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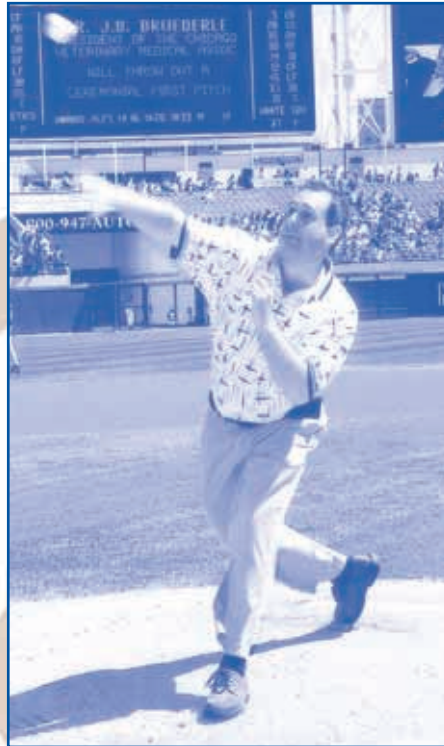
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ISVMA & THE WHITE SOX - A GREAT DEAL IN COMMON

J.B. Bruederle, D.V.M.

I would first like to thank the Chicago Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA) for nominating me for the position of President-Elect almost two years ago. I also need to thank my first employer Dr. Larry Fox for giving me my start in organized veterinary medicine. I was only 1 1/2 years out of vet school when Larry, who had just become President-Elect of the CVMA, came into the office one morning and stated that he just volunteered me for two committees. Look where that's taken me.



My first exposure to the ISVMA was during my senior year at the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine. I had a job interview with then ISVMA President, Dr. Jack Noyes. We went up to his suite at the Chicago Marriott during the ISVMA Convention. After seeing the size of his room and the view, I went back to my classmates and jokingly said I was going to be President of this organization within 10 years, so that I too could stay in such a nice room. You have to be careful what you wish for.

It will be an honor to serve as President the next year. I want to thank Dr. Wes Bieritz for serving for the past 21 months; he went above and beyond what he had originally signed up for. Wes and Dr. Ron Gill, with Peter Weber's help, have turned the ISVMA around and the future looks very bright. Peter and his staff outdid themselves again with the 2005 Convention. With the help of a very enthusiastic board, I hope we can more clearly define our answer to Peter's first question when he interviewed with ISVMA: "Why are you a member?" I want the ISVMA to be an organization that member prospects wish they could be a part of, and that other state Associations look up to. I hope we can also reestablish/reenergize the ISVMA-U of I Mentor Program.

Finally, I have a short analogy I would like to share. Back in 1999 as President of the Chicago Veterinary Medical Association, I had the opportunity to throw out the first pitch at a White Sox game. In January, my wife and I moved into a new house just a mile west of Comiskey Park, aka US Cellular Field. I don't usually believe in coincidences, fate or good luck charms, but the White Sox did win the World Series this year. I see a lot of comparison's between the ISVMA and the White Sox.

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We're setting the goal for new members!



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ENCOURAGE A COLLEAGUE TO JOIN THE ISVMA! "2006 IN 2006"

Peter S. Weber, CAE - Executive Director, ISVMA



In May 2004 the ISVMA Board of Directors established a goal of serving 2000 members by July 1, 2007. We've made significant progress toward that goal and we need your help to achieve it! Therefore, we've developed a campaign for membership that we're calling, "2006 in 2006".

The goal of 2006 members isn't an arbitrary number nor is it about money. When we reach 2006 members during calendar year 2006, we will represent 70% of the state's licensed and practicing veterinarians. Compared to other Midwestern states' associations (who represent up to 95% of their eligible veterinarians), Illinois will continue to work toward deeper membership saturation.

Our ability to influence state legislation and agency rules and regulations is directly related to the strength of our organization. Two years ago, when we represented less than 50% of the State's veterinarians, we didn't have a very strong voice. Our strength and influence is growing as our membership expands – and it is not a coincidence!

Therefore, if you bring on a new member between December 1, 2005, and January 31, 2006, you'll be entered in a special drawing to win a \$300 prepaid VISA Gift Card! You will receive one entry for each new member who joins indicating you as his or her sponsor. PLUS your colleague, joining ISVMA for the first time, will receive 50% off the remainder of their first year's membership dues (membership year ending June 30, 2006)! That's a cash value savings of up to \$112.50 for an active membership!

Here's how to get moving:

Email, fax or hand-deliver a copy of the special membership application form to a colleague, staff or business partner. One copy of the membership application form is included as an enclosure to this issue of the *Epitome*. Additional copies can be downloaded from www.isvma.org/2006in2006.htm.


Be sure to remind them to print your name on the "Who introduced you to ISVMA" sponsor line!

Feel free to pass along an overview of member benefits available at www.isvma.org/benefits.htm.

Need help recruiting or have questions? Please contact your friendly Member Relations team at (217) 523-8387 or info@isvma.org!

Why should you recruit?

You are the greatest testimony to the benefit of an ISVMA membership, and by sharing the value with your colleagues you will...

- Enhance the power of the veterinary medical profession in Illinois – the more members we represent, the stronger our voice at the Illinois State Capitol and the state regulatory agencies;
- Strengthen ISVMA – as our membership grows, the value of membership will also grow;
- Expand your network of veterinary professionals;
- Earn statewide recognition as a sponsor at the 2006 ISVMA Annual Convention, on the ISVMA Web site, and in the *Epitome*! **AND** Be eligible to win a \$300 VISA Gift Card in our Recruit-A-Member Campaign! 

