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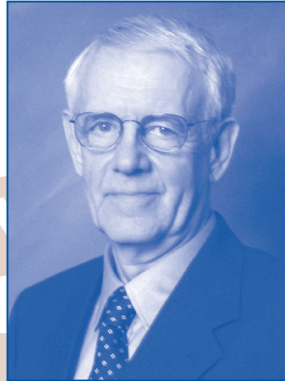
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## MAKING PROGRESS

*Dr. Wesley G. Bieritz, President, ISVMA*



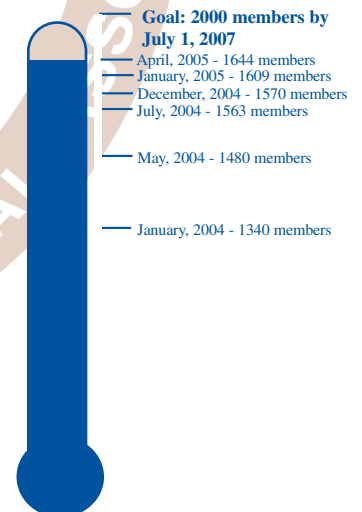
In sports, we're taught that whether you win or lose isn't as important as how you play the game. I've thought about that advice many times as ISVMA has been battling bad legislation in the State Capitol and bad regulatory policy at the Illinois Department of Revenue (IDOR). We certainly don't know if we're going to win every game, but the important thing is that ISVMA is playing hardball.

On page (2), our executive director has written an update on ISVMA negotiations with the IDOR regarding the tax compliance issues that have plagued the profession for decades. We're on the verge of making some very beneficial changes in the application of sales tax for veterinary practices and, perhaps more importantly, developing a definition of compliance that will be easier to understand and implement. The changes are designed to help end the "gotcha" audit practices of the IDOR and help every veterinary practice owner better understand the requirements of tax compliance and the health and safety of animals and the public.

ISVMA has also been very active in the State Capitol. The bills that have gained the most attention are House Bill 315 and Senate Bill 2078 (\$3 rabies tax for state managed, low-cost spay/neuter program). Many ISVMA members have spoken to their legislators regarding their concerns with these bills. Additionally, the ISVMA Board and Legislative Committee held an informal "Lobby Day" on March 8, 2005 and spent a day in the Capitol lobbying legislators on these and other issues of importance to the veterinary profession. Those that participated in the Lobby Day were thrilled by the experience and it had a marked

influence on the issues we were lobbying. ISVMA has played hard and fair. We've also made significant progress on the issues we've advocated for the profession. The tremendous support from member veterinarians is the most important component of our success – and the level of participation grows every week. Your association is growing not only in numbers. It is growing in influence because of your support and involvement!

### We're setting the goal for new members!



## PROGRESS ON SALES TAX ISSUES

*Peter S. Weber, CAE  
Executive Director, ISVMA*




ISVMA has been negotiating with the Illinois Department of Revenue (IDOR) in an effort to end a series of veterinary tax audits that have occurred in recent months. Through these audits, the IDOR has attempted to enforce changes in tax policy that were not communicated to veterinary practices.

After a series of meetings with high-ranking officials at the IDOR, I am happy to report that ISVMA is close to reaching an agreement that would provide a clear and stable definition of tax compliance for veterinary practices. Although the details of the tentative agreement are being worked out as this article is being prepared, the following are some issues we're quite confident have already been resolved:

- The IDOR will no longer use a product-by-product analysis to determine whether the Retail Occupation Tax applies to a sale. In other words, there would no longer be a mystical and ever-changing list of items that are considered retail. Rather, the state would determine the tax classification of a product based upon how the product is delivered. If it is delivered incident to medical service, it will be treated as Service Occupation Tax.
- The IDOR will develop (with input from ISVMA) an information bulletin that explains to veterinary practices how to apply the tax laws and regulations to assure their compliance. The bulletin will be designed for clarity and simplicity – as well as completeness.
- There are other issues being discussed (but not ready for dissemination) that will serve the purpose of shining a bright light on compliance to avoid the types of adverse audit findings this profession has been accustomed to enduring.

ISVMA has benefited from the counsel of Mike Scaduto and his colleagues at J.D. Michael & Associates – an audit consulting firm in Springfield, Illinois. Mike is the retired Manager of the Audit Bureau at IDOR and has an extensive background in assisting business and industry with audit issues. Mike and his firm have assisted veterinary practices under audit and helped reduce the impact of audit findings. They have also been instrumental in our negotiations with IDOR to clarify the application of tax laws and avoid future “gotcha” audits.

When the details of an agreement are available, members will be notified initially through an E-SOURCE newsletter. We expect the IDOR will issue an information bulletin to all affected taxing bodies and ISVMA will plan to hold a series of meetings to provide expanded information to practices in order to help them understand how the changes will affect them and how they can avoid future adverse audits through a streamlined definition of compliance. 

## LEGISLATIVE CALLS TO ACTION

Recipients of the E-SOURCE Newsletter have been asked several times over the past few weeks to contact their legislators to express the ISVMA opposition to House Bill 315 (The Animal Overpopulation Control Act). Hundreds of veterinarians across the state have responded to the call to action and clearly expressed their concerns related to the state imposing a \$3 tax on rabies vaccinations to fund a state-managed low-cost/no-cost spay neuter program.

In the past, many veterinarians felt that they didn't need to be active in the legislative process. Others weren't comfortable with speaking to their elected officials. However, it has become critical that every Illinois veterinarian challenge herself/himself to become politically engaged. Other interest groups are very active in promoting animal health and welfare policies. If veterinarians don't become more involved, these groups will be determining the policies to which veterinarians will have to conform.

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## ARE YOU ON-LINE AND IN THE KNOW?

The ISVMA utilizes a communication tool vital to our members, the E-SOURCE. This electronic newsletter is an essential component to keeping members informed and current. Are you willing to miss a timely piece of news? How long is too long to wait to know what has happened at the Capitol or if regulatory issues change?

How critical can a timely piece of information be? The Illinois Department of Public Health and the Illinois Department of Agriculture have utilized the E-SOURCE to disseminate critical information such as the identification of positive rabies-infected terrestrial animals in north-central Illinois. The ISVMA uses the E-SOURCE to keep members updated on key legislative and regulatory decisions – while they are being made! – in Springfield. Because of E-SOURCE, you can be involved in influencing public policies that impact your profession!

In analyzing our membership database\*, the figures representing members who haven't forwarded their email addresses show that there are a number of you who are underserved.

<i>Without email:</i> Active Members	44.6%
Affiliate Members	33.3%
Graduate School Members	40.0%
Inactive Members	50.0%
Life Members	63.9%
Students	18.0%

There are still too many members who don't take advantage of the E-SOURCE. Be assured that ISVMA database information is not sold to outside sources. Additionally, you will receive no spam as a result of forwarding your email address to the ISVMA office.

Which group do you wish to be part of: those who do receive up-to-the-minute information or those who wait for the printed word? If you have an e-mail address and aren't getting the ISVMA's electronic newsletter, you are missing out. The way to stay informed is through the E-SOURCE.

Contact the ISVMA office at [info@ISVMA.org](mailto:info@ISVMA.org) and ask to be added to the distribution list. This is a member service you shouldn't be missing! 

\* Information from March 9, 2005 membership list

## Nominations Being Accepted by Association for Women Veterinarians

The Association for Women Veterinarians (AWV) is accepting nominations for its annual recognition awards: The Outstanding Woman Veterinarian of the Year Award and the Distinguished Service Award. Award nominations opened January 1 and are due May 1, 2005.

Nomination for Outstanding Woman Veterinarian of the Year (OWVY) is open to any female graduate of an accredited veterinary school. The purpose of the OWVY award is to recognize special effort and achievement by a woman veterinarian in any area of veterinary medicine (e.g., practice, research, laboratory animal medicine, public health).

Nomination for the Distinguished Service Award (DSA) is open to any individual (man or woman, veterinarian or non-veterinarian). The purpose of the DSA award is to recognize special effort and contributions of an individual to advance and improve the status of women in veterinary medicine.

Nominations can be made by an individual, a professional organization or an institution. Nomination packets must include: (1) Name, address, and phone number of the nominee; (2) The award for which the nomination is made; and (3) Nominee's professional activity, e.g., practice, research, etc.

Materials included in support of a nomination may include, but need not be limited to: (1) List of professional, scientific or service organizations of

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## LEGISLATIVE CALLS TO ACTION

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ISVMA is building its grassroots legislative capacity at a crucial time. There will likely be a number of bills and regulations introduced that will result in ISVMA asking its members to make phone calls or write letters to their elected officials. Please understand that each of these issues is important on its own, but developing a relationship with your legislators is even more important.

Two years ago, a well-funded group of alternative and complementary therapy groups were able to briefly stop the passage of the Veterinary Medicine & Surgery Practice Act! They demanded concessions to YOUR statutory authorization to practice veterinary medicine and, in some cases, compromises had to be made to get the Practice Act passed.

Hundreds of veterinarians have been involved in lobbying House Bill 315 and have now developed relationships with their legislators that will become extremely important the next time the Veterinary Medicine & Surgery Practice Act sunsets. We want legislators to defend your right to practice veterinary medicine! They should not even consider other groups' arguments that the practice of veterinary medicine should be extended to non-veterinarians.

Develop relationships with your legislators before you need their vote! Write letters or make phone calls to your elected officials when ISVMA requests your help. Invite them to visit your practice or meet with them to discuss your interest in issues that advance the well-being of veterinarians, animals, the public and the environment. If legislators know you as a valuable resource for information when you call, they are more likely to listen to your positions on key policies.

If you are not sure what's going on right now at the Capitol, visit the Legislation link on the ISVMA website and check out the bill tracker. This list is updated weekly and tells you the status of every bill being monitored or lobbied by ISVMA. If you don't already receive the ISVMA's electronic newsletter, the E-SOURCE, send your e-mail address to [info@isvma.org](mailto:info@isvma.org) and ask to be added to the distribution list.

