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Brother Can You Spare a Dime!

Sheldon B. Rubin, DVM – ISVMA President, Board of Directors

One of the disadvantages of being “older” is you remember a lot of things that no one else remembers. While it is great for trivia games, it isn’t so great when you realize that you remember because you are older than everyone else in your company. The song *Brother, Can You Spare a Dime* became the anthem of the Great Depression. It was written in 1931 and became popular as sung by Bing Crosby and also by Rudy Vallee. Both versions were released right before Franklin Delano Roosevelt’s election to the presidency and both became number one hits on the charts.

Many reading this will say “sung by who?” Yes Bing Crosby and Rudy Vallee came from another era, one that I remember as a child as related by my parents, but nevertheless an economic era that seems to be repeating itself today.

By the time you read this, our successful Lobby Day on April 1st will be over. We had a record number of students travel to Springfield to join with our largest number of veterinarian participants in meeting their legislators. While we prepared for the one-on-one meetings with our legislators, multiple bills were being considered by our State Legislature and the Chicago City Council was considering a proposed ordinance to make spay/neuter mandatory in Chicago.

As you all know, it is very difficult to fight money with reason; but it never ceases to amaze me how, despite the heavy lobbying efforts of our opponents who spend so much money and hire expensive lobbyists to advance their agendas, our legislators want to hear what we have to say. I was never interested in politics until I realized that a person cannot speak if he has no voice. So I am involved as much as possible now, trying to protect our profession and protect our rights to practice veterinary medicine.

What can you do to help? Well, the first and most important thing you can do is develop a relationship with your legislators and the people you know that are involved in our government. They might be clients, neighbors, co-workers, friends, college classmates, or even relatives. Begin a dialogue with them just to let them know who you are, that you are an expert in animal health and welfare, and that you are available at any time to discuss animal issues as they arise. One meeting is not enough, however, so after meeting them personally, it is very helpful to follow up with a phone call or letter of thanks.

I have been in my legislators’ offices and their desks often look worse than mine. Just realize that your notes to your legislators may only be casually glanced at or buried somewhere in those piles of books and letters. So contact, contact, and contact again to make it obvious that you are a constituent who is intent on sharing your expertise to help make good public policy.

Since the anthem of the 30’s, *Brother Can You Spare a Dime*, referred to the cost to buy a cup of coffee, perhaps the anthem today might have to be written to say *Buddy, Can You Spare A Dollar* (or five dollars if you like the good stuff!). So, the second and just as important task you can do to help is to write a check to the Veterinary Medical Political Action Committee (VMPAC). While you may not feel that a few dollars makes a difference, every dollar we get

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Big Changes Coming to ISVMA Website - Enhanced Member Services

Later this spring the ISVMA will be converting to new Association Management Software (AMS).

Many new member services will be possible with the new software program. Some immediate changes you will notice include a robust, on-line directory of members in the Member Center. Each member will be able to control what information they wish to share publicly in their own profile. Event attendees will also find a much more modern and sophisticated registration process for ISVMA programs with an immediate email confirmation of your registration. Plus, we will have the capacity to store resumes for people looking for jobs so that employers can review them online.

For ISVMA volunteer members serving on committees, the software will allow members to participate in committee forums and access committee resources as well as minutes of all meetings.

The ISVMA office will keep its members informed as the conversion approaches and will introduce many of the features of the new AMS as time allows.

We hope to make the transition without any interruption of service or availability of website tools and resources. If you experience any issues with the ISVMA website during the transition, please send an email to info@isvma.org so that we can identify the source of the problem and repair it.

Legislative Update

Bill Status at the Halfway Point

Originally published on April 7, 2009 in the ISVMA E-Source, Volume VI, No. 27

We are technically at the halfway point of the current legislative session because April 3, 2009 was the deadline for all bills to either pass in their house of origin (House of Representatives or Senate) or fail. In reality, ISVMA is much more than halfway through on its legislative agenda. Every bill ISVMA opposed this year has either been defeated or has been amended to remove our objections. Every bill that ISVMA introduced this year has passed unanimously when voted upon (with the exception of a single no vote on House Bill 2331).

We are very grateful to the hundreds of ISVMA members that participated in our grassroots advocacy efforts and at the ISVMA Lobby Day on April 1, 2009. Your involvement has made all the difference in our effectiveness!

The following is a summary of the bills we have been working on this session.

* Denotes the bill is an initiative of the ISVMA

■ House Bill 198 - Dog Breeder License Act

The ISVMA opposed this bill and it failed to pass.

■ House Bill 364 - Veterinary Student Loan Repayment Program Act*

On March 4, 2009 this ISVMA initiative passed the Illinois House of Representatives on a vote of 109-0-0. It must now be considered by the Illinois State Senate before being sent to the Governor for final action. Representative David Reis was the House sponsor and Senator Michael Frerichs has agreed to be the Senate sponsor.

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**The Executive Director's column does not appear this issue.
Look for it to return next issue!**

Welcome New Members!

ISVMA would like to welcome the following 43 new members (who joined between February 2, 2009 and April 9, 2009). 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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Canaan Shores; Champaign IL

Kyle Christiansen Takes Post at Illinois Chiropractic Society

The last part of February meant a change in personnel at the ISVMA. Kyle Christiansen, Director of Membership Services, took a new position with ILChiro. "Thank you all for letting me share a work space, a great job and part of my life with all of you. It has been a great experience for me and I am excited for the challenges ahead of me." We wish you much success in your future endeavors, Kyle!

It Is A Great Time To Join The ISVMA!

For all new members to the association who join now, not only will this year's dues be paid in full, but your dues will be paid through next year to June 30 of 2010! That means you get two months for free when you join during May 2009.

Go online at www.isvma.org and complete the membership application form using your credit card and enjoy your membership with ISVMA through June 30, 2010!

New for 2009 Convention

Come on
Friday, November 13
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from A to Z."

This daylong program is
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by the American
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ACKNOWLEDGING THE HUMAN ANIMAL BOND

May 3-9 National Pet Week "Pets—The Spice of Life"

The Auxiliary to the AVMA promotes National Pet Week with items ranging from bookmarks to banners that can be ordered for use online at www.avmaaux.org. Annual poster and creative writing contests help promote the event, with entries received from across the country. 2009 winners include Charles Wessley Vandebark of Hamilton, Ohio, who won the grand prize of \$300 in the poster contest. Danielle Cyr of Lincoln, Mont., whose entry was submitted in 2008 as a fifth-grader, won the \$300 grand prize in the writing contest. Her essay is available on the Auxiliary's Web site at www.avmaaux.org/npwcontest.html.

National Pet Week focuses on responsible pet ownership, recognition of the human-animal bond, and public awareness of veterinary medicine. The AVMA and Auxiliary jointly founded the event in 1981, and the celebration has spread throughout the United States and beyond. The AVMA continues to support the event.

May 3-9 Be Kind to Animals Week

The American Humane Association created Be Kind to Animals Week in 1915 to encourage compassion toward animals. Every year, animal shelters throughout the country hold special events during this time-honored week to raise awareness about animals in our homes and communities and to celebrate the unique bond between humans and animals. Be Kind to Animals Week is now one of the oldest special week-long observances in the United States. In 1952, Be Kind to Animals Week received the official endorsements of the U.S. and Canadian governments. And in honor of the week's 75th anniversary in 1990, Congress passed a resolution declaring May 6-12, 1990, "Be Kind to Animals and National Pet Week." To download a media kit, or for a list of suggested activities to promote this observance, visit www.americanhumane.org/protecting-animals/special-events/be-kind-to-animals-week.

Be Kind to Animals Week is promoted nationally by American Humane. Founded in 1877, the American Humane Association is the only national organization dedicated to protecting both children and animals. Through a network of child and animal protection agencies and individuals, American Humane develops policies, legislation, curricula and training programs to protect children and animals from abuse, neglect and exploitation. The nonprofit organization, headquartered in Denver, raises awareness about The Link[®] between violence to people and violence to animals, as well as the benefits derived from the human-animal bond. American Humane's regional office in Los Angeles is the exclusive authority behind the "No Animals Were Harmed[®]" end-credit disclaimer on film and TV productions, and American Humane's office in Washington, D.C., is an advocate for child and animal protection at the federal and

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SPOTLIGHT ON 2009 CONVENTION

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Lectures and Wet Labs will be held by these outstanding speakers! With more to come to include topics in food animal, endocrinology, emergency medicine and a day long program just for CVTs. Watch for the June/July 2009 issue of the *EPITOME* for a list of all speakers. Registration materials will be sent in late summer. Keep checking the ISVMA website for details as they become available.

