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Your License to Practice Veterinary Medicine in Illinois Expires December 31, 2013!

Lydia F. Gray, DVM, MA – ISVMA President, Board of Directors

For those of you who weren't at the Annual ISVMA Business Meeting on Saturday, November 14 at Convention, and who didn't hear my official President's Address, it really was just two words: Practice... Act.

I did this not just to earn brownie points from our executive director, Peter Weber, but to emphasize the fact that The Veterinary Medicine and Surgery Practice Act of 2004 "sunsets" in just a few short years. Veterinary professionals in Illinois need to be aware that the ISVMA intends to introduce a new and improved version of the Practice Act in 2010. We must be engaged to support the needed changes and we must also be prepared to fend off language from outside groups that could diminish our capacity and responsibility to protect the health and welfare of animals and the public.

Thank goodness we have a knowledgeable and responsive Legislative Committee, expertly chaired by Dr. Steve Dullard, your new vice president. Operating under the watchful eye of Peter and our ever-vigilant lobbyists Terry Steczo and Maureen Mulhall, this group has already "tested the waters" by opening the Act to introduce a limited amendment to establish Practice Pending Licensure earlier this year. So far so good. But we need your help.

First, if you know someone that isn't a member of ISVMA, encourage them to join. Everyone knows there is strength in numbers. While the ISVMA has increased its membership dramatically over the past few years, there are still more than a thousand veterinarians practicing in the state that aren't members. Of my 38 classmates that still live in Illinois, 11 aren't ISVMA members. You better believe I'll be calling them soon and encouraging them to join! Our state veterinary association should represent 100% of the practicing veterinarians in the state and anything less than that diminishes our effectiveness.

Our newest members, the certified veterinary technicians, are slowly building in numbers. In the one year that CVTs have been eligible for membership, nearly 100 have joined. The ISVMA currently represents a small percentage of this section of the veterinary professional community. However, the scope of their work is also dictated by the Practice Act. Just think what a force the ISVMA can be at the State Capitol if all of the state's technicians were also part of our lobbying effort!

So, if you are looking for a fun activity to do in the spring, please join us for Lobby Day! Ask any of the veterinarians or students (yes, students!) who've attended over the years and they'll tell you it's worth the drive to Springfield. You'll get briefed on the current legislative climate in our capitol, talk with your Representative and Senator face-to-face, and hear from your colleagues who met with their legislators. Did I mention the free lunch?

If you haven't supplied the office with your email address, stop reading and go online right now! It's only when the ISVMA has your email address that Peter's legislative action alerts will start coming to you. There aren't many and they aren't often; so, when he tells you it's important that you contact your legislator about an issue, it is important! A personal visit is

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Welcome 2010!

We will open the book. Its pages are blank. We are going to put words on them ourselves. The book is called Opportunity and its first chapter is New Year's Day.

--Edith Lovejoy Pierce

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“Massage Therapy Isn’t a Replacement for Veterinary Care”

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The December 11, 2009 issue of the Springfield State Journal-Register newspaper included an article titled: Pampered Pet - Local Massage Therapists Help Soothe Animals' Aches and Pains. (www.sj-r.com/carousel/x555625193/Massage-therapy-for-animals-not-a-frilly-thing) The article was picked up by other Illinois newspapers including the Peoria Journal Star. The ISVMA is very concerned about the validity of the premise postulated by the article's author that "...animal massage in Illinois operates in a somewhat gray area." The Executive Director's column this issue is a copy of his response to the article that was sent as a letter to the editor which clarifies Illinois law as it pertains to unlicensed and complementary and alternative animal therapy.

Sheryl Lloyd made this very valid point in the article, “Pampered Pet: Local Massage Therapists Help Soothe Animals' Aches and Pains” which appeared in the State Journal Register on December 11, 2009.

Unfortunately, the article falsely concludes that, “...animal massage in Illinois operates in a somewhat gray area.”

The laws of Illinois are quite clear and there are numerous providers of complementary and alternative therapies in the state that work within these laws. Massage therapists that diagnose and treat animals without required consent, referral and supervision of a licensed veterinarian are not operating in a gray area; and their illegal activities have an extremely negative impact on others within their field that conform to the legal requirements and work appropriately in collaboration with a licensed veterinarian.

