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Recently an icon to veterinary medicine died. Dr. Shelly Rubin was given the distinct privilege to offer a tribute in honor of this man, Dr. Erv Small, to those who attended the University of Illinois CVM's Alumni Reception held at the AVMA Annual Convention. Dr. Rubin's homage is printed to again honor Dr. Small.

### Website & Login Procedure Changes

The next time you visit [www.isvma.org](http://www.isvma.org), and attempt to access a password protected area, you will be assigned a new username and password. As of September 1st, ISVMA issued **NEW USERNAMES AND PASSWORDS** to our website.

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## Tribute to Dr. Small

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



The picture shared above was taken in 2001 and comes from Dr. Shelly Rubin's personal scrapbook. It commemorates when Dr. Rubin went back to campus as the first DVM to be selected for the Illini Comeback. The photo was taken at a reception that weekend and includes not only Dr. Small, but a glimpse of the literally hundreds of awards that Dr. Small received throughout his lifetime. Shown (from left to right) are Comeback Illini sorority host Kristen Lyons, Dr. Rubin, Dr. Small, Mrs. Paulette Rubin and Comeback Illini fraternity host Barry Marks.

In all of our lives, there is always someone who touches you so much that you think of them all the time and often personally and silently thank that person for what they have done for you. In my life, Erv was one of those people. For those of you who knew Erv Small, what I am about to say will cause your head to shake in agreement. For those here who did not know him, I am sorry you did not have the privilege to be touched by his kindness and dedication and be able to add him to your personal best.

Years ago, I was honored to be asked to be the MC at Dr. Small's huge retirement program at the Assembly Hall – yes I said the Assembly Hall. 800 people attended. That is how loved this man was. And now it is fitting that I speak to you about his final retirement from the world as we know it.

I was also asked to write a nomination letter for Erv to receive the Mark L. Morris Sr. Lifetime Achievement Award 7 years ago. I would like to share it with you since I feel it explains how we felt about Erv.

Erv, my friend, we will miss you!

Dear Nominations Committee,

I am honored and privileged to have this opportunity to support the nomination of Dr. Erv Small for the Mark L. Morris Sr. Lifetime Achievement Award.

Thirty-four years ago I started my veterinary education at the University of Illinois. It was then that I met the veterinarian that influenced me the most to become the person I am today. This compassionate, caring, father figure, was Dr. Erv Small. Before the word mentoring was used as it is used today, Erv was a true mentor. His kindness toward them, and his devotion to veterinary medicine, touched every student that passed through the University portals while Dr. Small was on staff. Arriving at clinics before the sun rose and leaving well into the darkness, animals that had Dr. Small as their healer were very lucky. In addition to his 100 percent devotion to the animals and their health was Dr. Small's involvement in student affairs and the community. Erv was never too busy to help a student with personal matters or in studies. I was always proud to listen to Dr. Small address the city council or University Board regarding the human animal bond.

Dr. Small's awards fill his office walls and each has a wonderful story attached to it. The one award that is not there, however, is the one that is number one in career awards. Of course, I am referring to the Dr. Mark L. Morris, Sr. Lifetime Achievement Award. What a fitting award for a man who has devoted his life to the veterinary student, the healing of pets under his watch, the University, and the advancement of veterinary medicine. Not knowing Dr. Mark L. Morris, Sr., I can only imagine that the two men are close to mirror images. They both have devoted their life to improving our great profession and leaving in their path a legacy that will never be forgotten.

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## End of Session Legislative Update

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



The ISVMA had an outstanding year at the State Capitol. Every bill the ISVMA proposed and pushed to pass was approved by the legislature and every bill opposed by the ISVMA was defeated (or amended to remove objectionable provisions).

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!

**BILLS THAT PASSED** - The following is a summary of the bills introduced by the ISVMA and passed by the legislature this year. To read the bill language, ISVMA members can visit the website and follow the links provided in the Member Center, Legislation page. Select the link for the “Legislative Action Center.”

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

This bill is an ISVMA initiative that creates the Veterinary Student Loan Repayment Program Act to be administered through the University of Illinois. The bill requires a loan recipient under the Program to enter into a program agreement under which he or she agrees to practice in (i) veterinary practice that is at least 51% devoted to large animal medicine that enhances agricultural animal health and productivity or (ii) regulatory veterinary medicine that supports public health and safety, livestock biosecurity, or food animal disease diagnosis for at least one year for each year in which he or she received a loan. It also sets forth penalties for failure to satisfy a program agreement.

**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.

**Senate Bill 38 - Euthanasia Limitations**

ISVMA originally opposed Senate Bill 38 until the sponsor agreed to amend the bill 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 was also amended to include language offered by ISVMA which clarifies that a certified euthanasia technician can only euthanize an animal on the physical premises of a licensed euthanasia agency (animal control facility or animal shelter).

**Senate Bill 1443 - Veterinary Teaching Hospital**

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

**Senate Bill 1830 - Practice Pending Permits\***

This bill is an ISVMA initiative that includes the same language that is in House Bill 2331 - which was also passed. The Governor needs only to sign one of the two bills to create the new law.

**BILLS THAT WERE DEFEATED** - The ISVMA opposed several bills this year that were defeated by the Illinois General Assembly. Bills were opposed for several reasons that didn’t always have to do with the specific issue the bills were supposedly written to address. A poorly drafted bill can have profoundly negative consequences and the bills opposed by ISVMA this year all had fundamental drafting problems. The defeated bills that ISVMA opposed this year included:

**House Bill 198 - Dog Breeder License Act\***

**Senate Bill 53 - Dog Breeder License Act\***

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## Legislative Update

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**Senate Bill 139 - Tail Docking / Ear Cropping**

**Senate Bill 1336 - Bovine Tail Docking**

**Senate Bill 1337 - Farm Animal Confinement**

\*Senate Joint Resolution 56 established a Joint Task Force on Breeders and Pet Stores for the purpose of giving recommendations to the General Assembly regarding comprehensive legislative changes to the Animal Welfare Act and the Humane Care for Animals Act. Discussions will include how to limit the breeding of puppies and kittens in Illinois in substandard conditions with irresponsible breeding programs, poor health and socialization practices, and little or no concern with the proper placement of pets.

## Is your Associate or Technician Missing the August/September issue of the *EPITOME*?

The 20090-2010 membership year officially began on August 1, 2009. Renewal packets were mailed. Second notice reminders were mailed and complimentary phone calls placed from May up through the end of July. Members who hadn't renewed by June 30 were allowed a grace period of another 30 days. By August 1, all non-renewing members were suspended for nonpayment of dues with all privileges of membership discontinued. Two very visible missing benefits are the printed newsletter (*EPITOME*) and the e-newsletter (*E-SOURCE*).

Please encourage your fellow veterinary professional to renew – or join! – the ISVMA. There are many other benefits of membership plus the ISVMA works hard to make a difference for each of our 2200 member veterinarians, 450 veterinary students and nearly 100 member CVTs. Questions? Call the ISVMA office at 217/546-8381 and ask for Peter Weber.

## ISVMA Regional Representatives to the Board of Directors Nominations Accepted

In an effort to encourage greater member participation in the election of members of the ISVMA Board of Directors, the ISVMA Constitution includes the following provision:

*“During the year in which the term of office for a representative from a Constituent Region is due to expire, the Association shall send a nominations form to each qualified voting member at the location last recorded in the member’s database profile. Each qualified voting member is allowed to nominate a representative to the ISVMA Board of Directors from their Constituent Region. The nominee must be a current member of ISVMA. The executive board of the Constituent Region shall also nominate at least one candidate for each vacant position in the Constituent Region.”*

The ISVMA mailed a Board Election Nomination Form to all members in regions in which there will be an election this year. The form provided a chance for all members to name a candidate from their governance region to the ISVMA Board of Directors. **The deadline to return the ISVMA Board Election Nomination to the ISVMA was August 21, 2009.**

This year, there will be ISVMA Board elections in:

**Region II (Central IL VMA)** - There is one seat up for election and incumbent Dr. Dena Nelson is eligible for a second term.

**Region III (Eastern Illinois VMA)** - There is an open seat up for election because Dr. Gregory Mauck has served a maximum of two consecutive terms.

**Region IV (Mississippi Valley VMA)** - There is one seat up for election and Incumbent Dr. Tracy Myers is eligible for re-election.

**Region V (Kankakee Valley VMA)** - There is one open seat up for election because Dr. Stephen Dullard has served a maximum of two consecutive terms.

**Region VI (Northern Illinois VMA)** - There is one open seat up for election because Dr. Roger Peterson has served a maximum of two consecutive terms.

**Region VII (Chicago VMA)** - There is one seat up for election and incumbent Dr. Todd Florian is eligible for a second term.

After receipt of the nominations, the ISVMA will send a ballot to all members before September 1, 2009. This ballot listed the candidates for ISVMA Regional Board of Directors (if there is an election in the member's region) and the nominee for ISVMA Vice-President. In order to be counted, the ballots must be returned no later than September 21, 2009.

## Illinois Has a National President of the Auxiliary to the AVMA

Ginger K. Brainard, Ph.D. was recently elected President of the Auxiliary to the American Veterinary Medical Association during the AVMA's national convention in Seattle on July 13. The mission of the Auxiliary is to promote, educate, and support individuals who sacrifice daily to advance the art and science of veterinary medicine. Prior to being elected President, Dr. Brainard served on the Auxiliary Executive Board for 5 years as Vice-President of Publications (2003-2007), and Vice-President of the Student Loan Fund (2008-2009). The Auxiliary to the AVMA has over 1,100 members across the country with state auxiliaries in 15 states. Dr. Brainard hopes to change the auxiliary's traditional focus on just veterinary spouses and make it more of a friends and family network. Dr. Brainard also serves on the Executive Board of the American Veterinary Medical Foundation. When not volunteering, she works as a psychologist and is the mother of 2 children. She is married to ISVMA member Dr. Don Brainard, with Novak-Brainard Veterinary Clinic in Ottawa.



## World Rabies Day and The One Health Initiative

Peter S. Weber, MS, CAE - Executive Director

World Rabies Day is September 28, 2009. The mission of the day is to leverage the collective efforts of animal, human and public health doctors to educate the public about the impact of human and animal rabies, how easy it is to prevent it, and how to eliminate the main global resources. The One Health Initiative encourages partnerships in academia, industry and government to cooperatively inform and educate political leaders and the public about the prevention and control of cross-species diseases.

This kind of public education can be executed at a very local level. For instance, in any community with a newspaper (whether it is a daily or weekly), a well-known human doctor and veterinarian can jointly submit an op-ed article stressing the importance of rabies prevention through appropriate pet vaccination and the risks associated with human exposure to this deadly disease that results from poor vaccination compliance. If you have a radio or television station in your community, ask the producer if you can have a few minutes of studio time to share an important public health message with their audience.

Even though the incidence of rabies is most prevalent on other continents, rabies cannot be ignored within the state boundaries of Illinois. The integration of human, veterinary and wildlife disease surveillance and control systems contributes to human rabies prevention and reducing the risk of dog and cat rabies.

Rabies in humans is 100% preventable through prompt appropriate medical care. Yet, more than 55,000 people, mostly in Africa and Asia, die from rabies every year - a rate of one person every ten minutes. The most important global source of rabies in humans is from uncontrolled rabies in dogs. Children are often at greatest risk from rabies. They are more likely to be bitten by dogs, and are also more likely to be severely exposed through multiple bites in high-risk sites on the body. Severe exposures make it more difficult to prevent rabies unless access to good medical care is immediately available. This major source of rabies in humans can be eliminated through ensuring adequate animal vaccination and control, educating those at risk, and enhancing access of those bitten to appropriate medical care.

Seize this opportunity to become part of The One Health Initiative. Partner with other medical and public health officials to inform and educate your community about rabies prevention and control. All of the resources you need are available at [www.worldrabiesday.org](http://www.worldrabiesday.org).