Anne Barger, DVM, DIPL ACVP

Neurology

Heidi, Barnes-Heller, DVM, DACVIM (Neurology)

Small Animal Neurology

Paul Bloom, DVM, DIPL ACVD, DIPL ABVP

Dermatology

Bernadine Cruz, DVM

Topics in Practice Management

Helio Autran De Moraes, DVM, PhD, ACVIM (Small Animal Internal Medicine and Cardiology)

Cardiology

Tim Hackett, DVM, MS, DACVECC

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Barbara Kitchell, DVM

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Avian and Exotic Animal

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Ultrasound Lecture, wet lab

Film Reading in Exhibit Hall on Sunday

November 15 from 8 am-11:30 am

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Lila Miller, DVM

Shelter Medicine

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Equine

Lynne Seibert, DVM, MS, PhD, Dipl ACVB

Animal Behavior

Mark Thornborrow, DVM

Endoscopy lecture and wet lab

Arathi Vinayak, DVM, DACVS

Soft Tissue Surgery

Fritz Wood, CPA, CFP

Financial Management

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can make a difference in whether the politician remembers us or not. While our VMPAC is pitifully small compared to larger organizations, it has made a difference when the funds have been given to our influential Illinois legislators. (Our PAC can only support state candidates and cannot be given to local or federal candidates.)

Any amount can be donated, and it can be from personal, partnership or corporate funds. Dr. George Richards, the ISVMA's VMPAC chair, says that even a client can contribute. I know times are tough now, but give up a few Starbucks (the good stuff) and help us make a difference in Springfield. I know the ISVMA office will be thrilled to talk to you regarding a donation.

Please help us help the veterinary profession by developing a relationship with your legislators and writing a check to VMPAC. Don't worry about the amount; I know anything you can give will make a difference.

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AVMA Brochures on Careers, Pet Health Receive a Makeover

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The AVMA is revamping its educational brochures on careers and pet health for 2009 to promote the veterinary profession and animal care.

The AVMA career brochures have a new look this year. Each of the three titles features a contemporary design to appeal to students in grades 6-12. The publications describe the career opportunities for veterinarians, veterinary technicians, and the rest of the health care team in a clinical practice. The brochures complement the AVMA's career DVD and classroom poster. The series is online at www.avma.org/careers.

The educational brochures on pet health are part of the AVMA's "What you should know about ..." series of publications available in English and Spanish at www.avma.org/animal_health. The titles cover issues relevant to pet selection and health as well as public health—including rabies, dog bites, and toxoplasmosis. The brochures, which the AVMA updates frequently in client-friendly language, can reinforce veterinarians' recommendations for animal care or serve as handouts at school and community events.

All AVMA brochures are on the Web site to download for free, and most are available for purchase in packages of 50. The AVMA is planning several new titles for later this year, and the additions to the series also will be at www.avma.org.

More information is available by e-mailing productorders@avma.org or calling (800) 248-2862, Ext. 6655.

Questions or comments about AVMA items?

Contact either AVMA representative: Dr. George Richards, Delegate, at (217) 443-0333, grichards15@msn.com or Dr. Shelly Rubin (Alternate Delegate) srubin3134@aol.com at (773) 327-4446.

AVMA Update

George Richards, DVM – ISVMA House of Delegates Representative

AVMA, AVMF, Red Cross Enter agreement to Coordinate Animal Rescue Efforts and Programs

The American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) and the American Veterinary Medical Foundation (AVMF) have signed a partnership agreement with the American Red Cross to help protect animals and pets during emergencies.

(Schaumburg, IL) - "The American Red Cross is proud to continue our partnership with the American Veterinary Medical Association," explains Mary DeWitt-Dia, senior associate at the Red Cross. "Through our continued collaboration and coordination we will be able to help our communities better prepare for and respond to the needs of families and animals before, during and after disaster."

The three groups have had a statement of understanding since 1998, but last month they penned a more formal Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that lays out the groundwork for increased cooperation between the national organizations. The AVMF is the charitable branch of the AVMA that funds disaster response and emergency preparedness training and accepts charitable contributions on behalf of these efforts.

"This partnership with the Red Cross will help American Veterinary Medical Foundation bring substantive help to pets and animals not only on the national level but at the local level. It gives us a hands-on network of people who will work around our goal of helping pets in times of a disaster," explains Michael Cathey, head of the AVMF. "This is an exciting new chapter in the AVMF's outreach efforts."

The AVMF will help fund programs developed under this cooperative arrangement through AVMF grants. The AVMA will serve as a technical adviser to the Red Cross on all animal and veterinary related aspects of disaster-response efforts.

It's estimated that during a major natural disaster, like a hurricane or forest fire, approximately 100,000 animals, pets and livestock are separated from their owners and/or lost. Many times pet owners are forced to leave their pets behind during a disaster because they haven't appropriately prepared for evacuation. Sometimes pet owners have been prepared but local or state disaster plans have not been written to accommodate for the evacuation of animals. One of the goals of the MOU is to reverse this trend.

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News and Notes

BSE Final Rule Summary

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The Food and Drug Administration has issued a rule amending its regulations to prohibit the use of certain cattle-origin materials in the food or feed of all animals.

The final rule becomes effective April 27, 2009, one year after publication in the April 25 Federal Register.

Materials prohibited in all animal feed by the new regulation include the following:

- The brains and spinal cords from cattle 30 months of age and older
- The entire carcass of BSE-positive cattle
- The entire carcass of cattle not inspected and passed for human consumption that are 30 month of age or older from which brains and spinal cords were not removed
- Tallow that is derived from BSE-positive cattle
- Tallow that is derived from other materials prohibited by this rule that contains more than 0.15 percent insoluble impurities
- Mechanically separated beef that is derived from the materials prohibited by this rule

To read the entire rule, <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/pdf/08-1180.pdf>.

Qualifications of Life Membership

The ISVMA values its Life Members and the support they have provided to organized veterinary medicine. In the past few years, the ISVMA Board of Directors has had many discussions about the rapidly growing number of Life Members and the dues they are expected to pay as members of ISVMA.

It is the expectation of the ISVMA Board of Directors that all Life Members who are currently employed recognize the importance of their continued support of ISVMA through the payment of dues. Upon retirement, however, their membership dues may be waived upon request and their membership services will continue. Many Life Members choose to continue paying dues after retirement to support their profession and the efforts of the ISVMA.

The Board Policy on Life Membership Dues (Section 7) states:

1. Life Members who have not retired are expected to pay annual dues as established in accordance with Article VI, Section 1 of the ISVMA Constitution.
 - a. For the purposes of this policy, a retired member is one who has ceased all regular employment in veterinary medicine.
 - b. ISVMA may waive dues for Life Membership to the following members upon written request, if:
 - i. A member has completed 35 continuous years as a Professional member of the association and has retired. Up to 10 years credit may be granted for membership in associations of other States, provided that the most recent 25 years was in the ISVMA.
 - ii. A member has reached 65 years of age, has retired, and has been a Professional member of the association continuously since graduation from veterinary college, and has been out of veterinary college for a minimum of 25 years.
 - c. If a Life Member returns to active employment status, he/she will be required to pay dues as an Active member until retirement status is resumed.

Any Life Member whose dues are 30 days past due shall be suspended and all privileges of membership discontinued. Life Members suspended for nonpayment of dues may be reinstated at any time upon payment of the current year's dues and any prior years in which membership was suspended.

Infection Control Guide Available from Canadian Committee

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An infection control guide sponsored by the Canadian Committee on Antibiotic Resistance is intended to reduce risks of pathogen transmission among small animal veterinarians, their clients, and their patients.

"Veterinary clinics can act as reservoirs of human and animal pathogens and play a role in dissemination of infectious agents including antimicrobial-resistant bacteria into the general population, with potential effects on humans and animals," the guide states. "Veterinary personnel also face an inherent risk of zoonotic disease from contact with both healthy and ill animals."

