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What is Your Membership Worth?

Craig A. Stevenson, DVM - ISVMA President, Board of Directors



In the past several months, I have had an opportunity to visit with hundreds of veterinarians from every region of the state. When I talk to ISVMA members, they always have something good to say about our association and the value of their membership. All of these positive comments inspired me to calculate what the value of membership is in terms of real dollars. Unfortunately, that is not such an easy task.

When a member joins ISVMA, she/he is given a full menu of membership programs and services to select from. The value of membership is directly related to what the member chooses to order. For instance, many practices are processing their client credit card charges through an ISVMA sponsored program - TransFirst Health Services.

TransFirst Health Services offers discounted processing rates to ISVMA members and has saved many ISVMA member practices thousands of dollars in processing charges. In addition to saving members money, the program also supports ISVMA! For every \$1 million charged through participating veterinary practices, ISVMA receives \$1000 in royalties. This type of non-dues income helps ISVMA continue to offer outstanding services to members while holding down dues costs. Just as importantly, royalty programs like these save our members money and help their practices run more efficiently.

In my own 4-doctor practice, I have diligently reviewed credit card processing programs to look for the best rates. When I contacted TransFirst, they did an evaluation of our past supplier (which had been the lowest cost provider that I could find) and TransFirst estimated they would save us \$3700 a year, based upon the transaction volume that we were running. We actually saved more than that the first year! In addition to increasing our profits, we are supporting ISVMA because of the TransFirst Health Services royalty program.

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Veterinarians Trained in Complementary and Alternative Medicine

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The Illinois Veterinary Medicine and Surgery Practice Act clearly states that to practice veterinary medicine and surgery, one must have a valid license to do so. Any person not licensed under the Practice Act, irrespective of whether or not they are licensed in other professions, are prohibited from engaging in the practice of veterinary medicine. Only a licensed veterinarian may diagnose, prescribe, or perform surgery.

In treating the animal patient, the veterinarian may choose to utilize the services of non-veterinarians as secondary care providers as long as their contributions do not involve diagnosis, prescribing, or the performance of surgery. In instances of collaborative animal health care with non-veterinarians, the veterinarian must provide direct or indirect supervision plus he/she then retains all responsibility and liability for the health of the animal. There may be a role for non-veterinarians in the treatment of animals; however, the risks to public health and animal welfare increase proportionately to the decreasing involvement of the veterinarian.

If a client insists that a non-veterinarian treat his or her animal against veterinary recommendation, the veterinarian should inform the animal owner in writing of the applicable requirements for veterinary supervision, the risks to the animal patient, and the non-veterinarians' lack of accountability to regulatory agencies.

In cases where a veterinarian or client believes that complementary or alternative medicine will benefit an animal, it is most desirable if the animal can be referred to another veterinarian trained in the specific modality desired. A large cadre of veterinarians is already well educated in complementary and alternative therapies and the numbers increase annually. This growth trend should receive support by the veterinary profession in order to ensure that when animals require this type of care, a trained veterinary professional provides it in an appropriate manner and delivers the highest quality care available.

The ISVMA hopes to assist veterinarians who wish to refer their clients to other veterinarians for their complementary and alternative medical needs. Additionally, we encourage veterinarians who seek education and training in "non-traditional" veterinary medicine modalities.

We would appreciate it if all veterinarians with training and/or certification in complementary and alternative medicine would fill out the enclosed survey. (See insert at page 16). ISVMA will compile the data received and post the information on the ISVMA website where veterinarians can access a list of fellow veterinarians trained in the most common complementary and alternative practices.

Welcome New Members

ISVMA would like to welcome the following 30 new members (who joined between May 15, 2007 and July 20, 2007). Please help us spread the news about the many benefits of membership in ISVMA - where dues are an investment that pays tremendous dividends!

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How to Login To The Member Center

Username Field

Your Last Name (Ex. Smith)

Password Field

Your Birthday (the password field is digit sensitive; do not include 0s when entering your birthday month or day if it is a single digit. (Ex.: 4/7/1964)

Paper or Electronic?

Being Considered: *EPITOME* Delivered in Two Media

The ISVMA's Board of Directors is asking for input from its membership regarding the ISVMA bi-monthly newsletter. In a world that is increasingly paperless, the ISVMA will allow its members the option of receiving the *EPITOME* electronically beginning with the December/January 2008 issue.

There are several reasons why the ISVMA wishes to offer its members this delivery option, including:

1. If the *EPITOME* is distributed electronically, it can easily be forwarded to a number of people (i.e., the practice staff). A paper newsletter, on the other hand, can be read by only one person at a time.
2. Printing and mailing costs continue to increase and the production costs of printing the *EPITOME* is a considerable member investment.
3. The electronic distribution of the *EPITOME* to a wider audience will increase the value of advertisement.

Any member wishing to continue to receive a printed copy of the ISVMA's newsletter will be able to continue with this delivery option.

Please share your thoughts on this offer because member input will help determine how ISVMA can best fulfill your needs. Comments are being taken online at jill@isvma.org, by fax at 217/ 523-7981 or by phone at 217/ 523-8387.

Lyme Disease Doubles in 15 Years

(June 20, 2007) Illinois Ag Connection - Reported cases of Lyme disease have more than doubled since 1991, when Lyme became a nationally notifiable disease, according to a report by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The report also said 93 percent of reported cases were concentrated in 10 states.

Lyme most commonly occurs in the Northeastern, Mid-Atlantic, and North-Central States. Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Wisconsin had the most cases. The report says that during 2004-2005, a total of 64,382 Lyme disease cases were reported to CDC from 46 states and the District of Columbia. In 1991 fewer than 10,000 cases of Lyme disease were reported.

Most illnesses occurred in June, July and August, when the infected ticks that carry the disease are most active.

Is Your Address Current?

State Law Requires You To Maintain a Current Address with the IDFPR

The ISVMA membership renewal packets were sent in May and a second notice was mailed on June 1. Occasionally a renewal packet returns to our office because the address is not current. In some instances, to find a current listing, our office will go online and visit the webpage of the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR) to access their information. In the instances where their records match our records, it typically means that the licensed veterinarian has not forwarded their current address to the State.

State law requires every licensed veterinarian to forward their change of address to the IDFPR within 10 (ten) days of their move. The presumption is that the information on hand at the IDFPR is accurate. As a result, any mailing forwarded to a licensed veterinarian is presumed to have been received. The individual is then liable for any response required - even if it has not been received.

There are a number of ways to forward a new address to the IDFPR. The quickest way is to use the Department's website. By visiting online at www.idfpr.com/dpr/CHG_INFO/coalogin.asp, all that is required is to enter the required information. The next quickest means is by fax (217/782-7645). To forward the information this way, indicate the updated address is for a veterinarian; include your license number, date of birth and social security number along with the new address. Or mail all necessary information to the Illinois Division of Professional Regulation, Attention: LMU, 320 West Washington, 3rd Floor, Springfield, IL 62786.

Be aware that you will not automatically receive an updated license unless you pay a \$20 fee to have another license printed.

Don't get caught out of compliance! Make certain that the State's records don't have an outdated address. Then, when the State's records are current, call 217/523-8387 or email info@isvma.org and share the new address with the ISVMA office too.

Donate Your Overweight or Cresty-Necked Horse With Laminitis (founder) to the University of Tennessee

Researchers at the University of Tennessee are asking you to donate your horse to research if it is overweight or has a cresty neck and suffers from founder (laminitis). This group is studying new ways of managing insulin resistance and preventing laminitis in horses.

Donation of your horse will result in a permanent transfer of ownership of the animal. Interested owners should note that the value of the donated horse can be listed as a charitable contribution for tax purposes up to \$5,000.

Procedures used in the research studies will be minimally invasive and all work will be approved and monitored by the University of Tennessee Institutional Care and Use Committee.

Studies will be conducted by Dr. Nicholas Frank, a veterinarian and associate professor at the University of Tennessee. Please contact Dr. Frank via e-mail at nfrank@utk.edu or Sarah Elliott (research technician) at (865) 974-5701 if you are interesting in donating your horse. However, please take note of the following conditions before contacting us:

1. Horses must meet the following requirements:
 - a. Must be a gelding (preferred) or mare. Stallions cannot be accepted.
 - b. Must be between 3 and 25 years of age
 - c. Must be overweight and/or have a thick cresty neck or fat pads
 - d. Horses with a history of laminitis (founder) are preferred
 - e. Horses with high blood insulin levels are preferred
2. Morgan horses, Paso Finos, and Arabians are preferred. Ponies, draft horses, miniature horses, mules, and donkeys cannot be accepted.
3. Horses must be donated to the University of Tennessee with complete release of ownership.
4. Horses cannot be purchased, but shipping expenses will be paid if necessary.
5. Donated horses will be accepted until December 31st, 2007

Further information can be found at www.vet.utk.edu/cemr/donations.

American Heartworm Society Re-Launches Website

The American Heartworm Society (AHS) has re-launched its Web site, www.heartwormsociety.org, made possible through an educational grant from Fort Dodge Animal Health. The new look has reached many goals of the Society featuring crisp contemporary styling while maintaining the AHS colors based on the logo introduced in 2005.

The newly organized navigation structure will help direct visitors to the information they need. The Veterinary Resources section includes the diagnosis, treatment and prevention guidelines for both cats and dogs. The Pet Owner Resources section includes general information on heartworm disease. Additionally, there is a Media Resource center which includes press releases, fact sheets and downloadable graphics.