IN MEMORIAM

Robert Reschke, D.V.M.
Darrell Jessen, D.V.M.

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

— Johann Von Schiller



Members of the 2005-2006 ISVMA Board of Directors

Seated from L to R: S. Heatter, Dr. C. Stevenson, Dr. W. Bieritz, Dr. M. Thomas, Dr. J.B. Bruederle, P. Weber, Dr. K. Albrecht, Dr. S. Dullard. Standing from L to R: Dr. S. Rubin, Dr. S. Cairo, Dr. H. Whiteley, Dr. G. Richards, Dr. S. Ferraro, Dr. G. Mauck, Dr. E. McGinnis, Dr. R. Peterson, Dr. L. Shaw, Dr. R. Gill, Dr. J. Ehrhardt and Dr. W. Johnson. Not pictured: Dr. M. Crosson-Welle, Dr. P. Fairbrother, Dr. S. Ristich, Dr. M. Mikiciuk

On November 6, 2005, the ISVMA Board of Directors officially began their term(s) of service. The members of the ISVMA's 2005-2006 Executive Committee are:


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AVMA Delegates: George Richards DVM, Danville, IL; Sheldon Reuben DVM(Alternate), Chicago, IL; Region VI AVMA Representative: John Scamahorn DVM, Greencastle, IN.

The membership will be well served by these dedicated individuals, and the tradition of excellence at the ISVMA will be continued! 

President's Column (from page 1)

First, the owner; unlike Jerry Reinsdorf, our owners are our members. We are accountable to them in everything we do. I think there's no doubt that our manager/general manager is Peter Weber, he has the brains of Kenny Williams and just like Ozzie, he talks so much and so fast, that's its not always possible to understand him. I think we have a strong pitching staff, Wes Bieritz is our Jose Contreras. I would be Mark Buehrle, not because I pitch well but because we wouldn't have to change too many letters on the back of my jersey. And coming up as a reliever, is Neal Cotts, also known as Dr. Craig Stevenson. Our bench is loaded with a great board of directors, and with Peter's guidance and prodding, we are strengthening our minor league teams, students and future leaders of the ISVMA. We are fortunate to have one special player: when we need to call in the fast ball closer or when we need the big hurt at DH, we have Ron Gill, our Bobby Jenks and Frank Thomas rolled into one.

We haven't reached our World Series yet, it will be when we surpass 2000 members; at that point we'll have to set new World Series goals. Now I ask you, the owners of the ISVMA, to help strengthen our team. We need your support by promoting membership, attending and promoting the convention, helping us build on our legislative grass root contacts, and finally by volunteering or by encouraging colleagues and associates to serve on an ISVMA committee, task force or on the board.

Thanks again for the opportunity to serve the ISVMA! 

It is with sincere appreciation that thanks are extended to the following ISVMA board members who completed their terms. Your presence, knowledge and dedication was appreciated!

Gavin Meerdink DVM, Urbana, IL
(Region III Representative)

Thomas Greiner DVM, Moline, IL
(Past President)

David Lott DVM, Tremont, IL
(Region III Representative)

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

ISVMA would like to welcome the following 44 new members (who joined between September 23, 2005 and November 21, 2005). ISVMA is still growing toward the Board-established goal of 2000 members by July 1, 2007. Please help us spread the news about the many benefits of membership in ISVMA – where dues are an investment that pays tremendous dividends!

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AVMA UPDATE

... from ISVMA House of Delegates Representative Dr. George Richards

Committee Members and Council Members Needed

Like other professional associations, the American Veterinary Medical Association utilizes the vast knowledge of its members who serve on various committees and councils. AVMA committee members are appointed by the AVMA Executive Board and the AVMA council positions are elected positions. After a thorough nomination and review process, each member of the House of Delegates is asked to place their vote for the most qualified individual to fill a council post.

Currently, the AVMA has a number of positions available on committees and councils that need qualified individuals. To obtain a list of available positions, contact ISVMA Executive Director Peter Weber at peter@isvma.org or (217) 523-8387 or you can contact either of the ISVMA delegates for this information.

A list of the duties for each committee and council are delineated in the constitution and bylaws of the AVMA, found in the pages of the AVMA Membership Directory & Resource Manual.

AVMA Annual Meeting

The AVMA Annual Meeting in Honolulu is now open for online registration. Mailed information should arrive soon. Attendance for this meeting is anticipated to break all previous meeting records, so register as soon as possible. Additionally, make any room reservations immediately to assure lodging.

Appending and updating the Constitution and Bylaws of the AVMA will be of major consideration at the Annual Meeting. To submit suggestions, please forward to either delegate by contacting Dr. Richards at (217) 443-0333, griehards15@insightbb.com or Dr. Rubin at (773) 327-4446, srubin3134@aol.com. Visit www.avma.org to view proposed changes.

Another reason to attend this meeting will be to celebrate with Illinois' own Dr. Roger Mahr when he becomes the President of the AVMA!

The AVMA online site has been updated and is easier to use. The Members Only section can be accessed by using your member number (located on each individual "JAVMA" label if your member card has been misplaced) and then using your last name with first character capitalized as password.

2006 AVMA Veterinary Leadership Conference

The annual Leadership Conference will be held in Chicago on January 13-15, 2006 at the Hotel Inter-Continental. This meeting is an excellent opportunity

for ISVMA members to gain insights into effective leadership skills as well as networking opportunities. The ISVMA is again offering one scholarship per region to attend this meeting to offset some of the expense of attending. For information on this scholarship, contact your regional president.