Illinois law states that veterinarians are the only professionals that may directly or indirectly consult, diagnose, prognose, correct, supervise, or recommend treatment of an animal for the prevention, cure, or relief of a wound, fracture, bodily injury, defect, disease, or physical or mental condition by any method or mode. (225 ILCS115/3) Unlicensed (illegal) practice of veterinary medicine can have serious consequences for the health and safety of both the animal and the public.

The veterinary medical profession is lawfully charged with delivering optimal animal healthcare, advocating for animal welfare, and protecting public health. Treating animals without veterinary involvement or management can harm animal patients and endanger public health.

Massage and other complementary and alternative therapies (chiropractic, acupuncture, animal psychology, etc.) can be a very relevant part of the overall health maintenance plan for animals. Illinois law allows veterinarians to collaborate with other licensed or regulated professions when the owner of an animal consents and when the veterinarian supervises and controls the treatment or care of the animal. (225 ILCS 115/4)

By virtue of their education, veterinarians – like physicians, dentists, pharmacists and other licensed health care professionals – receive a license that provides the means by which the public holds the professional accountable. Most importantly, the risks to public health and animal welfare increase the further veterinarians are removed from their lawful role as primary healthcare providers for animals.

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There is a reason that only a licensed veterinarian can legally "...watch a way a dog walks and can tell if it's having a problem with its hip or leg it's having problems with." A doctor of veterinary medicine knows that there are many causes of lameness and misdiagnosis can be very harmful to the animal. For example, delayed diagnosis of a cruciate injury, can lead to long term pain and more severe arthritic changes in the knee joint. Surgical repair is needed.

Misdiagnosis can also be harmful to people. For example, a doctor of veterinary medicine also knows that the delayed diagnosis and proper antibiotic treatment of Lyme disease (of which lameness is a sign) will lead to more severe illness and worsen the prognosis. Lyme disease also has the potential to spread to humans through the bite of an infected tick.

Doctors of veterinary medicine can identify symptoms and characteristics of other diseases that can be transmitted between animals and humans. When unlicensed individuals illegally serve as primary care providers for animals, they raise the risk of spreading these diseases that a licensed veterinarian would recognize and properly quarantine.

It is this risk to public health that led to the passage of the first Illinois Veterinary Medicine and Surgery Practice Act in 1899. The preamble to this 110 year old law reads:

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

NEW "FAMILY FRIENDLY" CE CONCEPT Join Us in Peoria on January 23, 2010

Deadline to Register – January 20, 2010

PRACTICE OWNERSHIP WORKSHOP: The ISVMA is hosting a workshop designed specifically for DVMs thinking about buying a practice or transitioning into ownership.

WORKSHOP LOCATION: The program will be held at the Peoria Civic Center on Saturday, January 23, 2010 from 3:00 – 6:00pm and qualifies for 3 (three) hours of continuing education.

SPEAKERS: Ken Ehlen, DVM and Kirsten Poppen, JD, AVA from Simmons & Associates will instruct. Learn about the buying process, cash flow and profitability, and get your questions answered. This interactive session will help you on your path to practice ownership.

SO, WHAT IS DIFFERENT? WHAT IS THE NEW CONCEPT? ISVMA wants this to be a family outing! In addition to the quality CE program, we encourage our participants to bring their families. We have coordinated with the Lakeview Museum of Arts & Sciences in Peoria to host spouses and children during the CE program (a small entrance fee is required). Everyone will gather at the Peoria Civic Center (DVMs and family) at 6:15pm for dinner and afterwards watch a Peoria Rivermen professional hockey game! ISVMA has reserved a block of tickets so families can participate in this social and family-oriented event.

IF THAT ISN'T ENOUGH FUN.....PLEASE VOTE TO DETERMINE "ICE TIME" FOR DEAN WHITELEY! Herb Whiteley, DVM, Dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine is a former hockey player and coach. He's been invited to either: 1) drop the puck for the ceremonial opening faceoff; or 2) take a shot at scoring a goal during intermission. The Dean has agreed to let our members decide - and no, the penalty box isn't an option! If you would like to vote in the poll, go to: http://isvmaimpak.networkkats.com/members_online/members/surveys.asp?action=view&qy=2009&qc=HKYP&af=ISVM.

Registration and program information is available at www.isvma.org or complete the registration form on page 21 and fax it to the ISVMA office at 217/546-5633. Register early so that we can reserve enough tickets for the hockey game!