World Rabies Day: September 8, 2007

Human rabies is 100% preventable. However, prevention, which consists of prophylaxis for humans and controlling the main source in dogs and cats through vaccination, is neglected in many parts of world. In Illinois, it is estimated that less than 50% of household pets are vaccinated against rabies. The animal disease burden is under-reported, even in Illinois where we have an extensive public health infrastructure.

Worldwide, human deaths as a result of rabies are largely ignored and uncounted but a conservative estimate of the annual global human disease burden is 55,000. Rabies has a consistent and startling case fatality rate of 100%. The majority of victims are children and nearly all humans dying of rabies live in poverty.

In 2006, a group of professionals who have devoted their careers to rabies prevention formed the Alliance for Rabies Control, a UK registered charity. This group is reaching out to relevant partners, including international health organizations, national, state and local public health partners, professional

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Editor's Note:

It has been previously reported that there will be a small animal ultrasound wet lab at this year's convention.

There will be no ultrasound wet lab this year. All other reported wet labs are still being offered. We apologize for the error.

ISVMA Congratulates AVMA Honorees

It was an extraordinary evening at Saturday's Opening Session at the Washington Convention Center. It was during this gathering that six AVMA members were presented awards: AVMA's Veterinarian of the Year Award, Meritorious Service Award, President's Award and the AVMA Award. Of those six, three Illinois veterinarians were honored. ISVMA would like to congratulate the following:



Dr. Bruce Little, President's Award Recipient - for having a positive impact on animal, human, or public health, veterinary organizations, and the profession.

Dr. Bruce W. Little joined the AVMA staff in 1985 and has served as executive vice president since 1996. He oversaw the purchase and renovation of the AVMA headquarters in Schaumburg, Ill., and the Association's Governmental Relations

Division's office in Washington, D.C. He was instrumental in creating multiple AVMA divisions and enhancing communications with members, pet owners, the public, and other groups. He serves as a charter member on the board of directors of the National Commission on Veterinary Economic Issues and has worked to establish programs within the commission to enhance the economic base of the profession.

Dr. Janis Audin, President's Award Recipient - for having a positive impact on animal, human, or public health, veterinary organizations, and the profession.

Dr. Janis H. Audin is editor-in-chief of the AVMA and director of the Publications Division. She has worked to make the AVMA scientific journals relevant for the entire profession by providing articles on the many facets of veterinary medicine.



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AVMA UPDATE

George Richards, DVM - ISVMA House of Delegates Representative

AVMA LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Although still months away, the ISVMA is encouraging its leaders to consider attending this outstanding January program.

Each calendar year, the AVMA offers a Veterinary Leadership Conference & House of Delegates Informational Assembly. As part of their registration incentives, the AVMA offers financial assistance for three attendees from each state association: two designated association representatives and one recent graduate representative. In 2005, the ISVMA Board of Directors began budgeting to pay the registration fee for each of ISVMA's seven regions to send their own recent graduate representative to the conference.

This excellent training opportunity is typically held in January, either the first or second week-end. Interested in attending this two day event exchanging leadership ideas, sharing common organization problems, and learning about new and emerging issues for our profession? Please contact your regional veterinary association president or the ISVMA office and let us know of your desire to participate.

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NEWS AND NOTES

AMENDED RULES PROPOSED FOR VETERINARY MEDICINE AN INCREASED CE REQUIREMENT FOR LICENSURE RENEWAL

The Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation filed amended rules for the "Veterinary Medicine and Surgery Practice Act of 1994" and "Certified Veterinary Technicians." A copy of these proposed rules can be found in the Illinois Register, Volume 31, Issue 27. The issue is dated July 6, 2007 and includes pages 9333 to 9659.

In summary, the proposed rules increase the number of hours of continuing education required to renew a license for both the veterinarian and certified veterinary technician and removes the limitation on self-study courses. Also, it specifies that an applicant may not take the licensing examination more than five times in a five-year period. Makes other non-substantive and technical changes.

At the time of printing, the proposed rules are in the First Notice period which allows members of the general public to comment on the rulemaking proposal to the agency. A public hearing may or may not be held during this period. The agency can volunteer to hold a hearing or must conduct one at the request of the Governor, Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR), an association representing over 100 persons, 25 individuals, or a local government.

A full description of the rulemaking process can be found at: www.ilga.gov/commission/jcar/ILRulemakingProcess.pdf.

EFSA AND FDA STRENGTHEN COOPERATION IN FOOD SAFETY SCIENCE

The European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) on July 2, 2007 signed the first U.S./European agreement in the area of assessing food safety risk. This is the first formal international cooperation agreement EFSA has signed and the first formal step in cooperation between the two bodies.

This agreement is designed to facilitate the sharing of confidential scientific and other information between EFSA and the FDA, such as methodologies to ensure that food is safe. A formal agreement ensures appropriate protection of such confidential information under the applicable legal frameworks in both the United States and the European Union. Informal cooperation and dialogue have already been established between the two bodies; this agreement will enable these to be formalized and extended.

For more background about the European Food Safety Authority, please visit: www.efsa.europa.eu.

VETERINARIAN'S RESPONSIBILITY TO REPORT DOG FIGHTING

The recent indictment of NFL star quarterback Michael Vick on charges related to dog fighting has resulted in a tremendous amount of press and some inquiries from ISVMA members regarding their responsibility to report injuries suspected to have resulted from dog fighting.

The Illinois Humane Care for Animals Act requires: "Any veterinarian in this State who is presented with a dog for treatment of injuries or wounds resulting from fighting where there is a reasonable possibility that the dog was engaged in or utilized for a fighting event for the purposes of sport, wagering, or entertainment shall file a report with the Department of Agriculture and cooperate by furnishing the owners' names, dates, and descriptions of the dog or dogs involved. Any veterinarian who in good faith complies with the requirements of this subsection has

immunity from any liability, civil, criminal, or otherwise, that may result from his or her actions. For the purposes of any proceedings, civil or criminal, the good faith of the veterinarian shall be rebuttably presumed."

Key to this requirement is the immunity provided veterinarians who make a report in good faith.

A copy of the Illinois Humane Care for Animals Act can be found in the ISVMA Member Center (along with other statutes related to animal and public health and veterinary medicine) at <http://www.isvma.org/legislation/statutes.html>.

PORCINE CIRCOVIRUS ASSOCIATION DISEASE GUIDE AVAILABLE

American Association of Swine Veterinarians and the National Pork Board have collaborated to create a guide to managing porcine circovirus associated disease. The guide is an 18-page, color brochure and is available online by visiting the AASV web site at www.aasv.org. Open the Publications link to download.

The brochure describes porcine circovirus-associated disease, explains the role of herd veterinarians, emphasizes the need for laboratory diagnosis and outlines steps to take for each stage of production following a diagnosis of PCVAD on a farm.

To obtain print copies of the brochure from the Pork Store, visit www.porkstore.pork.org. Copies of the brochure are free of charge to U.S. producers and industry educators. Open the Resources link and click on Swine Health.

Putting Veterinary Education Into Practice

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



The veterinary curriculum at Illinois is undergoing a metamorphosis, and partnerships at veterinary practices like yours will play an important role.

Beginning with the enrollment of the Class of 2012 in fall 2008, we will introduce a revised curriculum designed to give students more clinical exposure throughout the program, greater flexibility in pursuing individual areas of interest, and more practical experience.

The practical experience part is where you come in. As part of their clinical rotations, all students will be required to arrange two four-week, for-credit externships at a primary care practice. The goal is for students to get a better feel for practice management and to see more primary care cases than they would encounter at our Urbana teaching hospital. If you are interested in contributing to the education of Illinois students, you can register your practice online to participate (*see sidebar on page 9*). These primary care rotations were recently approved for elective credit, so you can host a student now, even before the new curriculum takes effect.

The revised curriculum also establishes separate two-week rotations for both small animal and large animal ICU evening and graveyard shifts. This change formalizes ICU training and eliminates overlapping ICU night coverage with daytime duties, improving safety for students and patients. Students will be able to focus on quality of medicine in ICU, learning to perform routine catheter care, calculate fluids, and so forth.

In order to make room in the curriculum for these new practice-focused requirements, we will be introducing a 16-month clinical "year" and cutting back the pre-clinical material to keep the four-year degree. Faculty are taking a hard look at core courses in the first three years to trim out information that is redundant or not deemed to be core for producing competent, entry-level veterinarians.

"We are asking faculty in the pre-clinical years to make courses more clinically oriented and more practical," says Dr. Jonathan Foreman, who stepped into the role of associate dean for academic and student affairs on July 1, after being heavily involved in the curriculum review process over the past year. "We've had a real paradigm shift in how most of the faculty view their courses," notes Dr. Foreman. "Faculty are recognizing how their courses fit within the overall curriculum to produce competent veterinarians. We are viewing the curriculum as a living entity that is continually evolving."


The College Courses and Curriculum Committee has been charged with oversight of this process. A new assistant dean for academic affairs and curriculum will be selected soon to serve as a liaison to the committee responsible for curriculum content review and evaluation and to coordinate and schedule courses, clinical rotations, and external practice rotations.

Dr. Foreman estimates that more than 30 existing core courses will have to be revised to address the curricular changes. Some material cut from core courses will be moved to elective courses so that interested students can still benefit from the information. "The key is flexibility," says Dr. Foreman. "Trimming core and adding electives allows students to tailor didactic courses to their area of interest. Every student will still get a good broad education in veterinary medicine but also enjoy the flexibility to focus. We want our graduates to be well-rounded and to have a basic grounding that will support career shifts later."

Faculty are also strongly encouraged to demonstrate the clinical relevance of their subject matter, for example, by inviting a clinical faculty member to lecture in their pre-clinical course or by incorporating clinical case studies into the material.

