loop generously donated his winnings back to the IVMF—thank you!



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Illinois Veterinary Medical Foundation 2011 Convention Fundraising Events

Returning for another successful year at the 2011 Annual Convention were two fundraisers for the Illinois Veterinary Medical Foundation (IVMF). This year's Silent Auction, chaired by ISVMA staff member Karen Janssen with the assistance of IVMF board representative Dr. Sally Foote, plus the 50/50 raffle netted proceeds of over \$3900. These proceeds go toward fully endowing four ISVMA Student Scholarships that were established in 2006.

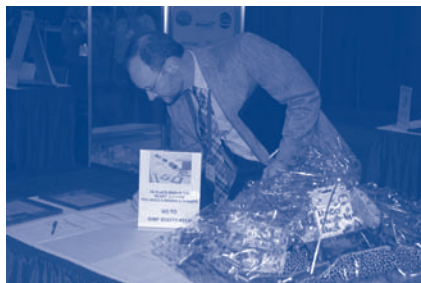
A wide variety of items were donated for the silent auction, including (but not limited to) artwork, and jewelry crafted by Illinois artisans, autographed sports memorabilia, wine and cheese produced in Illinois, and continuing education sessions. Thank-you's go out to everyone who provided and purchases items.

The IVMF Board of Directors would like to thank all those who provided items:

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It's not too soon to begin considering a donation for the 2012 ISVMA Convention to be held in Lombard. The exhibit hall theme will be centered on football, so put your helmets on for great gift baskets and other donated ideas....we look forward to your continued support.



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*The ISVMA and its Board of Directors thank
Dr. Kristi McCullough,
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for an outstanding job with
the 2011 Convention Program!*

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READERS' FORUM

Proper Disposal of Urine Sample

Q What is the proper way to dispose of urine in a closed collection system if I think it may have *Leptospira* organisms in them?

A (Reply is provided by Beverly Albarracin of the Illinois EPA) The definition of "potentially infectious medical waste (PIMW)" found in 35 Illinois Administrative Code 1420 states that: "PIMW" means ... waste generated in connection with the diagnosis, treatment (i.e., provision of medical services), or immunization of human beings or animals... Animal Waste. Animal waste means discarded materials including ... body fluids ... originating from animals inoculated during research, production of biological, or pharmaceutical testing with agents infectious to humans." Based on this definition, urine from a veterinary office is not considered to be PIMW, even with the possibility of *Leptospira* contamination, and the urine does not need to be managed as PIMW.

While there are no PIMW requirements for managing the urine, there are recommendations for eliminating *Leptospira* that would be prudent to observe. Any veterinary personnel should use personal protective equipment (e.g., gloves, etc.) when handling the urine. Two common, inexpensive methods for eliminating *Leptospira* are chlorine bleach and salt. Salt water kills *Leptospira*, so an amount of salt that would give the urine a salinity value similar to sea water would kill the organisms. Chlorine bleach also kills *Leptospira*, and pouring at least 1/8 cup of bleach into every gallon of urine and/or water will kill the organisms.

These Q and A originate from issues that come to the ISVMA office from our members.

Got a question that you need help answering? Email us at info@isvma.org. We're here to assist you. Take advantage of this terrific member service!

The Practice of Chiropractic by a Non-veterinarian

Q SITUATION 1- A non-veterinarian chiropractor in my area appears to be soliciting cases without a referral. On this individual's website, it is possible for a new client to schedule an appointment without mention of a need for a veterinary referral. To quote the website:

Of course, at your first appointment, we will evaluate your dog to see if chiropractic care is a good option for them. If not, we will refer you to your vet or another health care professional who can help.

Additionally, this practice has a facebook page in which medical advice and proposed treatments are discussed for animal health. Is this in violation of the Veterinary Practice Act, and if so, what kind of formal procedure is in place to address this violation?

Q SITUATION 2- A local chiropractor who is certified in Animal Chiropractic by the American Veterinary Chiropractic Association has forwarded a form to our office to notify me that a client has chosen chiropractic care for their animal. The letter even goes so far as to cite that the document is in accordance with the Practice Act and provides the language to the section pertaining to "a member in good standing of another licensed or regulated profession." (*Full text is provided below in the answer section.*) The pet owner has signed the document and there is even a signature line provided where I am asked to acknowledge that this individual wishes their animal to be seen by the named chiropractor. I have not signed, nor have I returned the document as I have not discussed this treatment with the pet owner, who is a client and with whom I have a current veterinarian-client-patient relationship. To my knowledge this chiropractor is working on the pet without my permission to treat. Isn't this in violation of the Veterinary Practice Act?