## Tick-Borne Disease and Prevention

*This article is second in a series on key animal and public health issues. Compiled by the ISVMA Public Relations Committee, with the support of Nathan A. Jurgena, DVM of Hawthorne Animal Hospital, this information piece was created for ISVMA members to use in educating their clients.*

*To download a copy of this article, and to access other printable resources on the subject of tick-borne disease, visit the Members' Center on the ISVMA's website at [www.isvma.org](http://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."*

As spring and summer approach, all pet owners dream of warmer temperatures and the chance to enjoy the outdoors again. Many of our pets also relish the opportunity to stretch their legs and play in their backyards, along trails, or in the parks of our neighborhoods. However, ticks are waiting to renew their life stages, and these parasites need a host to complete the cycle. This article discusses some of the diseases dogs are at risk at acquiring from these potentially deadly vectors of disease.

There are many different species of ticks, each carrying a multitude of infectious diseases. Many people are already aware of the deer tick, the causative agent of Lyme disease. This tick harbors the most commonly transmitted pathogen, *Borrelia burgdorferi*. More and more cases of Lyme disease are diagnosed every year in humans and dogs. This disease now spans nearly the entire contiguous United States, with Illinois ranking high in cases each year. The shocking truth for pet owners is that dogs are 50% more susceptible to Lyme disease than humans! Clinical signs owners may see in a dog with Lyme disease can sometimes be confused with other illnesses. Dogs do not

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## What do you have to say?

Last year's AVMA Annual Convention in New Orleans hosted a new event: the American Veterinary Medical Foundation Oath in Action Volontourism Project. The event was deemed a success, and the AVMF repeated the call for this year's convention. Volunteers again worked to complete minor repairs and touch up jobs on shelter facilities.

**The ISVMA wants to know: If you attended the 2008 or 2009 Volontourism project, would you support such a project at the state level?**

Share your thoughts with us by emailing [brenda@isvma.org](mailto: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.



Shown from right to left are Dr. George Richards, ISVMA Delegate to the AVMA and Dr. Sheldon Rubin, ISVMA Alternate Delegate to the AVMA at the House of Delegates meeting. The Delegates had a full agenda, and in all, voted on nine proposed amendments to the AVMA Bylaws and four resolutions at its 2009 Annual Session July 9-10 in Seattle.

For any questions about these items, contact either AVMA representative: Dr. George Richards, Delegate, at (217) 443-0333, [grichards15@insightbb.com](mailto:grichards15@insightbb.com) or Dr. Shelly Rubin (Alternate Delegate) at (773) 327-4446, [srubin3134@aol.com](mailto:srubin3134@aol.com).

## Highlights from the 146<sup>th</sup> AVMA Annual Convention

*George Richards, DVM – ISVMA House of Delegates Representative*

The AVMA Annual Meeting in Seattle welcomed 9400 attendees this year, 4300 of them veterinarians. It was a very successful meeting where the educational opportunities were once again outstanding. The entertainment venues were very popular and the Opening Session featured the Pike Place Fish Market owner, John Yokohama, and business coach, Jim Burquist, who gave a presentation on fostering teamwork and creating a niche for one's business.

Dr. Roger Mahr, AVMA Immediate Past President, former ISVMA President and ISVMA Member, was awarded the President's Award for his untiring efforts in proposing the One Health Initiative. The One Health Initiative, now the One Health Commission, was incorporated as a nonprofit organization this year to more directly address interdisciplinary health issues in the United States and throughout the global village. Dr. Mahr introduced the One Health Initiative during his tenure as President in 2006.

Our own Executive Director, Peter Weber, received the Executive of the Year Award from the American Society of Veterinary Medical Executives. We (Drs. Rubin, Gill, Dullard, Ehrhardt and myself) were proud to attend the luncheon at which he received this recognition. The award was developed by the ASVMAE in 1991 to recognize fellow members for their

outstanding contributions to the association executive profession who also exemplify the very best in association management, continually bringing credit to the profession and to the entire association community. Members are CEOs or staff executives of a state or allied association. ISVMA President Shelly Rubin, DVM nominated Weber.

In addition, Dr. John Scamahorn, of Greencastle, Ind., was elected by the members of the 2009-2010 AVMA Executive Board as its new chair. Dr. Scamahorn is the Executive Board representative from District VI, the district that represents the interests of the Illinois State Veterinary Medical Association.

There will be no dues increase for the coming year and there has not been one for a number of years. To meet the reduced income from our portfolio, a number of budget reductions have been made and the Association is in a firm financial state.

Among the other actions, the House of Delegates voted to sunset the Council on Communications and to uphold the position of non support for ear trimming and tail docking in dogs for cosmetic purposes. Consideration of other by-laws amendments and resolutions will be completely covered in the AVMA Journal,

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In order to meet today's needs of pork producers and their employees, John Wood Community College's Agricultural Sciences Department has added one short-term certificate program in swine production and revised another. Both programs will be available starting this fall. Classes started the week of August 17.

Swine Specialist Program: (new certificate program) is for entry-level employees in the pork production industry. This program combines workplace training with classroom knowledge. Much of the initial training takes place on site at a farm or production facility, with the student/employee supervised by a paid trainer at that farm. Students can complete this program in approximately eight months, earning a 26-credit-hour certificate.

Swine Manager Program: redesigned certificate program to better meet the needs of the production employee whom the supervisor wants to prepare for a promotion to a mid-manager-level position. The program will provide students with the knowledge and experience necessary to be successful managers in the pork production industry. Special emphasis is placed on people management skills and on working with employees in real-life situations. Students can complete this 32-credit-hour program in less than 12 months.

Anyone wanting more information on the two new certificate programs may contact Dr. Galle at the JWCC Agricultural Education Center, 217.641.4558 or send an e-mail to [ag@jwcc.edu](mailto:ag@jwcc.edu).

### Lowering the Risk of Anesthetic-related mortality

In an article recently posted online with the Illinois Ag Connection, Dr. Stuart Clark-Price was interviewed for his thoughts on lowering the risks associated with anesthetizing small animals. Dr. Clark-Price, a board certified veterinary anesthesiologist at the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine, suggests first to meet the minimum standards for anesthesia as set forth by the American College of Veterinary Anesthesiologists (ACVA). This reference ACVA Monitoring Guidelines Update, 2009 "Recommendations for monitoring anesthetized veterinary patients," can be found on the ACVA's website at [www.acva.org/professional/Position/pstn.asp](http://www.acva.org/professional/Position/pstn.asp).

When asked about the need for pre-anesthetic blood work, he advises this for geriatric patients. If the patient is young, healthy and undergoing a routine procedure the need for blood work is minimal.

Dr. Clark-Price cautions that induction and recovery are the times where the risks are highest. This is especially true during recovery due to the fact that the patient is no longer on monitoring equipment. He recommends the importance of having one person designated specifically to check on the patient frequently or, when possible, to monitor the patient's vital signs.

To locate a list of board certified anesthesiologists in your area, visit the ACVA's website at [www.acva.org](http://www.acva.org) or referrals can also be obtained by visiting the U of I CVM's Veterinary Portal at [www.vetmed.illinois.edu/4dvms](http://www.vetmed.illinois.edu/4dvms).

## Welcome New Members!

ISVMA would like to welcome the following 34 new members (who joined between June 16 and August 1, 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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## Our New Curriculum: Innovative, Integrated, Implemented

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

August 24, 2009. That's the day 120

members of the Class of 2013 report for their first day of study. It will be unlike the first day of any previous Illinois veterinary class.

With the implementation of the new Illinois Integrated Veterinary Professional Curriculum, students will spend their first eight weeks engaged in the daily activities of clinical service areas, such as anesthesiology, clinical toxicology/pharmacology, poultry medicine, dermatology, and shelter medicine.

In all, 23 different one-week rotations will be offered. Students will again participate in these rotations during the last seven weeks of fall semester in the second year, so each student will ultimately experience 15 of the 23 rotations.

Eight of the one-week rotations will be core for every student at some point over the two years. These include anesthesiology, imaging, equine medicine and surgery, small animal emergency medicine, small animal internal medicine, small animal orthopedic surgery, small animal soft tissue surgery, and either food animal husbandry and techniques or food animal reproduction, medicine, and surgery. The remaining non-core rotations cover a host of disciplines, such as lab animal medicine and dentistry, and a variety of species, such as exotic animals and dairy cattle.

A medical education software program called E\*Value is being used to schedule and track these student experiences. It will help ensure that students complete the learning objectives for each rotation. For example,

there will be a checklist of activities that each student is expected to perform over the course of the clinical rotations, such as haltering a cow, preparing a blood smear, and performing a venipuncture. E\*Value will allow electronic validation of such procedures.

During the clinical rotation blocks, students will meet as a class three times weekly to cover topics such as professional ethics, communication skills, and animal welfare. They will also master online modules covering medical terminology, breed identification, and mathematical calculations.

One of the most exciting aspects of the new curriculum is our new Clinical Skills Learning Center. There, students will learn and practice skills such as gowning and gloving, knot tying, intubation, blood cell identification, and animal positioning for radiology using real equipment and realistic animal models in a supportive learning environment. Experienced veterinary technicians will facilitate student learning in this new center, which is located in a remodeled north wing of the Surgery and Obstetrics Laboratory.

We welcome alumni and others to visit this learning center and to contribute financially to its success. If you are

attending Fall Conference, on September 10 and 11, you will have an opportunity to explore it. Contact me (dean@vetmed.illinois.edu) to learn how your contributions to the Clinical Skills Learning Center can make a real difference in the veterinary student experience.

The rationale for this innovative introduction to the curriculum is to capitalize on students' enthusiasm for the clinical aspects of the profession. The remainder of the first and second years of the new curriculum will consist of integrated basic science courses that provide students with a solid foundation in biological structure and function and the pathobiological basis of disease. Clinical correlates modules in each course will illustrate the clinical relevance of the basic science material.

The desire to give students a solid foundation in the knowledge, skills, and aptitudes needed by new veterinary graduates has guided the development of our new curriculum. I commend our dedicated faculty and our pioneering students for embarking together on this new path. And I encourage veterinary practitioners throughout Illinois to step forward as supporters of our new direction.

Time of Year	Year 1 - Courses	Year 2 - Courses	Year 3 - Courses	Year 4 - Courses
Fall Semester (1st half)	Clinical Practice I	Pathobiologic Basis of Disease I	Diagnosis, Treatment and Prevention I	Clinical Practice V
Fall Semester (2nd half)	Structure & Function I	Clinical Practice II Milestone Exam I	Diagnosis, Treatment and Prevention II	Clinical Practice V (cont.)
Spring Semester (1st half)	Structure & Function II	Pathobiologic Basis of Disease II	Diagnosis, Treatment and Prevention III	Clinical Practice VI
Spring Semester (2nd half)	Structure & Function III	Pathobiologic Basis of Disease III	Clinical Practice III Milestone Exam II	Professional Develop. GRADUATION
Summer	Vacation	Vacation	Clinical Practice IV	Employment

## Class of 2011 Elects ISVMA Student Representative

This year's election for Class of 2012 Student Representative at the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine brought out 82% of all eligible voters. (93 students). This online election closed on March 11, 2009 and, in a very tight race, the newest U of I CVM ISVMA Class Representative is Andrew Hennenfent (ILL 2012).

Andrew Hennenfent hails from a farm in western Illinois. Upon graduating from Roseville High School, he attended the University of Illinois as an Animal Sciences major. As an undergraduate, Andrew served as president of the Pre-Vet Club. He feels that the experiences he gained through organizing meetings, talking before groups of people and other various tasks of leadership will lend itself nicely to carrying out the requirements of an ISVMA Class Representative.

Upon graduating from the College of ACES in May of 2008, Andrew was accepted into the U of I College of Veterinary Medicine where he is pursuing a DVM/MPH. His goal for post graduation includes working in a federal or state public health agency.

Since becoming interested in public health, Andrew has seen firsthand that the field of veterinary medicine is very underrepresented in the legislative process. States Hennenfent, "As a profession it is our responsibility to advocate our cause. This is a daunting task, but one I will personally give my best effort."

### About the ISVMA Class Representative Position

Beginning their first year of veterinary college, the ISVMA encourages students with an interest in becoming leaders in organized veterinary medicine to run for election as their class representative to the ISVMA. Upon election, the ISVMA Class Representative has the opportunity to fulfill a short list of responsibilities (listed below). Their status as class representative follows that individual through all four years of study. In addition to the valuable skills and knowledge they gain as an ISVMA liaison, they receive total scholarship funding from the ISVMA in the amount of \$4,000 (\$1,000 for each of four years as Class Representative).