One outcome of the past year's intensive work on the curriculum, according to Dr. Foreman, is that pre-clinical and clinical faculty have gained a greater appreciation for and understanding of what the other does. Dr. Foreman anticipates that communication and rapport between students and faculty will also improve as students see that the curriculum is getting more practical.

We hope that Illinois practitioners will also appreciate the opportunity to engage with students and partner with the College through the new primary care rotation program. The entire faculty deserves our praise and thanks for their hard work in revising the curriculum. Special thanks go to the members of the Courses and Curriculum Committee, to committee chair Dr. Federico Zuckermann, and to Dr. Foreman.

I welcome your feedback on the curriculum changes. You can reach me at dean@cvm.uiuc.edu. 

How to Register Your Practice to Host Students

As a precursor to the required 4-week for-credit externships, the College has recently approved a new clinical rotation elective for fourth-year veterinary students. The Primary Care Elective Rotation allows students to spend 2 or 4 weeks at a private veterinary practice in order to increase their knowledge and skills pertaining to practice management, business practices, primary care, and preventive medicine.

Practitioners who are interested in mentoring a student in this way may register their practice on-line at www.VCRCIllinois.org. Follow the instructions from the "Post a Position" link.

Externship arrangements are the responsibility of the student and practitioner. Registering your practice allows veterinary students to choose your practice for a rotation but does not guarantee that you will be matched with a student. Likewise you have the option to decline to take a student.

To be eligible your practice must be a primary care practice or have a substantial primary care component. Small animal, mixed, or large animal practices are all eligible. Specialty practices are not eligible.

Students must be able to accomplish a majority of defined learning objectives at your practice. You must provide opportunities for the student to meet the learning objectives, and assure that the student is adequately supervised.

For more information, see the Department of Veterinary Clinical Medicine Web site: www.cvm.uiuc.edu/vcm/.

Alumni Golf Outing Benefits Students

The Veterinary Medical Alumni Association has cooked up another opportunity to socialize with colleagues and students while raising funds for scholarships and other student activities. Spend the afternoon on Wednesday, October 3, at the Illini Orange Golf Course in Savoy for lunch and a golf scramble. Then meet up with veterinary students at the College for dinner and prizes for longest shot, best score, and so forth from the day's game. You can sign up for the golf outing as part of your Fall Conference registration, or just come Wednesday for the golf!

Oskee Bow Wow: A Chance to Support the CARE Helpline

Oskee Bow Wow 2007, the second annual fund-raiser for the CARE Pet Loss Helpline, will take place at the Veterinary Teaching Hospital on Friday, September 21, from 6 to 8 p.m. Veterinary practitioners are encouraged to show their support for this service by attending or by sponsoring the event.

More than 100 guests attended the first Oskee Bow Wow event last year, which was held at the home of the president of the University of Illinois. Sponsors of the event will be recognized through posters at the event and in the treat bags to be sent home with every guest.

We thank Drs. Phil McKinney (IL DVM i71) and Paul Myer (IL DVM i86) of the Hawthorne Animal Hospital for being gold-level sponsors.

Now in its tenth year, the CARE Pet Loss Helpline has helped hundreds of animal owners nationwide cope with the death of their cherished companion animal. The Helpline also provides a valuable means for veterinary students to develop their client relation skills and deepen their understanding of the human-animal bond.

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The University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine and the ISVMA would like to invite you to the dedication of the Dr. Walter E. Zuschlag/ISVMA Veterinary Heritage Collection and Information Commons. Please join the ISVMA Museum Committee members and a host of others as we celebrate this momentous occasion. The dedication will begin on Friday, October 5, when conference sessions end, in the Basic Sciences Building.

Cecil Ingmire, DVM, Honored With Distinguished Alumnus Award



Cecil Ingmire, DVM

(Manhattan) - Cecil W. Ingmire, Joliet, received the 2007 Distinguished Alumnus Award from the Kansas State University College of Veterinary Medicine and its Veterinary Medicine Alumni Association.

The award was presented Monday, June 4, as part of K-State's 69th annual Conference for Veterinarians.

The Distinguished Alumnus Award is given to a veterinarian who has had an outstanding career and who has contributed to the success of the veterinary profession through service and professional organizations.

Ingmire grew up in Kansas on farms in Morris County. He graduated from Dwight Rural High School, one of two boys in a class of seven, in 1943. He then went to K-State. Because of World War II, classes at the university were accelerated to three 16-week semesters, with one week off between semesters. After a year of pre-veterinary classes, Ingmire completed the four-year veterinary curriculum in less than three years. He received his doctor of veterinary medicine degree from K-State in February 1947 at the age of 21.

"I had great professors," Ingmire said. "I have never forgotten them."

After graduating from K-State, Ingmire worked in a mixed practice in Akron, Ohio, for one year. He started his own practice in Joliet in 1948. He tested for brucellosis and tuberculosis in cattle, acquainting him with many farmers throughout the county. From 1954-56, Ingmire was a captain in the U.S. Army Veterinary Corps, serving as a food inspector. Following his military service, he returned to Joliet and built his own clinic, working mainly with farmers and dairymen and later, equine clients. He retired in 1997.

During his 50-year career, Ingmire was a member of the American Association of Equine Practitioners, American Association of Beef Practitioners, American Veterinary Medical Association, Illinois State Veterinary Medicine Association and Kankakee Valley Veterinary Medical Association. He served on the board of the Illinois State Veterinary Association from 1987-1990 and as president from 1991-92.

He is an active mentor to the Will County Farm Bureau and 4-H, helping young people who are interested in farming and careers in veterinary medicine. He also worked for the establishment of veterinary technician programs at Parkland College, Champaign, and at Joliet Junior College.

Ingmire and his wife, Mary, have been married for 60 years and have four children, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. His son, Wayne Ingmire, earned a doctor of veterinary medicine degree from K-State in 1975.

Rubin Named American Heartworm Society President

(Washington, D.C. – AVMA Convention July 16, 2007) - Dr. Sheldon (Shelly) Rubin, director emeritus at Blum Animal Hospital in Chicago, Ill., past president of the Chicago Veterinary Medical Association, book author and frequent contributor to Chicagoland and national media regarding pet health care issues, has been elected president of the American Heartworm Society (AHS). Rubin was previously the Society's secretary/treasurer and will now serve for three years as the Society's 12th president. He succeeds Dr. Tom Nelson.

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The Value of Veterinary Memories

The opening of the Dr. Walter E. Zuschlag/ISVMA Veterinary Heritage Collection and Information Commons is a long awaited milestone for Illinois' veterinary community. The value of having a record of the past of veterinary medicine, amidst the potential of its future, is immeasurable. The ISVMA thankfully acknowledges the many and varied contributions that have been forwarded for use. The majority of these donations have come in the form of a physical object. Not as easily collected are the memories of veterinary medicine through the years. Recently, Dr. Ronald E. Gill commemorated his 32nd year of practicing veterinary medicine with a written memoir. We reprint his writings with our thanks in celebration of all veterinarians' contribution to the great heritage of veterinary medicine in Illinois.

In Celebration of 32 Years as a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine

Dr. Ronald E. Gill

How long have you been working Dr. Gill? The clients always talk about our occupation as if it was a "regular" job. We call it practice. Well, I will celebrate 32 years as a "practicing" veterinarian on May 18, 2007. On the surface that sounds like a long time; and I guess it is. Just how long is it?

I have been practicing long enough to know that the miracle of life and new birth never grows old.

I have been practicing long enough to know that the 300 pound gorilla of a man with a shaved head and tattoos wearing a Harley jacket will sob like a baby at the death of his 6 pound ball of fluff.

I have been practicing long enough to know that if you have never tried to spay a tomcat, you just have not been in practice long enough.

I have been practicing long enough to know that if the client says to not worry about the cost, do what ever you can, I should worry about the cost.

I have been practicing long enough to know that in spite of everything you do, some of the animals will survive.

I have been practicing long enough to know that in spite of everything you do, some of the animals will not survive.

I have been practicing long enough to know that a little youthful exuberance when mixed in with some seasoned experience makes for a pretty good combination in all things.

I have been practicing long enough that we are now working with the third generation of some families.

I have been practicing long enough to identify many of my clients by the vehicle they drive or their vehicle license number.

I have been practicing long enough that my clients can identify me by the vehicle I drive or my vehicle license number.

I have been practicing long enough to know that my clients know where I will be whether it is Sunday morning or any other day of the week.

I have been practicing long enough to know that some clients will come to me to ask about their own symptoms before contacting their physician.

I have been practicing long enough to know that even with the best diagnostic equipment, state of the art surgical skills and superior medical abilities, some cases still fall into the "GOK" category. GOK stands for God Only Knows.

I have been practicing long enough to see that glint of optimism in the eye of the 90 year old horse trainer, the stoicism of the young dairy farmer watching his best cow suffer from a severe case of gangrenous mastitis, as well as the seasoned cattleman who knows that this calf crop might be the last one he sees playing in the pasture.

I have been practicing long enough to know that now when those once in a career cases come along, I will remember them forever.

I have been practicing long enough to know that my clients are my friends and family.

I have been practicing long enough to know that when these friends and family call me "Doc" they do so with genuine admiration for the profession and the position we hold in this community.

So Dr. Gill, how long have you been practicing? Well I have been doing this long enough to understand why we call it "Practice," and to know that if I had it all to do over again, I would still want to become a veterinarian. I have been practicing long enough to know that I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as a mixed animal practitioner. I appreciate the fact that there is not a single "stoplight" in the entire county. All 32 years have been spent in Illinois, all in mixed practice settings and all in what would be classified as rural or small town environments.