A In both situations, because the chiropractor is not a veterinarian, and is not treating the animal with a referral from a veterinarian, they are in violation of the Practice Act.

The language that regulates the relationship that may occur between a veterinarian and an experienced chiropractor follows. (Veterinary Medicine and Surgery Practice Act ; 225 ILCS 115/4)

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

Even though the American Veterinary Chiropractic Association has certified the one individual, this individual has "put the cart before the horse" in dictating that they will treat the animal and only ask the veterinarian to sign off on the treatment. It should be the other way around with the pet owner and veterinarian discussing the treatment first with a referral to treat by the chiropractor.

In instances where you have evidence that a non-veterinarian, Illinois-licensed chiropractor is treating an animal without your informed consent, you have the option to file a complaint with the Division of Professional Regulation, the body in Illinois who regulates all professional licenses. Go to www.idfpr.com/admin/complaints.asp and scroll to the bottom of the screen. The lower section entitled "Division of Professional Regulation Complaints" has links to a form that may be downloaded, filled out and mailed as well as to a means of submitting the complaint by email. Upon receipt, the Department will assign the case to the appropriate Boards.

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Veterinary Client Patient Relationship – in a Multiple Doctor Practice

Q I work in a clinic that has 10 veterinarians on staff. Doctor A has a patient that has come in for treatment and has a well-established veterinarian-client-patient relationship (VCPR) with the animal. The animal's visit and all pertinent information are included in the patient's medical records. While Doctor A is away on vacation, the pet owner calls in to request a prescription that Doctor A recommended for the animal as post care. This Rx is not recorded in the animal's medical records for post care; however, Doctor B (without seeing the animal) reviews the animal's records and then prescribes the Rx for this animal. Is this within the VCPR relationship or must Doctor B have their own VCPR with the animal?

A According to the Practice Act, there are three conditions that must be met to fulfill the definition of the Veterinarian-client-patient relationship (225 ILCA 115 Section 3).

"Veterinarian-client-patient relationship" means that all of the following conditions have been met:

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

According to (2) and (3), allowances are provided when the "veterinarian with the prior relationship" designates another available veterinarian with access to the animal patient's records for the care of that animal. As long as Doctor A has DESIGNATED Doctor B to the care of the animal, and as long as the animal patient's records are sufficient to allow Doctor B to provide reasonable and appropriate care for that animal, then the definition of the VCPR has been satisfied and Doctor B may prescribe the requested medicine for the animal.



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Obituaries —

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

—Johann Von Schiller

Mary Jo Arndt, nee Larsen, 78, of Lombard, died September 24, 2011 at Good Samaritan Hospital, Downers Grove, IL.

Mrs. Arndt was a graduate of Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, IL with a B.S. in Education. She was a former teacher having taught fourth and fifth grades in Villa Park and Urbana. Mrs. Arndt had been a newspaper columnist and was the managing partner and hospital administrator of the Lombard Veterinary Hospital with her husband, Dr. Paul. They established the Lombard Veterinary Hospital in 1959 and it is one of the largest single-family-owned small animal medical centers in Illinois.

In 2010, President of the Village of Lombard, William J. Mueller, had proclaimed September 24 as MARY JO ARNDT DAY in the Village of Lombard in honor of:

- Her many years of dedicated service and contributions to the community including Mary Jo's being an integral part of the York Township Republican women's Organization for 45 years and serving as a former Republican National Committeewoman for Illinois;

- Serving as past president of the National Federation of Republican Women and a pioneer in efforts to increase opportunities for women in politics, government and education;

- Founding the Illinois Republican Women's Roundtable in 1989 which broadened the party's reach into new communities of women; and through the Roundtable, establishing the Illinois Lincoln Excellence in Public Service Series which annually awards 10 to 15 fellowships to women to study government and politics;

- The many seminars she conducted on various facets of political organization and party structure and her campaign efforts in almost every county in Illinois;

- And her service as a Publicity Chairperson for the Lombard Minuteman, a group that raised \$40,000 to build a log cabin at Four Seasons Park as part of Lombard's Bicentennial;

- Her service to the community by being a Girl Scout Leader, Executive Secretary for the Lombard Lilac Parade Committee, a Rotary Ann, and her

activity and involvement with the Maple Street Chapel Preservation Society, the YWCA and the Lombard Chamber of Commerce.