The ISVMA Class Representatives are:

- Class of 2013 - TBD in the Spring 2010 election
- Class of 2012 - Andrew Hennenfent (ISVMA Education Planning Committee Member)
- Class of 2011 - J. Charlie Deutsch (ISVMA Board Member)
- Class of 2010 - Katie Wycislo

### Class Representative Responsibilities

#### All ISVMA Class Representatives:

- Coordinate campus activities with the ISVMA Board representative to the University of Illinois - College of Veterinary Medicine (Dr. Gregory Mauck).
- Encourage classmates to participate in ISVMA sponsored activities (through email, speaking at meetings, etc.) - such activities include: ISVMA Board/student forum in September; responding to ISVMA surveys; participating in grassroots lobby activities; working with ISVMA to expand and revitalize the Mentoring program.
- When the opportunity arises, speak to the importance of organized veterinary medicine and the role of ISVMA in preserving professional veterinary medicine in the State of Illinois.
- Communicate with the ISVMA staff whenever there is an opportunity for ISVMA to provide a meaningful service or communication with student members.
- Advocate for full membership in ISVMA within their class.
- Have a quarterly meeting to discuss ISVMA activities and opportunities - invite the ISVMA Executive Director and/or ISVMA Board representative to the UI-CVM.
- Read and become familiar with the important issues in Illinois veterinary medicine as expressed in the ISVMA *EPITOME* and E-SOURCE publications.
- Cooperatively develop a process for submitting a student column to the ISVMA *Epitome* newsletter. Identify authors, subjects and issues that will capture the attention and/or inform your fellow students.

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## The ISVMA Class Representatives



Class of 2012 - Andrew Hennenfent



Class of 2011 - J. Charlie Deutsch



Class of 2010 - Katie Wycislo

## DOGS NEEDED FOR REHAB CLINICAL TRIAL

The Veterinary Teaching Hospital is looking for dogs with significant arthritis, lameness and discomfort for a non-invasive, fully funded clinical trial in rehabilitation. This study would require daily visits for one week. For more information contact Kim Knap [knap@illinois.edu](mailto:knap@illinois.edu)

## Website & Login Procedure Changes

As of September 1st, ISVMA issued new usernames and passwords to our website.

**To retrieve your new user name and password, use the “Forgot Your Password” functionality at the bottom of the login screen. Your new login information will be sent to the email address in your ISVMA profile.**

**If we do not have your current email address in your profile, please contact the ISVMA office at 217/546-8381 to be given login information.**

Once logged in, look for quick links in the orange, floating box to the right of the Member Center pages. These links will allow access to personal member information and allow you to make changes to your membership profile (i.e. address, phone, email, password, practice name, etc.).

There is a robust Member Directory that allows members to search by practice name to get a list of the people assigned in our database to any practice in Illinois and their ISVMA membership status. Check this listing to make sure that we have your current practice roster correctly reflected in our database.

This is just one new excellent feature in the new software driving the ISVMA website. There are additional features that will be introduced in the coming weeks. We hope that you appreciate and enjoy the new services. Thank you for your continued support and participation in ISVMA!

## Enforcement of Red Flags Rule Again Delayed

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) has further delayed enforcement of the Red Flags Rule until November 1, 2009. The FTC is taking this action in order to support compliance by providing additional resources and guidance. The FTC website has multiple resources, including an online compliance template providing businesses with an easy-to-do form in designing their Identity Theft Prevention Program. Visit them online at [www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/microsites/redflagrule/index.shtml](http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/microsites/redflagrule/index.shtml).

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### **First Year ISVMA Class Representative:**

- The first year as an ISVMA Class Representative is a learning year! The student representative shall actively seek out information on ISVMA and be able to communicate the importance and value of membership in the state veterinary medical association.
- Upon election, shall send a letter of thanks to each student in their class that addresses the importance of your position and your commitment to organized veterinary medicine.
- Work to achieve the expectations listed above for all ISVMA Class Representatives.

### **Second Year ISVMA Class Representative:**

- Serves on the ISVMA Education Planning Committee to help develop the ISVMA Convention program. This is an exciting opportunity to help shape the ISVMA's signature CE event and participate in an ISVMA committee prior to serving on the Board of Directors.
- Attends ISVMA Board of Director meetings (without voting privileges) when the Third Year Class Representative is not available.

### **Third Year ISVMA Class Representative:**

- Serves as an ex officio member of the ISVMA Board of Directors with full voting privileges. With the opportunity to serve on the Board comes responsibility to read the Board packets, become familiar with the ISVMA Constitution and policies and procedures, and articulate the needs and interests of the students and school.
- Speaks to the first year students at orientation about the ISVMA Class Representative position and the election process (which will be held at the beginning of the second semester). Encourages candidates to begin learning about ISVMA and participating in ISVMA sponsored activities.
- Communicates back to fellow students about the important issues and opportunities they learn about as an ISVMA Board member.

### **Fourth Year ISVMA Class Representative:**

- Encourages all fourth year students to attend and participate in the ISVMA Annual Convention and Job Fair. Develops a strategy to maximize both attendance and promote the importance of the experience to their classmates.
- Works with the ISVMA Executive Director to achieve 100% membership from the graduating class as first-year veterinarians.
- One year after graduation, writes a letter to their classmates encouraging them to both continue their membership in ISVMA and participate in a meaningful way (we lose approximately 25% of all recent graduates in their second year).

## Creating a Secure Workplace Environment

*TransFirst Health Services, Inc.*

In the June/July 2009 issue, the ISVMA introduced a three-part series created by TransFirst Health Services, Inc. regarding workplace security. The articles will provide an overview of, explanation of, and impact that, the new “Red Flag Rules” will have on veterinary clinics and hospitals. Part ONE was in response to the numerous inquiries received about the new rules. It focused on the upcoming Red Flags Policy requirements for health care and how it will impact the veterinarian's office. Part TWO will appear next issue and will address Data Security. If you have questions about your office's payment processing program, contact the TransFirst Health Services – ISVMA Team at (866) 977-0929 or via e-mail at [ISVMA@TransFirst.com](mailto:ISVMA@TransFirst.com). We look forward to working with you!

TransFirst Health Services is a provider of transaction processing services and payment technologies tailored for veterinarians and is a sponsored program available to ISVMA members.

## Reportable Communicable Diseases

### A Veterinarian's Legal Responsibilities

By **Brenda Weber**, ISVMA, with support from **Mark J. Ernst**, DVM, State Veterinarian/Bureau Chief, Bureau of Animal Health and Welfare, Illinois Department of Agriculture; **J. A. Herrmann**, DVM, MPH, Diplomate, American College of Theriogenologists; Director, DVM/MPH Program; Section Head, Community Health & Preventive Medicine Department of Veterinary Clinical Medicine, University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine; and **Stacy L. Kostiuik**, DVM, MPH student, School of Public Health, University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine.

Reportable communicable diseases are regulated in Illinois by state and federal law. The statutes and their regulations are specific, with two separate agencies in Illinois held responsible for the adherence of these laws. The Department of Public Health is responsible for cases involving human exposure while reportable animal diseases are handled through the Department of Agriculture. It is important not only to know how to recognize the symptoms and diagnose the diseases, but it is essential to know where and how to report them.

#### Illinois Diseased Animals Act

The "Illinois Diseased Animals Act" was passed, and the Regulations Relating to Diseased Animals were filed, in 1972 (510 ILCS 50/1). This statute created the laws pertaining to cases or alleged cases of contamination or contagious and infectious diseases among animals within the State. It clearly indicates what must be done to suppress, prevent and extirpate infectious and contagious diseases. The statute also indicates that the Department of Agriculture may make and adopt reasonable rules and regulations to administer and enforce the provision of the laws as defined in the Act.

In very brief overview, but not completely inclusive of all sections, the Act pertains to many realms of animals: domestic, poultry and wild animals in captivity. The Department of Agriculture is given the authority to quarantine infected animals, or those animals suspected of being infected, to reduce the spread of contamination. Quarantines are removed only when epidemiological evidence indicates that the disease or contamination threat to humans or other animals no longer exists. It is also within the Department's authority to order the condemnation of diseased, contaminated or exposed animals, with accommodations to pay indemnity to the animal owner for their loss. It prohibits diseased or infected animals from entry into Illinois and addresses what is required to disinfect an infected area. Rights to enforce the Act are extended beyond the Illinois Department of Agriculture to include the inspectors of the Animal Health Division of the United States Department of Agriculture. Transporters who bring into IL any animal who has been found to be infectious or contagious, and upon conviction thereof, can be fined up to \$10,000, for each offense.

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In Section 22 of the Act, the duty of the veterinarian is clearly stated.

**(510 ILCS 50/22) (from Ch. 8, par. 189)**

**Sec. 22. Any veterinarian having information of the existence of any contamination or reportable disease among animals in this State, who fails to promptly report such knowledge to the Department, shall be guilty of a business offense and shall be fined in any sum not exceeding \$1,000 for each offense.**

**(Source: P.A. 95 179, eff. 8 14 07; 95 554, eff. 8 30 07.)**

The Act stipulates that all rules, and all amendments or revocations of existing rules, are required to be printed in pamphlet form and furnished, upon request, to the public free of cost. This pamphlet can be obtained by calling the IL Department of Agriculture at 217/782-4944. Or, visit the ISVMA webpage at [www.isvma.org](http://www.isvma.org) to download a list of reportable communicable diseases from the ISVMA Member's Center.

### Rules and Regulations Pertaining to carrying out the Illinois Diseased Animals Act

On the State of Illinois' Division of Food Safety and Animal Protection Bureau of Animal Health page, a list of Animal Health Laws and Regulations is posted. The Rules and Regulations that pertain to the administration and enforcement of the laws defined in the Diseased Animals Act can be found under TITLE 8: AGRICULTURE AND ANIMALS , CHAPTER I: DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE , SUBCHAPTER b: ANIMALS AND ANIMAL PRODUCTS (EXCEPT MEAT AND POULTRY INSPECTION ACT REGULATIONS) , PART 85 DISEASED ANIMALS. [www.agr.state.il.us/Laws/index.html](http://www.agr.state.il.us/Laws/index.html)

Section 85.10 pertains specifically to communicable disease and provides a list of those diseases that are required to be reported **immediately** to the Illinois Department of Agriculture. Additionally this section stipulates that any veterinarian or other person having knowledge of the disease, failing to report a suspect case of any of the listed diseases immediately

after discovery, or who is responsible for the spread of the disease, shall be subject to penalty as provided by law. It also gives a phone number to call – (217) 782-4944 - to report any of the diseases.

### Reportable Communicable Diseases

Suspected cases of the following diseases shall be reported immediately to the Department:

- anthrax
- avian influenza
- bluetongue
- brucellosis — bovine, canine, swine, equine and caprine
- chronic wasting disease (CWD) - cervids
- contagious equine metritis
- equine infectious anemia
- equine viral encephalitis
- fowl typhoid
- hog cholera
- infectious encephalomyelitis — avian
- infectious laryngotracheitis
- monkeypox
- Mycoplasma gallisepticum — turkeys
- Mycoplasma synoviae — turkeys
- Newcastle disease
- paramyxovirus infection
- paratuberculosis — (Johne's disease)
- piroplasmiasis
- plague
- pseudorabies — (Aujeszky's disease)
- psittacosis — (ornithosis)
- pullorum disease
- Q fever
- rabies
- salmonella enteritidis — poultry
- salmonella typhimurium — poultry
- scabies — cattle and sheep
- scrapie
- transmissible spongiform encephalopathy (TSE)
- trichinellosis
- tuberculosis – bovine
- tularemia
- vesicular conditions of any type
- West Nile Virus
- any contagious or infectious disease presently considered as "exotic", i.e., not known to exist in the United States

### After it's reported, what next?

Besides stating that veterinarians must report the existence – or suspected existence - of a reportable disease, the regulations are very specific on the course of action required for contaminated and contagious animals. Section headings include: Goats (Section 85.5), Scrapie in Sheep and Goats (Section 85.55), Bluetongue (Section 85.6), Sheep Foot

Rot (Repealed) (Section 85.65), Cattle Scabies (Section 85.7), Cattle Scabies Additional Requirements on Cattle from Certain Designated Areas (Section 85.75), Sheep and Goats (Section 85.8), Diseased Animals (Section 85.85), Copy of Health Certificate Shall be Furnished (Section 85.9), Requests for Permits (Section 85.95), Consignments to Stockyards, Auction Markets or Recognized Slaughtering Centers (Section 85.1), Obligation of Transportation Company and Truck Operators (Section 85.105), Additional Requirements on Cattle From Designated States (Section 85.11), Salmonella enteritidis serotype enteritidis (Section 85.115), Cervidae (Section 85.12), Ratites (Section 85.125), Vesicular Stomatitis (Section 85.13), Requirements for Establishing and Maintaining a Herd Under the Voluntary Paratuberculosis (Johne's Disease) Certification Program (Section 85.135), Requirements for Establishing and Maintaining a Herd Under the Voluntary Paratuberculosis (Johne's Disease) Risk Management Program (Section 85.14), Johne's Disease Positive Animals (Section 85.145), Importation of Animals; Permit Required (Section 85.15).