Sales Tax Refund Project

On June 18, 2007 the members of the Illinois State Veterinary Medical Association who had an email address on file were contacted regarding the potential for a sales tax refund. The email was sent by the offices of JD Michael and addressed the potential for a refund if ISVMA members had paid sales taxes twice on flea and tick medications and certain other products.

During the course of their consulting work with the ISVMA, JD Michael and Associates learned that many Illinois veterinary practices were paying Use Tax to their suppliers when purchasing flea and tick medications and also charging and collecting Sales Tax from customers when such medicines were sold as a part of veterinary services.

A refund may be in order from flea and tick medication supplier(s) for the period of January 1, 2004 through May 31, 2007 if:

1. Veterinarian was registered as a retailer with the Illinois Department of Revenue,
2. Veterinarian charged tax to their customers when selling flea and tick medications, and
3. Veterinarian paid the tax collected over to the Department of Revenue on a sales tax return.

All three items have to be met in order to receive a refund. JD Michael has offered to secure the refund of this overpaid tax. The letter from Mr. Mike Scaduto of JD Micheal and an agreement to pursue the refund of tax from the Department of Revenue is posted online in the Member Center of the ISVMA website (www.isvma.org). These documents can be opened and downloaded for use by any member who wishes to pursue this matter.

For further information, or if double taxes have been paid on any other products (such as heartworm medication) contact Mike Scaduto at 217/527-1700.

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USDA offers ePermits System

As part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s overall eGovernment initiative to transform and enhance the delivery of its programs, services and information, USDA’s Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service launched ePermits, a new electronic system to streamline the import process. This web-based tool allows the electronic filing, processing and tracking of permit applications.

Veterinary Services requires permits for the importation of certain animals and animal products. In addition, a permit is required for the importation and interstate movement of bacteria, viruses, and prion agents that are disease agents of animals and poultry. On July 3, 2006, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Veterinary Services (VS), National Center for Import and Export (NCIE), deployed the ePermits system. ePermits is a web-based system that allows users to submit permit applications, track applications, apply for renewals and amendments, and receive a copy of the permit — all while online. Users are required to sign up for an eAuthentication account to access ePermits; however, once you receive your eAuth id and password, it provides a centralized authentication service for all web-based services across the federal government.

As of May 1, 2007, the APHIS Import Authorization System (IAS) has been discontinued. The IAS no longer accepts applications for Fruits and Vegetables, Organisms & Vectors, Animal Products and Select Agents. SELECT AGENTS must send their permit request either by fax at 301/ 734-3652 or mail at USDA-APHIS-VS Select Agent Program, 4700 River Road, Unit 2, Mailstop 22, Cubicle 1A07, Riverdale, MD 20737.

For more information on Fruits and Vegetable ePermits or Animal Products or Organisms and Vectors ePermits visit online at www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/permits/indexias.shtml or call 217/ 862-6689.

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NEW CONVENTION FORMAT!

CSI: Clinic Scene Investigation — An Advanced Training Course in Clinical Pathology

The ISVMA Education Planning Committee is bringing a great day-long program to convention for CVTs and veterinary assistants. Offered in concurrent sessions all day on Saturday, join us for CSI: Clinic Scene Investigation, a lecture program designed to advance the clinic team's skills in clinical diagnostics.

As in-clinic diagnostic testing becomes more affordable and accurate, hospital teams are able to offer more thorough in-house testing for their patients in a shorter period of time. CSI: Clinic Scene Investigation will help give hospital team members a better understanding of clinical diagnostics, the associated instrumentation, the anatomy and physiology evaluated, changes occurring with the pathology, and how to discuss these changes with the medical team and client.

What is scheduled for the day:

- **Complete Blood Count:** How to handle the blood sample, make an effective blood film and focus on the identification of red blood cells and their abnormalities, white blood cell populations and their changes and platelet identification.
- **Clinical Chemistry:** General concepts of what each clinical diagnostic evaluates, sample handling, what is necessary to get a full clinical diagnostics, and how disease and pathology can alter clinical chemistry testing.
- **Interactive Case Programs:** Work through full cases with special focus on clinical diagnostics.

This course will be presented by Sharon Dial, DVM, Diplomate ACVP (Clinical and Anatomic Pathology) and Andrew J. Rosenfeld, DVM, Diplomate ABVP. Lecture notes and interactive case material will also be provided. *Sponsored by Heska Corporation.*

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Visit www.isvma.org and link to the 2007 ISVMA Convention page to review the entire program and either register online or use the registration form included in this newsletter.

Things to Do While in Peoria:

The jewel of Central Illinois, Peoria is a vibrant metropolis along the shores of the Illinois River. From downtown hotspots, towering buildings and a picturesque skyline to quaint parks and trails, charming riverside shops and championship golf courses, you'll experience the culture, entertainment and energy of a hip urban city without the attitude. As the third largest city in Illinois, Peoria boasts an interesting and diverse nightlife. Downtown provides a cornucopia of restaurants, shops, bars, nightclubs, music venues and events to jazz up your visit.

Peoria provides many entertainment options for registrants of the 2007 ISVMA Annual Convention:

Par-A-Dice Hotel Casino: Whether you're a serious gambler or a pleasure seeker, Par-A-Dice is Peoria's ultimate casino, dining and entertainment destination on the water. Open daily from 9 a.m. until 6 a.m., you are free to board the dockside casino at any time and **ADMISSION IS ALWAYS FREE!** Please be advised, you must be 21 years of age to enter the Pavilion which includes the casino, restaurants and gift shop.

Wildlife Prairie State Park: Discover the animals of Illinois from the pioneer days. One of our Nation's premier wildlife parks, Wildlife Prairie State Park is a unique 2,000 acre zoological park that's home to wolves, bison, waterfowl, black bear, elk, cougar, otter and much more. Enjoy the Park's spectacular natural settings, butterfly garden, wildflowers, lakes, wetlands, and restored prairie.

Corn Stock Theatre: Showing November 2-4 at 7:30 p.m. is "Escanaba in da Moonlight", Jeff Daniel's hilariously twisted comedy about five Yoopers - residents of Michigan's Upper Peninsula - and their escapades at a ramshackle deer camp on the eve of the Opening Day of the hunting season. For nearly three quarters of a century, Soady men have trekked to their little "home away from home" north of Escanaba - the heart and soul of the U.P. - to drink, cause a little bit of trouble, and bag bucks. But in the words of Patriarch Albert, "Dat year camp was as tense as a moose's butt durin' fly season."

NCAA Basketball: The Bradley Braves have a proud basketball tradition and are a powerhouse in the Missouri Valley Conference. Watch as Head Coach Jim Les leads his team against St. Ambrose College at Robertson Memorial Fieldhouse at 7:05 p.m. on November 1. If you miss this game, you have another chance to watch them play Quincy University at 2:05 p.m. at the Carver Arena on November 4.

Peoria Zoo: Located near the lagoon in Glen Oak Park, Peoria Zoo is home to more than 100 species of animals from around the world, including several which are endangered such as the new Balli myhnahs. Get close to lions, camels, donkeys, zebras, giraffes, a set of twin African crested porcupines, a Dusky leaf monkey, ring-tailed lemurs, giant elephant shrews and lots of unique animals, reptiles and birds.

Contemporary Art Center of Peoria: Peoria's cultural hub for art, music, and entertainment, the Contemporary Art Center of Peoria is a forum for art through education, exhibition and events.

Peoria RiverFront: The beautiful Peoria RiverFront is the city's most exciting attraction in a vibrant urban environment overlooking the Illinois River. Indulge in shopping pleasures, including local artwork, antiques, clothing, jewelry, and gifts at RiverFront shops. Dine at waterfront restaurants or cafés, and enjoy arts, live entertainment, lively nightlife, fun festivals and family activities.

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- Ranked #4 in Best State-by-State Public-Access Courses - Golfweek, 2006
- Ranked #37 in America's 100 Greatest Public Courses -Golf Digest, 2005

Peoria Rivermen Hockey: Keep an eye out for the forthcoming 2007 season calendar to see if you can catch the exciting American Hockey League affiliate of the St. Louis Blues. The Rivermen play their home games at Carver Arena located in the Peoria Civic Center.

There are many more fun things for you and your family to experience while in Peoria...after you enjoy the excellent program and activities that are included with your convention registration!

Convention details are available online at www.isvma.org.

Illinois State Veterinary Medical Association
2007 CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM



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Dr. Miller has been working with horses and solving problems as a colt starter, as an equine veterinarian for half a century, and as a breeder and trainer of horses and mules. He is one of the pioneers in the concept of NATURAL HORSEMANSHIP and has worked closely with many of the world's top clinicians. Dr. Miller's works complement those of the clinicians by providing the scientific reasons for WHY it works in a non-technical and refreshingly easy to understand way. Dr. Miller has also helped thousands of people to understand and solve common behavior problems of the horse.

Dr. Miller, an equine veterinarian, is revolutionizing horsemanship by learning and sharing the techniques of equine behavior, natural horsemanship, and his techniques for imprint training of foals. Being a natural horseman, Dr. Miller believes that horses and people share a common bond, and works to strengthen the connection by promoting humane, effective training between horses and humans. His desire is to "create a better life for horses", and he has dedicated his retirement to promoting humane horse training.



Your Speakers Include*:

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Since obtaining his Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine from UC Davis in 1979, Dr. Rolan Tripp has served as the California Veterinary Medical Association Chairman of Manufacturers, the California Representative for the American Horsewomen Society, and President of the Santa Clara Veterinary Medical Association.