For questions, contact either AVMA representative: Dr. George Richards, Delegate, at (217) 443-0333, griehards15@insightbb.com or Dr. Shelly Rubin (Alternate Delegate) at (773) 327-4446, srubin3134@aol.com.

New Members (from page 5)

Dr. Eric Nord
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 Dr. D. Reid Patterson
 Dr. Joann Lee Randall
 Dr. Rebecca R. Revis
 Dr. Jessica Robertson
 Dr. Matthew T. Saxe
 Dr. John R. Scamahorn
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 Dr. Jason M. Zieren

New Executive Assistant at ISVMA

Tina Stancil (pronounced stan-sill) officially joined the ISVMA staff on November 21 as Executive Assistant to Peter Weber. Many who attended convention met Tina, who helped man the registration desk throughout the event. If you call our office, most likely it will be Tina's cheerful voice greeting you.

Tina comes to the ISVMA with a wealth of office background as well as veterinary hospital experience as a clinic manager.

EPITOME News & Notes

Information to Share with Clients Regarding Bans on Specific Dog Breeds

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The ISVMA believes that veterinarians should be regarded as the primary authority on issues related to animal health and welfare. There are, at times, issues that generate considerable public and media attention. Veterinarians have an opportunity to share with their clients and the public the best available information on these issues. The information veterinarians share should be based on available science or opinion based upon the best available information and experience.

The recent incidents involving dogs viciously attacking people in the metropolitan Chicago area have resulted in a tremendous amount of discussion regarding the protection of the public from vicious dogs. Some are calling for a ban on specific dog breeds.

The ISVMA is making available to its members a memorandum that clarifies some of the issues regarding breed specific bans. We hope that this memorandum helps your clients better understand the scope of efforts to prevent vicious dog bites. If you wish, you may use all or parts of the following document to share with your clients and inform public opinion regarding this serious issue. Enter the following address to download this helpful document.
<http://www.isvma.org/Library/Breed%20Ban%20Letter.pdf>

ISVMA Supports Comprehensive Review of the Illinois Animal Control Act

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The ISVMA opposes efforts to ban dog breeds because they neither address the larger issues of protecting the public from vicious animals nor promote responsible pet ownership. ISVMA supports a comprehensive review of the Illinois Animal Control Act that will result in effective enforcement and administration of animal control and take constructive steps toward protecting the public.

The review of the Animal Control Act should include veterinarians, animal control officials, public officials, pet owners and humane organizations


New Mycoplasma Risk-Assessment Tool Available for Veterinarians

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Nov. 22, 2005 - At the American Association of Bovine Practitioners Meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah, AgriLabs introduced a new mycoplasma mastitis risk-assessment tool that veterinarians can use when advising their dairy-producer clients. This four-page, full-color educational tool uses a two-step process to evaluate an individual herd's risk for mycoplasma mastitis. It also presents background information about this highly contagious disease and offers mycoplasma-management suggestions for 10 different herd situations.

"Recent research conducted by the National Animal Health Monitoring System (NAHMS) showed that 23 percent of dairy operations had never heard of mycoplasma and 47 percent recognized mycoplasma by name only," says Dr. Travis Thayer, AgriLabs Technical Services.

"Veterinarians are key in increasing awareness of this disease, and play an integral role in helping producers establish biosecurity protocols to control mycoplasma mastitis."

The first risk-assessment step highlighted in this educational brochure looks at general herd-management practices, and uses a 50-point scale to designate a herd as having a low, medium or high risk for mycoplasma mastitis. The second step shows six parameters for evaluating a herd's current mycoplasma-management practices. After completing these two steps, veterinarians can work with each client to adjust herd-management practices to help reduce the risk of mycoplasma mastitis infections.

Veterinarians can obtain a free supply of this mycoplasma risk-assessment educational tool by calling (800) 542-8916 or by contacting their AgriLabs representative. 

Support the ISVMA Political Action Committee!

Help our Legislative Committee by mailing your contributions to:

ISVMA PAC
133 South Fourth Street,
Suite 202
Springfield, IL 62701

MESSAGE FROM DEAN HERBERT WHITELEY

University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine

Laying the Groundwork for Our Vision

As I look back at the past year, I see a number of significant developments that have strengthened the College's aspiration "to be a leader in veterinary and comparative biomedical education, scholarship, and public engagement in the University of Illinois system, in the state, in the nation, and around the world."

The Veterinary Workforce Expansion Act, introduced in both chambers of Congress in the spring, is aimed at increasing the number of veterinarians serving in public health and biomedical research by expanding the capacity of the nation's veterinary colleges. We are addressing the needs outlined in the VWEA by establishing a joint DVM/master's in public health degree program, which was approved in February, and by admitting our largest first-year class ever, 112 students. We also recently received a 5-year NIH grant to help fund our summer research programs, which since 2003 have given 27 pre-vet or veterinary students experience in biomedical research.

Translational Biomedical Research is a new phrase for work that has become a major focus at NIH and on the University of Illinois campus. It refers to interdisciplinary collaborations that "translate" fundamental research discoveries into practical biomedical applications to improve human and animal health and society. Our College is leading this campus initiative, which has been called the most important of the past 30 years. The Veterinary Teaching Hospital and our clinical faculty members constitute a unique and indispensable resource for the success of this campus initiative. We also offer strong research programs in infectious disease, reproductive biology, environmental health/conservation medicine, and orthopedic biology.