President Ronald Reagan appointed Mary Jo Arndt to be a member of the President's Commission on White House Fellowships in recognition of her devotion and excellence in service to the Government and she was reappointed by President Bush. Mary Jo served as a member of the Republican National Committee for Illinois from 1988 to 2008. She was elected to the RNC Executive Committee representing the Midwestern Region from 2005-2008. She was the Chairman for Illinois Women for McCain campaign and was a member of the McCain National Hispanic Outreach Team. Mary Jo recently completed six years on the Board of Directors of American Women for International Understanding and is a member and advisor of the Republican National Hispanic Assembly of Illinois. She is a member of the Xilin Asian Association Board of Directors.

Mrs. Arndt was twice elected by the Primary voters of the 6th Congressional District as their State Central committeeman, both in 1982 and 1986. In 2008, she was elected Vice Chair Emeritus of the Illinois Republican State Committee.

A pioneer in efforts to increase opportunities for women in politics, government and education, she actively worked to expand the party's base by bringing a diverse group of women into the political system.

As a member of the Illinois Governor's Commission on the Status of Women, Mary Jo served on the Working Group on Balancing Work and Family, which explored issues such as child care, elder care and pension reform. She represented President Bush as an observer of the Romanian Elections in May of 1990. Her government service also included a U.S. Senate confirmed appointment to the National Advisory Council on Women's Education Programs during the Reagan Administration, where she served as chairman of the Women's Educational Equity Act Committee and membership on the Advisory Committee to the Illinois State Superintendent of Schools. She also served, by appointment of the governor, on

the Illinois Commission for the Celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment.

Today's Chicago Woman twice named Mary Jo a "Power Personality" — a woman making a difference in Chicagoland's business and social environment. She served as a member of the U.S. Small Business Administration National Advisory Council from 2001 to 2007. The Foundation for Women's Resources selected Mary Jo as one of 100 women to participate in Leadership America. She was a member of the National Board of Directors of Leadership American from 2001 through 2006, a national not-for-profit leadership organization that recognizes, educates and connects accomplished and diverse women to increase their individual and collective impact globally.

Mary Jo was a member of the Advisory Board of Leadership Illinois and Save the Patient. The Gallup Organization selected her as a "Visionary Leader for the 21st Century" and awarded her a full scholarship to the Gallup Leadership Institute.

Mrs. Arndt is survived by her husband, Dr. Paul W., DVM; three daughters, Dr. Kristi L. Arndt, PhD, DVM of Lombard; Kerri L. (Russell) Roselli of Rolling Meadows, and Dr. Georgianne, DVM (Gregory) Ludwig of Lombard; four grandchildren, many friends and many pets.

Her funeral service was held October 4, 2011 at the First Church of Lombard with interment at Chapel Hill Gardens West. Memorials to the Maple Street Chapel for its upkeep would be appreciated. Maple Street Chapel, 220 South Main Street, Lombard IL 60148.

Raymond Orlando Hill, DVM, 84, of Centralia, died Sunday, August 7, 2011 at Centralia Manor.

Raymond was born on May 22, 1927, in Ramah, Colorado, the son of Raymond Benjamin and Nellie Muriel (Venable) Hill.

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DONATIONS TO ENDOWMENT

At the start of this fiscal year on July 1, 2011, through January 31, 2012, the IVMF has received contributions totaling \$6,404.00. 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 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:

IVMF, c/o ISVMA - 1121 Chatham Road - Springfield, IL 62704

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- from judges and membership of the club

IN MEMORY OF

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-from the East Side Animal Hospital, East Peoria

Cyrus	Fluffy	Hershey	Muffin	Willow
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-from the Mt. Sterling/Rushville Veterinary Clinic, P.C.

The IVMF welcomes contributions that are to celebrate an honor or life milestone as well as to memorialize a loss. Download a donor form from the ISVMA website at www.isvma.org/about_us/foundation.html to submit your memorial. Indicate who you are honoring on the form and give an address where the memorial can be sent.

www.isvma.org

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Dr. Hill served in the United States Navy during WWII. He lived in Centralia since August of 1967.

Dr. Hill was a veterinarian who served as director of the Illinois Department of Agriculture Animal Disease Lab. He was a member of St. Peter United Church of Christ, served on Deaconate and board of trustees, board of Christian education, past president of Central City Lions Club, Illinois State Veterinary Medical Association past president, member of VFW Post 2055 and American Legion Post 446 honor guard.