In addition to private small animal practice, Dr. Tripp created a video program, "VideoNet." His interest in animal behavior developed after discovering that behavior is the most common concern for pet owners, and the most common cause of euthanasia in pets. While developing a special interest in behavior, Dr. Tripp discovered the majority of problems with dogs could be prevented with "puppyhood" socialization. Dr. Tripp has supervised the training of over 1,000 puppies and done countless consulting on canine behavior.

His veterinary practice manual, "Pet Perception Management™" is a guide for veterinarians on how to begin offering behavior services in private practice. Dr. Tripp continues to practice general veterinary medicine, consult with individual pet owners regarding behavior concerns. He and his wife, Susan, share

a passion to transform the veterinary profession and family relationships with pets through behavior education and services.

*Registrants are invited to attend all programs (except the web labs designated just for veterinarians).

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Illinois State Veterinary Medical Association



**Survey of Membership:
Practitioners of
Complementary and Alternative
Veterinary Medicine**

August 2007

The Illinois State Veterinary Medical Association (ISVMA) recognizes that many veterinarians have pursued special training and/or certification to engage in the practice of complementary and alternative medicine modalities. The ISVMA plans to create a referral list to help veterinarians refer clients to other veterinarians for their alternative and medical complementary needs. It is in the best health interests of an animal patient to be referred to a veterinarian trained in the specific modality desired.

ISVMA would appreciate all veterinarians with training and/or certification in complementary and alternative medicine to complete the enclosed survey and return it to us by fax (217-523-7981) or mail to: ISVMA, 133 South Fourth Street, Suite 202, Springfield IL 62701.

Data received will be compiled for use and built into an online "referral center" where fellow veterinarians can access a list of veterinarians trained in the most common complementary and alternative practices. The target date to launch this referral center is December 1, 2007. Please forward your replies in a timely fashion so that we will be certain to include you in this inaugural posting. The list will be continually updated and has no formal deadline for postings.

Thank you for your participation.

1. Name _____

2. Address _____

3. Phone _____

4. Email _____

This information is strictly for ISVMA use only and will not be sold or shared with any other party.

5. My signature below gives the ISVMA my permission to publish my name, address and phone on all ISVMA referral materials as a veterinarian trained to practice complementary and/or alternative medicine.

6. What modalities in complementary and/or alternative modalities do you practice? Please indicate the training and any certification you have received for these specialties.

When to Fire a Client

Kyle Christiansen, Director of Membership Services

Veterinarians often face difficult decisions when it comes to their clients. Recently the ISVMA was asked to look into a veterinarian's options and responsibilities when they feel that their client is taking and abusing the medication prescribed for their pet. While each situation is unique and must be treated with great delicacy, it is important for veterinarians to know their rights as doctors and responsibilities as professionals, in these situations.

First, and foremost every practitioner should handle these situations in their own way - there is no hard and fast rules for proceeding with a client whom is suspected of taking their pets medication. It is also important to note that the actions taken by the veterinarian should correspond with the type of medication, the health of the person and the animal, and the severity of the abuse. In the case mentioned above a client/dog owner was suspected of taking and abusing a mood elevator that was prescribed for the dog. This particular veterinarian confronted the owner but the owner's behavior did not change. The veterinarian became exceedingly concerned when they were contacted by a pharmacy, because the owner was continuing to pursue a refill of the prescribed medication.

After consulting with experts in this field, the ISVMA recommends that in situations like these the veterinarian should make a judgment call as to whether or not to involve the authorities (police, DEA, etc). In addition, we recommend that aside from other courses of action, the veterinarian should fire the client based on the violation of the veterinarian-client-patient relationship (VCPR). A VCPR is the bases for interaction among veterinarians, their clients, and their patients; a VCPR exists only when several conditions are met including:

"The Veterinarian has assumed responsibility for making clinical judgments regarding the health of the animal(s) and the need for medical treatment, and the client has agreed to follow the veterinarians instructions" (AVMA Principles of Veterinary Medical Ethics).

When this or any of the other conditions necessary for a VCPR has been violated by the client, a veterinarian may choose to terminate treatment and stop seeing the client/animal. It is important for veterinarians choosing to stop treatment of an animal to make available the animals records for transfer and to remain courteous and tactful. Remember, the VCPR has been broken by the owner; the veterinarian is only ceasing to treat the animal.

What Is Your Membership Worth? *(from page 1)*

This program is just one of the many great perks that come along with being a member of ISVMA. Another way that members can save money is by attending the ISVMA Annual Convention and shopping in the Exhibit Hall. More than 100 exhibitors will be present at the ISVMA Annual Convention and they promote show specials through which convention participants can save on the cost of their veterinary supplies, equipment and services. It really does pay to attend the ISVMA Annual Convention – you will enjoy high quality, unbranded continuing education and, if you shop in Exhibit Hall, you can find some great bargains!

There are some benefits of membership that are automatic. Every single day, the ISVMA staff is in Springfield providing support for individual members and for the entire profession. It is amazing what 3 full-time and 2 part-time people

can accomplish on our behalf! Our lobbyists are at the State Capitol every day the legislature is in session – reading every bill and every amendment to make sure that the voice of the veterinary profession is represented. Our staff is in daily contact with the administrative agencies that regulate the profession – often in support of individual members in need. They provide legal support and reference information to dozens of members each day. The staff keeps us in touch with our profession through timely and informative publications. We are truly fortunate to have such a talented, dedicated and effective staff!

It should not be forgotten that the value of an ISVMA membership is also augmented through the support and dedication of dozens of member volunteers who serve on committees, task forces and the Board of Directors. These members willingly offer their time and talents to elevate the entire profession. Their commitment to ISVMA is an essential component in our success.

During my presidency, my appreciation of the value of ISVMA membership has increased significantly. Until I was elbow deep in the issues, policies and administration of the association, I wasn't aware of the incredible amount of activity that goes on in the ISVMA offices every day. It almost reminds me of a beehive – our volunteers and staff working together with remarkable energy and coordination to produce a valuable commodity. The bees create honey; the ISVMA creates membership value.

The profession needs ISVMA and ISVMA needs the profession. If you know a colleague or classmate that

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READERS' FORUM

Q: We had an animal brought into the clinic that we feel is a victim of physical abuse. The injuries cannot be explained any other way and we want to report the abuse to the proper authorities. What do we do and where do we call?

A: If the injuries sustained were a result of specific actions taken by an owner, you are mandated through state law by the Humane Care for Animals Act to report this abuse.

Enacted in 1973, this act states that acts of aggravated cruelty, where actions are intentional and "cause a companion animal to suffer serious injury or death," must be reported to the State. Additionally, the Humane Care for Animals Act clearly specifies that the reporting veterinarian is immune from liability. (510 ILCS 70/3.07 "Any veterinarian who in good faith makes a report, as required by this Section, has immunity from any liability, civil, criminal, or otherwise, that may result from his or her actions. For the purposes of any proceedings, civil or criminal the good faith of the veterinarian shall be presumed)."

Call the Department of Agriculture, Illinois Animal Welfare Division to report any abuse. Their phone number is 217/782-6657. Specify that you are a DVM and that you wish to report a case of animal abuse. Your name and contact information will be taken so that an investigator can follow-up with you to document your report.

If the information collected by the investigator indicates that abuse has occurred, all data/reports then have to be turned over to the State Attorney's office for prosecution as the Department of Agriculture has no prosecutorial ability. In some instances, the case will go to trial, in which case the reporting dvm will be asked to testify to what they witnessed. In other instances, the case never goes to trial and is settled out-of-court.

While the Humane Care for Animals Acts specifies that aggravated cruelty must be reported, the Act does not mandate reporting of cruel treatment. Aggravated cruelty is defined as intentional injury or death. Cruel treatment is defined by starvation, overwork, beating, cruel treatment or other abuse; plus, "no owner may abandon any animal where it may become a public charge or may suffer injury, hunger or exposure." According to Dr. Colleen O'Keefe, Department of Agriculture, Animal Welfare Division, the differentiating factor between the two is a level of injury vs. non-injury.

"Although it is not mandated, cruel treatment should still be reported to the Illinois Animal Welfare Division. Other avenues of recourse for cruel treatment would be to contact your local authorities such as the police or local animal control authorities as most instances are punishable by law," stated Dr. O'Keefe.

The Illinois Humane Care for Animals Act specifies that cruel treatment, aggravated cruelty and animal torture are punishable by law and carry varying degrees of penalties. A person convicted of cruel treatment is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor. If convicted of cruel treatment a second or subsequent times, or if convicted for aggravated cruelty, the penalty is a Class 4 felony. If convicted of aggravated cruelty a second or more times or convicted of Animal Torture, a penalty of a Class 3 felony is handed down. Animal Torture carries a

mandatory psychological or psychiatric evaluation and treatment upon evaluation. Cruel Treatment and Aggravated Cruelty do not carry mandated evaluation and treatment and is at the discretion of the court.

Aggravated cruelty is described as "an act that causes a companion animal to suffer serious injury or death. Aggravated cruelty does not include euthanasia of a companion animal through recognized methods approved by the Department of Agriculture." Animal Torture is described as "infliction of or subjection to extreme physical pain, motivated by an intent to increase or prolong the pain, suffering, or agony of the animal."

For questions on the Humane Care for Animals Act, contact Dr. Colleen O'Keefe at the Department of Agriculture.