REGISTRATION FEES

Practice Ownership Educational Session

	Prior to 1/11/2010	Prior to 1/20/2010
■ ISVMA Member Veterinarian	\$90	\$110
■ Non-Member Veterinarian	\$125	\$150
■ Veterinary Student Member	\$50	\$60

Dinner Per Person

■ Veterinarians, guests & family 7 and older (*children under 7 eat free)	\$20	\$25
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Hockey Game Per Person

■ All Guests (Lower Bowl Reserved Seats)	\$18	\$18
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best, and then a phone call, but we've made it very easy for you to contact your state representative or senator by email through the ISVMA Legislative Action Center. The letters are already written so you don't even have to research the issues. Just personalize them and press "send." That's it!

Finally, Dr. George Richards would never speak to me again if I didn't encourage you to support the Veterinary Medicine Political Action Committee (VMPAC). VMPAC doesn't buy votes, it provides access. And access to state legislators will be a big help in the years to come as we address alarming gaps in our Practice Act that must be filled if we want to continue to be the professionals who are permitted to practice veterinary medicine.

I've preached at you long enough. Have a great holiday season and see you in 2010!

UPDATE: USDA Veterinary Accreditation Program Changes

ISVMA OFFICES, SPRINGFIELD IL, Dec. 15, 2009 — In response to the flurry of questions from ISVMA members regarding the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) revision of its National Veterinary Accreditation Program (NVAP), the ISVMA has obtained the following from the Area USDA APHIS office

Does the USDA expect to have all veterinarians nationwide registered for the program by February 1, 2010?

No. All DVMs accredited prior to February 1, 2010 will be required to **re-apply** in order to continue their accreditation status in the revised program. February 1, 2010 is when the revised program goes into effect.

When will there be access to the instructions/directions to re-apply?

The National USDA APHIS office in Riverdale MD is currently working to put together all necessary materials, including the creation of a new application form. The target date to have the form and all educational modules prepared for use is February 1, 2010.

What is the required timeframe to re-apply?

There will be a **6 MONTH WINDOW** to apply. Those who do not apply within this timeframe will have their accreditation status expire. The USDA anticipates having the new application ready for publication on February 1, 2010.

The new program creates two accreditation categories instead of one. Why two categories?

The division is in place to ensure that accredited veterinarians receive the necessary training on zoonotic and foreign animal diseases and the risks associated with them. Category I centers on companion animals (dogs, cats and pocket pets) where Category II focuses more on food animal/large animal/zoo animal/farm-raised aquatic animals (all species including pet birds).

After I re-apply, are there any other changes I need to be aware of?

Yes. First, you will be assigned a unique accreditation number by the national staff in Riverdale. Second, your status will no longer be indefinitely ongoing. Your accreditation status will expire three years after your application/reapplication date. Additionally, during those 3 years you will be required to obtain CE hours specifically targeted for accreditation. Category I will require 3 hours and Category II will require 6 hours.

Where or how do I find the required CE?

The USDA will provide the accreditation training modules and plans to have it available in various media. Online training modules will be free of charge. Materials on CD or on paper will have a fee assessed. In addition to those self-training materials, the USDA may also offer seminars at various national veterinary conferences.

Can't I just attend an IVERT training and count those hours?

No. You will have to use the USDA training materials.

Will the USDA accreditation CE hours count toward the 40 hours I need to renew my DVM license in the state of Illinois?

At this time, these CE hours **WILL NOT** be accepted as CE needed to maintain your license of veterinary medicine. You will still need 40 hours of CE in addition to the 3 or 6 hours of CE earned for accreditation.

After Feb. 1, 2010 there will be a media blitz releasing the information in professional journals and organizations. Information comes from the national office in Riverdale MD. Consult the USDA APHIS website for information at www.aphis.usda.gov/nvap.

USDA Revises Veterinary Accreditation Program

On December 9, 2009, The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) announced it had revised its National Veterinary Accreditation Program (NVAP). John Clifford, APHIS veterinary services deputy administrator stated, "The revisions to this important program will help better protect U.S. animal health in the face of current complexities in business, trade and travel."

The new program creates two accreditation categories based on the species on which accredited duties will be performed in place of a former single category. It includes requirements for supplemental online training. The revisions also call for accreditation to be renewed every three years. The NVAP also will offer program certifications that will allow veterinarians to participate in program-specific APHIS activities. Another important change under the new regulations is that veterinarians accredited before Feb. 1, 2010, must apply to continue their accreditation in the revised program. If they do not apply, their accreditation will expire.