The College facility plan, developed to ensure that the excellence of our facilities matches the excellence of our people and programs, made its debut in May. It maps out more than 200,000 gross square feet of proposed construction over the next 20 years. Included are an "academic commons" with teaching laboratories and classrooms to accommodate an expanded class size, an Equine Sports Medicine facility, additions to the Small Animal Clinic for state-of-the-art surgery suites and imaging areas, and renovations to the Basic Sciences Building to expand research and diagnostic laboratories.

While we anticipate that the VWEA legislation will help fund new teaching facilities, we look to private gifts to support renovations and new construction



to expand the hospital as well as eight new endowed chairs or professorships and \$10 million in additional support for graduate fellowships, residencies, and veterinary scholarships. Our goal for the upcoming University-wide campaign is more than \$50 million over 10 years.

New leadership has also been a hallmark of the past year: President Joe White and Chancellor Richard Herman at the University and campus levels, department heads Dan Rock and David Williams in our College. The year to come will bring a new director for the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, a new head for the Department of Veterinary Biosciences, and a director for the Veterinary Teaching Hospital, a newly created position.

Strategic planning is currently happening across campus. Far-reaching agendas focused on bringing tangible benefits to the world will be submitted to President White in January. Our College is well prepared to contribute, with programs in translational biomedical research, public health initiatives, and local and global efforts in ecosystem health and environmental sustainability.

Looking ahead to 2006, I see the College moving closer to its vision. The AVMA accreditation team that makes a site visit in April will see that Illinois is "a leader in veterinary and comparative biomedical

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Message (from page 8)

education." We are making a positive impact in the University of Illinois system, in the state, in the nation, and around the world.

And as our leadership grows, we become a stronger partner for the Illinois State Veterinary Medical Association and for the practitioners across the state. Our continuing success is closely intertwined with our ability to serve you now and in the future.

—Herb (dean@cvm.uiuc.edu)



New Service Aids Choice of Antimicrobial Therapy

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The Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory has developed a Web-based resource to help veterinarians make empirical antibiotic selections before receiving minimal inhibitory concentration (MIC) results. Sensititre® antimicrobial panels list antimicrobials available for companion animals, avians, food animals, mastitis therapy, urinary tract infections, anaerobes, non-fermenters, or yeast. The MIC90 generator provides veterinarians with the in vitro susceptibility patterns observed during the past two years, enabling veterinarians to select antimicrobials for a host species and determine if the drug may inhibit or kill the suspected target microorganism(s). See <http://www.cvm.uiuc.edu/vdl/mic90/>.

RESOURCES FROM VETERINARY EXTENSION

Information for you and your clients:

Avian Flu Fast Facts

What is avian influenza? Can people get it? Is it safe to eat eggs? You can answer these and other frequently asked questions from your clients by printing out the fact sheet prepared by Dr. Yvette Johnson of the Veterinary Teaching Hospital. See

<http://www.cvm.uiuc.edu/petcolumns/showarticle.cfm?id=477>

Fast Facts on Canine Influenza

Also available online is a fact sheet on canine influenza. See <http://www.cvm.uiuc.edu/ope/enotes/showarticle.cfm?id=178>

ISVMA Welcomes Jim Pound and Heather Vazquez

The ISVMA welcomes Mr. Jim Pound, Associate Director of Development, College of Veterinary Medicine. Jim will serve as the liaison to alumni and will oversee receptions and special events throughout the year. He will also serve as the liaison to the U of I, CVM's corporate donor program who provide gift support.

Also warmly welcomed is Ms. Heather Vazquez, Associate Director of Development. Among her various responsibilities for the college, Heather serves as the liaison to award and scholarship donors, and oversees the stewardship program.

To introduce yourself, or if you wish to ask for information, Jim Pound can be reached at jpound@uiuc.edu and Heather Vazquez can be reached at hvazquez@uiuc.edu. To contact by phone, both can be reached at (217) 333-2762.

ISVMA's 123rd Annual Convention

Thank you to the nearly 1000 people that participated in the 2005 ISVMA Annual Convention in Springfield on November 4-6, 2005. We hope you enjoyed the high quality continuing education, social events and many new features that were introduced this year.



Wet lab intensives equals hands on participation. "What's Going on Under the Gums WILL Surprise You: Dental Radiography" Shown is presenter Stephen Juriga, DVM and participants.



The ophthalmology wet lab was supervised by not only an ophthalmologist, but also ophthalmology residents, providing approximately a 1:7 ratio of teachers to students. Dr. Liz Robertson receives instruction on a procedure.



"Ophthalmology Surgery: You Can Do It, I Promise" was this year's hot ticket with a waiting list for those who didn't register quick enough. Shown is Presenter Ralph Hamor, DVM, MS, Diplomate ACVO, University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine.

New to this year's venue was the addition of education intensives on Practice Management and wet labs on ophthalmology and dental radiography. Mr. David McCormick presented the Management Intensive. He shared with attendees what it takes to provide quality medicine and exceptional service in his presentation "Moving Your Practice from Good to Great: The Nuts and Bolts."



Participants of the dental radiography wet lab review correct positioning.

The ISVMA thanks this year's program committee for their hard work!

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Dr. Steve Juriga

Dr. Ralph Hamor

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Dr. William Armbruster

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Dr. Michael Boero

Exotic Animal Section Chair

Dr. Peter Sakas

Practice Management Chair

Dr. Shelly Rubin

New Graduates Section Chair

Dr. Sarah Probst-Miller

Dr. Matthew Allender

ISVMA SPECIAL EVENTS

Two noticeable differences from conventions of the past to this year's convention were additions geared toward socialization and fun. New to this year's convention were two very special events: the Keynote Session and Alumni Reunions.