Dr. Hill is survived by special friend Joy Kay Glenn of Centralia; sons Dwight S. (Jana) Hill of Cary, NC, and Mark A. (Michelle) Hill of Centralia; daughters Nancy L. (James) Schwab of St. Louis MO, Pamela J. Hill of Madison WI, and Patricia A. (Michael) McGinn of Carbondale; 10 grandchildren, and 2 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held August 11, 2011 at Irvin Funeral Home in Centralia with Rev. Lisa Hart officiating. Military rites were accorded at the funeral home by VFW Post 2055 and American Legion Post 446. Interment is at Barton City Cemetery in Barton County, MO. Memorials may be made to the Central City Lions Club or St. Peters United Church of Christ.

J. Wayne Rehn, DVM, 74, of Alpha, IL died October 9, 2011 at Cottage Hospital in Galesburg IL.

He was born June 26, 1937 in Moline, IL to J. Raymond and Mabel Peterson Rehn. He attended the Osco School, graduated from Orion High School and graduated from the University of Illinois where he received his B.S. and a Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1961 to 1963. On June 22, 1963 he was united in marriage to F. Jean Farnham in Stockton, CA.

Wayne practiced Veterinary Medicine for 30 years in Geneseo and Alpha, IL. He served 12 years as CEO of the AVMA Professional Liability Insurance Trust in Chicago, IL.

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He was a member of Bethany Lutheran Church in Woodhull and served on the Cottage Hospital Board of Directors. He served as a board member of the Woodhull Land Development Association, the former Woodhull State Bank and the former Farmers State Bank of Geneseo.

Dr. Rehn was a member of the Alpha Chapter of the Alpha Gamma Rho, a national professional agricultural fraternity where he served as vice grand president. He was past chairman of the Illinois State Veterinary Association where he received his 50 year pin and he was a member of both the Illinois and the National Veterinary Licensing and Disciplinary Boards and the Illinois Department of Agriculture Cattle Research Committee.

He was an avid Cubs and Illini Fan and in his retirement enjoyed farming with his brother and brother-in-law. He enjoyed being with his family and attending his grandchildren's activities.

Survivors include his wife, Jean; daughter Lisa (David) Hamman of Naperville, IL; son John (Jeralyn) Rehn of Galesburg, IL; his AFS daughter Dr. Maria Toro of Bogota, Columbia; and 5 grandchildren.

Cremation was accorded and a Celebration of Life service was held October 22, 2011 at Bethany Lutheran Church in Woodhull, IL. Burial was at the Andover Cemetery where military services were conducted. Memorials may be left to Bethany Lutheran Church, University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine Scholarship Fund, Families of Spinal Muscular Atrophy or to a favorite charity. "Let's Hear It For Osco"

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

2012 ISVMA LOBBY DAY

Springfield, Illinois

April 18, 2012

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City, State Zip _____

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Please include your email address. Important event information will be forwarded by this method first, fax second.

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Names of Representative/Senator (If known. The ISVMA office can provide this information if unknown.)

Cost to attend: No Charge to participate.

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I CANNOT ATTEND; HOWEVER, I WOULD LIKE INFORMATION. TELL ME HOW THIS WORKS!

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Mail or fax form back to office by April 11, 2012
so a head count for our lunch can be made.

Illinois State Veterinary Medical Association
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E-Source News

January 5, 2012 Volume IX, No. 10

- New Illinois Law Adds Tramadol, Other Drugs to List of Class IV Controlled Substances
- Novartis Temporarily Suspends Production of Interceptor, Sentinel
- Report Shows the Veterinary Industry is on the Rise
- Drugs in Livestock Feed Links: Reports on the FDA's Decision to Back Off Proposed Limits
- ISVMA Monthly Legislative Report
- More Aflatoxin-Related Dog Food Recalls Revealed

December 8, 2011 Volume IX, No. 9

- Cargill Animal Nutrition Recalls River Run and Marksman Dry Dog Food
- Public Hearing Over Large Hog Facility
- 8 Cases of New Tick-Borne Disease Are Identified
- Precise Chemotherapy Delivery System is Tested in Mice
- ISVMA Monthly Legislative Report
- January 25 Vet U: An Evening of Free CE

November 21, 2011 Volume IX, No. 8

- State VMA Support Needed Now to Defeat Mandatory Prescription Bill in Congress
- ISVMA Legislative Report
- FDA Warns China-made Chicken Jerky Could Cause Fanconi Syndrome
- ISVMA Annual Meeting Recap