### What is required in order to transport livestock into Illinois, to verify the animal is healthy?

To import an animal into Illinois for the purpose of livestock production or exhibition, it must be accompanied by a **permit** from the Department and an **official certificate of veterinary inspection** or VS Form 9-2 or 9-3 in the case of poultry. (Section 85.150) The permit is issued through the Illinois Department of Agriculture. The official certificate of veterinary inspection must be issued by an accredited veterinarian of the state of origin, by a veterinarian in the employ of the United States Department of Agriculture, or by a licensed veterinarian of the country of origin (Source: Amended at 28 Ill. Reg. 13405, effective October 1, 2004) An "accredited veterinarian" is a veterinarian who is licensed by the state in which he/she practices, is approved by the animal health authority of that state, and is accredited by the United States Department of Agriculture (9 CFR 160, 161 and 162; 2003). Additional requirements set forth in this Act can be found in Section 85.30, Section 85.90, Section 85.110, and Section 85.150.

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***It must be noted that laws exist in addition to the Diseased Animals Act that regulate the importation of animals. These include requirements for tuberculosis and brucellosis. The additional requirements can be found in the Illinois Bovine Brucellosis Eradication Act [510 ILCS 30/6] Swine Brucellosis Eradication Act (510 ILCS 95/3) and the Illinois Bovidae and Cervidae Tuberculosis Eradication Act [510 ILCS 35/13].***

### **Are all contagious or infectious diseases reportable?**

The regulations note that the Department of Agriculture has the power to designate a disease as contagious or infectious when it is determined that the disease is a threat to the animal industry. A disease will be considered a threat to the animal industry for any of the following reasons:

- 1) is of unknown cause or previously not a recognized disease;
- 2) can cause interstate or international trade restrictions;
- 3) is highly communicable to other animals or species;
- 4) has the potential to produce uncontrollable death loss; or
- 5) is not endemic in the animal industry.

The following contagious or infectious diseases are specifically listed in Section 85.12. While they are not listed specifically by name in Section 85.10, they are included as "Reportable Communicable Diseases" due to the fact that they fall into the category of "any contagious or infectious disease presently considered as "exotic", i.e., not known to exist in the United States." As such, these are all a threat to the animal industry and must be reported immediately to the Department of Agriculture if diagnosed or suspected.

- African horse sickness
- African swine fever
- akabane
- Borna disease
- bovine petechial fever
- contagious bovine pleuropneumonia
- dourine
- ephemeral fever
- epizootic lymphangitis
- foot and mouth disease
- glanders
- heartwater
- hemorrhagic septicemia
- horse pox
- Japanese B encephalitis
- Jembrana disease

- louping-ill
- lumpy skin disease
- Nairobi sheep disease
- peste des petits — runiments
- Rift Valley fever
- rinderpest
- sheep and goat pox
- swine vesicular disease
- vesicular exanthema of swine
- Wesselsbron disease

### **What about Blastomycosis?**

Blastomycosis is a commonly occurring, potentially fatal fungal disease of both humans and dogs. The severity of the disease can range from a self-limiting or asymptomatic infection to severe clinical disease with pulmonary, cutaneous, and/or ocular involvement. Endemic areas of blastomycosis exist, such as the Vilas County area in northeast Wisconsin. Anecdotal evidence has suggested similar endemic areas in Illinois, however, environmental testing for blastomycosis to better delineate these areas is unrewarding as the organism is rarely recovered. What is currently accepted, however, is that *Blastomyces dermatitidis* tends to inhabit sandy, acidic soil with a high organic content and a proximity to waterways. While blastomycosis is neither a zoonotic nor contagious disease, its behavior in canines can provide valuable information for human cases.

Several studies, including one conducted by Drs. Stacy Kostuik and Jack Herrmann from the College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Illinois have shown that dogs are apparently at a much higher risk of developing blastomycosis when compared to humans. Looking at human and canine data in Illinois from 2001-2007, they determined that the prevalence of blastomycosis in dogs is 13 times higher than in humans. It is thought that since dogs have a more intimate contact with the environment compared to their owners, they could serve as a sentinel species for human cases.

The study from the University of Illinois also discovered that both canine and human cases of blastomycosis have been on the rise in Illinois from 2001-2007. Canine blastomycosis case counts rose from 0.24 cases/100 thousand dogs in 2001 to 10.8 cases/100 thousand dogs in 2007 whereas human blastomycosis case counts rose from 3.84 cases/1 million people in 2001 to 10.74 cases/1 million people in 2007. A surprising finding from this study was that black people were over-represented in the case population. The reason for this finding is unknown,

however, it appears to be a recurring trend as a study done in the 1990's on human blastomycosis in Winnebago County, Illinois came to the same conclusion. Statewide distribution of human blastomycosis cases was not uniform. The northwest region of Illinois has a higher prevalence of human blastomycosis compared to the overall state prevalence whereas the western region has a lower prevalence. Regional differences also were exhibited with the canine cases.

The environmental factors that are causing regional differences in blastomycosis prevalence are currently being studied. Variables such as weather patterns, soil characteristics and proximity to waterways are being entered into GIS software to extrapolate their significance to human and canine blastomycosis cases. Anecdotally, the researchers from the University of Illinois have noticed associations between exposure of dogs to disturbed dirt (i.e. construction sites) and flooding followed by dry Spring and Summer seasons and an increase in cases of blastomycosis.

Currently the results of the GIS mapping of blastomycosis cases show some geographical discordance between the human and canine cases. At this point it can only be hypothesized as to why there is this discrepancy. Is there under reporting of human blastomycosis cases in some areas and under reporting of canine cases in others? What can be known is that blastomycosis occurs commonly enough in canines that practitioners should have it high on their list of differentials with any dog that presents with respiratory signs, draining tracts, and/or eye problems.

The diagnosis of blastomycosis has become more convenient recently with the development of a urine antigen detection test. However, fine needle aspirates or impression smears demonstrating the organism provide a rapid and inexpensive means of diagnosis. If a diagnosis of blastomycosis is confirmed or suspected,

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Blastomycosis research continues at the College of Veterinary Medicine. If a diagnosis of blastomycosis is, or has been, confirmed or suspected, information regarding these cases or general trends observed would be appreciated. Forward comments or questions to [blastosurvey@gmail.com](mailto:blastosurvey@gmail.com).

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a thorough history including exposure to waterways, disturbed dirt, and/or travel history is warranted. The owners should also be informed of the possibility that they could have also been exposed to the organism and if he/she becomes ill, to mention that exposure to their physician. The researchers at the College of Veterinary Medicine plan to continue their study of blastomycosis and should have environmental risk factor associations analyzed within the next few months. They would appreciate any information practitioners may have regarding past cases or general trends that they have observed.

Please send your comments or questions to [blastosurvey@gmail.com](mailto:blastosurvey@gmail.com)

## AAFP updates guidelines on care of senior cats

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The American Association of Feline Practitioners has released a new version of its Senior Care Guidelines, available on the AAFP Web site at [www.catvets.com](http://www.catvets.com).

The AAFP dedicated the publication to the late Dr. James R. Richards, co-author of the original guidelines in 1998. Two of Dr. Richard's favorite sayings were: "Cats are masters at hiding illness" and "Age is not a disease." The guidelines focus on recognition and treatment of the problems that cats develop with age.

The second edition of the Senior Care Guidelines includes recommendations for senior cats' wellness visits, nutrition and weight management, dental care, anesthesia, disease monitoring and management, and quality of life. The publication covers common conditions of senior cats such as hypertension, chronic kidney disease, hyperthyroidism, diabetes, inflammatory bowel disease, cancer, osteoarthritis, and cognitive disorders.

Drs. Jeanne M. Pittari and Ilona Rodan were the co-chairs of the panel that updated the guidelines. Sponsors of the publication are Nestle Purina, Merial, Idexx Laboratories, Nutramax Laboratories, and Abbott Laboratories.

## AVMA, Fort Dodge Animal Health and Veterinary Pet Insurance Introduce "Pet Wellness Starts With a Plan" Campaign

*Campaign Helps Veterinary Teams Educate Clients About the Value of Wellness Examinations, Vaccinations and Pet Health Insurance*



What do twice-a-year pet wellness examinations, disease prevention and pet health insurance have in common? They're the essential building blocks of a comprehensive pet wellness plan that pet owners – and their veterinarians – can count on to help dogs and cats live longer, healthier lives. And, they're the focal point for the 2009 National Pet Wellness campaign – Pet Wellness Starts With a Plan – that will be rolled out in clinics across the country in October, which is National Pet Wellness Month.

Nearly 15,000 veterinary clinics participate in National Pet Wellness and National Pet Wellness Month, which was first launched in 2004 by founders the American Veterinary Medical Association and Fort Dodge Animal Health. For 2009, Veterinary Pet Insurance joins as a campaign sponsor.

The value and importance of twice-a-year wellness examinations and disease prevention have been fundamental educational messages of National Pet Wellness since its inception. Educating clients about the value and importance of pet health insurance is new but equally important to the campaign's mission. Studies have shown that, on average, clients with pet health insurance schedule more veterinary visits. And, pet health insurance coverage is available for routine wellness care – including vaccinations, diagnostics, heartworm and flea and tick medications – as well as unforeseen and potentially costly injuries, illnesses or accidents.

The "Pet Wellness Starts With a Plan" campaign will reach pet owners in two ways. First, through a variety of educational materials specifically designed for in-clinic use by veterinarians, veterinary technicians and other team members. And second, through national public relations outreach encouraging pet owners to contact their local veterinarian and ask about wellness planning for their pet.

Later this summer, clinics registered with National Pet Wellness will receive a free In-Clinic Education Kit containing the following items:

- "Pet Wellness Plan" Checklists. Designed to promote discussion between clients and the veterinary team, these easy-to-use checklists help identify the patient's disease risk based on questions about behavior, environment, health history and other factors. The results are then used by the veterinarian to develop an individualized wellness and vaccination protocol. Additional questions assess the need for pet health insurance and provide staff the opportunity to discuss the benefits of coverage for wellness care as well as unexpected medical expenses.
- "Pet Wellness Plan" Educational Brochure and Holder. This fun, roll-out brochure details the three-part plan every pet needs to stay happy and healthy – starting with a wellness exam.
- "Pet Wellness Plan" Lobby Poster. A colorful, attractive, eye-catching poster informs clients about the three components of a comprehensive wellness plan and encourages them to ask veterinary team members for more information.
- "Pet Wellness Plan" Staff Buttons. Designed for the entire veterinary team to encourage clients to ask any team member about a wellness plan for their pet.

Veterinary hospital team members who would like to participate in the National Pet Wellness educational campaign, and their clinic is not already registered, can sign up at [www.NPWM.com](http://www.NPWM.com).

National Pet Wellness is a clinic-centered educational campaign. Previous campaigns include: Pet Aging (2004); Preventable Disease Threats (2005); Healthy Cats (2005); Zoonotic Disease Threats (2006); Twice-A-Year for Life! (2006); Being a Pet is Risky Business (2007); Risk Assessment (2007) and What's Your Pet Wellness IQ? (2008). Additional information about National Pet Wellness, its sponsors and educational materials are available at [www.NPWM.com](http://www.NPWM.com).