What Is Your Membership Worth? *(from page 17)*

isn't a member, call them and encourage them to join today! Also, take a look at the member service menu that ISVMA has provided you. Take advantage of the sponsored benefit programs such as TransFirst Health Services and Federal Check Recovery. Attend the ISVMA Annual Convention for outstanding CE and save money in the Exhibit Hall.

Every time you utilize a service offered by ISVMA it helps you and your practice. It also helps ensure that ISVMA will always be there to watch your back and advance the veterinary profession.

What is your membership worth? As it says in the MasterCard commercial – your membership is priceless.

Auxiliary Presents Award at Illinois State Science Fair

On May 5, the University of Illinois hosted the Illinois Junior Academy of Science Competition. From over 1,000 project entrants, Ekaterina Khramtsova of Chicago, Illinois was selected as the 2007 winner of the Auxiliary to the ISVMA's Science Fair Award.

Ekaterina recently graduated from Kenwood Academy in Chicago. Her project, entitled "The Proteasome Inhibitors in Cancer Therapy," was entered in the health science category. It explained how the inhibition of proteasome particles can cause the death of cancer cells. The results of her study could aid in finding new drugs to combat cancer.



"This project was very professional and state-of-the-art," stated biologist and judge Karen DeNardo. "While catching the eye of the reader with her photographs and graphs, Ekaterina's paper was very well written and reflected the use of very sophisticated procedures, equipment, and references."

Ms. Khramtsova received a certificate of award and a monetary award of \$100. In addition to winning the Illinois Auxiliary's awards, she also received a medallion and certificate of award from the American Veterinary Medical Association Auxiliary.

To view the complete results of the science fair on the Illinois Junior Academy of Science website, visit www.niles-hs.k12.il.us/jacnau/IJAS/.

The Auxiliary to the Illinois State Veterinary Medical Association wishes to extend its deepest thanks to Mrs. Karen DeNardo who graciously agreed to judge this year's science fair. Karen resides in Joliet and is married to ISVMA member, Dr. Mamhoud Abou-Youssef.

World Rabies Day *(from page 5)*

organizations, national, state and local public health partners, professional organizations, commercial pharmaceutical companies and foundations. An initial major effort is the declaration of a World Rabies Day, September 8, 2007. Events are planned throughout the world to increase awareness about rabies and to raise support and funding towards its control and prevention.

Why mobilize towards this objective? Effective tools for dog and cat rabies control and human rabies prevention exist. Moreover, collaborative initiatives towards control of this fatal zoonosis, if imaginatively packaged as part of comprehensive human and animal health delivery, have the capacity to improve public health and veterinary infrastructure in areas of greatest need.

ISVMA is developing information packets that veterinarians can share with clients and opinion editorials that veterinarians can place in their local newspapers. SAVMA, AAHA and the CDC are among the partners that have joined the effort to better inform the public of the risks associated with rabies and the measures that can be employed to prevent it.

Silent Auction Continues for Third Year

Hosted by the Auxiliary to the ISVMA, a silent auction will again take place at the ISVMA Annual Convention. Items will be on display in the exhibit hall at the Auxiliary's booth. Final bidding will be held during Saturday evening's social event.

All proceeds generated from the auction go to support The Auxiliary to the ISVMA Scholarship Endowment Fund at the College of Veterinary Medicine. This fund endows at least two \$1,000 scholarships to University of Illinois students of the College of Veterinary Medicine every year. Since its inception in 1999, this fund has provided vital financial assistance to 24 second- and third-year veterinary students.

Donated items are being sought for this year's event. The contribution doesn't have to be grandiose, and can be either professional or personal in nature.

Do you have season tickets to watch the Bears? The Cardinals? The Cubs or White Sox? Why not consider donating a game to the auction? How about donating a hot ticket to an Illini basketball game?

Not a sports fan? Consider donating a week-end to a favorite get-away. Illini or veterinary medicine decor items are also great items. Donate a favorite print, photo, bottle of wine, or book. The possibilities are endless.

All contributions are fully tax deductible. If interested in making a donation, please contact Cathy Thomas, Scholarships and Projects Committee Chairperson at doct@telstar-online.net or leave a message at 309/925-5588.

Rubin Named Heartworm Society President *(from page 10)*



Shelly Rubin, DVM

As part of the veterinary profession for 39 years, Rubin has experienced a vast and successful career. He has been widely recognized for his contributions at the local, state and national level. He has held positions on boards and committees in associations at the local, state and national level. He is sought after for television and radio programs, both locally and nationally, promoting responsible pet ownership and veterinary medicine. Rubin has authored six books and has served as a consultant to a wide variety of print media.

Rubin has given back to the community as the organizer and first president of Chicago's first emergency clinic offering after-hours care. He is a member of the Lincoln Park Zoo medical advisory board and has been an active member of the board of directors of the Anti-Cruelty Society

for 25 years. Rubin's additional activities include designing Chicago's only indigent clinic, developing a veterinarian-assisted, low-cost, spay-neuter network, and starting the University of Illinois Veterinary Medicine externship program at the Anti-Cruelty Clinic to provide senior students the opportunity to participate in an urban medicine program.

Rubin received his doctor of veterinary medicine degree from the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine in 1968, and serves on the University of Illinois President's Council. He has been a lifetime member of the UI Alumni Association since 1969. He is also currently a member of the American Veterinary Medical Association, the American Animal Hospital Association, the Illinois State Veterinary Medical Association, the Chicago Veterinary Medical Association, and the American Association of Feline Practitioners.

AVMA Honorees *(from page 6)*

Her technologic innovations include creating the AVMA journals Web site, which offers subscribers a virtual library of journal articles published since 2000.

Dr. Audin was staff consultant to the AVMA Executive Board Bylaws Committee and helped develop the Amended and Restated AVMA Bylaws adopted in 2006. She has served on the Strategic Planning Task Force and the Long-Range Planning Committee.



Dr. William McEniry 2007 AVMA Award - recognizes distinguished contributions to the advancement of veterinary

medical organizations.

Dr. McEniry has had a strong interest in organized veterinary medicine for more than 40 years and has been active on the local, state, regional, and national levels, beginning with his term as president of the Student AVMA.

"Receiving the AVMA Award is an extremely humbling experience."

— Dr. William McEniry

Since that time, he has served in the AVMA House of Delegates as an alternate delegate from Illinois from 1982-1987 and as a delegate from 1987-1993. He was a member and chair of the AVMA House Advisory Committee and served as AVMA treasurer from 1993-1999. He was responsible for initiating the process allowing Executive Board members and division directors to participate in the budget development process.

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To reserve a spot at our interactive wet labs and intensives and save money ...

Register by October 12, 2007!

The 125th ISVMA Annual Convention in Peoria, Illinois from November 2-4, 2007

Visit online at www.isvma.org for details.

The Illinois Veterinary Medical Foundation

Contributions to the Illinois Veterinary Medical Foundation (IVMF), a 501(c)3 charity, are used to provide scholarships and to develop and support charitable programs related to the veterinary profession. One recent project supported by the IVMF was the development of a Veterinary Heritage Museum at the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine.

Your donation, which is fully tax-deductible, should be made payable to the Illinois Veterinary Medical Foundation and mailed to: IVMF, c/o ISVMA, 133 South Fourth Street, Suite 202, Springfield, IL 62701.

IN MEMORIAM

The ISVMA office is glad to report that it did not receive notice of the death of any member since the previous publication. Notices and obituaries are gratefully received and, when space is available, will be reprinted.

To ensure the timely publication of obituaries, please report the death of a colleague to the ISVMA offices at info@isvma.org or call 217/523-8387.

AVMA Honorees *(from page 20)*

Dr. McEniry has served as a member of the board of directors and as president of the Northern Illinois Iowa State Alumni Association and as a board member and president of the Northern Illinois VMA.

He has served as president of the Illinois State VMA and spent two terms on the board of directors and as chair of the board. He is an active member of the American Association of Bovine Practitioners and the Iowa VMA.

Dr. McEniry graduated in 1960 from the Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine. He is active in community and civic affairs, having served on the executive board of the Rochelle Community Hospital and as a member and president of the Ashton, Illinois, School Board

Dr. William J. McEniry owns a mixed animal practice in Ashton, IL, and has served as a trustee for the AVMA PLIT since 1999.

AVMA's Newest Council Members

Two Illinois veterinarians answered the call for volunteers and ran for elected AVMA council positions. The ISVMA is pleased to announce that both of our candidates were successful and we congratulate them for using their time and talents on behalf of organized veterinary medicine.

Dr. Elysia Shafer was elected to the AVMA Council on Veterinary Services.

Dr. Herbert Whiteley was elected to the AVMA Council on Education.

Congratulations to Scholarship Recipients

During its board meeting on Sunday, the American Veterinary Medical Foundation announced the 2007 recipients of the Mildred C. Sylvester Scholarship. The Foundation received more than 94 applications from veterinary students interested in the fund. While an overwhelming number of deserving students demonstrated stellar academic achievements and noble volunteer activities, only 13 were presented with the \$2,000 award.

The ISVMA congratulates the following students from the U of I College of Veterinary Medicine:

Katharine Ho—a second-year veterinary student at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign who is seeking a career in animal emergency medicine.

Kate E. Breyer—a second-year student at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign who is working on a master's degree in public health in addition to her veterinary degree, and is seeking a career in regulatory medicine and disaster preparedness.

Continuing Education

This month's CE listing had to be dropped for space with our apologies. Visit the Members' Center online at www.isvma.org for CE details and listings.