The 71-page document includes best practice guidelines for surgical site management, use of personal protective equipment, disinfectant use, and attention to proper laundry practices, as well as what to do in suspected rabies cases.

The CCAR is a collaboration of not-for-profit organizations and government entities. The guidance document is available at www.ccar-ccra.com/english/home-e.shtml.

The National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians' infection control document, Compendium of Veterinary Standard Precautions for Zoonotic Disease Prevention in Veterinary Personnel, and a model infection control plan for veterinary practices are available at www.avma.org/services, under the "Practice resources" heading.

What do you have to say?

Chanel, a Daschund, of Port Jefferson Station, NY has made it into the Guinness Book of World Records by celebrating her 21st birthday in May, 2009.

The ISVMA wants to know: What age has your oldest patient been?

Share your stories with us by emailing brenda@isvma.org, faxing to 217/546-5633 or mailing to ISVMA, c/o What do you have to say?, 1121 Chatham Road, Springfield IL 62704.



Student Experience a Primary Reason for New Chicago Clinic

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

In April or May the primary care clinic that is part of our new Chicago Center for Veterinary Medicine, at 2242 West Harrison in the Illinois Medical District, will begin seeing patients. The clinic won't truly fulfill its purpose, however, until the first veterinary students arrive in June for two-week rotations.

The student experience has been a central factor in establishing the clinic. To prepare students well for careers as small animal practitioners, we need to engage them in both the clinical and the business aspects of a busy primary care practice.

Increasing clinical exposure has been the goal of many recent changes to the curriculum. Students now can arrange for-credit rotations in primary care private practices. And the new Illinois Integrated Veterinary Professional Curriculum will give students an additional 16 weeks in the Veterinary Teaching Hospital over the course of the four-year degree program.

But unlike these other settings, the Chicago clinic will allow us to give students an educational experience in all aspects of a progressive, high-quality, primary care practice.

"Students need to be in an environment working with real general practitioners, as opposed to academicians or specialists, to get a more realistic view of what they'll be doing in practice," says Dr. Tom Graves, associate professor of small animal medicine and director of curriculum and instruction in the clinical medicine department.

He mentions several ways students might be engaged, depending on their abilities and interests:

- Shadow a veterinarian
- Conduct a physical examination
- Assist with basic surgical procedures
- Carry out in-house laboratory tests
- Dispense medications
- Communicate with clients about primary care issues and build relationships with clients

Eventually Dr. Graves would like to see a rotation in Chicago that focuses on practice management, covering such activities as inventory management, scheduling, and personnel issues.

As the new veterinary curriculum is implemented across all four years of study in the coming years, there will be opportunities for students in the second, third, and fourth years of the program to participate in the Chicago clinic. Because there may be a great deal of variation in students' background and training, the

educational experience has to be flexible and suited to the needs of a given student.

Dr. Rosemary LoGiudice, interim director of the Chicago Center, explains that her philosophy is very heavily oriented toward mentoring and tailoring the educational experience to the student.

"We'll ask students what they perceive as their strengths and weaknesses," says Dr. LoGiudice. "In the first week of their rotation, students will shadow a clinician. In the second week they'll gain hands-on experience with procedures as appropriate."

She feels instilling good client communication skills will be as important as improving proficiency in day-to-day clinical care.

"Client relations make or break a practice," says Dr. LoGiudice. "Students need to understand that the client has a choice whether to use our service."

"Clients need to feel thrilled to come into your practice and to feel that you believe their animal is the most important animal you are working on. They should be eager to pay you for your service and eager to come back."

If you have any questions about the Chicago Center, feel free to contact me at dean@vetmed.illinois.edu or check our Web site: vetmed.illinois.edu/chicago.

It Is A Great Time To Join The ISVMA!

For all new members to the association who join now, not only will this year's dues be paid in full, but your dues will be paid through next year to June 30 of 2010! That means you get two months for free when you join during May 2009.

Go online at www.isvma.org and complete the membership application form using your credit card and enjoy your membership with ISVMA through June 30, 2010!

Canine Dentistry, Fish Medicine, More: Continuing Education Comes to You

Springfield, Peoria, Chicago, virtually anywhere... The College is taking its expertise on the road and online to better serve veterinary practitioners.

In 2008, veterinarians in three central Illinois communities were invited to attend a reception and lecture for one hour of free CE – and a chance to hear from new clinical faculty members in oncology, ophthalmology, imaging, and endocrinology. Contact the Office of Advancement if you'd like to host a reception in your area: 217/333-2762.

New Graduates and DVM Licensure

Every year, ISVMA answers dozens of inquiries about licensure and what duties a recent graduate can perform without a license. These questions come from both recent graduates and the practices that hired them. The bad news is that a recent graduate cannot practice veterinary medicine without a license. Until they obtain their Illinois license they cannot evaluate (diagnose) an animal patient, prescribe medicine or perform surgery – even under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian. The good news is that ISVMA is working to eliminate the frustrating delay between graduation and licensure.

It is very frustrating for someone that has graduated from an accredited veterinary college, passed their NAVLE and submitted their license application to wait for a state agency to process their license application before they can begin working to pay back their tremendous loan debt. It is also frustrating for the veterinary practice that hired a talented recent graduate and needs to put them to work. The length of delay between state agency receipt of all required license materials and notification of licensure is subject to many variables. In the recent past, it has taken as little as a couple of weeks and as long as a few months. Processing time has been much better for the last couple of years, but the risk of a lengthy delay still exists.

The ISVMA is working to pass legislation to avoid the risk of delay and address the needs of both recently graduated veterinarians and those that employ them. We drafted a new law that would establish a Practice Pending Permit for veterinary college graduates that have applied for licensure in Illinois. The Practice Pending Permit would allow recent graduates of accredited veterinary colleges that have submitted an application for licensure and: 1) have either passed their NAVLE; or 2) are awaiting their NAVLE results to practice under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian until they receive notice of failing their NAVLE test, withdraw their application or obtain their license.

House Bill 2331 and Senate Bill 1830 were introduced by ISVMA during this legislative session to establish the Practice Pending Permit law. The bills are identical and were introduced in each chamber to increase the chances of success. Each bill passed the house of origin and must now pass in the other chamber before being sent to the Governor for final approval.

The bills proposed by ISVMA may not become law in time to assist the Class of 2009 to practice medicine immediately upon graduation. In the absence of statutory change, Class of 2009 graduates will have to wait until their license is issued to begin practicing. ISVMA will be in regular contact with the licensing agency to encourage and help facilitate a quick turnaround of the license applications.

Is it worthwhile to obtain a temporary license?

Proof of education is required for the newly graduated doctor of veterinary medicine to apply for their license to practice. In order to apply for a temporary license, proof of education still remains a qualification. If you have passed the NAVLE and graduated, it would probably take as much time to apply for and receive a temporary license as it would to apply for and receive your regular license.

VISIT THE VETERINARIAN'S PORTAL:
www.vetmed.illinois.edu/4dvms/

A resource page for practitioners only. Link directly to the information you need most.

Looking for an expert to consult on a case? A key feature is the new Directory for Referring Veterinarians, a compendium of information about the College of Veterinary Medicine's clinical faculty, services, contact numbers, and more from the Veterinary Teaching Hospital.

University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine May 2009 Graduates Who are Seeking Jobs in Illinois

Lauren Tassone

2315 South First Street, Apt 301
Champaign, IL 61820
(Campus address until the beginning of May 2009)
708-269-0865
ltassone@uiuc.edu

Home Town: Champaign, IL

Field Preference: Small Animal Veterinary Associate Position

Preferred location in IL: Chicago, IL (city)

Elisabeth Peters

3316 East Third Road
LaSalle, IL 61301
217-356-6671
efpeters@illinois.edu

Home Town: LaSalle, IL

Field Preference: Mixed practice – strong interests in beef/equine

Preferred location in IL: Anywhere in Illinois but preferably north-central

Lynda Gould

49W924 Perry Road
Maple Park, IL 60151
(permanent address this May)
630-742-5628
lyndaggould@gmail.com

Home Town: Crystal Lake, IL

Field Preference: Large or mixed animal practice

Preferred location in IL: Northern or Central Illinois

Priya Bhatt, DVM, MS

41 Parsley Drive
Savoy, IL 61874
310-497-4346
bhatt3@illinois.edu

Home Town: Barrington, IL & Elgin, IL

Field Preference: Small animals and exotics, with emphasis on client education and preventative medicine. Interested in relief work as well

Preferred location in IL: North West Suburbs of Chicago

Terry and Sarah Foust

29380 East 2400 Street
Prophetstown, IL 61277
815-537-9152
foustvets@gmail.com

Home Town: Terry's Dixon, IL

Sarah's Mt. Carroll, IL

Field Preference: Looking for two associate positions mixed animal at large animal practice.