# Convention EXHIBIT HALL



ISVMA 127th Annual Convention - November 13-15, 2009 - Peoria, IL

## EXHIBIT HALL

### Floor Hours:

Friday	3:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Saturday	7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Sunday	7:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

## NEW! Marshfield Laboratories' Wellness Center

You invest so much of your time to care for others. Why not invest just 10 minutes and take care of yourself?! The ISVMA again forges ahead with something new to the history of the ISVMA Convention. A Wellness Center, conducted by Marshfield Labs, is being offered to Convention attendees.

### Hours are:

Friday, November 13	3:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, November 14	7:00 a.m. – noon
Sorry, no Sunday hours offered.	

### Pre-registration is strongly recommended.

Fit in your visit to the Wellness Center around your Convention Schedule and don't worry about missing a thing!

Tests include the following; offered for a slight fee.

Basic Lipoprotein Panel .....	\$25.00
<i>(8-12 hour fast recommended prior to testing)</i> Total Cholesterol, HDL, Triglycerides and calculated LDL	
Rabies Titer .....	\$60.00
<i>(sent to Kansas State)</i>	
PSA .....	\$50.00
Total Cholesterol .....	\$15.00

### How do I sign up?

To guarantee your spot, and to avoid missing a session you want to attend, pre-registration is strongly recommended. On your Convention Registration Form is a sign up schedule. Indicate your preferred tests and the time you wish to have them done and we'll confirm your preference on your Convention Registration confirmation!

You will receive a ticket in your Registration Packet at Convention showing proof of purchase. Take it to the Marshfield Laboratories' Wellness Center in Exhibit Hall at the indicated time.

You didn't pre-register and you changed your mind? Those not pre-registered can go to the ISVMA Convention Registration Desk and sign up there.

Uncomfortable about the location being in Exhibit Hall? Your privacy is our priority. Take advantage of this convenient and unique opportunity offered by the ISVMA and Marshfield Labs!

## NEW! Meet the Radiologist – Bring Your Challenging Cases!

The ISVMA is offering a free consulting opportunity to its Convention Attendees. Sponsored by Universal Ultrasound, John Mattoon, DVM, DACVR, will be available to read and discuss your own personal imaging cases.

Done in a demo setting on the trade show floor, your challenging cases will be a terrific way to let others learn when you share your images. Both film and digital images will be accepted for viewing.

### Hours are:

Sunday, 8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

### How do I sign up?

Pre-registration is NOT REQUIRED and drop ins are welcomed gladly! Pre-registration will be accepted to allow this one-on-one time around your Convention Schedule!

A sign up schedule is on your Convention Registration Form. Indicate your preferred time and we'll confirm your preference on your Convention Registration confirmation!

## NEW HOURS AND ADDITIONAL ACCESS! Silent Auction

Of the various projects of the Illinois Veterinary Medical Foundation, one specific goal has been to endow its veterinary student scholarships at the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine. The IVMF was formed in 2006, and scholarships were established for each of four student ISVMA representatives. The IVMF now wishes to endow these four scholarships and needs \$25,000 for each to fund the four \$1,000 annual scholarships. Support the Silent Auction and assist the IVMF in reaching this noteworthy goal.

The IVMF will again host a Silent Auction in Exhibit Hall. Bidding will open with the Exhibit Hall Grand Opening on Friday evening at 5:00 and close for the day when the Hall closes at 8:00 p.m. Engage in a bidding war throughout the day on Saturday during Exhibit Hall hours from 7:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m. and again Sunday during Hall hours from 7:00 - 11:30 a.m. The auction will conclude at 11:30 a.m. and all winning bids will be finalized. Items may be paid for during the Lunch Break on Sunday from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**Donations, which are fully tax-deductible, are welcomed.** The Illinois Veterinary Medical Foundation (IVMF) is a 501(c)3 charity. To make a donation please contact Dr. Sally Foote at [dr.sally@mchsi.com](mailto:dr.sally@mchsi.com).

## What's missing this year from Exhibit Hall?

### The DVM Students

Due to a conflict in schedule, the V4 students will not be part of this year's Exhibit Hall. (Can't be two places at the same time!) The College of Veterinary Medicine will be providing an in-house Job Fair sometime shortly after the first of the year.

If you look forward to meeting and interviewing prospective DVM graduates, save the date for the College Job Fair and have access to 100+ potential candidates!

Visit [www.isvma.org](http://www.isvma.org) and download the Convention Brochure. While you are there, register online!



# Convention EDUCATION



## CE Hours

DVMs and CVTs can earn up to 20.5 credit hours to apply toward renewal of license.

### Friday, November 13

- 6.0 hours IVERT ONLY
- 6.0 hours Heartworm University
- 7.0 hours Friday sessions

### Saturday, November 14

- 7.5 hours Saturday sessions

### Sunday, November 15

- 6.0 hours Sunday sessions

## Especially for CVTs CVT Track Returns!

Sessions geared towards ISVMA's newest eligible members. A full day of sessions specifically for the CVT start Saturday at 8:00 a.m. and continue all day through 4:30 p.m.

### Topics include:

- ♦ Management of the Thoracotomy Patient
- ♦ Regional Anesthesia in the Small Animal Patient
- ♦ The Ins and Outs of Feeding Tubes
- ♦ Feeding Tube Management and Complications

## Exotics Anyone?

A full day and a half of sessions with Angela Lennox, DVM, DABVP-Avian!

### Saturday, November 14

- ♦ Sedation an Alternative to Anesthesia
- ♦ Advanced Anesthesia and Analgesia

### Sunday, November 15

- ♦ Advanced Procedures: Plebotomy and Catheterization
- ♦ Novel Diagnostic Testing for Exotics
- ♦ In-House Diagnostics for Exotics
- ♦ The Behavioral Consult: The Avian Patient

## Got Anything in Large Animal Medicine?

The answer to that question is YES. We've created one full day of sessions with Dennis French, DVM, DAVBP

### Sunday, November 15

- ♦ Small Ruminant Diseases with Hopeful Answers
- ♦ Reproductive Management of Cattle
- ♦ Infectious Disease of Ruminants Including The Weird and Unusual
- ♦ Musculoskeletal Issues of Ruminants from Bottom to Top

## Complementary and

**Alternative Medicine** returns for Third Year. Sessions on Friday and Saturday with Ellen Kuchnbrod, DVM  
**Friday, November 13**

- ♦ Introduction to Traditional Chinese Medicine
- ♦ Fundamentals of Veterinary Acupuncture
- ♦ Cancer Treatment Using Complementary Therapies

### Saturday, November 14

- ♦ Supplements 101
- ♦ Medicinal Herbs 101

## Just for the Equine Practitioners and their Techs

A full day of sessions PLUS a half day wet lab with Stephen Reed, DVM, DACVIM and Katherine Garrett, DVM!

### Friday, November 13 - WETLAB

- ♦ The Equine Neurological Examination Wet Lab

### Saturday, November 14

- ♦ The Equine Neurological Examination
- ♦ Equine Cervical Vertebral Myelopathy (Wobbler's)
- ♦ Equine Herpes Myeloencephalopathy
- ♦ Equine Central Nervous System Trauma

...and launching our **Animal Welfare and Shelter Medicine daylong track**, led by the AVMA 2008 Animal Welfare Award Recipient: Dr. Lila Miller

The ISVMA recognizes the ever increasing need for welfare and shelter medicine topics. Last year we offered a couple of sessions. This year we bring you a daylong track. For the whole practice.

### Sunday, November 15

- ♦ The Role of the Veterinarian in Handling Animal Cruelty
- ♦ The Recognition and Documentation of Animal Abuse
- ♦ Challenges of Shelter Medicine
- ♦ The Control of Disease Transmission in Animal Shelters

## WET LABS – All day, every day!

You asked and ISVMA listened. Check it out! Hands' on sessions are offered to Convention attendees for an additional fee.

Class sizes vary from 15 up to 80 participants. Wait lists will be offered. Don't delay and register right away. Here's what is offered this year!

### Friday, November 13

- ♦ Equine Neurology ( DVM only )
- ♦ Small Animal Abdominal Ultrasound for Beginners (all attendees)

### Saturday, November 14

- ♦ Rigid Endoscopy ( DVM/CVT only)
- ♦ Small Animal Abdominal Ultrasound for Intermediates ( DVM/CVT only)
- ♦ Stifle Surgery ( DVM/CVT only)
- ♦ Neurologic Examination ( DVM/ CVT only)

- ♦ Pet Foods (all attendees)

### Sunday, November 15

- ♦ Rigid Endoscopy ( DVM/CVT only)

## SPECIAL DAYLONG INTENSIVES – Friday only!

Not just for veterinarians. The entire practice is invited to attend.

## IVERT

No extra charge to attend. Pre-registration requested; walk-ins will be welcome.

## Heartworm University: Heartworm Disease A To Z

No extra charge to attend. It's included in your registration fee; however, pre-registration is strongly requested to ensure enough seats. This course covers clinically relevant aspects of heartworm disease in dogs and cats. Case studies will be incorporated into the presentations to highlight clinical relevance. Enjoy this interactive program that allows you to answer the speakers with the push of a button. No one will know who had the right or wrong answer because no raising your hand is necessary!

**Something for everyone.** Visit the ISVMA online and download our Convention Brochure from [www.isvma.org](http://www.isvma.org). While you are there, register online instead!



## NEW! CVT Saturday Evening Reception!

**Saturday, November 14 at 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

Take advantage of this informal networking reception and enjoy the camaraderie of your peers.

- EXPANDED FRIDAY SESSIONS!
- Educational sessions begin on Friday at 8:00 am
- NEW EVENT! Marshfield Laboratories Wellness Center
- EXTENDED HOURS! IVMF Silent Auction
- OFFERING SEATED MEALS! Buffet Lunches offered in Exhibit Hall Both Saturday and Sunday
- DIFFERENT TIME! ISVMA Annual Meeting moves to Saturday Evening
- NEW EVENT! CVT Saturday Evening Reception
- NEW TIME! ACTS Awards are moved to their own Show! Awards Program moves to Spring of 2010.

# GOING GREEN

Please Note!  
ISVMA will NOT be printing session handouts this year to meet a goal of a greener conference.

## The 2009 Convention is Going Green

It's no secret that meetings are moving toward less waste. National conventions regularly try to green their meetings to reduce, reuse and recycle. In 2009 the ISVMA moved toward paperless board meeting packets as a means to be economically and environmentally responsible. This year's ISVMA Convention will aspire to continue this goal.

## How Green is the Convention?

### Registration Confirmations Go Paperless

All registrants will be asked to provide an email address this year to forward registration confirmations. The ISVMA respects your privacy and will not sell or forward your email address. Email addresses are for internal use only.

I don't have an email address! Please contact the ISVMA office and we'll work with you to find a solution to get your materials to you.

### Speaker Handouts Go Green

- Handouts for educational sessions, wet labs and annual meeting will be posted online for download and printing ten ( 10 ) days prior to Convention.
- Materials will NOT be posted prior to MONDAY, OCTOBER 2 , 2009.
- If no handouts are posted online, the speaker did not provide in-class handout notes for distribution.

## What Are My Options If I Am A Notetaker?

How about.....Print off each sessions' hand outs before coming to convention OR How about..... Download session handouts to a flash drive, CD or hard drive on your laptop computer and then bring the laptop with you to each session.

## Convention Proceedings Go Green Too

Registered attendees can create their own Proceedings CD by visiting the ISVMA website. The Convention Proceedings WILL be available to fully download for reference and use.

## What Are My Options If I Prefer Printed Convention Proceedings?

Print copies of the Convention Proceedings may be pre-ordered for a cost of \$45. Check off your preference when completing the Convention Registration Form. You will receive a ticket in your Registration Packet at Convention showing proof of purchase. Exchange your ticket for your proceedings at the Convention Registration Desk Area.

You didn't pre-order? A very limited amount of printed proceedings will be available onsite. Order forms will be available at the Registration Desk for delivery post convention. An additional \$11 shipping and handling fee will be added to the \$45 cost for a total charge of \$56.

## ALL THAT REMAINS? The details!

Is the venue different than 2007 when Convention was in Peoria? Where can I get a discounted hotel room? Anything change in the schedule? How can I register and are there early bird discounts? How Green is the meeting going to be?