*\*Approximately 1100 Illinois veterinarians are now receiving the E-SOURCE Newsletter by e-mail. It is a critical tool for keeping you updated and informed of the latest legislative and regulatory developments.*

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## Illinois Beef Producers Supply Beef Jerky to America's Troops

The Illinois Beef Association has joined with the Colorado Beef Council and USO for "Operation BEEF UP Our Troops." The program will supply high quality beef jerky, one of the most requested items by troops, to American service members overseas.

Every month the USO sends 20,000 to 30,000 care packages to American Troops overseas. Beef jerky is included only when product donations are received. Take advantage of this program to "BEEF UP our Troops" by participating in this excellent opportunity and send a monetary donation.

To donate through the USO's customer service, call (800) USO-SHOW (876-7469) and specify that donations are for "Operation BEEF Up Our Troops." Donations can also be mailed, noting "beef jerky" in the check memo, to Operation USO Care Package, PO Box 8069, Topeka, KS 66608.

The Illinois Beef Association is cooperating with a \$5,000 donation and is inviting other Associations, producers and individuals to participate. We hope you will choose to join the campaign as we work to BEEF UP our Troops and show them our support.

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## Operation BEEF UP Our Troops

Beef jerky is one of the most requested items by American troops serving overseas. Help support the purchase of beef jerky for USO Care Packages through your donations to "Operation BEEF UP Our Troops."

For more information on "Operation BEEF UP Our Troops" go to [www.cobeeff.com](http://www.cobeeff.com). For more information on the USO Care Package program, please visit [www.uso.org](http://www.uso.org).

Security requirements prohibit donations of products from the general public for placement in USO Care Packages.

Donation Address: Operation USO Care Package  
 P.O. Box 8069  
 Topeka, KS 66608  
 Check Memo: Beef Jerky  
 Please make checks payable to the USO  
 Donation Number: 1-800-USO-SHOW  
 Specify Operation BEEF UP Our Troops



Until Every One Comes Home.

# EPITOME News & Notes

## *ISVMA Lobby Day a Success*

The ISVMA Board of Directors and Legislative Committee held a "Lobby Day" in Springfield on March 8, 2005 in conjunction with the regular ISVMA Board meeting.

In the morning, the ISVMA lobbyists briefed the veterinarians on the key issues and the protocol for lobbying at the Capitol. During the next four hours the veterinarians visited legislators in their offices, outside of the legislative chambers and in hallways throughout the Capitol complex.

One of the key issues the veterinarians lobbied was House Bill 315 – The Pet Overpopulation Control Act. The ISVMA opposes this legislation which establishes a state-managed, low-cost spay neuter program funded by a state tax of \$3 on the rabies vaccination.

Illinois' veterinarians are committed to efforts to reduce the number of unwanted and abandoned animals in Illinois and to advance the well-being of animals and the public. All across the state, veterinarians participate in existing programs to provide low-cost spays/neuters, promote animal adoption, and encourage responsible pet ownership that includes appropriate vaccination, preventative health maintenance.

House Bill 315 has a laudable goal of trying to reduce the number of unwanted animals in the State and Illinois veterinarians support this goal. However, ISVMA has very serious concerns about how the

proponents attempt to achieve the objective:

1. House Bill 315 increases the tax on rabies vaccinations \$3 per year, placing an unfair tax burden on responsible pet owners who properly vaccinate their animals. This additional tax on rabies vaccinations is a further disincentive for people to vaccinate pets against a dangerous and deadly disease. In many cases, the existing taxes imposed by local and county governments already exceed the cost of the vaccine.
2. During the past year, Illinois experienced a significant increase in the diagnosis of bat rabies. Skunk rabies was recently diagnosed in two domestic animals in north-central Illinois (a cow and a horse). Raccoon rabies is also rapidly spreading west toward Illinois. Illinois veterinarians and public health officials are concerned about the convergence of these three separate strains of rabies in Illinois at a time when rabies vaccination compliance in the state is less than 50%. Any government program that relies upon funds generated by an increase in the tax on rabies vaccination is dangerous public policy.
3. House Bill 315 exempts farm dogs from county registration requirements – creating a situation where those animals most likely to be exposed to rabies would no longer have to verify their compliance status with counties.
4. Any program aimed at reducing the stray population in Illinois must include a public relations campaign to educate pet owners about the benefits of spay/neuter

because lack of education is the greatest barrier to population control. The ISVMA supports alternate funding proposals that would equitably generate funds to provide responsible pet ownership education and promote effective population control programs.


At the conclusion of the Lobby Day, veterinarians reported that they felt extremely empowered by the experience. They felt the ISVMA position had been clearly expressed to the legislators and that many legislators had committed to support the veterinarians' position on the bill.

## *New Link on Member Center Site*

In the last issue of the *Epitome* we highlighted a website that included a complete listing of Illinois state representatives and senators. That website is <http://www.ilga.gov/sitemap.asp>.

A more convenient means for ISVMA members to access legislative information has been added to ISVMA's website! By visiting the Legislation link in the Member Center, you may now search for your legislator's name and contact information.

Why is this so important? It's important because you, as an individual, have the power to influence the laws that regulate your profession.

The legislature is in session right now with new laws being drafted, introduced and adopted. Illinois veterinarians should be considered the experts on issues related to animal health and welfare. However, they will not be heard unless they develop relationships with the legislators voting on these issues. 

**Editor's note: Senate Bill 2078 was introduced after the Lobby Day and includes the same objectionable language as House Bill 315.**

### *How to Login to the Member Center*

Username = Your Last Name (ex. Smith)  
Password = Work Phone (ex. 2175238387\*)

\*note: the phone number contains no dashes

## MESSAGE FROM DEAN HERBERT WHITELEY

*University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine*



### MEET THE NEW FARMS TEAM

In January 2003, the two large animal services at our Veterinary Teaching Hospital—the food animal medicine and surgery service and the production medicine/theriogenology/ambulatory service—combined to form the Farm Animal Reproduction, Medicine and Surgery service, or FARMS. I'd like to take this opportunity to bring you up to date on impressive accomplishments by the FARMS group over the past two years: major renovations have enhanced their medical and teaching facilities; they've hired seven new faculty members; and they've established focus areas to better serve their clients and the agricultural animal industries.

I hope many of you will take the opportunity to see these changes for yourselves at the FARMS Open House, slated for May 21. There will be presentations from many of the clinicians and a chance to meet them, ask questions, and see the facilities.

A key feature of the recent renovations in the food animal ward is the new central animal handling system, which safely moves a large number of cattle from the truck to a sorting tub and then to one of three treatment chutes, weighing them in the process. Stalls have been modernized, with new swing-gate fronts, restraint panels, and automatic watering systems; stalls specifically designed for housing bulls and for smaller animals—sheep, goats, camelids, and deer—have been added, and stalls with rubber or sand flooring are available. The treatment room has also been renovated with new cabinetry, a llama chute, an outpatient surgery area for minor procedures, and a new laboratory for student use.

State-of-the-art digital presentation equipment improves the teaching resources in the ambulatory office as well as in a new FARMS rounds room. The ambulatory area also has renovated faculty workspaces, a new vehicle for farm visits, and four new ultrasound machines. Kim Kensell, a long-time employee of the Small Animal Clinic, was hired as the first certified veterinary technician to assist with theriogenology and field service activities. Connie Arnold, a section member for over 15 years, still serves as the veterinary technician for the food animal medicine and surgery service.

The most exciting aspect of the new FARMS section is the tremendous depth and breadth of expertise among the faculty. The section's faculty boast a total of seven PhD degrees. Eight hold specialty board certification, including five in theriogenology. Indeed, theriogenology—including routine and advanced reproduction services for ruminants, horses, swine, cervids, and camelids, and a new canine reproduction program—is a key focus area identified by the section. Other focus areas are internal medicine and population health and food safety.

A renewed emphasis on graduate education is also planned, with ample faculty eligible to serve as PhD and master's advisers. Five graduate students and a post doctoral student are currently participating in research projects. Dr. Jack Herrmann, who has a master's degree in public health, is a key contributor to a new College program that allows students to earn DVM and MPH degrees in 5 years.

Among this large group of faculty, several have considerable administrative appointments. For example, Dr. Peter Constable is currently interim head of the Department of Veterinary Clinical Medicine as well as the department's director of research and graduate studies. Dr. Dawn Morin not only serves as section leader but also as assistant department head for curriculum and instruction. Dr. Morin also holds the position of Attending Veterinarian for Agricultural Animals in the new campus-wide Agricultural Animal Care and Use Program. This program ensures appropriate veterinary care and promotes well-being for agricultural animals used in research and teaching.

Five other FARMS faculty members contribute veterinary expertise to this program, which is housed in the Large Animal Clinic.

Whether or not you can join us for the May 21 FARMS Open House, I hope you will familiarize yourself with the roster of top-notch clinicians and researchers who form our FARMS team which is listed on the following page. Give them a call for consultations in their areas of expertise, and as always, feel free to contact me at [dean@cvm.uiuc.edu](mailto:dean@cvm.uiuc.edu).



## Farm Animal Reproduction, Medicine, and Surgery Faculty Large Animal Clinic, 217/333-2000

**James P. Brendemuehl: DVM**, University of Florida; PhD, Auburn University; Dipl., American College of Theriogenologists (ACT); primary interest: equine reproduction

**Sherrie G. Clark: DVM**, VA-MD Regional College of Veterinary Medicine; MS and PhD, University of Illinois; Dipl., ACT; primary interest: swine reproduction

**Peter D. Constable: BVSc**, University of Melbourne, Australia; MS and PhD, Ohio State University; Dipl., American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (ACVIM); primary interests: cardiovascular physiology, ruminant gastrointestinal physiology and internal medicine

**John A. Herrmann: DVM**, University of Illinois; MPH, University of Illinois at Chicago; Dipl., ACT; primary interests: dairy reproduction, public health  
**Yvette J. Johnson: DVM and MS**, University of Illinois; PhD, Michigan State University; primary interest: veterinary clinical epidemiology and infectious disease outbreak investigation

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**Manoel A. Tamassia: DVM**, Universidade Estadual de Londrina-Paraná, Brazil; MS, University of Missouri-Columbia; PhD, Institute National Agronomique Paris-Grignon; primary interest: bovine reproduction

**H. Fred Troutt: VMD**, University of Pennsylvania; MS, Purdue University; PhD, University of Missouri; Dipl., American College of Veterinary Nutrition, American Board of Veterinary Practitioners (Honorary); primary interests: food safety, production medicine epidemiology, clinical nutrition

**Richard L. Wallace: DVM and MS**, Ohio State University; primary interest: dairy production medicine

**You may also have the opportunity to work with one of the seven house officers (residents and interns) who provide clinical service in the FARMS section.**

## ALUMNI AWARD NOMINATIONS DUE MAY 2


The University of Illinois Veterinary Medical Alumni Association and the College of Veterinary Medicine are seeking nominations for the 2005

Dr. Erwin Small Distinguished Alumni Awards and the Special Service Award. The deadline for nominations is May 2. Recipients will be honored at the Annual Fall Conference for Veterinarians on October 20. The nomination forms and award criteria are on the Web at [www.cvm.uiuc.edu/advancement/alumaward.html](http://www.cvm.uiuc.edu/advancement/alumaward.html).