Dr. Kevin Fitzgerald was the keynote speaker at the 2005 ISVMA Annual Convention in Springfield, IL. He delighted a packed ballroom with his incredibly funny stories, jokes and one-liners and urged veterinarians to become leaders in public policy. One issue where veterinarians can become leaders, he suggested, was in working toward the elimination of the illegal trade in exotic animal species.

The University of Illinois and Iowa State University held receptions for their alumni at the 2005 ISVMA Annual Convention. The events were excellent opportunities to visit with old friends and colleagues and discuss what is going on at the veterinary schools. ISVMA hopes these receptions will become an annual event and another incentive for member participation in the ISVMA Annual Convention.

Veterinary Technician/
Practice Personnel Program
Co-Chairs
Jeanne Perrone, CVT
Dr. Walter Stein
Jan Walters, CVT

Auxiliary Program Chair
Mrs. Angela Hahn



Throughout his keynote presentation, Dr. Fitzgerald shared his humorous experiences as a veterinarian. He cited one case where he was asked to identify a snake. An individual had used an outhouse, been bitten while seated, and needed to know if the thing that bit him was poisonous.

After inspecting the outhouse, it was determined that the individual had been viciously pecked by a chicken. Says Dr. Fitzgerald, "You can't make up stuff like that!"



Pictured with Dr. Fitzgerald are several students from the University of Illinois, College of Veterinary Medicine who count themselves among his fans. Pictured from left to right are first year students Priyh Bhatt, Denise Cudiamat, Fitzgerald, Jen Asher, Ellen Grommet and Lynda Gould.



"Who Needs To Laugh More Than Us?!" was the title of the inaugural keynote session. Speaking to a packed room, it's obvious that this year's attendees agreed with Dr. Fitzgerald. Laughter is good for veterinarians!

ISVMA ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

An integral part of each annual business meeting is the recognition of those who have made special contributions to the veterinary profession. In no specific order, the ISVMA wishes to recognize award recipients from this year's annual meeting.

President's Award recipient: Mr. John J. Ryan

Each year, the ISVMA President presents an individual with this award, recognizing sustained dedication to the advancement of veterinary medicine.

Veterinary Service Award recipient: Dr. Wesley G. Bieritz

This award goes to an ISVMA member who demonstrates outstanding work as an ISVMA member, participating in the goals and mission of the ISVMA through leadership and/or participation in programs approved by the ISVMA. This recipient is an exemplary member of the profession and a positive influence to all who come into contact with them.

Erwin Small First Decade Award recipient: Dr. John D. Spence

This award goes to an ISVMA member who, in their first ten years of professional work, demonstrates outstanding work as an ISVMA member, participating in the goals and mission of the ISVMA through leadership and/or participation in programs approved by the ISVMA.

Honorary Life Membership Award recipient: Mr. John J. Ryan

Honorary Life Membership Award recipient: Mr. Terry Rathgeber

Board Service Award recipients:

**Dr. Thomas P. Greiner,
Dr. David P. Lott,
Dr. Gavin L. Meerdink**

This award is provided to outgoing ISVMA Board of Directors member in recognition of their dedication and service.



Accepting Life Member awards were, from left to right, Dr. Charles R. Boyce, Dr. Roger L. Peterson and Dr. Lloyd M. Shaw.



Shown from left to right are Dr. Thomas Greiner, Chairman of the 2005 Awards Committee, Veterinary Service Award recipient Dr. Wesley Bieritz and his wife Sheila Bieritz.



Shown from left to right are Past Chairman of the Board, Dr. Ron Gill, Honorary Life Member Mr. Terry Rathgeber and Mrs. Judy Rathgeber.



Shown from left to right are Dr. Wes Bieritz and President's Award Recipient John J. Ryan.

50 Year Award

Recipients are those ISVMA members who earned their degree of veterinary medicine 50 years ago. The ISVMA congratulates the following individuals who qualified for this distinguished honor:



Shown from left to right are Legislative Committee Past Chairman Dr. George Richards and Mr. John J. Ryan, Honorary Life Member.




Dr. Gene Gambrel and Dr. James Finnell share a laugh at convention. Both doctors received the 50 Year Award his year.

Dr. Harold Bahe, Dr. Howard F. Bennett, Dr. Wayne W. Brown, Dr. Raymond O. Cooper, Dr. Charles S. Dickinson, Dr. James H. Finnell, Dr. Donald M. Fowler, Dr. Arthur Freeman, Dr. William A. Freeman, Dr. Loren E. Gambrel, Dr. Thomas Gunhouse, Dr. Harold J. Heffernan, Dr. Lloyd C. Helper, Dr. Ronald S. Horning, Dr. James T. Jantz, Dr. Darrell L. Jessen, Dr. Charles M. Josephson, Dr. Robert J. Keough, Dr. M. David Kvitle, Dr. Patrick Leonard, Dr. James H. Nadler, Dr. Horace A. Petersen, Dr. Thomas N. Phillips, Dr. Stanley R. Spesard, Dr. William E. Van Lue, Dr. Gerald F. Ver Meulen, Dr. James M. Winmill, Dr. Walter E. Zuschlag.

Life Members

Recipients are acknowledged for 35 years of continuous active membership with the ISVMA.