### Trade Show Venue

Peoria Civic Center  
201 SW Jefferson Avenue  
Peoria IL 61602  
[www.PeoriaCivicCenter.com](http://www.PeoriaCivicCenter.com)

### Host Hotel

Hotel Pèrè Marquette  
501 Main Street, Peoria IL 61602  
PH: 309/637-6555  
[www.hotelperemarquette.com](http://www.hotelperemarquette.com)

- ◆ Toll-free reservations 866/376-8886
- ◆ Group Rates available through Wednesday, October 21. Call early to ensure a room at the discounted rate!
- ◆ Single/Double Room Rate \$112 per night plus tax
- ◆ Hotel parking for no extra charge
- ◆ PLUS! A complimentary free hot breakfast buffet each morning for overnight guests!

## How Can I Register And Are There Any Discounts This Year?

Pay to Attend One Day, Two Days or All Three!

The ISVMA tiers its fees for Members, Nonmembers, DVM Recent Grads, Students and Guests. PLUS! Enjoy a discounted price if your registration form is returned prior to October 16.

# SCHEDULE

**At-a-Glance**



**Friday, November 13**

	7:00 am – 7:00 pm	Convention Registration Desk Hours
	8:00 am – 3:00 pm	Wet Labs and Intensives
	10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Breakout Sessions
SEATED MEAL	12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Ticketed Lunch Included with registration for Breakout Session, Wet Lab, Heartworm University and IVERT attendees
	1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Breakout Sessions
	3:30 pm – 8:00 pm	Exhibit Hall Hours
NEW EVENT	3:30 pm – 7:00 pm	Marshfield Laboratories Wellness Center Hours in Exhibit Hall Register prior to convention and schedule your visit. Registration will also be taken on-site, first come first served. Tests offered for small fee include Rabies Titer, Total Cholesterol, Basic Lipoprotein Panel, PSA.
	3:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Welcome Address, Keynote Speaker. ISVMA President's Award
	5:00 pm – 6:15 pm	President's Reception in Exhibit Hall, Trade Show Grand Opening
	5:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Bidding opens for Silent Auction in Exhibit Hall

**Saturday, November 14**

	7:00 am – 7:00 pm	Convention Registration Desk Hours
	7:00 am – 5:00 pm	Exhibit Hall Hours
NEW EVENT	7:00 am – 12:00 pm	Marshfield Laboratories Wellness Center in Exhibit Hall continues
	7:00 am – 5:00 pm	Silent Auction bidding continues in Exhibit Hall
	7:30 am – 9:00 am	Life Members/Past Presidents' Breakfast
	8:00 am – 9:30 am	Breakout Sessions
	9:30 am – 10:00 am	Refreshment Break in Exhibit Hall
	10:00 am – 11:30 am	Breakout Sessions
SEATED LUNCH	11:30 am – 1:00 pm	Lunch buffet in Exhibit Hall for all attendees (included with registration fee; no extra charge!)
	1:00 pm – 2:30 pm	Breakout Sessions
	2:30 pm – 3:00 pm	Refreshment Break in Exhibit Hall
	3:00 pm – 4:30 pm	Breakout Sessions
DIFFERENT TIME	5:00 pm – 6:15 pm	Annual Meeting - General Session to include ISVMA Annual Meeting, Outstanding Veterinarian Awards Presentation
NEW EVENT	6:30 pm – 8:00 pm	CVT Evening Networking Reception
	6:30 pm – 8:00 pm	University of IL College of Veterinary Medicine Alumni Reception

**Sunday, November 15**

	7:00 am – 4:00 pm	Convention Registration Desk Hours
	7:00 am – 7:30 am	Worship Service
	7:00 am – 2:00 pm	Exhibit Hall Hours
EXTENDED HOURS	7:00 am – 11:30 am	Bidding continues for Silent Auction in Exhibit Hall
NEW EVENT!	8:00 am – 11:30 am	Meet the Radiologist: film and digital image reading in Exhibit Hall Pre-registration suggested. All welcome to view for no extra fee. Bring your images. Share your most challenging cases!
	8:00 am – 9:30 am	Breakout Sessions
	9:30 am – 10 am	Refreshment Break in Exhibit Hall
	10:00 am – 11:30 am	Breakout Sessions
	11:45 am	Bids close on all Silent Auction items
	11:45 am – 2:00 pm	Silent Auction Items must be paid for and retrieved from Exhibit Hall
SEATED LUNCH	12:00 – 1:00 pm	Lunch buffet in Exhibit Hall for all attendees (included with registration fee; no extra charge!)
	1:00 pm – 2:30 pm	Breakout Sessions
	3:30 pm – 2:45 pm	Refreshment Break
	2:45 pm – 4:15 pm	ISVMA Legislative Symposium
	2:45 pm – 4:15 pm	Breakout Sessions

## Epitopix Receives USDA Conditional License for America's First E. coli O157 Vaccine for Cattle

Willmar, MN (March 4, 2009) — The US Department of Agriculture (USDA) has granted a conditional license to Epitopix, LLC for America's first E. coli O157 vaccine for cattle. The vaccine is made with Epitopix' exclusive SRP® Technology, an innovative, patented vaccine production process. The new vaccine is labeled for use in cattle to reduce the prevalence of the E. coli O157 carrier state and for reduction in the amount of E. coli O157 shed in feces to minimize E. coli exposure and infection of herd-mates.

Although the product license is conditional while additional potency and efficacy studies are completed, the USDA approval allows Epitopix to make the vaccine immediately available for use by the beef industry. E. coli O157 Bacterial Extract is the first immunological weapon available to the industry in the battle against this food safety concern.

E. coli O157 is a Gram-negative bacterium known to exist in the gastrointestinal tract

of outwardly healthy, normal cattle. These bacteria do not cause disease in cattle, but when the cattle are harvested, E. coli O157 bacteria can sometimes find their way into ground beef. Proper cooking easily kills the bacteria, but in cases where beef may be inadequately cooked, serious human disease can occur, especially in children, the elderly or in individuals with a compromised immune system. Symptoms of the disease in humans range from mild stomach upset to severe diarrhea, or, in rare cases, Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome (HUS), which can be fatal.

Epitopix' first major SRP®-based vaccine for cattle, Salmonella Newport Bacterial Extract, received a USDA conditional license in 2004 and is marketed by Agri Laboratories, Ltd. of St. Joseph, Missouri. The Salmonella SRP vaccine has been used in millions of U.S. dairy cattle, and is now in the final stages of qualification for a full USDA licensure.

Epitopix LLC was founded in 2002 as an affiliate of Willmar Poultry Company, a subsidiary of Life-Science Innovations headquartered at the MinnWest Technology Campus in Willmar, the largest privately-owned technology campus in the US. The mission of Epitopix is to provide the food animal industry with novel bacterial vaccines with the potential to be more broadly cross-protective and safer than conventional whole-cell bacterins or live bacterial vaccines. Epitopix owns a family of patents related to the utilization of bacterial iron-acquisition proteins for use as vaccine antigens.

In 2004, Epitopix created Syntiron, LLC, which is engaged in the development of SRP vaccines for a number of human medical applications including a variety of bacterial infections such as staphylococcus, salmonella, anthrax and the bubonic plague. Syntiron was recently awarded a \$4 million grant from the US Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA) to pursue development of human vaccines against bioterrorism threats.

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## Joint Task Force on Breeders and Pet Stores

Members Appointed, First Public Meeting Held June 22

SPRINGFIELD, IL - The Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA) held the first meeting of the Joint Task Force on Breeders and Pet Stores on Monday, June 22 at 9am in the Artisan's Building on the Illinois State Fairgrounds. The Task Force was established by Senate Joint Resolution 56 (SJR 56). The initial meeting was open to the public.

SJR 56 called for the Director of the Illinois Department of Agriculture to appoint the Chairman and several members of the Task Force to give recommendations to the General Assembly regarding comprehensive legislative changes to the Animal Welfare Act and the Humane Care for Animals Act. The Task Force will hold a series of meetings between now and the end of the year.

The following is a list of the members appointed to the Joint Task Force on Breeders and Pet Stores:

Name	Position - City
Dr. Mark Ernst - IDOA	Chair - Springfield, IL
Jordan Matyas - HSUS	National Organization - Chicago, IL
Cori Menken - ASPCA	National Organization - North Bergen, NJ
Erika Walsh - ASA Sloughi Rescue	Animal Rescue Community - St. Charles, IL
Tom Van Winkle - Animal Care League	Shelter Community - Riverside, IL
Sally Westerhoff - Quincy Humane Society	Shelter Community - Fowler, IL
Ronald Berning - Happiness Is Pets	Pet Store Industry - Lemont, IL
Michelle Kasten - Belle City Kennel Club	Small Scale Breeding Community - O'Fallon, IL
Mary Jo Trimble - IL Federation for Outdoor Resources	Sporting Dog Community - Carterville, IL
Dr. Steve Dullard - ISVMA	IL Veterinary Professionals - Mendota, IL
Christina Lee - IL Professional Pet Breeders Assn.	Large Scale Breeding Community - Norris City, IL

Future meeting times were discussed and set at the June 22nd meeting. For more information about the Joint Task Force on Breeders and Pet Stores, you can call Jeff Williams at 217/782-9013. Written comments can be submitted to the Task Force online at [www.agr.state.il.us](http://www.agr.state.il.us) after June 18th.

## What Will Capwiz do for ISVMA Members?

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### ACTION ALERTS

CapWiz allows the ISVMA to send all members an action alert when a pressing issue arises in the legislature. This helps members to send a targeted message directly to their legislator in just a few minutes.

### ELECTED OFFICIALS DATABASE

With just a zip code or postal address, you will be able to research and send messages to local, state, and national legislators. This resource provides information such as:

- Legislator Profiles – Find an elected official's photo, biography, contact information, committee members, term of service, contribution history, staff members, and more.
- Compose Message Links – Send an e-mail, fax or printed letter to a specific legislator from his or her profile page.
- Voting Histories – Review key vote and co-sponsorship information for Members of Congress and state legislators.
- Optional Comments or Linked Resources – Find additional information and/or links, which can include how your organization ranks a particular legislator.

### SEARCH FEATURES

You will have multiple search functions, including:

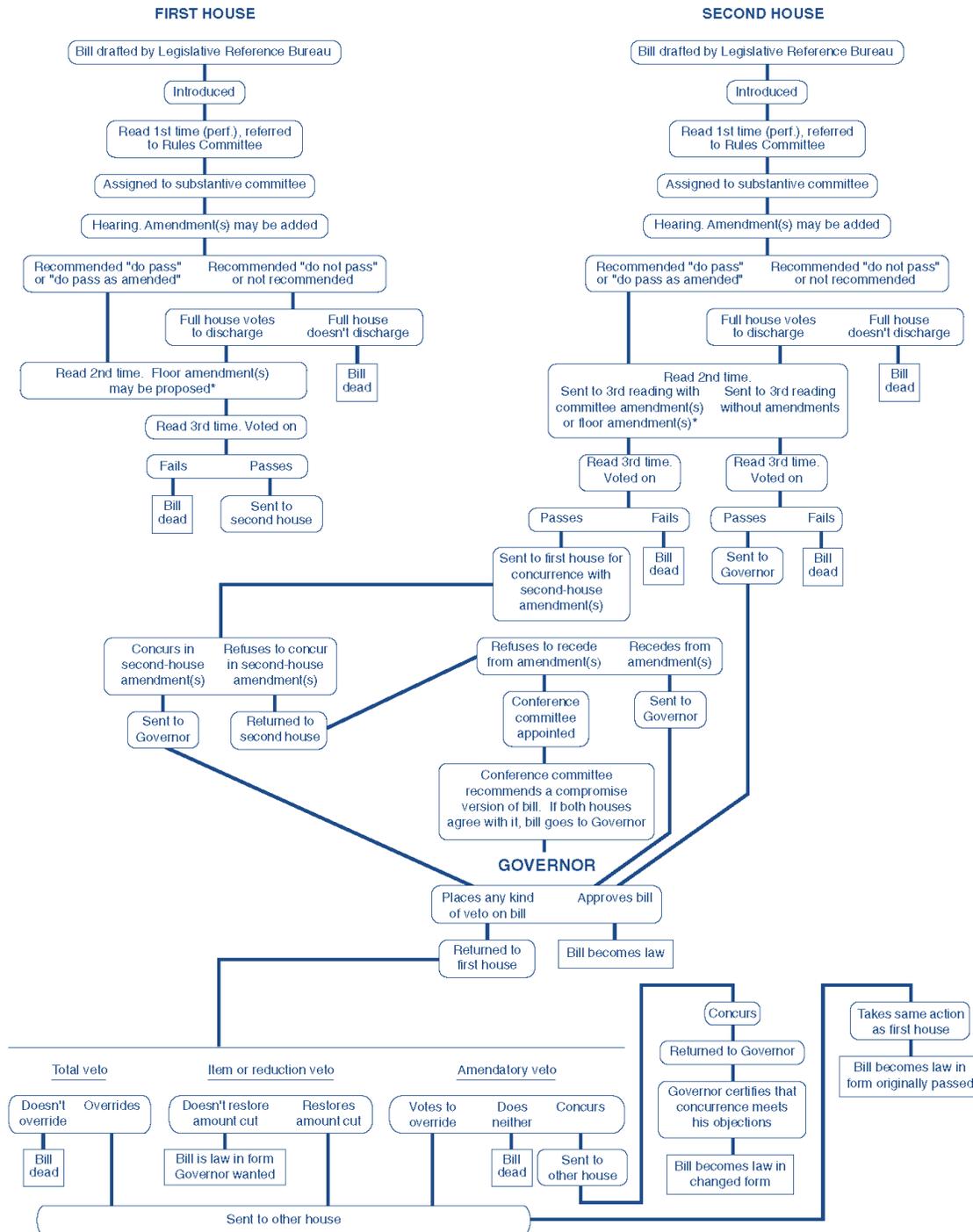
- ZIP search – type in a five-digit ZIP code to find specific federal officials' biography pages and see how they voted on certain legislation.