## Teaching Hospital Seeking Patients For Clinical Trials

*New Canine Osteoarthritis Clinical Trial Announcements*

-Comparison of the Effects of Deramaxx® on Hindlimb Function in Dogs Undergoing Rehabilitation for naturally occurring cranial cruciate rupture and Osteoarthritis. -Comparison of the Effects of Deramaxx® on Forelimb Function in Dogs Undergoing Rehabilitation for Elbow Dysplasia and Osteoarthritis.

-The Effect of Canine Rehabilitation on Neurological Dysfunction Associated with Intervertebral Disc Disease. More information can be downloaded from the webpage at <http://www.cvm.uiuc.edu/vth/clinical.html> or call Kim Knap at 217-265-5314. 



## Safe Handling of Micotil 300

On March 8, 2003, a Nebraska cattleman died after accidental self-injection of the antibiotic. A second fatality occurred April 24, 2004 in Wyoming as a farmer attempted to administer the drug. Micotil, tilmicosin phosphate, is a long-acting macrolide used in large animal medicine for the treatment of Bovine Respiratory Disease Complex. Elanco Animal Health first introduced it in the United States in 1992 as a single-injection therapy that reduces farm labor and stress on the animal. It is to be administered subcutaneous in the neck or shoulder area at a dosage of 1.5 ml per 100 lbs. of animal weight.

The minimum amount to cause a fatality is not known and thus the drug always should be handled with great care. However, a 28 year-old male injected about one-half of a 12 cc syringe into his forearm. He experienced severe chest pains approximately 5 hours later. Upon hospitalization he was incubated for 10 hours and discharged in 3 days.

The target of the toxicity is the cardiovascular system leading to cardiac arrest and respiratory failure. There is no antidote. The label and fact sheet contain information for the physician and emergency medical telephone numbers. The Material Safety Data Sheet has a first aid section with expanded human health information. Veterinarians should talk to local physicians and provide them with fact sheets and emergency numbers.

There have always been human warnings on the label, however, since the accident in 2003 the warnings have been updated to include: "Injection of this drug in humans has been associated with fatalities"; "In case of human injection, consult a physician immediately, apply ice to the injection site and provide supportive treatment." The emergency phone numbers are (800) 722-0987 or (317) 276-2000.

Elanco has also distributed posters in both English and Spanish illustrating safe handling practices. A fact sheet, in duplicate, entitled "Micotil Client Dispensing Information" is available that should be signed by both the purchaser and veterinarian at the time of sale. These posters and information pads are available from Elanco and should be near every user's drug cabinet. Talk to your sales representative if you have not received them. There are several tools available on their website, [www.elanco.com/us/safe-handling.jsp](http://www.elanco.com/us/safe-handling.jsp).

The posters and fact sheet outline proper handling and administration procedures. However, a very simple recommendation is to not apply the needle to the syringe until the animal is securely restrained and the individual is by the animal's side ready to inject. Micotil is sold in multiple dose bottles with a

protective case available that shields the hand holding the bottle from an accidental needle stab. Therefore, load the syringe in a safe locations, remove the needle from the syringe, travel to the animal, reapply the needle and inject subcutaneous (do not pinch the skin) to properly restrained animals. Do not ever use in automatically powered syringes.

This is a reminder that many of the drugs and biologics used in both large and small animal practice can be hazardous. We must be cautious in not becoming complacent in their use and ensure that those handling the materials are properly trained.

Thank you to the WVMA Public Health and Food Safety Committee for volunteering to write about this important topic. — WVMA editors

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## DR. MARK ERNST TO SERVE AS STATE VETERINARIAN AND BUREAU CHIEF OF ANIMAL HEALTH

The Illinois Department of Agriculture has promoted a longtime staff veterinarian to fill key positions responsible for protecting the health of the state's livestock. Dr. Mark Ernst, 45, of Washington, Ill., has been named state veterinarian and bureau chief of Animal Health. Ernst worked in private practice for five years after earning his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from the University of Illinois in 1984. He joined the state Department of Agriculture in 1989 as a field veterinarian in the Bureau of Animal Health.

"Protecting the health of our state's livestock to ensure it remains marketable around the world is an extremely important job, and Mark is exceptionally qualified to handle the challenge," Dr. Colleen O'Keefe, division manager of Food Safety and Animal Protection, said. "He has a thorough understanding of the state's animal health regulations, and the relationships he has developed with farmers and fellow veterinarians the past 15 years will be a tremendous asset as he begins his new duties." Dr. O'Keefe has held the titles of state veterinarian and bureau chief of Animal Health since the retirement of Dr. Richard Hull in June of 2003.

"With the cooperation of producers and local veterinarians, our bureau has successfully eliminated animal diseases such as hog cholera, bovine tuberculosis, bovine brucellosis and pseudorabies." Dr. Ernst said. "While we're proud of our accomplishments, much work remains to be done. Illinois agriculture increasingly relies upon export sales for income, and as trade barriers are removed we become more susceptible to foreign animal diseases." Ernst is qualified as a foreign animal disease diagnostician. He completed an intensive training program in 1998 at the Foreign Animal Disease Center in Plum Island, N.Y., a federal laboratory operated jointly by the USDA and U.S. Department of Homeland Security.


In addition to detecting and eliminating animal diseases, the Bureau of Animal Health licenses livestock auction markets, livestock dealers and slaughter livestock buyers. It also regulates the transport of farm animals to ensure they are shipped appropriately. 

*The ISMVA congratulates Dr. Ernst (ISVMA member since 1993) on his promotion. The ISVMA would also like to recognize Dr. Colleen O'Keefe (ISVMA member since 2004) for her efforts as interim state veterinarian. Best wishes to both and our thanks for their contributions to the veterinary profession in Illinois and nationwide.*

### Women Veterinarians

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which the nominee is a member, including offices held or committee assignments; (2) List of honors and awards, publications or other relevant activities of the nominee; (3) Biographical sketch including educational background; (4) Nomination for OWVY should emphasize professional accomplishments. Nomination for DSA should emphasize contributions made to advance or improve status of women in veterinary medicine; (5) Supportive data, e.g. newspaper clippings, letters of support, selected reprints or abstracts.

Four copies of the nomination packet must be submitted before the deadline each year to the AWV Office at Magnolia Association Management Affiliates, 310 North Indian Hill Blvd, Box 337, Claremont CA 91711-4611. 

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## NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR ISVMA ACTS AWARDS

The ISVMA's Human-Animal Bond/Animal Welfare Committee is seeking nominees for its annual Animals Contributing To Society (ACTS) Awards: **Hero, Volunteer, Professional and Human-Animal Bond Awards.**

**The Hero Award** recognizes an animal whose actions saved a human life or prevented injury. **The Volunteer Award** recognizes an animal and its' owner whose actions raise the quality of human lives by volunteering their time. Examples are volunteering to visit nursing home residents, hospital patients, schools, etc. Animals that are owned by and used for professional animal assisted therapy are not included. **The Professional Award** recognizes an animal whose purpose is to be of service to humans. This includes seeing-eye dogs, helper dogs, assisted therapy animals as well as animals in zoos and aquariums. **The Human-Animal Bond Award** recognizes the human whose acts best advance the understanding and awareness of the Human-Animal Bond in Illinois.


Nominations are open to any animal that has made an extraordinary contribution to their owners' lives, their neighborhood, or their community. Each category celebrates a specific contribution to the human-animal relationship.

### *Qualifications for each nomination are simple:*

1. Nominations can be made only by an ISVMA member.
2. The act/contribution must take place in Illinois.
3. The animal and owner must reside in Illinois.
4. The act(s) must have been performed, at least in part, in 2004.


Nomination packets must include three items to nominate a worthy candidate. A completed nomination form, a one-page typewritten letter explaining how the animal/individual qualifies for nomination and a 5x7 color picture of the animal and owner/steward must be submitted to: Illinois ACTS Awards c/o Riser Animal Hospital, 5335 Touhy Avenue, Skokie IL 60077. Up to three one-page letters from others supporting the nomination may be included with the application.

Additional nomination forms are available on the ISVMA's website and can be downloaded from the Members' Only section. If you don't have internet access, call our office at 217/523-8387 and we'll be happy to fax or mail a copy to you.

Nominations officially opened on March 1, 2005 and will close on July 31, 2005. No late entries will be accepted with a postmark after July 31. Entries will be judged by the members of the Human-Animal Bond Committee. Winners will be notified in October and will be presented their award at the ISVMA's Annual Convention in Springfield on November 6th, 2005. 

## Think you don't know a suitable candidate?

### *Here are some suggestions for nominees:*

- An individual in your community who regularly visits a nursing home with their cat or dog
- A teacher who has an animal in the classroom every day to encourage students
- An animal whose "needling" encouraged a parent or guardian to either check on a sleeping child or one who had wandered into a dangerous situation, i.e. a busy street or backyard swimming pool
- A canine cop and his/her dog
- An individual who spearheads a program like Puppies Behind Bars, a program allowing inmates to raise guide dogs.
- Foster parents in rescue programs.
- Any volunteer at an animal shelter whether they use their time to tirelessly care and train animals to return to a family environment or the person who is endlessly fundraising to better the environment of the sheltered animals.
- Any service animal who takes care of a disabled individual. 