The NVAP is a voluntary program; participation is not mandated by the federal government. The NVAP does not regulate general veterinary practice, but rather the performance of specific accredited duties. Veterinarians who are not accredited may still provide general veterinary care to any animal. Information about the accreditation program can be found on the NVAP Web site at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/nvap/>. Notice of this final rule is published in Dec. 9, 2009, *Federal Register* and becomes effective Feb. 1, 2010.

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Welcome New Members!

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2009 H1N1 Flu

Whether it's 2009 H1N1 influenza virus in domestic turkeys, pigs, birds, cats, dogs or a cheetah, the messages to clients remain largely the same:

- This is not cause for panic, but underscores the importance of taking pets to a veterinarian if they are showing signs of illness.
- This is especially important if someone in the household has recently been ill with flu-like symptoms. Ferret and cat owners should remain vigilant.
- To date, all of the sick pets became ill after a person in the household was ill with flu-like symptoms. There is no evidence to suggest that pets have or will spread the virus to humans or other animals.
- Proper hygiene and sanitation measures should be followed to limit the spread of the influenza virus.

For answers to questions you may have about the 2009 H1N1 flu virus outbreak, or to follow instances of H1N1 in animals, visit AVMA's website at www.avma.org/public_health/influenza/new_virus/.

AVMA Seeks Representative to NCVEI, Volunteers for Other Vacancies

The AVMA is soliciting nominations for a representative to the National Commission on Veterinary Economic Issues. The Association also continues to invite nominations for candidates to fill vacancies on AVMA committees, councils, and other entities.

A 12-member board of directors governs the NCVEI, with four members from each of the three founding organizations—the AVMA, American Animal Hospital Association, and Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges. The AVMA currently is seeking a representative to fill a 2010-2013 term on the board. Nominations must be received by Jan. 4, and the new representative will be appointed at the Jan. 8 Executive Board meeting.

The deadlines also approach for nominations to AVMA committees, councils, and other entities. Committee and trust nominations are due by March 8. Council nominations must be received by April 1, except that nominations for the Council on Education must be received by Feb. 1.

The trust and committee positions will be filled by the board in April, except that two positions on the Political Action Committee Policy Board will be filled by the House Advisory Committee in March. The House of Delegates will fill council openings this summer in Atlanta.

Nomination materials are posted on the AVMA Web site at www.avma.org/about_avma/governance/volunteering, with the open positions listed under "Vacancies." These materials can also be obtained by calling AVMA headquarters at (800) 248-2862, Ext. 6605, or e-mailing OfficeEVP@avma.org. Nominations must be submitted to the AVMA Office of the Executive Vice President.

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According to the November 2009 issue of *Money* magazine, veterinarians rank 25th out of the 50 best jobs in America. According to the magazine, job growth for veterinarians (estimated for 2006-2016 from the Bureau of Labor Statistics) ranked fourth behind telecommunications network engineers, systems engineers, and personal financial advisors.

Four sources were utilized to create the top jobs list: PayScale.com, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Conference Board Help Wanted Online Data Series and an online survey of 35,000 people by *Money* magazine researchers.

Go to <http://money.cnn.com/magazines/moneymag/bestjobs/2009> for a list of the Top 50 best jobs in America.

HELPING SHELTERS HELP CATS Morris Animal Foundation Request for Proposals

Deadline: February 5, 2010, 11:59 pm EST

Thanks to a generous gift from an anonymous donor, MAF is announcing this request for proposals for research projects to develop methods (research, education) for preventing or treating infectious diseases that result in negative outcomes for shelter cats. We are particularly interested in proposals investigating feline infectious peritonitis (FIP) and in projects containing a training component that will produce future scientists in animal health/welfare research.

To submit a proposal application to MAF, go to www.GrantRequest.com/SID_945?SA=SNA&FID=35023, MAF's Helping Shelters Help Cats Request for Proposals online application form (you will need to set up an account unless you already have one). Once an online application is started, you will be given the option to save it and finish later. To **CONTINUE** (modify/change) an **EXISTING** (in process) application, go to www.GrantRequest.com/SID_945?SA=AM. **NOTE:** If the online application link is accessed more than once, you will be creating more than one online application. In the event that you inadvertently create more than one application, multiple applications will be shown on your account page. Please delete all but the most recent application and select the latest version to continue your current application.