See *Capwiz for ISVMA* on page 18

## How a Bill Becomes a Law in Illinois

We are often asked by members to describe how a bill becomes a law. It is a very convoluted process with many possible twists and turns. The Legislative Research Unit developed a flow chart ([www.ilga.gov/commission/lis/98bill\\_law.pdf](http://www.ilga.gov/commission/lis/98bill_law.pdf)) that demonstrates how complicated the process can be.

In a nutshell, a bill has to pass both the House and Senate (in identical form) before it can be approved or vetoed by the Governor. There are several steps a bill must take in each chamber before it is approved.



\*Amendments proposed on the floor must go to the Rules Committee for approval before being considered.

## Capwiz for ISVMA

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- Interactive Map – Utilize the interactive map to locate the governor and congressional representatives for a particular state/district.
- Name Search – Find a federal official by typing in part of his or her last name.

### MEDIA GUIDE

You can look up local and national media outlets in your area (newspapers, magazines, political publications, radio stations, and television stations) and send letters to the editor or coverage requests to reporters and editors.

You will also be able to directly send messages to selected outlets and find press release contact information for major newspapers.

### ELECTION GUIDE

This feature includes:

- Directory of Legislative Candidates – Find a candidate’s party affiliation, previous occupation(s), political background, education, and committees.

- Candidate Endorsement or Disclaimers – Read notes or comments posted by your organization about a candidate.
- Volunteer and Donation Links – Donate funds or volunteer with a certain candidate’s office.
- Voter Registration Tool – complete online registration forms, which are available in English and Spanish and include processing instructions.
- Voter Guide – Stay updated with timely updates on ballot initiatives, key dates, poll locations, and other elected information.
- Absentee Ballots – Request absentee ballots online.

### ISSUES AND LEGISLATION

This function provides tools that enable you to do the following:

- Current Legislation – Find updated information on votes and bills important to veterinary medicine
- Voter Scorecards – See which legislators support issues important to ISVMA

- Tips and Best Practices – Learn how to better communicate with Congress and the state legislators.

*Capwiz is a software program on the ISVMA website that allows members to search for elected officials and communicate with them, monitor legislation at the state and federal level, and keep up to date on elections. It can be found at in the Members’ Center of the ISVMA website at [www.isvma.org](http://www.isvma.org).*

*The 2009 ASVMAE Executive of the Year Award is inscribed as follows “...Presented to Peter S. Weber, CAE For Leading the Illinois State Veterinary Medical Association with Innovation, Distinction, and Dedication; American Society of Veterinary Medical Association Executives; July 10, 2009.”*



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## AVMA

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September 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> editions. The Executive Board has voted to fund a revamp of the AVMA website and that may occur next year. Members can continue to access information at [www.avma.org](http://www.avma.org) and I would suggest that one check the site regularly for information. The Membership Directory will be entirely online now and no paper directory will be printed.

Dr. Larry Corry, Georgia, is our new President; Dr. Gary Brown, West Virginia was elected to a second term as Vice President; Dr. Larry Kornegay, Texas, was selected as President-Elect. Dr. Rene Carlson from Wisconsin, a member from our District, announced that she would be a candidate for President-Elect next year when the meeting goes to Atlanta and Dr. Jan K. Strother, Alabama, announced her candidacy for Vice President. Illinois had no candidates for Council positions this year. I encourage anyone who might be interested in either a Committee position (appointed by the Executive Board) or a Council position (elected by the House of Delegates) to contact either myself or Dr. Rubin or to let us know of your interest. Descriptions of positions can be found on the AVMA website or you can contact the ISVMA offices. Peter Weber will have a listing of the available positions.

The 2010 AVMA Annual Meeting will be in Atlanta from July 31<sup>st</sup>- August 3<sup>rd</sup>, so one might want to take advantage of the closeness of Atlanta and plan on attending next year.



Weber is pictured (center) with Pennsylvania VMA Executive Director (and ASVMAE President Elect) Charlene Wandzilak and Charles Franz, DVM who serves as executive director of both the Alabama VMA and the American College of Theriogenologists (and ASVMAE President).

*In accepting the award, Weber shared credit with the staff, voluntary leaders and members of ISVMA who have provided him with so much support and with contributions of their own talents and hard work. He also thanked his family for their encouragement and the time that they have allowed him to spend away from home.*

*Weber also thanked his grandfather who, "...taught me as a child that a job is a privilege and should never be taken for granted. During the Great Depression, he always had a job - even when many of his friends and neighbors did not. He understood the value of hard work and the sacrifice that was necessary to give back to his profession in gratitude for what it gave his family. I was blessed to have learned this valuable ethic by the greatest man I have ever known. I will think of Grandpa as I am presented this award and delight in the knowledge that he would be very proud of the commitment I have made to my work and my family."*

## The Illinois Veterinary Medical Foundation

### DONATIONS TO ENDOWMENT FUNDS

From the start of the previous fiscal year on July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009, the IVMF received contributions totaling \$15,990.

At the start of this fiscal year on July 1, 2009, through August 1, 2009, the IVMF received contributions totaling \$ 2,230.

The ISVMA thanks those who have forwarded contributions.

### IN HONOR OF/IN MEMORY OF

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

### IN HONOR OF

Peter S. Weber's receipt of the Association Executive of the Year Award

### IN MEMORY OF

The ISVMA thanks the Animal Medical Clinic of Springfield for their contributions in memory of the lives of the following pets:

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## Obituaries



**Dr. John J. Gmitro, age 43, of Elburn, IL,** died on July 27, at the scene of a two-vehicle crash on I 90-94 near the Wisconsin Dells on his way home from vacation in MN.

John J. Gmitro was born on November 10, 1965 in Minnesota. He grew up in Arlington Heights, Illinois and completed his undergraduate studies at Augustana College in Rock Island. He graduated from the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine in 1994. Dr. Gmitro (affectionately referred to as Dr. John) joined the staff of St. Charles Veterinary Clinic in St. Charles, IL in 1998 where he quickly endeared himself to his colleagues and the community for his compassion, his empathy, his wry sense of humor, his kindness and the hearty laughter that was in such contrast to his soft voice and gentle manner. He had a gift of being equally attentive to the needs of his four-legged patients as well as their two-legged owners. A tireless problem-solver who enjoyed the challenge of caring for very ill patients, Dr. John was known to think out loud when he saw patients; part of his honest, real and no-nonsense way of practicing veterinary medicine.

Dr. John owned vacation property in northern MN where he would go to enjoy all things nature and wildlife. He liked hunting, fishing, bird watching and identification, and enjoying campfires with friends.

He was also a 10 year member of the ISVMA.

He is survived by his mother, Nancy Gmitro of Mount Carroll, Illinois, a twin brother, Todd and a younger brother, Mark. He was preceded in death by his father in 2008.

A private service was held at the family farm in Mount Carroll. Memorials may be

sent to St. Charles Veterinary Clinic, 530 Dunham Road, St. Charles IL 60174.

Any time a young life ends suddenly, there are many who mourn the loss. Jan Walsh, a friend and colleague to John, shares this about the person for whom many will miss.

### A favorite quote of John's:

*"He who trims himself to suit everyone else will soon whittle himself away.*

*Do not wish to be anything but what you are, and try to be that perfectly"*

John was a wonderful human being. He was kind, gentle, humble, and unassuming. It was the way he viewed the world that made him so gloriously unique. Where others saw a weed, John saw the potential of a flower, where others saw only illness and cure, John saw the essence of a relationship and it's need to be nurtured and respected. Where others saw the need to hurry, John saw only what might be missed if he did. And I never saw him hurry. He was always working on being a better person; a better doctor, a better friend and colleague, a better conservator of nature, and so much more. Yet, I think most of us could only hope to be anything like him. This is true because, above all else, he had the gift of knowing what was truly important in life and lived it that way every day, despite every obstacle and criticism he faced. For those that knew him well, they know their lives will never be the same without him; for those that didn't, I can only feel sorrow. I appreciated his friendship and mentoring every day that I knew him, and I will dearly miss him every day from now on.

### Please feel free to attend:

St. Charles Veterinary Clinic is hosting a "Dr. John Day" in his honor on Saturday, September 19 from noon – 3:00 p.m. at the clinic located at St. Charles Veterinary Clinic, 530 Dunham Road, St. Charles IL 60174. For directions contact the clinic at 630/584-7404 or [stcvetclinic@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stcvetclinic@sbcglobal.net). To submit a memory of Dr. John, the clinic is offering a memorial page for family and friends to visit. Go to [www.stcharlesvetclinic.vetsuite.com](http://www.stcharlesvetclinic.vetsuite.com).

**Dr. William K. Specht, age 85, of Milledgeville IL,** died Sunday, January 11, 2009 at his home.

William was born July 14, 1924, a son of Edward William and Bernice Wachs Specht. He married Anne E. Caveness on Sept. 2, 1950, in Champaign. She preceded him in death on Jan. 13, 2006.

William Specht attended Hoopole and Annawan schools. He received his bachelor's degree from Northern Illinois University.

After serving in the U.S. Navy during World War II, through the GI Bill he went to the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, and in 1952 graduated in the first class of the College of Veterinary Medicine. He served as a veterinarian in the Milledgeville area for many years.

Survivors include two daughters, Patricia Specht of Milledgeville and Diana (Daniel) Saavedra of Roscoe; two sons, Edward W. (Anita) Specht of Rockton and Thomas (Elizabeth) Specht of Fredericksburg, VA; six grandchildren, one great-grandchild and a special friend, Viola Workman.

The funeral was held Aug. 11, at Milledgeville United Methodist Church. A memorial fund has been established for Milledgeville United Methodist Church; Hospice of Rock River Valley; and Carroll County Soil & Water Conservation District. Condolences may be sent to [www.schillingfuneralhome.com](http://www.schillingfuneralhome.com).

### Recent Death Notifications

The membership renewal process always includes the unfortunate news of members that have passed away during the year. Late in July the ISVMA office was of the deaths of Dr. Michael Diesen (OKL 1979) and Dr. Virgil Holdeman (MSU 1951).

**Dr. Michael E. Diesen, age 61, of Highland, IL,** died Wednesday, Oct. 15, 2008, at his home.

Michael Diesen was born Dec. 3, 1946 to Eugene J. Diesen and Vivian Violet, nee Voss, Diesen. He was raised in Highland, graduating from Highland High School in 1965. He married Dolores A., nee Korte,

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Diesen of Highland, IL, on Sept. 2, 1968. He attended SIU-Carbondale, graduating in Finance in 1969. He worked for Hyster Co. in Kewanee, IL, and later was drafted into the U.S. Army. After serving his duty he worked for Highland Supply in Hobart, OK. Michael attended Veterinarian School at Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK, graduating 1979 as a veterinarian. He worked in Greenville, IL for several years as a veterinarian and later, in 1980, purchased Highland Animal Hospital from Dr. Rogers. He owned and operated Highland Animal Hospital for many years.