# THE AVMA AND FORT DODGE ANIMAL HEALTH LAUNCH SPRING PET WELLNESS CAMPAIGN

Educating pet owners about preventable threats to pet health and the importance of twice-a-year pet wellness exams is the focus of the spring 2005 National Pet Wellness Month (NPWM) campaign sponsored by the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) and Fort Dodge Animal Health.

AVMA President Bonnie V. Beaver, DVM, said, "Disease prevention is as critical a part of today's veterinary practice as is the treatment of illness. As our clients' focus on pet health increases, the benefits of twice-a-year pet wellness exams become obvious.

Commenting on the spring NPWM campaign, Stephen Jaffe, DVM, Fort Dodge Animal Health's Director of Field Veterinary Services, said participating veterinary clinics will receive valuable tools to help educate clients about the various diseases threatening pets and the lifesaving benefits of disease prevention. "Know Your Pet's Preventable Threats" tools include posters, client literature and clinic educational materials. "Spring is when disease-carrying mosquitoes, ticks and fleas start becoming active and a threat to pets," said Dr. Jaffe. "Disease can also be contracted by exposure to wildlife, other pets and even standing water. Fortunately, pet owners can protect their pets from many common diseases by having their veterinarian thoroughly assess the pet's exposure to environmental risks, conduct a wellness exam every six months and administer appropriate vaccinations."

The AVMA and Fort Dodge Animal Health reported more than 10,000 veterinary clinics, about 40% of all U.S. clinics, signed-up for the inaugural NPWM campaign in the fall of 2004. They also reported that the fall 2004 campaign achieved over 91,000,000 consumer impressions through a national publicity effort. "Sign-up for the fall 2004 National Pet Wellness Month campaign far exceeded everyone's expectation," said Dr. Beaver. "And the overwhelmingly positive response we heard from veterinarians and clinic staff following the initial campaign strongly encouraged us to move forward with plans for this spring."

Veterinary clinics that participated in the fall 2004 NPWM campaign will automatically receive a free spring 2005 NPWM In-Clinic Education Kit. Clinics wishing to receive their free NPWM kits can do so by:

- Visiting the NPWM Web site at [www.npwm.com](http://www.npwm.com), or
- Sending an e-mail containing a contact name, clinic name, shipping address and telephone number to [info@nationalpetwellnessmonth.com](mailto:info@nationalpetwellnessmonth.com), or
- Visiting the Fort Dodge Animal Health booth at upcoming trade shows, or
- Contacting their Fort Dodge Animal Health representative.



Would you like to see what the free Media Kits look like?

Visit Fort Dodge's National Pet Wellness Month exhibit at each of our three spring seminar locations to preview the terrific materials available for this campaign.

You will have the opportunity to sign up for your own free kit at the seminar.

See you there!

## WHAT'S IN A LICENSE?

Spring is a busy time at the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation as applications for licensure by examination are reviewed and processed. As of October 2004, there are 3,710 licensed veterinarians and 612 certified veterinary technicians in the state of Illinois. Approximately 75 to 80 thousand veterinarians are licensed in the nation. It is difficult to know the exact number since many hold licenses in more than one state. Each year, over 4,000 applicants take the national licensing exam (NAVLE) resulting in at least 3,600 newly licensed veterinarians in the US.

Licensure is the most restrictive form of professional regulation, compared to registration and certification. It is reserved for occupations providing complex services with the potential of causing serious public harm and the qualifications for which would be difficult for John Q. Citizen to determine without a licensure process that establishes specific requirements. Simply put, a license offers the public some assurance that a veterinarian is competent and ethical. This public protection purpose is reflected in the preamble of the Illinois Veterinary Medicine and Surgery Practice Act of 2004 which reads,

*"The practice of veterinary medicine in the State of Illinois is declared to affect the public health, safety and welfare and to be subject to State regulation and control in the public interest. It is further declared to be a matter of public interest and concern that the veterinary profession merit and receive the confidence of the public and that only qualified and licensed persons be permitted to practice veterinary medicine."*  
(225 ILCS 115/1)

Typically, the professional association seeks to have a profession licensed. Such regulation occurs only through the formal action of a legislative body that defines the scope of practice in licensing laws or "practice acts". Such laws essentially grant a monopoly to those individuals who qualify for licensure and make it illegal for unlicensed individuals to engage in activities described in the "practice acts".

To protect the public from unlicensed practice of veterinary medicine, the Illinois Veterinary Practice Act includes strong language regarding unlicensed practice.

In Illinois, professional regulation of veterinarians dates back to 1899. It is interesting to note that the first amendments to the veterinary practice act were made in 1961. Now, the practice act "sunset" every ten years, which means it must be repealed and an updated version introduced for legislative review and approval. Many organizations and individuals besides veterinarians expressed opinions about the practice of veterinary medicine during the last sunset of 2004. Veterinarians must be informed and actively participate in the legislative process affecting our profession so that our voice is heard.

Here is a reminder for hospitals eager to put the young graduate to work. Please remember that until receipt of the physical license, the newly graduated veterinarian must not engage in the practice of veterinary medicine including surgery, diagnosis or prescribing. Also, the license must be displayed in public areas. If a licensee rotates in several clinics, a duplicate license must be displayed in all locations. At all times, the public is entitled to know their pet is under the care of a licensed veterinarian in the state of Illinois.

To view the Practice Act, visit [www.idfpr.com](http://www.idfpr.com).  
For questions about this article, e-mail Dr. Georgie Ludwig at [georgieludwig@yahoo.com](mailto:georgieludwig@yahoo.com).



Dr. Georgianne (Georgie) Ludwig is a contributing author to the "Epitome". Her articles address topics regarding veterinary licensure issues regulated by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation.

Dr. Ludwig is actively engaged in companion animal practice in west suburban Chicago where she is Hospital Director and Business Partner at Lombard Veterinary Hospital, a seven DVM companion and exotic animal hospital. She is a second generation veterinarian with a special interest in feline medicine and the human-animal bond.

Dr. Ludwig was appointed by Governor Edgar to the Illinois Veterinary Licensing and Disciplinary Board in 1998 where she is currently Chairman. She has served on the American Association of Veterinary State Board's (AAVSB) Executive Committee since 2001 and holds the position of Secretary. She serves on the AAVSB Practice Act Model Taskforce and the Illinois State Veterinary Medical Association's Legislative Committee.

When she isn't actively engaged in her professional career, she cherishes "down time" spent on the beach with her husband Greg, children Gregory and Gracie and dog Scuba. She enjoys SCUBA Diving and she is a Girl Scout Leader.

## *Firkins Receives Meritorious Service Award*

Dr. Larry Firkins, Mahomet, Ill., received the American Association of Swine Veterinarians Meritorious Service Award, in recognition of the time and effort he has consistently given to the association. The award was presented during the association's annual meeting in Toronto, Canada.

Dr. Firkins is an associate professor and extension swine veterinarian at the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine. His professional interests include teaching and conducting research in swine medicine and production, and coordinating the Executive Veterinary Program.

During the award presentation, Dr. Dave Madsen, AASV past president cited examples of Dr. Firkins' dedicated service to the AASV. On the national level, he represents the association on the AVMA Environmental Issues Committee. Closer to home, Dr. Firkins serves as a faculty advisor for the student AASV members at the University of Illinois. "I am humbled to receive this recognition from an organization that I respect," Dr. Firkins said. "Although I have given a lot of my time to the association, I have received more in return than I have given. I am looking forward to continuing to participate in the AASV's promotion and engagement of our student members who are the future of this organization."



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Dr. Firkins' involvement in the AASV includes serving on the board of directors from 1999 to 2002, as a member of the Veterinary-Client-Patient Committee from 1999 to 2002, on the Strategic Planning Committee in 2000, and on the Veterinary Medicine Education Task Force from 2001 to 2003. He has served on four AASV annual meeting program committees. For the past three years, he has chaired the pre-conference seminar specifically for veterinary students.

His public service involves working with the Illinois Department of Agriculture to develop the Illinois Emergency Animal Disease Response Plan. Since 1998, he has served on the state of Illinois Response Task Force. A recognized researcher, Dr. Firkins has published over 40 articles and papers in veterinary and industry journals. He has given numerous presentations and seminars to veterinary and producer groups in the United States, and seven foreign countries. He was recently appointed to serve on the AVMA Task Force on the Housing of Pregnant Sows. Prior to joining the faculty at the University of Illinois in 1995, Dr. Firkins was a partner in the Wyoming Veterinary Service in Wyoming, Ill., where he practiced swine medicine in Central Illinois.

He received his veterinary degree from the University of Illinois in 1986. Since graduation, Dr. Firkins has received an MS in epidemiology (1996), and an MBA (2001) from the University of Illinois. Dr. Firkins and his wife, Ann, have two children, Andrew and Sarah.



## NEW MEMBERS

ISVMA would like to welcome the following 35 new members (who joined between January 13, 2005 and March 25, 2005). ISVMA is still growing toward the Board established goal of 2000 members by July 1, 2007. 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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 Dr. Lisa B. Scott  
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 Dr. Deanne C. Strat  
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## ISVMA Bids Farewell to Life Member Dr. Robert K. Gay

*Dwight – Dr. Robert K. Gay, 78, died on February 14, 2005 at Heritage Manor Nursing Home*

Born on October 28, 1926 in Foxboro, Ontario Canada, Dr. Gay's veterinary career began when he graduated from the Ontario Veterinary College of the University of Guelph in 1950. He completed his internship in Akron, Ohio and moved to Dwight in 1950 to establish his own practice.

He became a naturalized United States citizen in 1955 and went on to establish a successful veterinary practice consisting of three hospitals located in Dwight (Dwight Veterinary Clinic) and Morris (Pine Bluff and Lakewood Animal Hospitals). In addition to his veterinary practice, Dr. Gay was actively involved in farm management in Central Illinois.