Congratulations to the following members:

Dr. Charles R. Boyce, Dr. David N. Bussan, Dr. Joseph M. Frost, Dr. Juris Kalnins, Dr. Gene L. Koski, Dr. Cecil W. Lange, Dr. Francis E. Lynch, Dr. Roger L. Peterson, Dr. Frederick L. Rader, Dr. Richard J. Rossman, Dr. Gary L. Salisbury, Dr. Darrel Sampson, Dr. Lloyd M. Shaw, Dr. James H. Summers, Dr. John P. Trimble, Dr. J. Edward Willard. 



Shown from left to right are Dr. Thomas Greiner, Chairman of the 2005 Awards Committee, Mrs. April Spence, DVM, Emma Spence, Erwin Small First Decade Award Recipient Dr. John Spence, and Dr. Charles Spence.

SANITATION MATTERS

What's behind our doors?

When was the last time we looked at our practices from a client's eyes? Are strict sanitation standards enforced throughout the hospital? Do clients ever have access to sharps? Are there outdated drugs on the shelf? A number of complaints I have been involved with over the years have arisen due to poor sanitation and sloppy procedures, not from any allegation of poor medical care.

Beware what clients are doing, when left alone in exam rooms with idle time on their hands. How many times have you observed clients with wondering eyes and fingers, sifting through items on the counter or peering through the glass on your exam door, as you enter the room? At times, clients are even bold enough to wander outside of the exam room. It has happened to me and, I suspect, to many of you as well.

Clients are not the only people observing how a veterinarian manages a facility. Several complaints have arisen directly from staff, who perceive a lack of leadership on the part of the owner or veterinarians regarding sanitation and proper facility maintenance. Many DEA and OSHA complaints are employee initiated, as well. In addition, should a Professional Regulation Inspector arrive at your facility to discuss a consumer complaint, he or she will be evaluating your facility, in addition to asking questions about the complaint.

Many veterinary practice acts in North America require facility licenses in addition to practice licenses, in order to address these issues. Standards for facility licenses are very clear and are usually divided into practice categories such as small animal, large animal, and mobile practice standards. Facility licenses are then disciplined just as a veterinary license could be. The owner(s) of the practice is responsible for maintaining the facility license.

Facility licenses are not required in Illinois; however, "Failure to keep one's premises and all equipment therein in a clean and sanitary condition" is a grounds for discipline of a veterinary license, according to Section 25 (115/25 Disciplinary Actions) of the Illinois Veterinary Medicine and Surgery Practice Act of 2004. Therefore, it is the responsibility of all practicing veterinarians to assist with presenting a clean, sanitary and safe work environment to the public and staff. While the owner bears the most responsibility for facility maintenance, associate veterinarians are not off the hook. An associate veterinarian who works in a practice with substandard conditions is encouraged to address these issues with the owners and managers in order to improve the conditions of the premise, for both the public and the staff.

Can we curb the curious client or gag the overzealous employee? I don't think so. Better to take a close look at our facilities, whether owner veterinarian or associate veterinarian – and clean house, if needed.

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

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

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

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

ISVMA Encourages Support for a Veterinary Heritage Museum

The ISVMA recently organized a 501(c)3 foundation for the purpose of supporting projects related to veterinary medicine. Contributions to the Illinois Veterinary Medical Foundation (IVMF) are tax-deductible, so as you are preparing to make charitable contributions at the close of this tax year or if you are looking to make contributions to limit your exposure to the Capital Gains Tax, please consider a donation to the IVMF.

One of the initial projects being support by the IVMF is the development of a Veterinary Heritage Museum at the University of Illinois. The purpose is to organize a collection of hundreds of artifacts, research and historical documents that chronicle the everyday efforts and extraordinary achievements of Illinois' veterinary practitioners, educators and researchers.

Please support the development of a Heritage Museum with your contribution to:

Illinois Veterinary Medical Foundation
c/o ISVMA
133 South Fourth Street
Suite 202
Springfield, IL 62701

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To view the IL Practice Act, visit www.isvma.org/legislation.htm. For questions about this article, e-mail Dr. Georgianne Ludwig at georgieludwig@yahoo.com.

How to Login to the Member Center

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CONVENTION TIDBITS

If you are a new 50 Year Member or new Life Member, and have not received your award pin in the mail, please contact Tina Stancil at the ISVMA office at (217) 523-8387.

Certificates of continuing education have been completed. If you aren't in receipt of your CE certificate, we will mail another one to you. Please call the ISVMA office.

Volunteers can make or break an event. A specific group of volunteers who helped make the convention a better event are the group of room monitors who helped presenters and speakers at each educational session. The ISVMA extends its thanks to the following individuals:

Dr. Matt Allender
Dr. Bill Armbruster
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Dr. Paul Cook
Dr. Rudy Corman
Dr. Patrick Fairbrother
Dr. Lydia Gray
Dr. David Hahn
Dr. Ralph Hamor
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Ms. Dana Saal
Lori Safford
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Ms. Jan Walters
Mr. Peter Weber

ACTS Awards

Congratulations to this year's winners!

This year's Animals Contributing To Society (ACTS) award winners include a blind therapy dog, a guide dog and a family practitioner whose golden retriever has his own photo I.D. badge to make rounds in the hospital.

Earning the Human-Animal Bond Award is Michael Elliot, MD and his two-year-old golden retriever Dakota. From the nomination form: "Dr. Elliott has had many dogs as pets during his lifetime and understands the benefits of the human-animal bond on a personal level ... He was especially interested in the positive influence such a relationship could have with his very young and elderly patients, two age groups that are often reluctant to make the necessary visits to a physician's office." And "the biggest impact has been the difference Dakota has made with the elderly patients. They look forward to him coming into their exam rooms with the doctor. On occasion, when Dakota was absent from work, such as the time he decided to jump into the pond when he was preparing to come to work one morning, you could see the disappointment on the patient's faces when they were told that Dakota was not there."