Dr. Diesen enjoyed hunting, fishing, photography, golfing, playing basketball (until age 50) and trap shooting. He loved his grandchildren. He did woodworking and landscaping at home. He was a member of St. Paul Catholic Church, Highland, IL; Highland Pistol & Rifle Club; Ducks Unlimited; Knights of Columbus, Council 1580, Highland; American Veterinarian Association; and Illinois State Veterinary Medical Association.

Surviving are his wife, Dolores, son, Jeff M. (Kathy) Diesen, C.P.A. of Trenton, Ill.; a daughter, Dr. Michelle A. (Josh) Leckrone, DVM of Highland, IL, and three grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to Polycystic National Kidney Foundation or Ducks Unlimited. Condolences and memories may be left for the family by signing the virtual Guest Book at <http://spengel-boulanger.com/index.htm>.

**Dr. Virgil L. Holdeman, age 85, of Highland IL,** died Wednesday, May 13, 2009, at St. Joseph Hospital in Highland IL.

Virgil Holdeman was born June 24, 1923, in Wakarusa IN to Walter Ray Holdeman and Florence Hester, nee Barthel, Holdeman. At the age of five his family moved to Kalamazoo MI where his parents finished college. He graduated in 1941 from Jackson High School, Jackson MI, and in 1951 from the College of Veterinary Medicine at Michigan State University. His college was interrupted by a three year enlistment in the U.S. Army Air Corp. When World War II ended, he was in the Philippine Islands and had completed 21 missions as a navigator on a B-25 bomber. Upon his graduation from veterinary college he practiced farm animal medicine

for 18 years in Hebron IL. In 1970, he and his family moved to Highland. He was the veterinarian at the National Stockyards, East St. Louis IL for 14 years before retirement.

Dr. Holdeman was an active Shriner in the Ma-Cli-Bo circus unit and spent 42 years racing and breeding Standard bred horses. He was a Bronze Life Master with the America Contract Bridge League. Dr. Holdeman was a Life Member of ISVMA (56 years of continuous membership).

Dr. Holdeman was also a member of Evangelical United Church of Christ; Lee Iten Post 439, American Legion; VFW Post 5694, both of Highland; American Veterinary Medical Association; Life Member of Illinois Veterinary Association; American Contract Bridge Association; Highland Rotary Club, Silver Lake Shrine Club (past president), Highland Masonic Lodge 583 AF & AM; Ma Cli Bo Circus Unit; Scottish Rite Bodies, Valley of Southern IL-Belleveville IL.; and Ainad Temple, AAONOMS (Shriners), East St. Louis IL.

Surviving are his wife, Mary L., nee Nichols, Holdeman whom he married on June 18, 1955; children, Janeen "Jackie" (Charles) Hook of Lacey, Wash.; David A. (Tammy) Holdeman of Des Arc, Mo., Janet L. Holdeman of Wheaton IL., and Robert C. (Susan) Holdeman of Pocahontas IL. Five grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

Both a Masonic and Memorial Services were held Friday evening, May 22, 2009, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home. A Graveside Service was held Sunday, May 24, 2009, at Linn Hebron Cemetery, Hebron IL where Dr. Holdeman is interred. Memorial contributions may be made to Evangelical United Church of Christ. Condolences and memories may be left for the family by signing the virtual Guest Book at <http://spengel-boulanger.com/index.htm>.

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

## Tick-Borne Disease

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get the classic "bulls-eye" rash that people get on their skin, but instead may have non-specific signs such as fever, joint swelling, lameness, lethargy, enlarged lymph nodes, kidney disease, heart problems or even behavior changes.

While Lyme disease has received much press and notoriety, there are many other types of infectious diseases caused by ticks. Ehrlichia, an organism mainly passed between dogs by Rhipicephalus sanguineus, the Brown dog tick, is especially troublesome because all of its life cycles have a desire to feed on dogs. It also has a tendency to live indoors as much as outdoors, which means it can infect dogs year-round. Signs of Ehrlichia infection can include anorexia, depression, fever, painful joints, pale gums and bleeding from the nose. Ehrlichiosis is now the second most common infectious disease in canines in the United States after parvovirus!

In addition, another tick-borne disease increasing in prevalence is Rocky Mountain spotted fever. While this disease can certainly cause similar clinical signs as mentioned with Lyme disease and Ehrlichiosis, these dogs may also demonstrate coughing, vomiting, diarrhea, muscle pain, seizures and eye-related issues. Because the symptoms of diseases transmitted by ticks are quite non-specific, it is extremely important to consider Lyme disease, Ehrlichiosis, Rocky Mountain spotted fever and others when dogs become ill.

Prevention is truly the best medicine to help minimize these risks. First, inspect your dog's coat daily for ticks, especially after going on walks or being outdoors in endemic areas. Feel for ticks or hard bumps, and when found, remove ticks immediately as directed by your veterinarian. Secondly, please consult your veterinarian for the product most appropriate for your pet and its environmental risks. Use and apply this effective topical flea and tick preventative to eliminate any ticks not found on inspection. Finally, if your dog shows any of these signs mentioned above, please talk to your veterinarian immediately so that proper testing can be done and appropriate treatment can be started early for the best outcome.

## E-Source News

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### Headlines from the past 3 issues include:

#### July 17 , 2009 Volume VII, No. 1

- ISVMA Executive Director Wins National Award
- ISVMA Membership Renewals - Are You Past Due?
- Leptospirosis Survey
- New Staff at ISVMA
- Postgame - Catching Up With Yesterday's Stars
- Recent Death Notifications  
In Memoriam:  
Michael E. Diesen, DVM  
Virgil L. Holdeman, DVM

#### July 30 , 2009 Volume VII, No. 2

- Enforcement of "Red Flags" Rule Delayed until November 1, 2009
- Due To Shortages, Veterinary Students Get A Free Ride (courtesy AVMA)
- Illinois Veterinary Student Loan Repayment Program Act Awaits Governor's Approval
- Last Day for Leptospirosis Survey
- Final Day for ISVMA Membership Renewal

#### August 12 , 2009 Volume VII, No. 3

- New Law: Illinois Veterinary Student Loan Repayment Program Act
- New Law: Veterinary Teaching Hospital Licensing
- In Memoriam:  
William K. Specht, DVM

## 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 IDFPR 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](mailto:info@isvma.org). We're here to assist you. Take advantage of this terrific member service!

**Q** I have decided to open my own practice and am unclear how state DEA licensure works for my clinic. Does state law allow a veterinary clinic or hospital to obtain a DEA license for the purposes of purchasing, distributing, and prescribing controlled substances, like human hospitals and clinics do?

**A** The short answer is No. A veterinary clinic/hospital is ineligible to receive its own DEA license as permitted for human care facilities.

To expand on the answer: Human care facilities are licensed under the Illinois Hospital Licensing Act which specifies a hospital is a facility that treats persons/humans. Human care facilities licensed under the Hospital Licensing Act may obtain an Illinois Controlled Substance License and a DEA license, most notably due to the need to authorize interns working inside the hospital to dispense and prescribe controlled substances.

Due to the fact that veterinary clinics/hospitals are not specifically addressed in the Illinois Hospital Licensing Act, these facilities may not be issued an Illinois Controlled Substance license, effectively preventing a veterinary clinic from obtaining a DEA license.

The ISVMA **strongly** encourages every veterinarian to obtain their own DEA license. Veterinary clinic/hospital owners and practice managers are strongly encouraged to set policy stipulating each that every DVM in the facility needs to have their own DEA license. The ISVMA discourages the system of multiple doctors using one DEA license number to prescribe controlled substances due to potential liability for the DEA license holder.

**Q** Why have the costs for a DEA license increased so dramatically since my last renewal period?

**A** In November of 2006 the DEA: Office of Diversion Control had their method of funding changed. Prior to this date the Office of Diversion Control was funded through congressional appropriations; under the new method of funding the office is required to recoup 100% of their cost of operations through licensing fees. Previously the cost for a Dispenser/Practitioner to receive a DEA license was \$390 per 3 year licensing period but after November 2006 the cost increased to \$551 per 3 year licensing period. Practitioners may acquire a one year DEA license for \$184 per year. Many practitioners have not noticed the increase because this is the first time they have had to renew their DEA license since the fee increase took effect.



### Looking Ahead to Future ISVMA Convention Dates

2009 – Peoria, November 13-15  
2010 – Lombard, November 4-6

## Website & Login Procedure Changes

As of September 1st, **ISVMA ISSUED NEW USERNAMES AND PASSWORDS TO OUR WEBSITE.** To retrieve your new user name and password, use the "Forgot Your Password" functionality at the bottom of the login screen. Your new login information will be sent to the email address in your ISVMA profile. If we do not have your current email address in your profile, please contact the ISVMA office at 217/546-8381 to be given login information.

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To participate, members need to send a copy of CE certificates they receive. Copies can be received by fax, mail, or email. The ISMVA will retain copies of your records for the four years required by regulation and will be retrievable upon request of the member. All CE earned from attending an ISVMA program (e.g. Annual Conference or Spring Seminar Series), is automatically preserved for ISMVA members.

### Legal Consultation

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

### ISVMA Website: FAQ

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](http://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?
- ◆ 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?
- ◆ NEW POSTING! Legal responsibilities for used sharps disposal

### Helpful resources:

#### Potentially Infectious Medical Waste Haulers

Permitted PIMW facilities are posted online at [www.epa.state.il.us/land/waste-mgmt/](http://www.epa.state.il.us/land/waste-mgmt/). Select the link for "Medical Waste," and from there select the link for "PIMW Facilities" OR contact Beverly Albarracin at the Illinois EPA at 217/524-3289 or by email at [beverly.albarracin@illinois.gov](mailto:beverly.albarracin@illinois.gov).

#### Resources from the ISVMA Public Relations Committee

Download printable resources on key animal and public health issues compiled by the ISVMA public relations committee. Visit the Members Center on the ISVMA's website at [www.isvma.org](http://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.

- ◆ "Recent Death of Missouri Man Serves as Reminder of Rabies Danger"
- ◆ "Tick-Borne Disease and Prevention"

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The ISVMA, in cooperation with Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica, will be presenting a Cardiology Workshop/Symposium on October 3, 2009, in Oak Brook IL at the Hyatt Lodge. Four board-certified (DACVIM) cardiologists will be presenting topics from Canine/Feline Cardiomyopathy to Radiology and ECG-0101. Seating is limited with a waiting list offered if symposium fills. Walk-ins allowed if space permits; however, please contact the ISVMA at 217/546-8381 to confirm availability of space. The registration fee of \$135 for ISVMA members, \$150 for ISVMA non-members will be charged per person and includes a continental breakfast, lunch, course notes and qualifies for five (5) hours of CE. Cancellations, less a \$50 processing fee, may be refunded in full up to September 28, 2009. Substitutions welcome. Deadline for registration is Monday, September 28. Registration confirmations will be forwarded ONLY by email. To register online and pay by credit card, visit [www.isvma.org](http://www.isvma.org). A symposium brochure with registration form will also be available online for download or a copy may be obtained by calling the ISVMA office at 217/546-8381. Questions about the program? Contact either Mark Langford at 708/269-7377 or Kevin Oler at 800/247-7760 x 8722, Boehringer Ingelheim area territory managers.

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# CALENDAR

## SEPTEMBER 2009

- 23 KANKAKEE VALLEY VMA ANNUAL FALL MEETING**  
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## OCTOBER 2009

- 3 CARDIOLOGY SYMPOSIUM**  
**THE HYATT LODGE; Oak Brook, IL.** Seating is limited; DVM attendees please. Deadline to register Monday, September 28. Visit ISVMA online at [www.isvma.org](http://www.isvma.org) to register or call the ISVMA office for information at 217/546.8381. Sponsored by Boehringer Ingelheim.
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- 8-15 30<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ASSOCIATION OF AVIAN VETERINARIANS CONFERENCE & EXPO WITH THE ASSOCIATION OF EXOTIC MAMMAL VETERINARIANS AND THE 16<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ASSOCIATION OF REPTILIAN AND AMPHIBIAN VETERINARIANS CONFERENCE**  
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- 6-9 CVC WEST**  
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