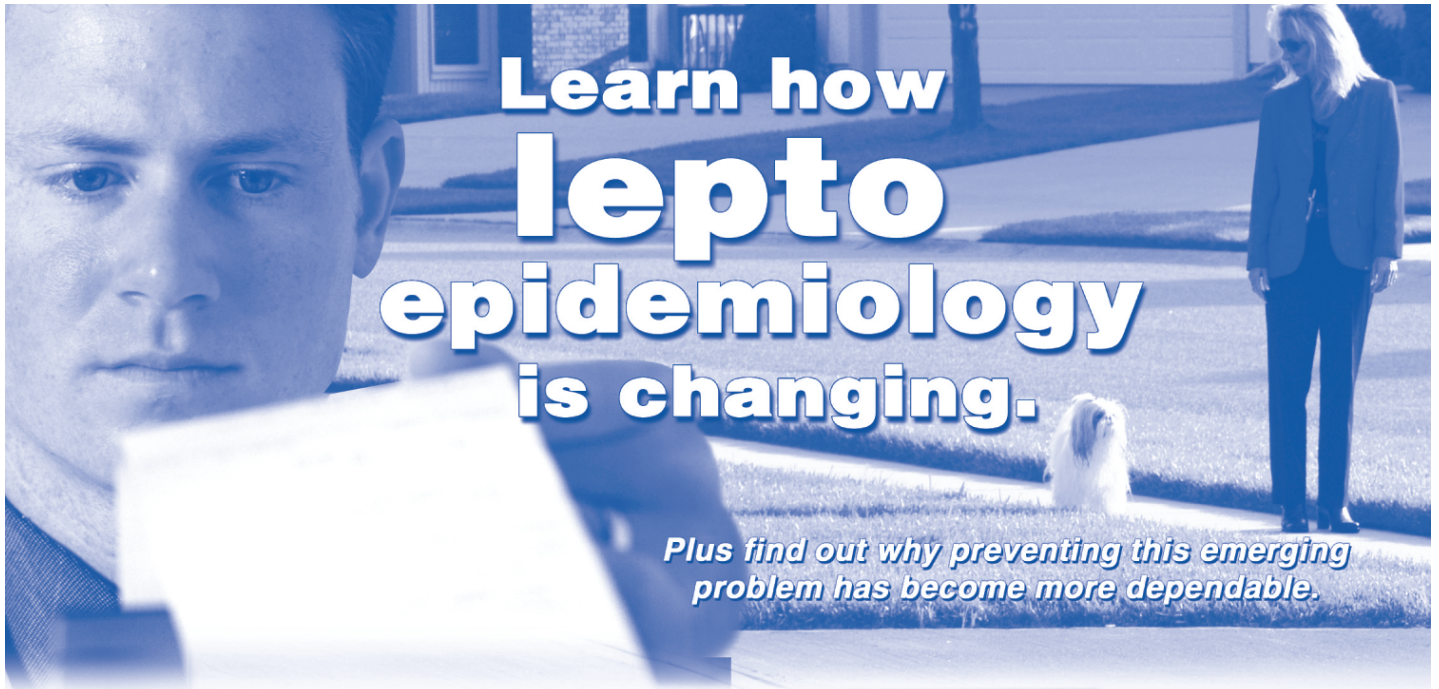
Dr. Gay was an active member in his profession and community. He was actively involved with the Grundy County Farm Bureau; Flying Farmers and the Flying Veterinarians organizations. He was also a member of American Animal Hospital Association, the American Veterinary Medical Association, the Illinois State Veterinary Medical Association and the Kankakee Valley Veterinary Association. He was a member of the University of Guelph Veterinary College Alumni Association and a life member of Omega Tau Sigma veterinary fraternity.

Dr. Robert Gay is survived by his wife of 52 years, Hanna Elizabeth "Betty" Ziegler and his three sons. He will be remembered for his love of people and animals and for his eternal optimism. Dr. Gay was very happy with his life and often said "he didn't know of anything he would have rather done nor place he would rather done it."

## JOIN US AT THE EVENT OF THE YEAR!

Keep the weekend of November 4-6, 2005 open to attend the Illinois State Veterinary Medical Association's 2005 Convention.

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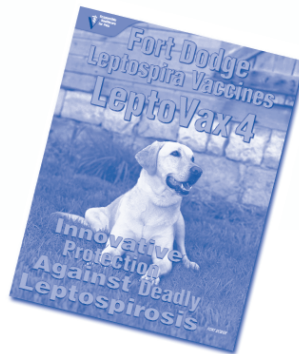
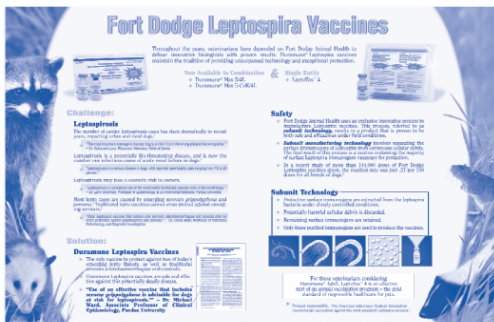
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# Continuing Education Calendar

## APRIL 2005

**APRIL 13 - 17: MEDICAL ACUPUNCTURE FOR VETERINARIANS 2005 PROGRAM SESSION III: CLINICAL APPLICATIONS: NEUROANATOMY BASIS, CHINESE MEDICAL INTERPRETATION, AND RESEARCH FOUNDATIONS.** Jointly produced by CMVA and Colorado State University. To download a registration brochure, go to [www.colovma.com/](http://www.colovma.com/). For more information contact the Colorado Veterinary Medical Association at 303-318-0447.

**APRIL 17: IT'S NOT WHAT YOU SAY; IT'S HOW YOU SAY IT: TIPS AND STRATEGIES FOR EFFECTIVE CLIENT COMMUNICATIONS.** The Pere Marquette Hotel, Peoria IL. Featured speaker: Karyn Gavzer. For more detailed information, or to register online, visit the ISVMA website at [www.ISVMA.org](http://www.ISVMA.org). Illinois State Veterinary Medical Association can be reached at 1-800-942-4246.

**APRIL 20: LEPTOSPIROSIS.** Sheraton Hotel, Overland Park, KS. Presenter Dr. Ken Harkin. CE credits 2 hours. For more information contact Stephanie D. Wealand at [reeses@fdah.com](mailto:reeses@fdah.com) or call 913-226-3149. Sponsored by Fort Dodge Animal Health.

**APRIL 21-22: 8TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON NEW AND RE-EMERGING INFECTIOUS DISEASES.** University of IL College of Veterinary Medicine. Urbana, IL. Featuring Dr. Lynn Enquist, Professor and Chair, Department of Molecular Biology, Princeton University. For information or to register, contact Debra Domal, Center for Zoonoses Research at 217/265-8511.

**APRIL 21 - 24: VETERINARY MASSAGE AND REHABILITATION PROGRAM/MODULE I.** The Healing Oasis Wellness Center, Sturtevant WI. 138 hour state-approved certification program for licensed veterinary professionals (DVM, LVT, CVT, RVT). For more information call 262-878-9549 or visit online at [www.thehealingoasis.com](http://www.thehealingoasis.com).

**APRIL 24: IT'S NOT WHAT YOU SAY; IT'S HOW YOU SAY IT: TIPS AND STRATEGIES FOR EFFECTIVE CLIENT COMMUNICATIONS.** The Ramada Inn in Fairview Heights. Featured speaker: Karyn Gavzer. For more detailed information, or to register online, visit the ISVMA website at [www.ISVMA.org](http://www.ISVMA.org). Illinois State Veterinary Medical Association can be reached at 1-800-942-4246.

**APRIL 25-27: 54TH WESTERN POULTRY DISEASE CONFERENCE.** Fairmont Hotel Vancouver, Vancouver, British Columbia. This year's program will highlight important infectious and non-infectious diseases, biosecurity, diagnostics, antibiotic use, food safety and animal welfare. For information contact Conference & Event Services, Attn: WPDC/ACPV, University of California - Davis, One Shields Avenue, 442 Memorial Union, Davis CA 95616.

**APRIL 27 - MAY 1: VETERINARY SPINAL MANIPULATIVE THERAPY PROGRAM/MODULE IV.** The Healing Oasis Wellness Center, Sturtevant WI. 200 hour state-approved certification program for licensed DVM's. For more information call 262-878-9549 or visit online at [www.thehealingoasis.com](http://www.thehealingoasis.com).

**APRIL 27-28: OSTEOARTHRITIS IN THE DOG, IMPORTANCE OF OMEGA 3 FATTY ACIDS.** Rockbridge, MO. Presenter John Scheiderer DVM. CE credits 6.5 hours. For more information contact Doug Williams at [dwilliams@purina.com](mailto:dwilliams@purina.com). Sponsored by Nestle Purina.

**APRIL 28: MINNESOTA VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION SPRING SEMINAR ON CANINE REPRODUCTION.** Continuing Education and Conference Center, University of Minnesota, St. Paul Campus. 6 CE credit hours. Presenter: Joni L. Freshman, DVM, MS, DACVIM. This day-long seminar will cover a variety of useful topics for the small animal practitioner, including testicular and prostatic diseases, mammary diseases,

vaginal diseases in the bitch, as well as pyometra and other uterine disease in the bitch and ovulation timing. For more information, visit <http://www.mvma.org/SpringSeminar2005.html> or call the MVMA at 651.645.7533.

**APRIL 28: 14TH NATIONAL DETECTOR DOG CONFERENCE.** Sponsored by Auburn University CVM. This conference brings together many of the world's leading experts in the field of detector dogs including scientists, handlers, trainers, law enforcement agents and administrators. Registration information can be accessed by visiting [www.vetmed.auburn.edu](http://www.vetmed.auburn.edu).

**APRIL 28 - MAY 1: AO ASIF VETERINARY COURSES: PRINCIPLES OF SMALL ANIMAL FRACTURE MANAGEMENT; ADVANCED TECHNIQUES IN SMALL ANIMAL FRACTURE MANAGEMENT; ADVANCED TECHNIQUES IN EQUINE FRACTURE MANAGEMENT.** Hilton Columbus Hotel, Columbus, OH. A maximum of 30 credit hours (each course) is awarded for this continuing education activity.

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**APRIL 29: NORTHERN IL VMA SPRING CLINIC.** Boone County Fairgrounds, Belvidere IL. For more information, call Dr. Gene Gambrel at (815) 335-2314.