Preferred location in IL: Rural northern or northwestern Illinois

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Graduates

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Jennifer Asher

809 Ventura Road
Champaign, IL 61820
217-722-8802
jasher2@illinois.edu

Home Town: Warsaw, IL

Field Preference: Position with primarily small animals, I have experience with pocket pets and ferrets. I enjoy working with sheep and goats also would be more than willing to go on small ruminant farm calls if these clients exist in the area of practice.

Preferred location in IL: Would like to work within 45 minutes of Champaign, Illinois if possible.

Doreen Turner

1605 North Willow Road, Apt 209
Urbana, IL 61801
dnturner@illinois.edu

Home Town: Gurnee, IL

Field Preference: Multiple doctors small animal practice.

Preferred location in IL: Northern or Central Illinois

Stacey Kostiuik

401 West Curtis Avenue, Apt. 5-105
Savoy, IL 61874
309-287-1325
kostiuik2@illinois.edu

Home Town: Durand, IL

Field Preference: Multiple doctors small animal practice.

Preferred location in IL: Chicagoland area of Illinois

Brent Salazar

1309 Sycamore Street
Peru, IL
bsalaza3@uiuc.edu

Field Preference: Interested in a small animal or mixed practice.

Preferred location in IL: Prefer working within a 30 mile radius from Peru, IL however will consider a position in western suburbs.

Christopher G. Obradovich

630-390-6431
obradovi@uiuc.edu

Field Preference: Interested working in a small animal practice.

Preferred location in IL: Chicago suburbs or Chicago, Illinois

Katie Freske

1491 Yosemite Circle
Crystal Lake, IL 60014
630-673-1879
katefreske@sbcglobal.net

Home Town: Crystal Lake, IL

Field Preference: Interested in a position with a small animal practice and also interested in exotics.

Preferred location in IL: Prefer working in a 40 mile radius of Crystal Lake, Illinois

Rule requires veterinarians to have identity theft prevention programs

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Veterinarians are not exempt from a new federal rule to prevent identity theft. The Red Flags Rule, which the Federal Trade Commission will begin enforcing May 1, requires creditors to develop programs to prevent, detect, and mitigate identity theft.

The FTC proposed the Red Flags Rule in late 2007, and it took effect in 2008. The commission delayed enforcement until this year because many organizations did not consider themselves to be creditors—not in the same sense as financial institutions, which also fall under the rule. Nevertheless, the rule applies to most organizations that make arrangements to defer payment of debts, including almost all health care providers. Health care providers are creditors under the rule, for example, if they bill clients after completing medical services.

The FTC has offered guidelines for creating identity theft prevention programs that satisfy the requirements of the Red Flags Rule.

The first step is for organizations to identify major warning signs of identity theft, or red flags, that they come across in their line of work. Categories of warning signs include alerts from consumer reporting agencies; suspicious documents, personal information, or account activity; and notices from customers, victims of identity theft, law enforcement authorities, or other entities. Each organization must write, implement, and administer an ongoing program to detect warning signs and respond appropriately to prevent or mitigate identity theft after finding a red flag. Responses to warning signs could include monitoring accounts or changing account numbers. Finally, organizations should update their programs periodically to reflect changes in identity theft risks.

The intent behind the Red Flags Rule is good, said Dr. Patricia Wohlferth-Bethke, an assistant director in the AVMA Membership and Field Services Division.

If a veterinarian does not prevent breeches in the security of clients' information, she noted, some clients may choose not to visit that veterinarian again. Also, according to the Principles of Veterinary Medical Ethics of the AVMA, veterinarians and their associates should protect the personal privacy of clients.

Veterinarians should protect the information of employees as well as clients, said Adrian Hochstadt, JD, assistant director for state legislative and regulatory affairs in the AVMA Communications Division. He added that the AVMA plans to offer webinars with an outside specialist, in the near future, to help veterinarians come into compliance with the specific requirements of the Red Flags Rule.

Additional information about how the rule applies to health care providers is available at www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/pubs/articles/art11.shtm.

Red Flags Rule Webinars

The Red Flags Rule took effect last year, but the Federal Trade Commission delayed enforcement until May 2009 because of questions about who would be subject to the rule. The FTC determined that veterinarians and other health care providers will be subject to the rule.

The AVMA has contracted an expert in identity theft to conduct informational webinars about the Red Flags Rule. A one-hour webinar to explain the new rule, provide guidance on how veterinary clinics can comply, and offer access to a low-cost online program to help bring practices into compliance has been created. The webinars were broadcast three times in late April, (22nd, 28th and 30th). At press time, the AVMA was in the process of determining future dates for monthly access to the program. For information and additional details, visit the AVMA Web site, www.avma.org.

ERWIN SMALL FIRST DECADE AWARD

*Presented for significant contributions and service to
the Illinois State Veterinary Medical Association as a recent graduate*

The Erwin Small First Decade Award recognizes a graduate of a veterinary college who has been practicing veterinary medicine for less than ten years. Additionally, they must have supported the goals and mission of the Illinois State Veterinary Medical Association through leadership and/or participation in programs approved by the ISVMA.

Nomination Criteria

- Nominee must have graduated within the past ten years from a veterinary college which is recognized by the AVMA or recognized by the government of the country in which the college is located.
- Nominee must be a member in good standing of the Illinois State Veterinary Medical Association (ISVMA).
- Nominee should demonstrate outstanding work as an ISVMA member, participating in the goals and mission of the ISVMA through leadership and/or participation in programs approved by the ISVMA.
- Additional consideration will be given to those who serve as chair or contributing member of an ISVMA committee for at least two years or as a contributing participant in a Board of Directors designated program.
- No monetary stipend will accompany this award.
- The ISVMA Nominations and Awards Committee will select an award recipient from candidates presented for consideration from the regional associations of the ISVMA, individual members of the ISVMA, the ISVMA Board of Directors and the ISVMA Nominations and Awards Committee.

Forward the following to Submit a Nomination

- 1) Official Nomination form
- 2) A resume of nominee

Indicate on the resume each of the following, where applicable:

- Number of years as ISVMA member
- Any ISVMA position held: officer, executive board member, committee chair and committee member
- Number of years as member in regional association
- Regional position(s) held: officer, executive board member, committee member
- Any participation in other professional associations of organized veterinary medicine
- Outstanding service or contribution to the professional; instances of leadership in other activities.

- 3) Although not required, a letter of support may accompany the nomination form.

Forward all nominations to the Illinois State Veterinary Medical Association, 1121 Chatham Road, Springfield Illinois 62704.

Name of Nominee _____

Mailing Address of Nominee _____

Spouse or Significant Other Name _____

ISVMA Member since (give year, example: 1983) _____

Degrees including Year of Graduation _____

VETERINARY SERVICE AWARD

*Designed to honor those giving special attention to,
or promotion of, the human-animal bond in Illinois*

The Veterinary Service Award is a meritorious award designed to honor those giving special attention to, or promotion of, the human-animal bond in Illinois as well as demonstrating outstanding work as an Illinois State Veterinary Medical Association member.

NOMINATION CRITERIA

- Nominee must be a graduate of a veterinary college which is recognized by the AVMA or recognized by the government of the country in which the college is located.
- Nominee must be a member in good standing of the Illinois State Veterinary Medical Association (ISVMA).
- Nominee should set an example to those entering the field of veterinary medicine and be a positive influence on others.
- Nominee should demonstrate outstanding work as an ISVMA member, participating in the goals and mission of the ISVMA through leadership and/or participation in programs approved by the ISVMA.
- Additional consideration will be given to those who serve as chair or contributing member of an ISVMA committee; or as a contributing participant in a Board of Director's designated program.
- No monetary stipend will accompany this award.
- The ISVMA Nominations and Awards Committee will select an award recipient from candidates presented for consideration from the regional associations of the ISVMA, individual members of the ISVMA, the ISVMA Board of Directors and the ISVMA Nominations and Awards Committee.