September 30, 2011 Volume IX, No. 7

- Update from Merial on Immiticide Shortage
- Printing Error in the Printed ISVMA Convention Registration Brochure
- Don't Be Late! Sign Up Now for Limited Enrollment Programs at the 129th ISVMA Annual Convention
- ISVMA 2011 Fall Equine Meeting
- ISVMA Monthly Legislative Report
- MU Study Links Cat Cancer to Human Cancer Treatments

What did YOU miss? Information in an E-SOURCE might not appear in an EPITOME! Take advantage of this member benefit and make sure the ISVMA office has your current email address on file. To be added to the ESOURCE distribution list, email info@isvma.org; please add info@isvma.org to approved senders list to ensure delivery.

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If you are currently on a Budget Billing plan, your monthly budget billing amount may be adjusted as a result of enrollment with Energy Plus. In addition, your utility may perform a true-up upon enrollment with Energy Plus. Depending on various factors, including season, this true-up could result in a charge, or a credit.

Please Keep your Member Profile Up-to-Date

ISVMA wants to remind all our members that it's a great time to make sure your information is current.

- Have you changed employment in the last year?
- Do you have a new home address, phone or updated email?
- Can animal owners searching for veterinarians in Illinois find you in the "Find a Veterinarian" feature of the ISVMA website because you've provided thorough information about your location, species and medical disciplines?

It takes only a few short minutes to update your member profile to make sure you get the most out of your membership. Visit us online at www.isvma.org, log into your member record, review your current information and update while you are there.

....and while you are there, won't you confirm the Accuracy of Your Practice Listing?

While logged into your member record, it's possible to see a complete list of all veterinarians and technicians associated with your practice in our database (and their membership status). Use the Member Directory Link on the horizontal (orange) bar at the top of the ISVMA website.

Once you have opened the Member Directory Link, type in your practice name in the search field labeled "Organization." The veterinary professionals in our database who are associated with your practice will be listed.

If the list includes a veterinarian or technician that has left your practice, please let us know where they have relocated. If you have a veterinarian or technician that is in your practice, but not listed, please let us know that too so that we can update our database. For changes, please email peter@isvma.org.

Nearly 20,000 people visit the ISVMA website every day. Many of them use the "Find a Veterinarian" search tool to locate a nearby veterinarian.

E-Source News

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September 26, 2011 Volume IX, No. 6

- Registration Open for the 129th ISVMA Annual Convention
- AVMA Legislative Call to Action! Tell Congress to Oppose the Fairness to Pet Owners Act
- ISVMA 2011 Fall Equine Meeting
- Researchers Reverse Type II Diabetes in Mice
- ISVMA Offers Sponsored Benefit Programs to Increase Your Practice Income

September 14, Volume IX, No. 5

- Public Health Alert for all Veterinarians in the Champaign-Urbana-Savoy Area
- Transfusion-Associated Babesiosis in the United States: A Description of Cases
- Three Human Rabies Deaths in the U.S. Last Year
- AAHA-AVMA Preventive Healthcare Guidelines
- ISVMA Offers Sponsored Benefit Programs to Increase Your Practice Income
- Pet Owners Push Back on Prices

September 5, 2011 Volume IX, No. 4

- USDA APHIS Has Proposed New Rules on the Importation of Dogs into the USA
- FDA Warns of Possible Danger with Vet Jet™ Animal Vaccine Device
- The Food and Drug Administration is warning veterinarians and pet owners, particularly cat owners, of the possible risk of fractures with the Vet Jet™ transdermal vaccination system device. The device is sold exclusively as the delivery system for the PUREVAX Recombinant Feline Leukemia Vaccine. [See the FDA release for more info.](#)
- APHIS Proposes New Framework for Tracing Food Animals
- USDA Announces Oct. 1 as Deadline to Participate in Accreditation Program
- ISVMA Offers Sponsored Benefit Programs to Increase Your Practice Income
- Reversing the Decline in Patient Visits
- Check and Confirm the Accuracy of Your Practice Listing Using the ISVMA "Find a Veterinarian" Search Tool