**APRIL 29-MAY 1: PRACTITIONER'S SYMPOSIUM 2005.** Washington Marriott, Washington D.C. Hosted by the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners. Opening sessions on Friday feature Jim Wilson, DVM, JD. For detailed information and online registration visit online at [http://abvp.atiba.com/site/2005\\_symposium/main.htm](http://abvp.atiba.com/site/2005_symposium/main.htm). Call ABVP for information at 1-800-697-3583.

**APRIL 29-30: SOUTHEAST VETERINARY OPHTHALMOLOGY SOCIETY ANNUAL CONFERENCE.** Radisson Lido Beach Resort, Sarasota, FL. 11 CE hours. Please contact Debbie Sechler at 877/887-1914 for registration forms and information.

**APRIL 30-MAY 1: MASTERS ENDODONTICS.** Animal Dental Training Center of Baltimore. Baltimore, MD. 16 hours CE. Lecture and wet lab. Instructors: Drs. Cecelia Gorrel and Ira Luskin. For more information contact Dr. Ira Luskin, Animal Dental Center, phone: 410-828-1001; email: [Training@AnimalDentalCenter.com](mailto:Training@AnimalDentalCenter.com); web site: [www.animaldentalcenter.com](http://www.animaldentalcenter.com).

## **MAY 2005**

**MAY 6-7: RADIOLOGY & ULTRASOUND.** Hyatt Newporter, Newport Beach, CA. Hosted by NAVC-Pensinger Veterinary Post Graduate Institute. Presenter Dr. Eric Herrgesell. CREDIT: 14 RACE Approved CE Hours. To register go to [www.vetpostgrad.com/courses/05-radiology.html](http://www.vetpostgrad.com/courses/05-radiology.html), fill out the form, print it and fax to 352-336-6827 or call 352-375-5672 for more information.

**MAY 12-15: ELEVENTH ANNUAL LAKE ERIE WALLEYE FISHING AND GOLF SEMINAR WEEKEND.** The Island House Hotel, Port Clinton, Ohio. Education with recreation, 13 hours of CE that you can take home and use in your practice Monday morning. For information contact Dr. Ron Fuller, 1862 Cardiff Road, Newark OH 43055. Tel: 740-344-3061 or visit online at <http://www.symbiosisinc.com/LakeErieTripHome.htm>.

**MAY 12-15: THE 7TH ANNUAL CONTINUED FELINE SYMPOSIUM.** Westin Chicago River North, Chicago, IL. Symposium features three separate tracks: one for DVMs; one for Veterinary Technicians/Veterinary Assistants, Hospital Staff; one for Feline Practice Management. Registration is limited. Three-day format offers up to 20 CE hours on feline medicine and surgery. For more information visit online at [www.continu-ed.com/](http://www.continu-ed.com/). To register, call 1-800-539-7395, or visit [www.continu-ed.com/05CFSRregform.htm](http://www.continu-ed.com/05CFSRregform.htm) to go to the registration form.

**MAY 13-14: CURRENT OPHTHALMOLOGY.** Hyatt Rosemont, Rosemont, IL. Hosted by NAVC-Pensinger Veterinary Post Graduate Institute. Faculty: Drs. Randy Scagliotti, Allison Hoffman, Paul Gerding and Tiffany Blocker. CREDIT: 14 RACE Approved CE Hours. This two-day immersion course in veterinary ophthalmology is designed to familiarize the general small animal practitioner with the diagnosis and treatment of common eye disorders. To register go to [www.vetpostgrad.com/courses/05-ophthalmology.html](http://www.vetpostgrad.com/courses/05-ophthalmology.html), fill out the form, print it and fax to 352-336-6827 or call 352-375-5672 for more information.

**MAY 14: CURRENT VETERINARY OPHTHALMOLOGY FOR TECHNICIANS.** Hyatt Rosemont, Rosemont, IL. Hosted by NAVC-Pensinger Veterinary Post Graduate Institute. Faculty: Drs. Steve Sisler and Allison Hoffman. This one-day immersion course in veterinary ophthalmology is designed to familiarize the technician with normal ophthalmic anatomy and common ocular diseases. A one hour wet lab will be included. To register go to [www.vetpostgrad.com/courses/05-ophthalmology-techs.html](http://www.vetpostgrad.com/courses/05-ophthalmology-techs.html), fill out the form, print it and fax to 352-336-6827 or call 352-375-5672 for more information.

**MAY 19-22: VETERINARY MASSAGE AND REHABILITATION PROGRAM/MODULE II.** The Healing Oasis Wellness Center, Sturtevant WI. 138 hour state-approved certification program for licensed veterinary professionals (DVM, LVT, CVT, RVT). For more information call 262-878-9549 or visit online at [www.thehealingoasis.com](http://www.thehealingoasis.com).

**MAY 18 - 22: MEDICAL ACUPUNCTURE FOR VETERINARIANS 2005 PROGRAM SESSION IV: SYNTHESIS AND INTEGRATION: PUTTING ACUPUNCTURE TO WORK.** Jointly produced by CMVA and Colorado State University. To download a registration brochure, go to [www.colovma.com/](http://www.colovma.com/). For more information contact the Colorado Veterinary Medical Association at 303-318-0447.

**MAY 21: VETERINARY LASER SURGERY CONFERENCE BASIC COURSE.** The Ohio State University Veterinary Hospital, Columbus, OH. 5 CE credit hours. Featured speakers: Drs. John C. Godbold, Jr. and Bert Aaron Shelley. This popular full-day workshop is a comprehensive introduction to the use of surgical lasers in a small animal practice. For registration information call 614-292-8727 or visit online at [www.vet.ohio-state.edu/](http://www.vet.ohio-state.edu/).

**MAY 21: VETERINARY DENTAL MARKETING. HOW, WHAT AND WHY TO MARKET VETERINARY DENTISTRY IN YOUR PRACTICES.** University of Minnesota Outreach Programs. This will be 8 hours of lecture only. Drs. Gary Goldstein, Liz Brine and Larry Klima. Contact person, Sarah Summerbell 612-624-3434, email: [peter415@tc.umn.edu](mailto:peter415@tc.umn.edu)



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Getting started is quick and easy and the cost is just a fraction of typical CE courses. Visit the ISVMA home page and click on the VEO button. You will immediately be linked to the courses and other information on VEO homepage. Check out how VEO can be a smart alternative in obtaining your continuing education requirements.

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**MAY 21-22: SAN DIEGO SPRING VETERINARY CONFERENCE: GASTROINTESTINAL MEDICINE AND SURGERY.** The Red Lion Hanalai Hotel, San Diego CA. 15 hours CE. Featured speakers: Dr. Howard Seim, III, DACVS and Dr. Michael Willard, DACVIM. For more information contact SDCVMA Conference Committee by calling 619/ 640-9583 or by emailing sdcvma@aol.com.

**MAY 26-28: INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON EXOTICS 2005.** Marriott Harbor Beach Resort and Spa, Fort Lauderdale, FL. 20 credit hours. ICE takes practitioners to the next level in their care in an intimate environment. For information or to register online, visit [www.exoticdvm.com](http://www.exoticdvm.com). To register call 800-946-4782.

## JUNE 2005

**JUNE 1-5: DOGS! COURSE: PRINCIPLES AND TECHNIQUES OF BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION.** Purdue University Animal Behavior Clinic, West Lafayette, IN. This course is directed toward assisting veterinary support staff in problem prevention, training and educating the client in the application of the veterinary's treatment plan. In our continued encouragement of the veterinary behavior team, participants may bring a veterinarian from their hospital **AT NO EXTRA CHARGE!** If a veterinary technician chooses to attend the course without a veterinarian the registration fee remains the same. For more information visit online [www.vet.purdue.edu/animalbehavior/pages/dogs/dogs\\_general.htm](http://www.vet.purdue.edu/animalbehavior/pages/dogs/dogs_general.htm) or fax requests to (765) 494-0567.

**JUNE 1-4: 23rd ANNUAL ACVIM FORUM.** Baltimore, MD. There will be almost 400 hours of grid time, divided between Abstracts, Generalist Sessions, Specialist Sessions, Forum Focus Short Courses and State-of-the-Art speakers.

For more information and to register, visit online at <http://acvim.org/wwwfp/Forum/Registration.htm> or call 1-800-245-9081.

**JUNE 1-4: 23rd ANNUAL ACVIM FORUM: TECHNICIAN'S PROGRAM.** Baltimore, MD. There will be Scientific Sessions and Workshops specifically geared toward the veterinary technician. For more information and to register, visit online at <http://acvim.org/wwwfp/Forum/TechProg.htm> or call 1-800-245-9081.

**JUNE 2: SMALL ANIMAL ACUPUNCTURE, SESSION 3.** This 130 hour CE program (RACE/State approved) is presented in 4 sessions over a period of 6 months. Offered only to licensed veterinarians. For more detailed information visit online at [www.tcvm.com](http://www.tcvm.com) or call the Chi Institute of Chinese Medicine at 1-800-891-1986.

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**JUNE 2-5: LABORATORY ANIMAL MEDICINE WORKSHOP.** South Theater, College of Veterinary Medicine, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC. Sponsored by the Charles Louis Davis Foundation for the International Advancement of Education in Veterinary and Comparative Pathology. Species covered include mice, rats, guinea pig/hamster, pigeon/chicken/other birds. For more information visit online at <http://www.afip.org/CLDavis/> or call 847-367-4359.

**JUNE 4-5: 2005 SUMMER MEETING.** Veterinary Hospital Managers Association. Delta Chelsea Downtown, Toronto Canada. For more information visit online [www.vhma.org](http://www.vhma.org) or contact VHMA at 518/ 433-8911.

**JUNE 8 - 12: VETERINARY SPINAL MANIPULATIVE THERAPY PROGRAM MODULE V.** The Healing Oasis Wellness Center, Sturtevant WI. 200 hour state-approved certification program for licensed DVM's. For more information call 262-878-9549 or visit online at [www.thehealingoasis.com](http://www.thehealingoasis.com).

**JUNE 9: MINNESOTA VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION SUMMER SEMINAR ON DIABETES MELLITUS.** Continuing Education Center, University of MN, St. Paul Campus. Speaker: Dr. Deb Greco. For more information email [info@mvma.org](mailto:info@mvma.org) or contact MVMA at 651-645-7533.