TO SUBMIT A NOMINATION

Submit to the ISVMA office the Official Nomination form along with a resume. The resume submitted will be utilized in the judging of each nominee. Indicate on the resume each of the following, where applicable: Number of years as ISVMA member; any ISVMA position held: officer, executive board member, committee chair and committee member; Number of years as member in regional association; Regional position(s) held: officer, executive board member, committee member; any participation in other professional associations of organized veterinary medicine; outstanding service or contribution to the professional; instances of leadership in other activities.

Although not required, a letter of support may accompany the nomination form.

Forward all nominations to the Illinois State Veterinary Medical Association, 1121 Chatham Road, Springfield Illinois 62704.

Name of Nominee _____

Mailing Address of Nominee _____

Spouse or Significant Other Name _____

ISVMA Member since (give year, example: 1983) _____

Degrees including Year of Graduation _____



Official Nomination Form Candidate for 2009

Criteria/Qualifications

1. Individual endorsing the nomination (sponsor) must be an ISVMA member.
2. The act/contribution must take place in Illinois.
3. The animal and owner must reside in Illinois.
4. The act may have been performed, in part, in 2008.

To Nominate a Candidate

1. Complete nomination form.
2. Submit one-page type-written letter explaining how animal/individual qualifies for nomination. If desired, up to three additional one-page letters from others supporting the nominee may be included with the application.
3. Submit 5"x7" color picture of the animal and owner/steward.

Judging: Entries will be judged by members of the Awards Committee. Winners will be notified in October 2009 and will be presented their award at the ISVMA's Annual Convention in Peoria IL on November 15th, 2009.

Mail all materials to:
Illinois ACTS Awards
1121 Chatham Road,
Springfield IL 62704

Nomination period officially opened March 1, 2009 and will close August 31, 2009. Applications with a postmark later than August 31, 2009 will not be accepted.

Illinois State Veterinary Medical Association's
Human-Animal Bond/Animal Welfare Committee

6th Annual Animals Contributing To Society (ACTS) Awards

An annual celebration of heroism, kindness and service by animals and their caregivers working together to benefit society.

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Name _____
Hospital/Facility _____
Address _____
Phone _____ Years known nominee _____

Category of Consideration:

- ___ **HERO** The animal's actions must have saved a human life or prevented injury.
- ___ **VOLUNTEER** The animal and its' owner 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 and used for professional animal assisted therapy are not included.
- ___ **PROFESSIONAL** The animal is kept and trained to be of service to humans. This includes seeing-eye dogs, helper dogs, assisted therapy animals, as well as, animals in zoos and aquariums.

Name of animal _____
Species _____
Breed _____
Color _____
Birthday _____ Sex Male Female
Owner/Steward Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____ Email _____

- ___ **HUMAN-ANIMAL BOND** The human whose acts best advance the understanding and awareness of the human-animal bond in Illinois.

Individual's Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____ Email _____

I testify that the information given on this application for the Award is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

OWNER'S SIGNATURE _____

The Illinois State Veterinary Medical Association (ISVMA) will publicize the award. Recipients will be asked to sign a release for the non-commercial use of their image upon receipt of their award.

Illinois Veterinary Medical Foundation

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Card # _____ V-Code _____ Expiration Date ____ / ____

To forward your check, please send this form with your contribution to:

Illinois Veterinary Medical Foundation c/o ISVMA

1121 Chatham Road, Springfield, IL 62704

To submit payment by credit card, either fax this completed form to 217.546.5633 or mail it to the address above.

Legislative Update

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■ House Bill 583 - Repeals Prohibition on Horse Slaughter

On February 24, 2009 a motion to pass House Bill 583 was approved by the House Agriculture and Conservation Committee on a vote of 11-2-0 and the bill was placed on the Order of Second Reading in the House of Representatives.

On March 10, 2009 an amendment to the bill was adopted in the House 111-1-0 to add a provision to the bill creating an Equine Rescue Assistance Fund.

The bill was called for a vote in the Illinois House of Representatives and failed to pass.

■ House Bill 678 - Equine Transportation

On March 4, 2009 a motion to pass House Bill 678 was approved by the House Vehicles and Safety Committee. The bill was called for a vote in the Illinois House of Representatives and failed to pass.

■ House Bill 2331 - Practice Pending Permits*

This bill is an ISVMA initiative designed to allow recent graduates of accredited veterinary colleges, made application for licensure and either passed their NAVLE or are awaiting their NAVLE results to practice under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian until they receive notice of failing their NAVLE test, withdraw their application or obtain their license.

House Bill 2331 passed the Illinois House of Representatives on a vote of 115-1-0. It must now be considered by the Illinois State Senate before being sent to the Governor for final action. It was sponsored in the House by Representative William Black. A companion bill was sponsored in the Senate by Senator Michael Frerichs.

■ House Bill 2407 - Internet Prescribing Prohibition Act

On March 5, 2009 this bill was tabled by the sponsor.

■ House Bill 3887 - Euthanasia Technicians*

On March 11, 2009 a motion to pass House Bill 3887 was approved by the House Judiciary I - Civil Law Committee on a vote of 13-0-0. The bill was placed on the Order of Second Reading - Short Debate in the House of Representatives.

This is another ISVMA initiative. The bill specified that euthanasia by certified euthanasia technicians shall be conducted only "within the physical premises of" (rather than "in") an animal shelter licensed under the Animal Welfare Act or an animal control facility licensed under the Animal Welfare Act.

The ISVMA chose to hold the bill and amend Senate Bill 38, another bill dealing with euthanasia, to include our amendatory language.

■ House Bill 3888 - Pet Lemon Law*

On March 10, 2009 a motion to pass House Bill 3888 was approved by the House Consumer Protection Committee on a vote of 14-0-0 and was placed on the Order of Second Reading - Short Debate in the House of Representatives.

This is another ISVMA initiative which would establish a Pet Lemon Law for consumers who purchase puppies and kittens. It sets forth responsibilities for pet retailers and pet owners and establishes specific remedies for pet owners who purchase unhealthy animals under specified conditions.

The ISVMA chose to hold the bill and include the discussion of consumer protection in the legislative task force, established by Senate Joint Resolution 56, to address issues related to puppy mills and pet shops.

■ Senate Bill 38 - Euthanasia Limitations

On February 25, 2009 a motion to pass Senate Bill 38 was approved by the Senate Agriculture and Conservation Committee on a vote of 6-4-0 and the bill is currently on Third Reading in the Senate.

ISVMA Lobby Day Recap

The ISVMA held its Fifth Annual Lobby Day on April 1, 2009 in Springfield. We nearly doubled the number of participants this year and the work done by ISVMA members will pay dividends for a long time! Many new relationships between legislators and ISVMA members were established and existing relationships were strengthened by our focused efforts. We received some valuable feedback from legislators on the bills we have worked on during this session.

During our Lobby Day activities, the Illinois House of Representatives debated and voted on House Bill 583 which would have repealed the ban on horse slaughter in Illinois. State representatives were very interested in discussing the issue with ISVMA members. The bill fell a few votes short of passage in the House and failed to pass prior to the deadline.



Three ISVMA members were photographed (above) while talking to Senator Dale Righter outside of the Senate Chamber. They are (from left to right): Dr. Lisa Eller, Senator Righter, Ashley Maul (VM2), and Aaron Lower (VM4).

Approximately 25 veterinary students participated in Lobby Day this year and Emily Wheeler (VM4) did an outstanding job of recruiting and coordinating the student participants. Thank you Emily!



Jessica Hendrickson, a first year student at the College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Illinois, testified before the House Higher Education Committee on February 19, 2009 in support of House Bill 394. Jessica spoke to the committee about how this important legislation addresses a serious issue in Illinois and throughout the United States. It would provide loan forgiveness for veterinary students that enter into an agreement to serve in critical need areas such as food supply veterinary medicine or public health medicine. She appeared at the witness table with the bill's sponsor, **Illinois State Representative David Reis**.