August 24, 2011 Volume IX, No. 3

- USDA Announces Oct. 1 as Deadline to Participate in Accreditation Program
- Earn Cash Back on Electricity Bills through ISVMA's Newest Sponsored Benefit Program
- Strong Action Taken to Strengthen Veterinary Economics
- USDA Announces Directive to Improve Humane Handling Enforcement Measures to Ensure Consistent Treatment of Livestock
- Check and Confirm the Accuracy of Your Practice Listing Using the ISVMA "Find a Veterinarian" Search Tool

August 16, 2011 Volume IX, No. 2

- Parvovirus at Champaign County Humane Society
- Hackers Shift Attack to Small Companies
- Governor Quinn Signs New Law Requiring Shelters to Scan Twice for Microchips
- Governor Signs Changes to Controlled Substances Act
- Distributor Runs Out of Heartworm Treatment Drug
- Check and Confirm the Accuracy of Your Practice Listing Using the ISVMA "Find a Veterinarian" Search Tool

July 13, 2011 Volume IX, No. 1

- ISVMA Membership Renewals Past Due - Please Pay Immediately to Avoid Interruption of Member Services
- Check and Confirm the Accuracy of Your Practice Listing Using the ISVMA "Find a Veterinarian" Search Tool
- Consumer Reports Chides Veterinarians About Fees for Services, Prescriptions
- Top Ten Poisonous Plants to Cats and Dogs
- Topinka Unveils "Comptroller's Critters" Website
- Bright Hiring Outlook Brings Eager Animal Lovers into Veterinary Technician Field
- ISVMA Sponsored Benefit Programs Can Save Your Practice Money!
- Survey Responses Will Help Vet College Chart Its Course

ISVMA Member

RESOURCES



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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)

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(Login is case sensitive)

Membership Services

CE 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 IDFPD 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
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.

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Purina Veterinary Diets

ISVMA Legislative Relationship Form

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Relationships you provide allow ISVMA an opportunity to better connect with elected officials. Examples of relationships include:

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

OSHA Resources

ISVMA no longer creates its own OSHA resource. Members seeking current OSHA information are referred to AAHA's page for safety and OSHA tools where 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>

Additionally, AVMA PLIT has published a newly updated edition of The PLIT Veterinary Safety Manual. It can be purchased by going to their website at <http://avmaplit.com/uploadedFiles/AVMAPLIT/Order%20Form%202009.pdf>

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License Maintenance Unit

For questions pertaining to an active license
217-782-0458

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For questions regarding new applications
217-782-8556

USDA APHIS, Veterinary Services

Illinois Area Office

Veterinary Accreditation Program

Animal import and export

217-547-6030

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To obtain a list of Haulers:

www.epa.state.il.us/land/wastemgmt

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

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Beverly Albarracin

Beverly.Albarracin@illinois.gov

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PET SAFETY PARTNERS

Project Breathe™ - Oxygen Mask Donation Program

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PROGRAM PURPOSE

The Illinois State Veterinary Medical Association Members and Invisible Fence® Brand Illinois dealers are teaming up to ensure Fire Departments and First Responders throughout the State are equipped with specially designed oxygen mask kits in an effort to save more pets from succumbing to fire/smoke inhalation.



Although the number of pets that die in fires is not an official statistic kept by the U.S. Fire Administration, industry web sites and sources have cited an estimated 40,000-150,000 pets die in fires each year; most succumbing to smoke inhalation. In most states, emergency responders are unequipped to deal with the crisis. The donation of these specially designed and potentially lifesaving animal oxygen mask sets will enable first

responders to efficiently administer oxygen to a stricken animal.

PROCESS FOR DONATION

- Determine number of kits needed - Limit one kit per station
- Invisible Fence® Brand pays 100% of the cost for the kits (\$60 per kit - includes small, medium and large masks w/bag)
- Fill out the form below including station contact information or complete online at www.InvisibleFence.com/O2
- The participating ISVMA vet makes a \$100 donation to the Illinois Veterinary Medical Foundation, c/o ISVMA, 1121 Chatham Road, Springfield, IL 62704



WHAT WE ASK FOR IN RETURN

- Encourage rescuers to use the kits and share your success stories and experiences with us.
- Host a demonstration at the fire station for media; we will write the press release and ask that you send it to media. Fire station(s) will be presented with kits at this time.
- Assist us with contacting media for news coverage; we want to spread the good word and let pet owners know that area fire departments are now better equipped to help save pet's lives!

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Kate Mach, Donation Coordinator - 866-408-3910; kmach@ifco-jgb.com

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NUMBER OF KITS (Limit One Per Station)



PET SAFETY PARTNERS

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\$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

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- 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.
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