Selected as the Volunteer Award winners are Jeri Petz and her Great Dane named Sapphire. Sapphire is a 6-year-old blind dog who has been trained to be a therapy dog. "Sapphire has earned obedience titles, had qualified as

a 'Canine Good Citizen' and is a certified therapy dog with Therapy Dogs International and The Delta Society.

Jeri and Sapphire also participate in R.E.A.D. (Reading Education Assistance Group) where they serve to motivate reluctant student readers. (They) also volunteer regularly at Hines Veterans Hospital in Maywood, IL. They go to libraries, hospitals, schools, nursing homes and senior centers on a regular basis to inspire and entertain."

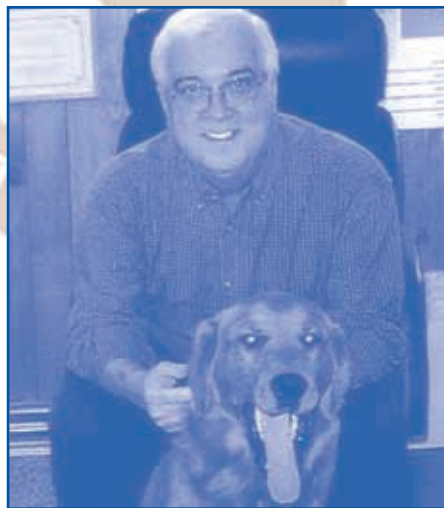
The recipient of the Professional Award winner is a 10-year-old Golden Retriever named Damien. "Damien has provided Dr. Elizabeth Browne with the independence and confidence the Loyola university instructor expects of herself. Since his placement with Elizabeth, he has gone above and beyond the call of duty. Living in the hustle and bustle of Chicago, Elizabeth and Damien travel independently on buses, in taxis and impressively, on the subway.

The subway system and El-Train make even sighted individuals nervous, but Damien has learned to help Elizabeth navigate through the crowds of people and safely arrive at their destination. Damien enjoys attending class with Elizabeth, shopping, taking long walks on their own and attending the opera!

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Professional Award winner Damien and his partner, Ms. Elizabeth Browne, PhD



Human-Animal Bond Award winner Michael Elliot, MD and his "physician's assistant," Dakota

ACTS Awards

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Shown accepting the ACTS Human-Animal Bond Award for Michael Elliot, MD and Dakota is Dr. Gary D. Van Winkle who nominated the winning pair. Presenting the award is Dr. Lydia Gray, committee member of the Human/Animal Bond & Animal Welfare Committee.



Shown is ACTS Volunteer Award winner Sapphire with her owner, Jeri Petz. In the background is Human-Animal Bond/Animal Welfare Committee chairman Dr. Emil Baukert.

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The ISVMA would like to thank the following sponsors for their generosity at this year's convention.

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CONVENTION EXHIBITORS:

This year's convention saw an increase of exhibitors, with 83 total spaces filled on the trade show floor. The ISVMA thanks its exhibitors, and sponsors, for their participation in this year's successful trade show and convention.



On Friday evening, the trade show floor officially opened with an Exhibits Grand Opening and President's Welcome Reception, hosted by Dr. Wes Bieritz and his wife, Sheila. Shown at the event are (left to right) Dr. Henry Childers, AVMA President, Dr. Bieritz and Sheila Bieritz.

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Pictured above from left to right: Patty Herath, Rodney Crum, Cara McKim, Angie Hahn, and Marilyn Mahr.

2005-2006 AUXILIARY OFFICERS ELECTED

This year there were two open positions left on the Board when it came time to vote in officers, President-Elect and Vice President, Public Relations. From Patricia Herath's 2004-2005 Presidential Report, "...Unless someone steps forward, to either serve as President-Elect, or come with a partner to serve as co-chairman, next year will be the last year of the Auxiliary to the ISVMA as we currently know it. The future lies in your hands, you the members... We need your help now more than ever. Please volunteer. It is a time commitment of 6-10 days a year."

Taking posts for the 2005-2006 Membership year are the following individuals.


Elected Officers

Angie Hahn, President
 Patty Herath, Deputy President
 Cara McKim, Secretary
 Rodney Crum, Co-Chair Vice President, Membership
 Ginger Brainard, Co-Chair Vice President, Membership

Appointed Officers

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 Denise Likens-Stein, Parliamentarian
 Patty Herath, Editor, VetSet Newsletter
 Jan Champley, Treasurer
 Marilyn Mahr, Executive Secretary
 Helen Russell, Long Range Planning
 Brenda Weber, ISVMA Liaison

Affair of the Heart

This year's Auxiliary program event was presented by Mr. Brian Finn, from St. John's Prairie Heart Institute, Springfield, Illinois, and featured information to keep heart health a part of daily living. As part of the event were individuals from the Prairie Heart Institute who led participants through a health fair: heart-healthy food snacks and stations for body measurements to assess heart disease risk. 



Prairie Heart Institute representative Peggy Finn shows Auxiliary Member Mrs. JoAnn Heffernan how to use equipment for body-mass index.



Mr. Brian Finn addresses the group assembled at this year's annual convention.

AUXILIARY SILENT AUCTION A SUCCESS

A new tradition was begun this year at convention, hosted by the Auxiliary to the ISVMA. Quietly taking a place in exhibit hall were items for a silent auction waiting to be admired and taken home by the highest bidder.