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ISVMA removed its opposition to Senate Bill 38 when the sponsor agreed to an amendment we proffered. By agreement with the sponsor, the bill will be further amended to delete a reference to the use of "liquids or substances that can be placed in a dog's food or mouth" for the purposes of euthanasia. The bill will also be amended to include the language offered by ISVMA in House Bill 3888 which clarifies the limitations on where a certified euthanasia technician can euthanize an animal.

■ Senate Bill 53 - Dog Breeder License Act

On March 11, 2009 a motion to pass Senate Bill 53 was approved by the Senate Licensed Activities Committee on a vote of 6-3 with the condition that the bill would be "shelled" so that all interested parties could work together to develop agreed language that would address shared concerns associated with puppy mill operations.

A "shell" amendment strips a bill of all substantive language and makes a technical amendment to a statute (Public Act). The technical amendment (shell) could be replacing a single word (e.g. replace "the" with "a"). This type of amendment is common when trying to keep a controversial bill alive in the hope that an agreement can be reached at a later date. It allows the bill to continue meeting deadlines (as an empty shell) that would otherwise result in it being killed.

The ISVMA opposed Senate Bill 53 and House Bill 198 as they were submitted. We also agreed to work with the bill sponsor to develop meaningful and effective language to crack down on puppy mill operators. The legislative task force established by Senate Joint Resolution 56 will bring the interested parties together for that purpose.

■ Senate Bill 139 - Tail Docking / Ear Cropping

On March 11, 2009 a technical amendment to (shell) Senate Bill 39 was approved by the Senate Agriculture and Conservation Committee and a motion to approve Senate Bill 139 as a shell bill was approved on a vote of 6-4-0 and the shell bill was placed on the Order of Second Reading in the Senate. The deadline for passing this bill was extended to April 30, 2009.

■ Senate Bill 1336 - Bovine Tail Docking

Senate Bill 1336 failed in the Senate.

■ Senate Bill 1337 - Farm Animal Confinement

Senate Bill 1337 failed in the Senate.

■ Senate Bill 1443 - Veterinary Teaching Hospital*

On April 3, 2009 the bill was passed in the Illinois State Senate by a vote of 57-0-0.

This bill is an ISVMA initiative to clarify and align a series of exemptions related to licensure for the faculty and facilities at the U of IL College of Veterinary Medicine.

■ Senate Bill 1830 - Practice Pending Permits*

This bill is an ISVMA initiative designed to allow recent graduates of accredited veterinary colleges, made application for licensure and either passed their NAVLE or are awaiting their NAVLE results to practice under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian until they receive notice of failing their NAVLE test, withdraw their application or obtain their license.

Senate Bill 1830 passed the Illinois State Senate by a vote of 57-0-0 on April 1, 2009. It must now be considered by the Illinois House of Representatives before being sent to the Governor for final action. It was sponsored by Senator Michael Frerichs in the Senate. A companion bill was sponsored in the House by Representative William Black.

The status of all bills being worked on by ISVMA is available for members to check at <http://capwiz.com/isvma/issues/bills/>. Members can link to each bill on this list and read a short description, read the entire bill text, and use the "Take Action Now" link to contact your legislators to communicate your thoughts and position on the bill.

Animal Bond

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state levels. The American Humane Certified™ farm animal program is the nation's original independent certification and labeling program for humanely raised food (www.thehumanetouch.org). American Humane meets the strong, comprehensive standards of the Better Business Bureau's Wise Giving Alliance, has been awarded the Independent Charities of America's "Best in America" Seal of Approval, and has met the stringent standards for financial efficiency and accountability required by the American Institute of Philanthropy to qualify as a Top-Rated Charity. Visit www.americanhumane.org to learn more.

May 17-23 National Dog Bite Prevention Week

If you could stop suffering, injury, disability and even mortality, would you do it? Although it may seem a bit grand in scope, it is within the power of every veterinarian to help do all of that. It starts with educating the public on how to keep a dog from biting.

Since its inception in 1995, this public service campaign has recognized the third full week of May as National Dog Bite Prevention Week – a time to promote safety tips and emphasize the need for increased pet owner responsibility in the prevention of dog bites.

In 2003, the AVMA Executive Board became the formal host of National Dog Bite Prevention Week. The Humane Society of the United States had sponsored National Dog Bite Prevention Week since 1995. AVMA, joining the effort in 1999, continued its support through 2002, together with various co-sponsors, including the American Medical Association, National Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, American Academy of Pediatrics, American Society of Plastic Surgeons, National Animal Control Association, State Farm Insurance Companies, and the U.S. Postal Service. In 2001, however, the humane society stopped formally hosting the week, shifting their priorities to other areas.

Why did the AVMA become the host, when the HSUS began the observance? Various entities, including insurance companies, already recognized the AVMA as the experts in the field of dog bite prevention. It seemed natural for the AVMA to adopt the week, especially since it was motherless; plus the HSUS directly asked the AVMA to become primary host of the event.

The AVMA has developed a brochure, "What you should know about dog bite prevention," to promote National Dog Bite Prevention Week. To access the brochure online, visit www.avma.org/press/publichealth/dogbite/mediakit.asp.

Dog Bite Prevention Week is important. It's up to people, not dogs, to stop dog bites.

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AVMA

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"I am eager to see how we can collectively address challenges in disaster preparedness and response as we look to prepare families for the unexpected," explains Dr. Heather Case, AVMA coordinator for emergency preparedness and response. "This new MOU is a call to action for both groups and will allow us to develop new programs on the local level to meet the challenges."

Dr. Case said that the renewed cooperation between the AVMA and the Red Cross is already starting to bear fruit. For example, the Chicago chapter of the Red Cross and the AVMA have been meeting to address a problem of common concern following house fires: temporary housing for pets. The Red Cross provides temporary housing for the victim's of fires but cannot currently accommodate pets.

"Many people choose to sleep in their cars simply because they can't find a home for their pets," Dr. Case explains.

A new program being developed by the two groups in Chicago would create a network of local veterinarians that would house the animal victims of a house fire. Once this program is developed in Chicago, it's hoped that it will be duplicated across the country.

For more information about the AVMA, please visit www.avma.org. For more information about the AVMF, please visit www.avmf.org.

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READERS' FORUM

These Q and A originate from issues that come to the ISVMA office from our members. The answers are thoroughly researched by the ISVMA staff; when necessary, questions are referred to our legal counsel or the ISVMA's liaison to the IDFPB Licensing Board for their reply. Resources outside those previously mentioned are always cited for reference.

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!

Q Can a used syringe (without the needle) be disposed of as general waste?

A The short answer is no. The long answer, which consists of definitions and the details, follow.

Potentially Infectious Medical Waste (PIMW) includes waste generated in connection with the diagnosis, treatment, or immunization of human beings or animals. According to the Potentially Infectious Medical Wastes subchapter of the Illinois Environmental Protection Act (35 Illinois Administrative Code 1420.102.), all PIMW must be treated to eliminate infectious potential prior to disposal. The following types of PIMW pertain to veterinary medicine.

1) Cultures and Stocks

This waste shall include but not be limited to cultures and stocks of agents infectious to humans, and associated biologicals; cultures from medical or pathological laboratories; cultures and stocks of infectious agents from research and industrial laboratories; wastes from the production of biologicals; discarded live or attenuated vaccines; or culture dishes and devices used to transfer, inoculate, or mix cultures.

2) Used Sharps

This waste shall include but not be limited to discarded sharps used in animal or human patient care, medical research, or clinical or pharmaceutical laboratories; hypodermic, intravenous, or other medical needles; hypodermic or intravenous syringes; pasteur pipettes; scalpel blades; or blood vials. This waste shall also include but not be limited to other types of broken or unbroken glass (including slides and cover slips) in contact with infectious agents.

3) Animal Waste

Animal waste means discarded materials, including carcasses, body parts, body fluids, blood, or bedding originating from

animals inoculated during research, production of biologicals, or pharmaceutical testing with agents infectious to humans.

4) Unused Sharps

This waste shall include but not be limited to the following unused, discarded sharps: hypodermic, intravenous, or other needles; hypodermic or intravenous syringes; or scalpel blades.

PIMW classified as "used sharps" specifically includes hypodermic or intravenous syringes. As such, they should be discarded in a used sharps container provided by a licensed PIMW hauler who will take the waste to a licensed PIMW treatment facility to eliminate the infectious potential of the waste.