CLASSIFIEDS

ADVERTISING POLICY/RATES RATES:

ISVMA Members pay a discounted rate of \$50.00 for first 40 words, \$ 0.35 each additional word plus a complimentary posting on the ISVMA website. Non-Members pay a rate of \$75.00 for first 40 words, \$ 0.45 each additional word plus an additional fee of \$20.00 for placement online. Exception for unemployed, ISVMA member DVM: may place a "Seeking Employment" ad free of charge for up to 6 months.

DEADLINES AND PUBLICATION:

Any classified ad purchased, after confirmation of payment, will be posted both on the ISVMA website at www.isvma.org and the next available edition of the "Epitome". Webpage ad will run through the end of the "Epitome" publication date in which it will appear. All ads and cancellations must be submitted in writing or email by September 1, 2007 for inclusion in the October/ November 2007 issue. Mailing date: First week of October. Please read your ad the first time it runs. If there are errors, notify us immediately. ISVMA liability is limited to the first issue of publication.

FORWARDING INSTRUCTIONS: NEW Contact Person!

Submit online at www.isvma.org ; email at jill@isma.org ; fax 217/523-8387; or mail to Illinois State Veterinary Medical Association, 133 South Fourth Street, Suite 202, Springfield, IL 62701. ATTN: Jill Blanton. We will confirm by sending you a faxed contract for your signature.

VETERINARY RELIEF

Small animal practitioner with seven years' experience available for relief work in Madison, St. Clair, and surrounding counties. Will consider work further afield. Emergency service opportunities welcome. Will work Saturdays. Resume and references upon request. Please contact Dr. Andrew Abshier at 618/433-1308 or email to andrew.abshier@gmail.com

Locum tenens Dr. has been helping fellow veterinarians by doing relief work full time since 1989. I can help with short term or long term commitment. I live in Central Illinois, but I am willing to travel throughout the state. Contact Ray Ramirez at 217/794-3743 or ray@ramirezdvm.com.

IN-STATE OPPORTUNITIES SEEKING VETERINARIANS

Near North Animal Hospital is looking for an experienced, dedicated full-time veterinarian to join our growing animal hospital, located in Chicago's Old Town. We offer a friendly/helpful dedicated staff, benefits and competitive salary. Surgical experience required. Fax curriculum vitae to Bel Jackson at 312/944-8245.

Capitol Illini Veterinary Services in Springfield, Illinois has a position for a new graduate or experienced veterinarian. We provide quality veterinary medicine and exceptional customer service, our motto is "Healthy Pets Make Happy People". Our goal is to provide high quality, compassionate, patient oriented veterinary services. Our clients are well educated about their pets, which allows them to make the best health decision regarding their pets. We are a full service veterinary facility with 2 locations in Springfield and Chatham. Our practices are AAHA Certified, with ultrasound, endoscope, dental, radiology, and orthopedic services. We currently have 5 veterinarians with a full time

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staff of 20, including 2 full time CVT's. Visit our website www.capitolillinivet.com. The position will be full time 40 hours per week with no emergency call as Springfield has an emergency clinic. Our hospitals hours are 7 am to 6 pm. Benefits include: 5 days CE with \$1500 expenses, health insurance, malpractice and license defense insurance, dues to 4 professional organizations, and 2 weeks vacation. Salary: negotiable, base with percentage of gross (ProSal) or guaranteed base. At Capitol Illini Veterinary Services, we strive to get a diagnosis and provide the very best care possible for our patients, we expect our doctors to practice the best medicine possible and we stress wellness testing and early diagnosis. We are committed to helping our veterinarians grow and we are committed to mentoring both DVM's and Staff. This position is available beginning spring of 2007. For further information about this position please contact Clyde E. Dunphy DVM by phone at 217/691-4950 or by email at bisk9@earthlink.net. Dr. William Wright, IL'66; Dr. Clyde Dunphy, IL'74; Dr. Byron McCall, Miss State'91; Dr. Martha Armour, IL'89; Dr. Kris Myers, Ross Univ. '05

Enjoy a great quality of life and a rewarding career. Banfield, The Pet Hospital seeks an experienced Veterinarian for our Peoria, IL hospital. Work with the state-of-the-art equipment, touch-screen monitors, paperless medical records, in-house Heska CBC and IDEXX chemistries and more. \$5,000 sign-on bonus and relocation assistance available. Contact Rena Burnett at 614/208-5106, email rena.burnett@banfield.net or visit www.banfield.net.

Northgate - Collinsville, IL Northgate Small Animal Hospital is a thriving, multi-doctor (5-doctor) practice approximately 20 minutes east of St. Louis, MO. We are searching for an Associate DVM for this practice. We will consider a new graduate, or an experienced veterinarian. The hospital is a large, stand-alone facility which offers surgery, dental, x-ray and laboratory capabilities. The hospital also has a TonoPen and an IDEXX: VetTest 8008, VetLyte and LaserCite among its equipment. The hospital will pay a competitive base salary, pay for production, CE, health benefits and relocation assistance (if necessary). The hospital will also consider other creative compensation ideas in order to attract the best doctors to apply. The town of Collinsville, IL is a quaint and prosperous small town of approx, 25,000 people. It provides a small town feel with all the

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amenities of the large city of St. Louis within 15 miles. To inquire about this position, please contact Dr. Gary Gass or Colleen Gass (hospital manager) at 618/344-0083 (phone) and 618/344-0087 (fax). Please visit us at www.northgatesmallanimalhospital.com.

Full- or Part-Time Associate Veterinarian: Dundee Animal Hospital is a three-location AAHA certified small animal practice located in the Northwest suburbs of Chicago. In addition to the general medicine practice at each of our locations, we provide 24-hour emergency services at our central hospital in Dundee. Founded in 1958, we have an excellent reputation within the community and a substantial client base. We enjoy the distinction of having one of the largest professional staffs in the Midwest consisting of 21 doctors and 70+ support staff members, including a Practice Administration Team to support the medical professionals' needs. We are looking for a full-time or part-time associate veterinarian in our Elgin hospital. This position offers salary commensurate with experience and qualifications. Benefits include: Pension/401(k), Continuing education allowance, Stability and opportunity for personal growth and development. Our practices are located in the Fox River Valley, a cozy place to live and work. With the great city of Chicago approximately 40 miles east, this area offers the best of both worlds: urban and rural lifestyles providing an endless mix of cultural, educational, recreational and sporting opportunities! Our focus at Dundee Animal Hospital is on teamwork, flexibility, and dedication to quality care. If you are interested in learning more about this exciting opportunity, please fax your resume to Debra James, Practice Administrator, at 847/428-8213. You may also e-mail inquiries to us at djames@dundeeanimalhospital.com.

Part-time/full-time veterinarian needed for our 6 doctor duo of dynamic practices in the Chicago suburbs. Flexible hours, low stress environment, great salary and benefits, and CE stipend available to the veterinarian who wants to utilize our in-house lab, work with our talented staff, and grow with our friendly clinic. Contact Emily O'Brien, Hospital Manager, at 708/385-3790 or eobrien55@yahoo.com.

North Avenue Animal Hospital - 4 doctor, AAHA accredited hospital is looking for full-time associate. New, fully equipped facility with excellent support staff & clientele. Dogs and cats only. We're looking for a compassionate, personable team player that loves working with people and pets. Competitive salary & benefits. Great location in the heart of Bucktown.

1901 W. North Ave., Chicago. Please contact Marie at 773/ 278-1330 option 6, on M-W-F only, 10am-5pm.

Full-time associate needed for fast growing veterinary clinic in Pekin, Illinois. Individual must have terrific people skills, be proficient at diagnostics, soft tissue surgery, basic orthopedics and have a genuine desire to expand knowledge and surgical skills. Pekin is a community of 35,000 and a great place to raise a family, only 2 1/2 hours from Chicago and St. Louis. Our facility is currently being expanded and remodeled to keep pace with the high quality medicine practiced and client demand. Our fully equipped hospital has ultrasound, Med Rx., video endoscopy, full in-house lab, orthopedic capability and a complete physical rehabilitation center. Work week consists of 36-40 hours, no emergencies, SEP, CE, insurance and 2 weeks vacation the first year. Generous base salary and compensation for production. Highly motivated support staff. Good sense of humor a must. Come join a great team and have a great life! Send resume to: pekinvet@ntslink.net.

CRITICALIST AND ER DOCTORS - Why not make your Sweet Home Chicago? We love Chicago, and we think you will too! Veterinary Specialty Center is the premier facility for small animal specialty services in the Chicagoland and southern Wisconsin region. We are a 27,000 sq-ft. state of the art multi-specialty hospital. The VSC Emergency & Critical Care practice is in partnership with a surgery, internal medicine, imaging, dermatology, physical therapy, behavior and ophthalmology practices. Our rapidly growing emergency department is generating the opportunity to add another critical care specialist as well as another ER doctor. Our current emergency team is comprised of intern and residency trained emergency & critical care doctors. A linear accelerator, CT, MRI, fluoroscopy and digital radiography also support the hospital. We are searching for a Board Certified or residency trained criticalists and ER doctor to enhance our capabilities. Our creative business plan provides for an excellent work environment with outstanding compensation, benefits, profit sharing and management and partnership opportunities. Please contact or send CV to Rhonda Feinmehl, DVM 1515 Busch Parkway, Buffalo Grove, IL 60089: 847/459-7535 x 308 or by e-mail rfeinmehl@vetspecialty.com or you can fax to 847/520-4095.

Immediate opening for associate veterinarian-Mixed Animal Practice. We are an established practice 25 minutes from Downtown St. Louis with great clientele and staff looking for an associate to join

our 5 doctor practice. We are a traditional mixed practice with salary, vacation, retirement plans, etc. Please visit our website at www.waterlooinimalhospital.com or call 618/ 939-8282. Ask for Dr. Mueller or Dr. Boehm. We are looking for serious inquiries with potential for long-term employment. Ownership possibility is an option we would consider. Feel free to check us out on the web or stop by to visit. We love to meet new faces in the veterinary community.