Hospira Recalls Propofol That May Contain Particulate Matter

Hospira of Lake Forest, Ill., has recalled certain lots of propofol injectable emulsion 1% because some containers may contain particulate matter. For the same reason, the company also is recalling certain lots of its Liposyn intravenous fat emulsion. Hospira identified stainless-steel manufacturing equipment as the source of the particulate matter and has implemented corrective actions.

The recall affects 73 lots of propofol 1% and 85 lots of Liposyn II 10%, Liposyn II 20%, Liposyn III 10%, Liposyn III 20%, and Liposyn III 30% that begin with the lot numbers 79 and 80. Hospira distributed these lots between July and October. Anyone with an inventory of these products should quarantine the products and call Stericycle at (866) 654-0725 to arrange for a return. Hospira Medical Communications will address medical inquiries at (800) 615-0187 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. CST, Monday through Friday.

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FDA Launches New Pet Health And Safety Widget

(Washington, DC 12/9/2009) The U.S. Food and Drug Administration launched its pet health and safety widget for consumers as part of an ongoing effort to provide timely, user-friendly, public health information.

"Our new pet health and safety widget provides users with information to help them in managing their pet's health," said Joshua Sharfstein, M.D., FDA's principal deputy commissioner.

The widget, a portable application embedded in a Web page that can be copied onto any other Web site or blog, will include topics such as how to report a problem with your pet food, purchasing pet drugs online, and caring for your pet in a disaster.

The widget allows users to access content on the FDA's Web site without having to leave another site or Web page.

"The pet health and safety widget allows users to add a new dimension to their Web site by providing consumers with the latest news and information from the FDA's Center for Veterinary Medicine," said Bernadette Dunham, D.V.M., Ph.D., director of FDA's Center for Veterinary Medicine.

The widget has two tabs, one titled "tips" and, the other, "updates." The Tips tab highlights pet health and safety articles. The Updates tab will provide up-to-the-minute recall notices and veterinary drug news for consumers.

The pet health and safety widget is available at <http://www.fda.gov/PetHealthWidget> requires no technical maintenance on the part of the user. The FDA will provide updates to content displayed on the widget.



UI Cancer Care—and More—Comes to Chicago

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

Mark Your Calendar for CE at the Chicago Center:

January 21, 2010

Managing Ear Diseases,

Karen L. Campbell, DVM, MS, DACVIM, DACVD

February 11, 2010

Canine and Feline Dental Radiology

Sandra Manfra Marretta, DVM, DACVS, DAVDC

March 18, 2010

Immune Mediated Hematologic Abnormalities in Cats and Dogs

Amy L. MacNeill, DVM, PhD, DACVP

April 15, 2010

An Evening of Oncology

Laura D. Garrett, DVM, DACVIM

May 20, 2010

End of Life Communication

Cheryl A. Weber, MSW, MBA, JD

Register at:

vetmed.illinois.edu/ope/saceseries

Referring clients to the oncologists at the Veterinary Teaching Hospital in Urbana just got a lot easier for veterinarians in northeastern Illinois, because oncology has come to Chicago.

Every other week, our board-certified veterinary cancer specialists will see patients at the College's Chicago Center for Veterinary Medicine, located at 2242 West Harrison in the Illinois Medical District. As caseload grows, they plan to add appointment days in Chicago.

Section head Dr. Tim Fan, who has headed the group since 2003, and Dr. Jackie Wypij, who completed her residency at Illinois and returned as a faculty member last year, will be offering many of the services they provide in Urbana:

- second opinions on newly diagnosed cancers;
- bone, bone marrow, and other tissue biopsies;
- consultation on difficult cancers with complicating medical factors;
- alternate rescue protocols for patients out of remission;
- palliative treatment plans for advanced-stage cancers;
- individualized treatment plans to be implemented at your clinic;
- delivery of melanoma immunotherapy and Palladia (novel targeted cancer therapy), treatments restricted to use by oncologists; and
- administration of chemotherapy.

Radiography and ultrasonography will be among the diagnostics available at this location. Patients requiring weekly chemotherapy from our specialists would visit the Urbana hospital during the weeks the service does not take appointments at the Chicago center. Several new cancer treatment clinical trials are under way, and those patients enrolling in a clinical trial, requiring advanced imaging (CT/MRI), or those receiving radiation therapy would also receive treatment in Urbana.