There is a subpart to the Act that addresses segregating PIMW (35 Illinois Administrative Code 1421.102.). Waste generators must segregate and properly package the waste they generate into three different categories: (1) Sharps, (2) Oversized PIMW, and (3) all other PIMW.

Although used syringes must be disposed of as PIMW, and are considered to be "used sharps", they may be collected in a separate package than the used needles. The subpart also specifies that "previously segregated and properly packaged sharps" may be placed with other PIMW for removal. If a sharps container is packaged within an outer container, the inner sharps container must be marked with the word 'BIOHAZARD', the word 'SHARPS', and the International Biohazard Symbol.

The ideal means to have PIMW removed from a clinic or hospital is by a licensed PIMW hauler. However, for businesses that create less than 50 pounds of used sharps each month, considered a "small quantity generator," they may transport their properly packaged used sharps themselves to a permitted treatment facility without having to apply for, and pay

for, a PIMW permit or manifest. (Section 1420.105, Permit and Manifest Requirements and Exceptions, subsection b.) Small quantity generators are not required to obtain a PIMW hauling permit from the Agency for the noncommercial transportation of less than 50 pounds of PIMW at any one time.

WHAT IS PROPER PACKAGING FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF USED SHARPS?

According to the Illinois Environmental Protection Act, all PIMW which is to be shipped OFF-SITE, must be placed in containers that are:

- (1) rigid
- (2) leak-resistant
- (3) impervious to moisture
- (4) of sufficient strength to prevent tearing or bursting under normal conditions of use and handling, and
- (5) sealed to prevent leakage during transport.

In addition to the requirements listed above, sharps (e.g., needles, pipettes, scalpels, glass) must be packaged in containers that are also puncture-resistant.

It is the responsibility of the business to provide suitable containers.

HOW DOES THE PACKAGE HAVE TO BE MARKED?

The exterior of the outer package must be marked by the business (generator) prior to shipment:

- mark on opposite sides of the outer package in lettering readable at a minimum distance of five (5) feet the word "sharps" and the International Biohazard Symbol and the word Biohazard.
- Mark legibly with indelible ink on a water-resistant label or tag securely attached to outer package OR mark on the outer package the hospital's name, address and phone number.

READERS' FORUM

WHERE IS MY NEAREST PERMITTED TREATMENT FACILITY?

A list can also be obtained by contacting Beverly Albarracin at the Illinois EPA at 217/524-3289 or by email at beverly.albarracin@illinois.gov.

Permitted PIMW facilities are also posted online at www.epa.state.il.us/land/waste-mgmt/. Select the link for "Medical waste", and from there select the link for "PIMW Facilities."

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency provides a summary of regulatory requirements on their website about criteria for the handling of PIMW at www.epa.state.il.us/land/waste-mgmt/factsheets/general-regs.html.

Remember, untreated medical waste cannot be disposed of into any landfill!

Q We had a call today from a person who wanted an application for the senior citizen discount for spay and neuter. Our clinic doesn't offer a discount program and when I informed the caller of this, she said this was a program provided through the State of Illinois. Can you tell me what this program is and whether or not we are expected to participate?

A The State of Illinois through the Department of Public Health offers a low-cost spay/neuter program for Illinois residents. This program was started in 2005 when the Public Health and Safety Animal Population Control Act [510 ILCS 92] created the Animal Population Control Program. **This program does not mandate veterinarians to participate, but rather encourages participation.**

Requirements for VETERINARIANS to participate:

- must be a practicing DVM in the state of Illinois
- must complete an application to participate, and be approved by, the Illinois Department of Public Health
- program applies to pet dogs, pet cats, and feral cats
- client is charged \$15 at the time of the surgery
- dvm is reimbursed for services based on the type and weight of the animal

in accordance with the fee schedule established by the Department of Public Health

Requirements for PET OWNERS to participate:

- must be a resident of the state of Illinois
- must own the dog or cat (with the exception of feral cat managers*)
- must be eligible for the Food Stamp Program or the Social Security Disability Insurance Benefits Program
- must submit an application to the Department of Public Health (which may be obtained at local health departments, food stamp offices or the state department of public health)
- once approved, the returned application must be taken to a participating dvm and presented when scheduling spay/neuter surgery
- must pay a \$15 co-pay per animal at the time of surgery

*A feral cat manager must provide proof of recognition with the application. The trap/sterilize/return program must be recognized by the municipality or by the county. A separate application is required for each feral cat. DVMs may decline to treat feral cats if they choose and only treat pets.

To download a brochure on the program, visit the Department's website at www.idph.state.il.us/a-zlist.htm#top and select the link for "Animal Population Control Program". For further information, or to enroll, please contact the Illinois Department of Public Health at 217/782-3984.

Referrals not available at this time - The program brochure states that by calling the Department, a list of participating veterinarians will be made available. The ISVMA office contacted the department on April 7, 2009 to request this list so it could be used as a referral tool by ISVMA members. The Department representative stated that only the pet owner will be given the information, and was not willing to forward a list of those who are currently participating in the program.

ISVMA Website: FAQ

The following information is a few keystrokes away. The ISVMA website constantly is updating the FAQ page to address questions our members call us and ask regularly. The newest post? Used sharps disposal. Visit online at www.isvma.org.

- How long do I have to keep veterinary records?
- If a client asks for a copy of the animal's record, what are my obligations?
- Are veterinarians exempt from jury duty?
- A client asked me to write a prescription rather than have me dispense the drug out of my clinic. What are my rights and responsibilities?
- May I charge for authorizing a prescription?
- Are there any guidelines for treating my patients with non-traditional care?
- What are the CE Requirements in the State of Illinois?
- NEW POSTING!
Legal responsibilities for used sharps disposal.



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From the start of the fiscal year on July 1, 2008 through **April 15, 2009**, the IVMF has received contributions totaling \$14,405. The ISVMA thanks those who have forwarded contributions.

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

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Or, if you prefer a paper form, call the ISVMA office at 217/546-8381 or download one from the ISVMA Website at www.isvma.org/about_us/resources/IVMF_Donor_Form_2007.pdf.

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Obituaries

Dr. James Milton Tucker, age 69, of Danville, IL, passed away Saturday, January 31, 2009 at home.

Jim was born Oct. 21, 1939, in Pontiac to Kenneth and Myrtle Tucker. He married Marilyn Jeannine (Zeiter) Tucker on Dec. 26, 1960. She preceded him in death on July 24, 2004. On August 13, 2005, he married Marilyn Lou Irish (Tucker), who survives him.

Dr. Tucker earned a bachelor of science degree in 1962 and a doctorate of veterinary medicine from the University of Illinois in 1964. He practiced in Dwight before moving to Danville in 1966 to found the East Lake Veterinary Hospital for Animals. He retired at age 50.

He was active in the University of Illinois Farm Extension Office, Boy Scouts, AARP Tax Assistance and was a Master Gardener. Jim also was a member of the Danville Area Community College Board of Trustees, past president of Rotary Club and a former deacon at First Presbyterian Church in Danville.

Jim enjoyed the outdoors, the Danville Symphony Orchestra, farming and traveling. He visited all 50 states and nearly 80 countries on six continents. He also enjoyed spending time with his extended family and friends.

Surviving are his wife Marilyn, three children and two grandchildren, two step-children.

A Celebration of Life service was held Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2009 at Second Church of Christ in Danville. Memorials may be made to Danville Area Community College or Danville Symphony Orchestra. E-mail condolences may be sent to the family at: www.sunsetfuneralhome.com.

Dr. Cecil W. Lange, 82, of Pekin passed away Wednesday, Nov. 12, 2008, at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria.

He was born March 18, 1926, in Kewanee to Clarence E. and Mary H. (Duff) Lange. He married Shirley A. Orndorff on Dec. 7, 1947, in New London, Iowa.

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CE Recordkeeping – An ISVMA Member Benefit

Most ISVMA members recently renewed their license and, as part of the renewal, had to demonstrate completion of the required number of continuing education hours required by the rules promulgated to administer the Veterinary Medicine and Surgery Practice Act of 2004. Based upon the number of calls that ISVMA receives every two years at license renewal time, there are many members that could benefit from a simple, but popular membership benefit.