Experienced Veterinarian interested in opportunity to take over or join growing central Illinois practice, currently operated by a well nourished elderly male Veterinarian and part-time associate(s). Would lease building and equipment to qualified party. If interested please call 815/432-4624.

Seeking a client-focused, quality-driven veterinarian for our multi-site, multi-person practice near Peoria, IL. Our goal is to practice effective, compassionate medicine focused on healthy patients, client service, and growth. Send resumes to Dunlap Veterinary Clinic; 4620 W. Cedar Hills Dr., Dunlap IL 61525 or forward by email to Calhoun@chillivet.com.

We are looking for a third veterinarian for a 3 full-time and 1 part-time practice. This is a progressive mixed animal practice, located in central Illinois. It is approximately 50% small animal, 25% bovine, 15% equine, and the remainder swine and small ruminant. It is a new 8000 square foot clinic built in 2002. It is fully equipped with the latest technologies, e.g. laser surgery, ultrasound, 2 xrays with automatic processor, gas anesthesia and monitoring i.e. BP, SPO2, ECG, in house chemistry and CBC, ICU, dedicated isolation, etc. We have haul in facilities for both large animal and equine, and stalls for overnight care. There are hydraulic chutes for cattle work and stocks for equine work. We also have Power Floats for equine dental work. We also do bovine ET and reproductive work in cattle and horses. We offer a very competitive salary and a wide range of benefits, including but not limited to 401k, paid vacation, continuing education, life, health, disability, and malpractice insurance. Contact Dr. Bill Armbruster, 309/247-3231. Check out our website, www.greenhavenanimalclinic.com.

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Banfield, The Pet Hospital has an opening for a Chief of Staff Veterinarian in the northwest suburbs. If you're looking for an opportunity to practice high quality medicine and surgery, while leading and mentoring a medical team, then this may be the opportunity for you! Excellent compensation and benefits package. For more information, contact Dr. Sue Martin at 815/436-4293, sue.martin@banfield.net.

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SPECIALTY HOSPITAL.** Arboretum View Animal Hospital Emergency & Critical Care Department is seeking a full- or part-time Veterinarian; day and night hours available. Prior emergency experience or internship is required. A positive attitude, excellent communication skills, efficient team-oriented work habits and a desire to share knowledge are essential requirements. Generous compensation package including base salary, percentage bonus, health insurance, 401K, CE, association dues and more. Send resumes to: Alexis Newman, DVM, 2551 Warrenville Road, Downers Grove, IL 60515; 630/963-0424 or 630/963-0537 (fax). www.avah.org.

Associate needed for a progressive, 4 doctor small animal hospital on the far northwest side of Chicago. Well equipped, excellent support staff. Very reasonable hours, 3 weeks vacation, continuing education allowance, retirement plan, salary based on experience. Interested individuals should call 773/631-6727 or email gmdogdoc@aol.com.

Schaumburg IL: Experienced veterinarian needed to manage a 2 person small animal practice. Excellent clientele in nice suburb of Chicago where the AVMA is located. Total compensation includes a base salary of \$85,000, 35% share of the profit, {a real possibility of an additional \$60,000 to \$100,000} CE, vacation time and severance pay agreement. Option to purchase the practice and real estate on reasonable terms at any time during the employment is included. Reply e-mail Tutu007@comcast.net

Veterinarian Wanted: Exciting opportunity at Animal Emergency & Referral Center, one of Chicagoland's premier 24/7 emergency, critical care and specialty referral hospitals, dedicated to providing the highest quality compassionate patient care. We seek a boarded or residency trained emergency veterinarian to practice in and manage our emergency service. Our professional staff includes 5 dedicated and talented emergency veterinarians, 6 veterinary interns, and board certified specialists in the disciplines of Cardiology, Internal Medicine, Surgery, Neurology/Neurosurgery, and Radiology. Wide range of diagnostic and monitoring equipment, CT, MRI, Fluoroscopy. To learn more contact Sheri Rothschild at: srothschild@aercenter.com, or visit our website at www.aercenter.com.

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The ASPCA Midwest Office located in Urbana, Illinois, is seeking a full-time, licensed veterinarian to join our

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You must also be able to communicate and work effectively with contributors to the AVMA journals. The AVMA offers a supportive work environment and excellent benefits. Applications should include a letter indicating special qualifications and scope of experience, curriculum vitae, and a list of three references. Nominations of potential candidates are also encouraged. Direct correspondence to: Lori Keane, Human Resources Director, American Veterinary Medical Association, 1931 N. Meacham Road, Suite 100, Schaumburg, IL 60173-4360. Fax: 847/925-8634 E-mail: lkeane@avma.org Visit our Web site at www.avma.org. eoe/m/f/d/v.

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contacts. Direct correspondence to: Lori Keane, Human Resources, American Veterinary Medical Association, 1931 N. Meacham Road, Suite 100, Schaumburg, IL 60173-4360. Fax 847/925-8634. E-mail: lkeane@avma.org. Visit our Web site at www.avma.org. eoe/m/f/d/v

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CVT WANTED: Progressive and modern, 2 DVM AAHA accredited hospital in Morris, IL looking for an experienced and professional certified technician for full-time position. We provide a team work approach for optimal patient care. Ideal candidate would have strong organizational and communication skills. We offer competitive pay, great benefits including medical, dental, vacation, 401k, and Pet benefits. Interested individuals should send a resume with references to Animal Care Hospital, 1410 N. Liberty St., Morris, IL 60450., 815/941-9924, animalcare-hosp@sbcglobal.net, attn: Matt Johnson. No faxed resumes please.

Full-time Certified Technician wanted for well established practice in Aurora, IL. CVT for client education, venipuncture, lab, x-ray, surgery etc. Benefits include vacation/sick time and health insurance. Salary is commensurate with experience. Must be a team-player and be able to multi-task. Fax Resume 630/236-8732, Phone 630/236-8730.

Animal Emergency Clinic of Rockford is seeking an experienced tech to work a minimum of one shift a week. This candidate must be able to perform venipuncture, be familiar w/x-ray techniques, possess lab skills, as well as monitor and treat critically ill patients. This is a fast paced clinic and the job is highly rewarding. Please send your resume or apply in person to 4236 Maray Dr., Rockford, IL 61107.

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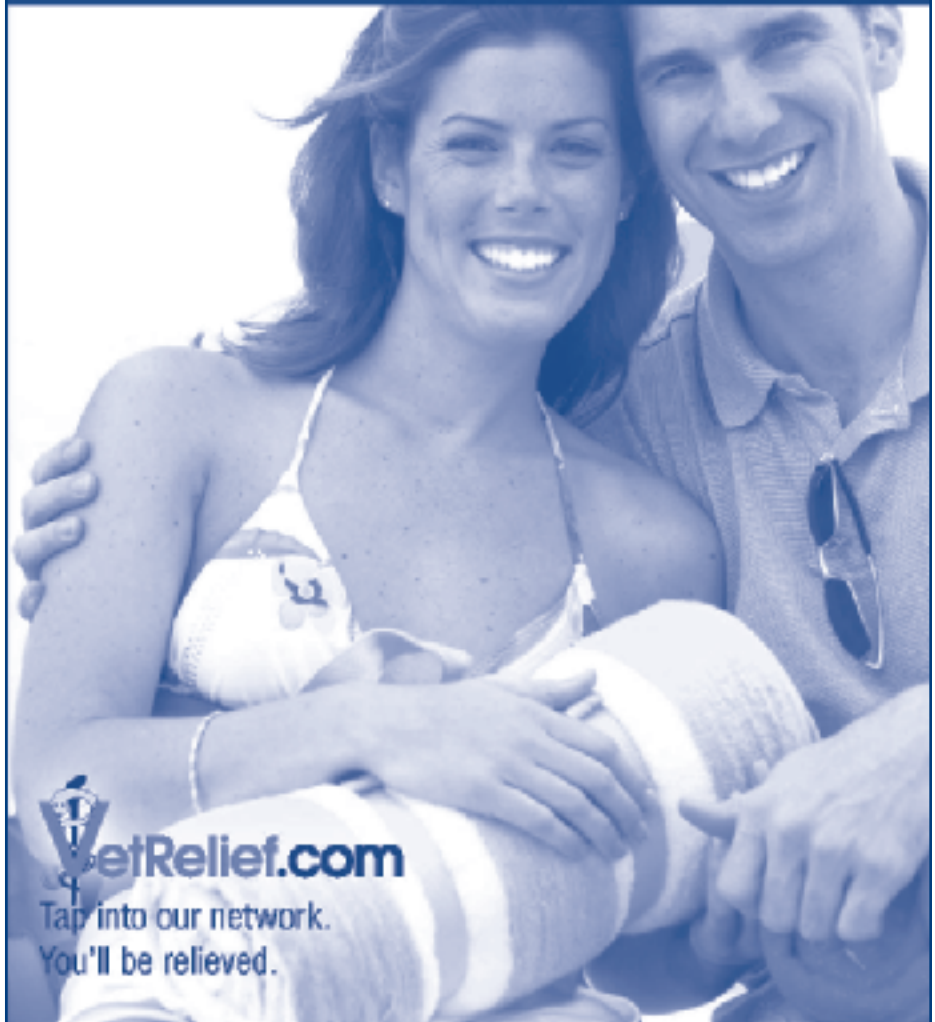
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