**JUNE 15: INFECTIOUS DISEASES.** Hosted by Chicago VMA. Featured speaker, Dr. Alice Wolf, DACVIM, DAVBP. For more information contact the CVMA office at 630-325-1231 or email [cvma@chicagovma.com](mailto:cvma@chicagovma.com).

**JUNE 16-18: FIFTH ANNUAL SMALL ANIMAL SUMMER SYMPOSIUM.** The Hotel at Gateway Center in Ames, IA. Iowa State University, College of Veterinary Medicine. Lectures will cover: "Updates for the Practitioner in Soft Tissue Surgery" and "Dermatology A-Z". Laboratory Sessions will cover "Operative Techniques in Small Animal Soft Tissue Surgery" and "Dermatologic and Medical Diagnostic Procedures – techniques and interpretation". For conference information contact Sandy Popelka at 515-294-2531 or [spopelka@iastate.edu](mailto:spopelka@iastate.edu). To download a printable brochure, go to [www.vetmed.iastate.edu/ce/](http://www.vetmed.iastate.edu/ce/).

**JUNE 22-26: VETERINARY SPINAL MANIPULATIVE THERAPY PROGRAM/MODULE I.** The Healing Oasis Wellness Center, Sturtevant WI. 200 hour state-approved certification program for licensed DVM's. Program is divided into five modules, each being four days long. Emphasis will be given to functional advanced neurology, neuro-anatomy and hands-on. Module II – July 27-31. Module III – Aug. 24-28. Module IV – Sept. 28-Oct. 2. Module V – Oct. 26-30. For more information call 262-878-9549 or visit online at [www.thehealingoasis.com](http://www.thehealingoasis.com).

**JUNE 30-JULY 3: VETERINARY MASSAGE AND REHABILITATION PROGRAM/MODULE III.** The Healing Oasis Wellness Center, Sturtevant WI. 138 hour state-approved certification program for licensed veterinary professionals (DVM, LVT, CVT, RVT). For more information call 262-878-9549 or visit online at [www.thehealingoasis.com](http://www.thehealingoasis.com).

## **JULY 2005**

**JULY 14-16: 5TH INTERNATIONAL VETERINARY BEHAVIOR MEETING.** Marriott City Center, Minneapolis, MN. Organized jointly with the American College of Veterinary Behaviorists and the American Veterinary Society of Animal Behavior. Registration information available online at [www.dacvb.org](http://www.dacvb.org) or contact Dr. Gary Landsberg at [gmlandvm@aol.com](mailto:gmlandvm@aol.com) or Dr. Debra Horwitz at [Debdhvm@aol.com](mailto:Debdhvm@aol.com) for further details.

**JULY 16-20: 142ND AVMA ANNUAL CONVENTION.** Minneapolis, MN. Choose from 1,000 hours of world class and cutting edge veterinary scientific education. AVMA General Session, WVC Opening Ceremony Speakers to include Former First Lady and Family Literacy Advocate Barbara Bush, Dr. Herbert Schneider, President of the World Veterinary Association, and Dr. Bernard Vallat, Director General of the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE). For detailed information on convention and to sign up to receive periodic e-mail updates, visit online at <http://avmaconvention.org/>.

**JULY 17-19: 10TH ANNUAL TALBOT INFORMATICS SYMPOSIUM ON COMPUTERS AND VETERINARY INFORMATICS.** In conjunction with the AVMA Annual Convention. Topics this year will demonstrate how the integration of informatics and computer technology can increase the quality of patient care; provide educational enrichment and enjoyment for practitioners, hospital staff, educators and students.

**JULY 20-22: 3RD WORLD EQUINE AIRWAYS SYMPOSIUM.** James A. Law Auditorium, College of Veterinary Medicine at Cornell University, Ithaca, NY. Speakers from around the world will provide state-of-the-art information on immunological, inflammatory and infectious disorders of the upper and lower respiratory tract. Registration is via the WEAS website at [www.vet.cornell.edu/weas/](http://www.vet.cornell.edu/weas/).

**JULY 27-31: VETERINARY SPINAL MANIPULATIVE THERAPY PROGRAM/MODULE II.** The Healing Oasis Wellness Center, Sturtevant WI. 200 hour state-approved certification program for licensed DVM's. For more information call 262-878-9549 or visit online at [www.thehealingoasis.com](http://www.thehealingoasis.com).

**JULY 31-AUGUST 2: 13TH ANNUAL PRACTICE MANAGEMENT SEMINAR.** Hosted by American Association of Equine Practitioners. Quebec City, Quebec, Canada. Contact the AAEP at 859/ 233-0147 or email at [aaepoffice@aaep.org](mailto:aaepoffice@aaep.org) for more information.

**JULY 31-AUGUST 2: AAEP FOCUS MEETING.** Quebec City, Canada. Held in conjunction with the 13th Annual Practice Management Seminar. An in-depth exploration of Equine Colic featuring state-of-the-art lecture and reviews of breaking research. Contact the AAEP at 859/ 233-0147 or email at [aaepoffice@aaep.org](mailto:aaepoffice@aaep.org) for more information.

## NEW TO ISVMA MEMBERS!

A new link has been added to the Member Center page of the ISVMA website! Members can now go to the Member Center page and click on the CE Listings link. Additional opportunities for CE will be updated and posted each month!

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### **VETERINARY RELIEF**

Available for small animal practice relief in Chicago and collar counties. Call Loren Logan-Skanes DVM at 708-267-8157 or email lloganskanes@sbcglobal.net.

### **IN-STATE OPPORTUNITIES SEEKING VETERINARIANS**

#### **EMERGENCY VETERINARIAN**

Central Illinois emergency practice in Bloomington/Normal, population 120,000 has position available immediately. Salary commensurate with experience. Generous benefits included. Contact after 6pm @ 309-665-5020 or daytime @ 815-945-7811.

#### **ASSOCIATE VETERINARIAN**

Established, AAHA-certified, 10-doctor practice seeking dedicated, team-oriented Associate Veterinarian. 50-year practice offers latest treatments and equipment - voted one of Chicago's best clinics! 60 service-oriented employees offer compassionate quality care. Contact Dr. Sheldon Rubin, 3219 North Clark Street, Chicago IL 60657, email blumvet@aol.com.

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Join the Dundee Animal Hospital team and see what makes us the best in the Midwest! Located in the Northwest Suburbs of Chicago, our general and emergency practice currently employs 17 general practitioners, 3 emergency veterinarians and a well-trained, motivated support staff of 70+ team members. We are AAHA certified and have a superior reputation that is built on a 45-year practice history. Our three hospitals with state of the art, new construction are located in East Dundee, Elgin and Algonquin. We see a large volume of both internal and external referrals in our emergency practice, which is located at our Dundee hospital. We offer patient hospitalization only – no boarding or grooming.

A new associate's responsibilities would include outpatient care, surgery and dentistry. Reap the benefits of having an internal emergency care staff for 24 hour monitoring of your patients, as well as a Practice Administration Team to support the medical professionals' needs.

The emergency veterinarian's position will complement an existing staff of emergency doctors and support staff specifically trained in emergency medicine. Responsibilities include the treatment of emergency patients from our three hospitals and other area hospitals with an average caseload of 7 - 11 patients per night, or 10 – 15 patients on the Sunday day shift. Other duties involve surgery and the monitoring and continual care of all admitted and transferred hospitalized patients.

Our focus at Dundee Animal Hospital is on teamwork, flexibility, and dedication to quality care. We treat each animal as if it were our own, with great compassion and unsurpassed professionalism. Be an active member of this unique organization and contribute to shaping the future of the practice! If you are interested in more information regarding this opportunity, contact our Practice Administrator, Debra Sisson at Dundee Animal Hospital, (847) 428 – 6114. FAX: (847) 428 – 8213. E-mail: dsisson@dundeeanimalhospital.com.

#### **PART TIME ASSOCIATE**

St. Louis area clinic desires Part Time Associate (20 hours) to join our 3 doctor small animal hospital. Requirements are enthusiasm, people-oriented, team player and a love for vet medicine. We have a modern, well-equipped hospital with great support staff. Generous compensation. If interested please send resume to Dr. James Jessen, 2006 W. Hwy 50, O'Fallon IL 62269 or fax to 618-632-4176.

#### **ASSOCIATE VETERINARIAN**

Associate Veterinarian needed for busy 2-doctor small animal practice in the near west suburbs of Chicago. Management and potential buy-in/buy-out possible in near future. We practice very high quality medicine, in a family-friendly environment. Flexible schedule, competitive salary and benefits. Interested in meeting you, and seeing how your vision, talent, and special interests will fit with ours. Fax resume to 630-595-4971 or call Cindy at 630-833-9717.

#### **FULL TIME ASSOCIATE**

North Avenue Animal Hospital - 4 doctor, AAHA accredited hospital is looking for full-time associate. New, fully equipped facility with excellent support staff & clientele. Dogs and cats only. We're looking for a compassionate, personable team player that loves working with people and pets. Competitive salary & benefits. Great location in the heart of Bucktown. 1901 W. North Ave., Chicago. Please contact Marie at (773)278-1330 option 6, on M-W-F only, 10am-5pm.

#### **FULL TIME VETERINARIAN**

Do you dread going into work every day? We have a great hospital with wonderful staff. If you are compassionate, motivated, practice progressive medicine and are fun to work with, please fax your resume to Kristin Wojcik at 847- 634-3539. We provide excellent salary and benefits and are located 30 miles northwest of Chicago.

#### **FULL TIME VETERINARIAN**

St. Charles Veterinary Clinic is looking for a full time veterinarian to join our dedicated, diverse team of doctors at our newly expanded state of the art facility. We are a progressive, well-equipped, well-staffed full service hospital. We have received AAHA accreditation for over 20 years. We offer small animal medicine in addition to traditional and minimally invasive surgery, behavior consultations, and exotic animal care. For details please send or fax resume to: James R. Miles, D.V.M., 530 Dunham Road, St. Charles IL 60174. Fax: 630-584-0416.