The ISVMA has been designated a recorder of veterinary continuing education (CE) credit in Illinois by the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation and we can validate member approved hours to the Department during an audit, if requested. This benefit not only helps during an audit of your records, but it is an easy way for you to manage your continuing education hours and keep track of how many hours you have accumulated during the current license period.

In order to participate, members only need to send a copy of the CE certificates they receive after attending a meeting or conference. Copies can be faxed, mailed, or scanned and emailed. The ISVMA will retain copies of your records for the four years required by regulation and will be retrievable upon request of the member.

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How to Login to the Member Center

Username Field = Your Last Name (Ex. Smith)

Password Field = Your Birthday (m/d/year)*

*Note: when entering your month and date, DO NOT include zeroes if your month or date is a single number. DO include the slashes. Example: 4/7/1962

HELPFUL MEMBER SERVICES

Legal Consultation

The ISVMA offers access to white papers in our legal reference library to its members for no charge. Additionally, if an issue involving interpretation of a veterinary law or accompanying regulation has not been researched, the ISVMA has retained legal counsel to provide a complimentary initial consultation.

Readers' Forum and Online FAQ

Do you know that the ISVMA maintains an online FAQ section on the website? Commonly asked questions, as well as Readers' Forum topics, are posted on this link. Click on the FAQ tab on the Member Center to access this vital member resource.

Resources from the ISVMA Public Relations Committee

To download printable resources on the subject of rabies, visit the Members Center on the ISVMA's website at www.isvma.org. Click on "ISVMA Library" at the top of the page and look for the links under ISVMA Public Relations Committee Information Series.

Rabies – "Recent Death of Missouri Man Serves as Reminder of Rabies Danger"

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Obituaries

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A 1962 graduate of the Iowa State University School of Veterinary Medicine, Cecil worked in a practice in Fort Madison, Iowa, from 1962 to 1965. Moving to Pekin in 1965, he was associated with Pekin Animal Hospital until 1968, when he opened the Lange Animal Clinic in Pekin. He retired in 1991 and continued working there and performing surgery one day per week until August of this year.

He served in the Army Air Forces from 1944 until being discharged as a sergeant in 1946.

Dr. Lange was a member of First United Presbyterian Church in Pekin. Cecil was a member of the Pekin Country Club, Pekin Optimist Club and Pekin Moose Lodge Family Center 916. He was a former member of the Pekin Rotary Club, Pekin Area Chamber of Commerce and the Masonic Lodge in New London, Iowa. He formerly served on the board of directors at AMCORE Bank in Pekin.

His professional memberships included the American Veterinary Medicine Association, Illinois State Veterinary Medical Association and the Mississippi Valley Veterinary Medicine Association.

He enjoyed playing golf, cards and hunting. Cecil was a wonderful storyteller.

Surviving are his wife; two sons, Scott (Mary) Lange and Jeffrey (Janet) Lange, both of Pekin; one daughter, Nancy (Richard) Kriegsman of Pekin; nine grandchildren.

His memorial service was held Saturday, November 15, 2008 at First United Presbyterian Church in Pekin. Cremation was accorded. To express condolences online, visit www.preston-hanley.com.

E-Source News

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Headlines from the past 3 issues include:

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- Register Now for the ISVMA Spring Seminar Series
- Numerous Animal Bills Introduced in Legislature During First Days of Session
- Additional ISVMA Legislative Initiatives

February 9, 2009 Volume VI, No. 22

- Register Now for the ISVMA Spring Seminar Series
- FDA Approves Orphan Drug ATrin to Treat Rare Clotting Disorder
- ISVMA Grassroots Impact
- Update on New Legislative Issues

February 23, 2009 Volume VI, No. 23

- Veterinary Student Loan Repayment Program Act Passes House Committee
- Update on Legislative Issues
- Illinois Veterinarian Offers Advice on Selecting a Horse
- Register Now for the ISVMA Spring Seminar Series

February 26, 2009 Volume VI, No. 24

- Legislative Update
- How a Bill Becomes a Law in Illinois
- ISVMA Releases Information on Rabies
- Register Now for the ISVMA Spring Seminar Series
- Website Addresses Veterinarian Shortage

March 12, 2009 Volume VI, No. 25

- Legislative Update - Bill Status As First Deadline Looms
- How a Bill Becomes a Law in Illinois
- ISCAVMA Holding Annual Symposium Auction
- Register Now for the ISVMA Spring Seminar Series

March 24, 2009 Volume VI, No. 26

- ISVMA President Guest on Saturday's CBS Early Show
- ISVMA Lobby Day Expecting Record Numbers
- Amendments Are Coming!
- Infection Control Guide Available from Canadian Committee
- AVMA Brochures on Careers, Pet Health Receive a Makeover

April 7, 2009 Volume VI, No. 27

- Legislative Update - Bill Status As First Deadline Looms
- ISVMA Lobby Day Recap
- Senate Chamber. They are (from left to right): Dr. Lisa Eller, Senator Righter, Ashley Maul (VM2), New Red Flags Rule May Help Curb ID Theft
- Human Virus Blamed for Death of Chimp at Lincoln Park Zoo...Officials say it's unclear how 9-year-old Kipper was exposed to illness

CALENDAR

MAY 2009

- 27 LAKE COUNTY VETERINARY SOCIETY – TOPICS ON DENTISTRY**
UNIVERSITY OF IL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE; Grayslake, IL. Speaker: Dr. Cindy Charlier. Meetings are for all veterinary professionals, meant to provide an opportunity to gather and know your colleagues. 7:00pm – 10:00pm. 2 hours CE. Please RSVP to Dr. Ed McGinniss, 847/356-8387 or lakecounty.vetsociety@gmail.com

JUNE 2009

- 11 LAKE COUNTY VETERINARY SOCIETY – SUTURES**
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- 12-14 VETERINARY HOSPITAL MANAGERS ASSOCIATION SUMMER MEETING**
CROWNE PLAZA NIAGARA FALLS-FALLSVIEW; Niagara Falls, ON. For information, 877/599-2707 or www.vhma.org.
- 15-16 PRAIRIE STATES ANIMAL WELFARE CONFERENCE**
STONE CREEK INN; Moline, IL. Prairie States offers sessions and opportunities for animal welfare professionals to learn, network, and have fun! Visit www.iawf.net for details or contact the Federation at prairiestates@iawf.net.
- 24 RESPIRATORY MEDICINE**
HAMBURGER UNIVERSITY; Oak Brook, IL. Chicago VMA CE seminar. For information contact the CVMA, 630/325-1231.

JULY 2008

- 11-14 AVMA ANNUAL CONVENTION**
WASHINGTON STATE CONVENTION & TRADE CENTER; Seattle, WA. To register or for information, go to <http://avmaconvention.org/>
- 20-22 TOXICOLOGY AND PATHOLOGY IN DRUG DISCOVERY AND DEVELOPMENT SHORT COURSE**
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE; Urbana, IL. For information, contact the Office of Public Engagement at the U of I CVM, 217/333-2907 or ope@cvm.uiuc.edu.
- 22 CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN TARGET ORGAN TOXICOLOGIC PATHOLOGY: HEPATOBIILIARY AND CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEMS**
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE; Urbana, IL. For information, contact the Office of Public Engagement at the U of I CVM, 217/333-2907 or ope@cvm.uiuc.edu.

AUGUST 2009

- 10-11 ANNUAL FALL CONFERENCE FOR VETERINARIANS**
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE; Urbana, IL. For information, contact the Office of Public Engagement at the U of I CVM, 217/333-2907 or ope@cvm.uiuc.edu.

SEPTEMBER 2009

- 9 EMERGENCY/CRITICAL CARE**
HAMBURGER UNIVERSITY; Oak Brook, IL. Chicago VMA CE seminar. For information contact the CVMA, 630/325-1231.
- 23 KANKAKEE VALLEY VMA ANNUAL FALL MEETING**
JOLIET JUNIOR COLLEGE, WEITENDORF AGRICULTURE AND HORTICULTURE CENTER; Joliet, IL. For information contact John M. Ehrhardt, DVM at 815/882-2000.

OCTOBER 2009

- 7 SOFT TISSUE SURGERY**
HAMBURGER UNIVERSITY; Oak Brook, IL. Chicago VMA CE seminar. 6 hours CE. For information contact the CVMA at 630/325-1231.
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- 13-15 ISVMA 127th ANNUAL CONVENTION**
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