This first annual event boasted a wide range of items and yielded a total earnings of \$ 2,095. The Auxiliary wishes to offer its thanks to the following individuals and companies who generously donated to this year's fledgling event.

Ms. Carroll Vallie

Vet Care Associates, Alpha; Washington/Germantown Veterinary Clinics; Spoon River Animal Clinic, Canton; Greenhaven Animal Clinic, San Jose Dean and Mrs. Herbert Whiteley, DVM

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All proceeds 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 19 second- and third-year veterinary students. 

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ISVMA FORUM

Following are actual questions that have recently been asked of ISVMA staff members:

Q: I wasn't able to attend convention and take advantage of the IVERT training. I would like information on this program. Where can I call?

A: Dwight Arnett, DVM, is the Executive Director of the Illinois Veterinary Emergency Response Team (IVERT). He is the contact person for all requests and can be reached at (309) 261-9074 or IVERT, P.O. Box 237, Bellflower IL 61724.

Q: We are purging records in our clinic. What is the legal requirement for maintaining written and radiograph patient files? What needs to be kept?

A: The requirements for maintaining patient records are established by Illinois statute and regulation. The Administrative Code for the Veterinary Medicine and Surgery Practice Act of 1994, Section 1500.50 Standards of Professional Conduct specifies not only what medical records are to be maintained, it also states that records are to be kept a minimum of 3 (three) years. To download the information, go to <http://www.ilga.gov/commission/jcar/admincode/068/06801500sections.html>. That page will open to a listing of 17 different subsections of Section 1500. By selecting 1500.50 Standards of Professional Conduct, the following should open.

“Section 1500.50 Standards of Professional Conduct

- a) In determining what constitutes dishonorable, unethical or unprofessional conduct of a character likely to deceive, defraud or harm the public, the Board or hearing officer shall consider the following standards as they relate to the person who is the subject of the proposed disciplinary action. Such standards shall include, but not be limited to:
 - 11) Failing to maintain adequate medical records, including but not limited to the following:
 - A) Patient identification;
 - B) Client identification;
 - C) Dated reason for visit and pertinent history;
 - D) Physical exam findings;
 - E) Diagnostic, medical, surgical or therapeutic procedures performed;
 - F) All medical treatment must include identification of each medication given in the practice, together with the date, dosage, and route of administration and frequency and duration of treatment;
 - G) All medicines dispensed or prescribed must be recorded, including directions for use and quantity;
 - H) Any changes in medications or dosages, including telephonically or electronically initiated changes, must be recorded;
 - I) If a necropsy is performed, the record must reflect the findings;
 - J) Patient records must be maintained for a minimum of three years;”


Remember, be sure to back up your files if you maintain records electronically instead of by paper!

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Q: We have an animal that has been abandoned. If we follow all that the Practice Act specifies, and the animal has not been claimed, do we have to destroy the animal?

A: The text of the Practice Act does not specify that the animal has to be destroyed. The following is part of what is specified in the Veterinary Medicine and Surgery Practice Act of 2004 (225 ILCS 115/18) This is what is written:

“Sec. 18. Unless otherwise contractually provided between veterinarian and client, a veterinarian may dispose of any animal abandoned in his establishment, provided he shall give notice of his intention to do so to the owner at the last-known address by certified mail, return receipt requested, and shall allow a period of 7 days to elapse after the receipt is returned before disposing of such animal. But if the owner cannot be located at such address, the veterinarian shall give such notice by publication in a newspaper published and having a circulation in the area in which such owner was last known to reside and shall allow a period of 7 days to elapse after such publication before disposing of such animal.” 

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JANUARY 31-FEBRUARY 1: 2006 ILLINOIS PORK EXPO.

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FEBRUARY 2006

FEBRUARY 12-16: 11TH ANNUAL CONTINUED VETERINARY SKI SYMPOSIUM.

Fairmont Chateau Whistler Resort and Spa, Whistler, BC, Canada. Produced and Sponsored by ContinuEd, this symposium will focus on "Gastrointestinal Disorders in Small Animals". Featured speaker is Dr. Stan Marks, University of California at Davis. Dr. Marks is board-certified in internal medicine,

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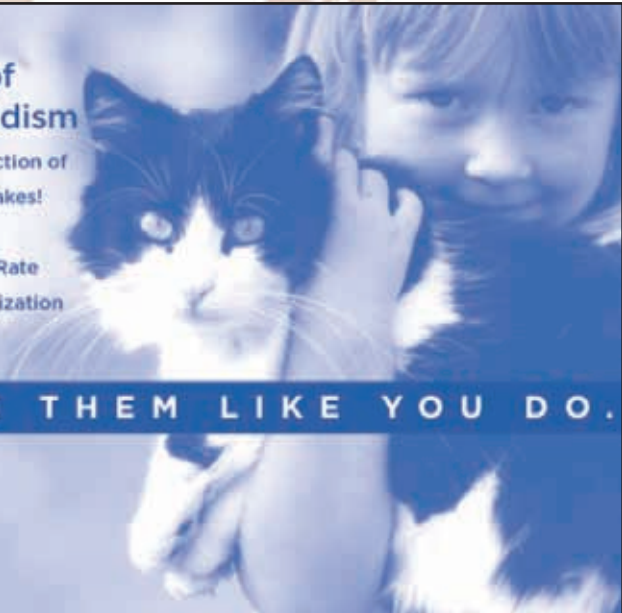
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FULL-TIME ASSOCIATE: Fox Valley Veterinary Hospital P.C., Ottawa IL has an opening for a full-time associate to join our AAHA certified hospital/companion pets.

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