#### **ASSOCIATE VETERINARIAN**

Antioch Animal Hospital: Seeking an associate Veterinarian for small animal practice. Practice is in far northern suburbs of Chicago one hour from downtown. Duties include medicine and surgery. Practice has endoscope, Sevoflurane anesthesia, colorflow Doppler ultrasound, blood pressure and many other helpful pieces of equipment to practice quality medicine and surgery. Salary commensurate with experience and hours worked. Percentage is possible. Please call Dr. Passarella at 847-395-0636 for an interview.

#### **PRACTICE TRANSITION CONSULTANT**

National Consulting/Transition Company seeks Veterinarian(s) to serve as Practice Transition Consultant to DVMs in Illinois. If you are interested in a non-clinical consulting position assisting your colleagues in the placement of associates, sales of practices, practice evaluations, and other transition-related areas of consulting, please contact Dr. Ronald Prokes of AFTCO Associates by calling 800-334-9126.

#### **SEEKING BOARDED/BOARD ELIGIBLE INTERNIST**

Animal Emergency and Critical Care Center is currently seeking veterinarians in an internal medicine residency program who will be board certified or board eligible upon joining our staff. We are one of the Midwest's premier 24 hour emergency, critical care and specialty referral practices.

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Located in Northbrook Illinois, (approximately 30 minutes north of Chicago) our emergency hospital services the greater Chicago area and our specialty referrals come to us from as far away as Wisconsin, Iowa, Michigan, Ohio and of course, throughout Illinois.

The medical center is equipped with a wide range of diagnostic and monitoring equipment that includes ultrasound with color flow Doppler, video endoscopes, fluoroscopy, CT and MRI digital imaging. We have a well-equipped in-house laboratory and provide on-site blood banking.

Our veterinary staff includes emergency doctors (both full and part-time), internal medicine, surgery, cardiology, neurology/neurosurgery and radiology disciplines. Each specialty department is headed up by a board certified veterinarian. Over 70 technicians, receptionists and administrative staff support the emergency and specialty services.

We are in search of energetic veterinarians that insist on practicing high quality medicine and enjoy working in a fast paced environment. Our veterinarians celebrate the human-animal bond and successfully blend the best interests of both the patient and the client. Applicants must have excellent communication skills, be responsible to the referring veterinarians, and possess a diverse skill set to handle a busy and often complicated caseload. To learn more about employment opportunities at AECC and our outstanding compensation and benefits package, please contact Sheri Rothschild at 847-564-5775. Email your CV and questions to her at [srothschild@aecc.com](mailto:srothschild@aecc.com) or fax to 847-564-9604. For additional information, visit our website at [www.aecc.com](http://www.aecc.com).

### FULL TIME ASSOCIATE

Indian Prairie Animal Hospital is an AAHA accredited facility seeking an exceptional candidate to join our focused, energetic and dedicated team. We practice small animal, avian and exotic medicine to an incredibly loyal client base in the western suburbs of Chicago. We are looking for an associate that is committed to building long-standing relationships with clients and their animal companions. Ideal applicant is passionate, motivated and willing to go the extra mile to provide the highest level of care. Our progressive practice includes four exam rooms, spacious surgery suite, dental operatory, in-house laboratory, ultrasound, EKG, video endoscopy and much more. Experienced support staff includes several licensed technicians, seasoned client service coordinators and kennel attendants. Competitive salary and benefit package as well as profit sharing opportunities

available. Perfect opportunity for recent graduate seeking mentoring possibilities. Contact Shannon Barry, Indian Prairie Animal Hospital, 621 S. Route 59, Aurora, IL 60504, 630-820-6999.

### FOURTH ASSOCIATE

Coble Animal Hospital is interested in welcoming a 4th associate veterinarian to our health care team. Our practice is busy, progressive, well equipped and well staffed and has a varied caseload. It provides an excellent opportunity for a motivated individual to practice virtually all aspects of clinical small animal medicine and surgery. We are looking for a person who is hard working, enthusiastic, client oriented and willing to work as a team member. New graduate or experienced veterinarians welcome. We offer a competitive salary, excellent work schedule, no after hours/weekend/holiday emergencies, paid vacation, health insurance, continuing education and other benefits.

Some of our specialized equipment includes: 300ma x-ray and dental x-ray with automatic processors, CO2 laser surgical unit, EKG with monitor and printout capabilities, in-house lab with Heska CBC and VetTest 8008 Blood Chemistry Analyzer, oxygen cage, tonopen, and volumetric infusion pumps. Ultrasound and flexible endoscope shared with our other clinic. We see approximately 55% canine, 40% feline and 5% exotic. Appointments run on a 15 minute flex schedule with a wellness visit given an average of 30 minutes. There are 3 technical staff and 2 exam room assistants you can leverage to better your efficiency.

We offer a travel stipend for gas as well as lodging if needed to assist you in covering your expenses to come see us. Come look and you will want to stay!

Contact Alice Hermon, Practice Manager, at 217-789-4200, or email at [ahermon@aol.com](mailto:ahermon@aol.com) for more information or for a photo packet of our hospital.

### FULL TIME VETERINARIAN

Full time veterinarian wanted for fast paced 6-doctor city practice with small town charm and attitude. Located in the eclectic, vibrant Andersonville neighborhood on Chicago's North Side. Generous salary, production bonuses, insurance, pension plan. Good hours, ample time off, no emergencies. Experience preferred but new graduate definitely considered. Fax resume to Dr. Tyler at 773-561-5158 or email to [ktkp2620@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ktkp2620@sbcglobal.net).

### FULL OR PART TIME VETERINARIAN

WE NEED YOU! We are a 3-1/2 doctor small animal practice that is evolving. We need you to help us educate our clients, and reach our goal in becoming the best in the area for medicine and surgery. If you would like to enjoy quality time with clients, practice the best medicine for their pets, AND have time to enjoy your life, we would like to talk with you. We are offering a position for a full or part-time veterinarian in the western suburbs of Chicago. Toys include ultrasound, radio-cautery, in-house laboratory, and a pleasant staff to assist. Four day work week, and every other Saturday off. No emergency duties. Call Dr. Ciribassi or Dr. Johnson at the Carol Stream Animal Hospital, 630-462-7888, or email [drmarydvm@sbcglobal.net](mailto:drmarydvm@sbcglobal.net).

### VETERINARIAN

**FULL-TIME/ THIRD ASSOCIATE** (will consider part-time) wanted for a small animal practice in Lemont, IL., a far southwestern Chicago suburb. Clinic recently expanded and renovated. Diverse medicine and surgery caseload. No merchandising or non-medical boarding. Flexible scheduling with 4 day work week. Experienced in mentoring new grads. Salary is a base with bonus based on production. Paid vacation, association dues, continuing education and retirement plan (SEP). If interested contact Dr. Christopher Johnson at Archer Veterinary Clinic by phone at 630-257-5121 or email at [jfam15@aol.com](mailto:jfam15@aol.com).

### ASSOCIATE(S) WANTED

The Flora Veterinary Clinic in south central Illinois is looking for one or two associates for work in a mixed practice. The practice is about 70% small and 30% large animal. The facility is approximately 6000 sq. ft., which includes a haul-in area for cattle and horses. Applicants interested in small animal and/or mixed practice will be welcome to apply. A competitive salary is offered for someone wanting to work in a pleasant and casual atmosphere. Interested applicants should call Dr. Wayne Hurliman at 618-662-4176 (office) or 618-662-6471 (res.). E-mail inquiries may be sent to [hurliman@wabash.net](mailto:hurliman@wabash.net).

### EMERGENCY VETERINARIAN

Exciting opportunity at Animal Emergency Center in Northbrook for emergency veterinarian at our state-of-the-art center providing emergency treatment, critical care and specialty referral services. Wide range of diagnostic and monitoring equipment: CT, MRI, in-house blood banking program. To learn more contact Sheri Rothschild at 847-564-3109, email: [jobs@aecc.com](mailto:jobs@aecc.com) or fax CV to 847-564-9604. Visit our website at [www.aecc.com](http://www.aecc.com).

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## **VETERINARIAN WANTED**

We are looking for a caring, compassionate veterinarian to join our clinic family. Our clinic is a growing two-doctor practice exclusively treating small animals. Our focus is to provide the highest quality patient and client care.

We are seeking a motivated and dedicated individual with great communication skills who loves the profession. Emergency work is not required. Both full time and part time applicants will be considered for the position. Our practice is located in a small but rapidly growing community, with an excellent school system. We offer a very competitive salary and benefit package with potential future ownership opportunities. Please contact the clinic directly or send a resume to the following: Highland Veterinary Clinic; 12335 Highland Road, Highland IL 62249. (618) 654-4688. Attn: Michele Leckrone, D.V.M.

## **ASSOCIATE NEEDED**

Associate needed for a 2 veterinarian, ambulatory, equine practice with haul-in facility. Practice is located just south of Chicago, IL. We are a well-established 24-year-old practice. Applicant must have an equine background, a thorough understanding of the equine industry and be willing to make a long-term commitment. Someone who has completed an internship preferred, but an outstanding new graduate will be considered. Phone Dr. Gary C. Porter at 815-464-0044 days, 815-469-5026 evenings or email [EVPGP@aol.com](mailto:EVPGP@aol.com).

## **FULL TIME VETERINARIAN**

Full Time Veterinarian wanted for 3 doctor small animal practice in Rockford, IL. Experience preferred. Competitive salary, benefits, and no after-hours emergency duty. Staff is friendly, enthusiastic and compassionate. We provide quality medicine and are dedicated to personal caring service for our patients and clients. Contact Dr. Perry Pollock at 815-877-5741.

## **FULL TIME VETERINARIAN**

Bremen Animal Hospital: Seeking an enthusiastic veterinarian for full-time small animal position beginning mid-June 2005. Join Drs. Roger Hagenberg, Terry Becker and Scott Gallatin and our great staff in the Tinley Park/Orland Park area. Contact Dr. Becker, 7613 W. 159th Street, Tinley Park, IL 60477, ph 708/532-5578, e-mail [tldbvm@illinoisalumni.org](mailto:tldbvm@illinoisalumni.org).

## **FULL TIME OR PART TIME VETERINARIAN**

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