Cancer specialists are also participating in the College's small animal continuing education series at the Chicago Center; on April 15, 2010, Dr. Laura Garrett will speak on "Indications for Radiation Therapy" and "Targeted Therapy for Cancer: What Are These TK Inhibitors All About?" Register at vetmed.illinois.edu/ope/saceseries/.

No matter where they see patients, our specialists focus on providing client-centered, compassionate care and the latest in oncologic treatments.

Other Urbana specialists are available for teleconference consults from our Center headquarters. Just call to arrange an appointment.

Two Chicago Center veterinarians are also available for specialty referrals: director Dr. Rosemary LoGiudice has recently completed her certification as a canine rehabilitation therapist, and Dr. Kelly Morgan is completing a residency in animal behavior.

To make an appointment for a client, please call the Chicago center at 312-226-2588.

You may reach the oncology service in Urbana by contacting Nancy George, chief clinical case coordinator, at 217-244-7789. Other information about specialists at the Teaching Hospital can be found online at vetmed.illinois.edu/4dvms/.

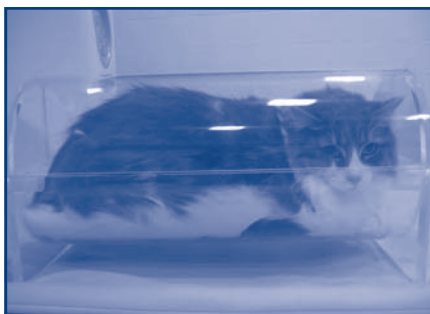
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4dvms/](http://www.vetmed.illinois.edu/4dvms/)**

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

Radiologist's Invention Helps Diagnose Critically Ill Cats

With the arrival of the new 16-slice CT machine (the same type of scanner found at top-notch human hospitals) at the University of Illinois Veterinary Teaching Hospital in Urbana, scanning was complete in a matter of seconds; however, radiologists were very limited because patients needed general anesthesia because they had to remain perfectly still during the several minute long scan.



The problem was highlighted with dogs or cats arriving at the emergency room in respiratory distress. Anesthetizing an unstable patient could be fatal, and so a CT scan could never be performed on these patients, complicating and prolonging diagnosis and treatment. Dr. Robert O'Brien, a veterinary radiologist at the Teaching Hospital, had an idea to solve this situation. After a few prototypes, Dr. O'Brien created the VetMouseTrap, a device that provided oxygen, allowed the patient to rest while undergoing the CT, and which did not require anesthesia. Constructed from clear plexiglass, the top half lifts off like the top of a pet carrier. The patient is placed in the tube and has room to lie down in a comfortable position. The device also doubles as a short term oxygen cage in the emergency room and transport device within the hospital.

Dr. O'Brien reports that he has had numerous universities and private practices expressing an interest in obtaining the device. Production of the device is currently limited to collaborative research, including the University of Glasgow and University of Edinburgh in Scotland. Currently funded research continues on cats in respiratory distress, cats with nasal disease, and small dogs with collapsing tracheal disease.

For more information on the VetMouseTrap you can contact the Veterinary Teaching Hospital at 217/333-5300.

Imaging Assistance at the U of I CVM – Teaching Hospital

Online access and expert consultation – The Teaching Hospital continues to offer fee-for-service consulting on radiographs. Forward images by mail as films or digitally on CD or submit by email to radconsults@vetmed.illinois.edu. Review patients' diagnostic images through the digital images system. Details and links to request forms are online at vetmed.illinois.edu/4dvms/ or contact the Medical Records at 217/333-5363.

Outpatient imaging – is now available to assist in diagnosis of patients. Results of ultrasound, MRI, or CT examinations are forwarded within 24 hours of the study. The Teaching Hospital outpatient imaging protocols give priority to patient safety and ensure that charge of the patient remains with you, the originating doctor. Schedule your patient for outpatient imaging at 217/333-1800. Susan Hartman, senior imaging technologist, can answer questions at 217/244-2031.

Have you seen this dog?

Every Illinois veterinary clinic should have received a copy of the *Directory for Referring Veterinarians* in the mail. It's your handy guide to the people and services of the Veterinary Teaching Hospital.

If you need additional copies, please contact Peggy Olsen at 217/265-6588. The most current version of this information is always available online at vetmed.illinois.edu/4dvs/.



Intervet/Schering-Plough Animal Health and AABP Honor Students

U of I CVM Student Receives \$1,500 through AABP Bovine Veterinary Student Recognition Awards

Roseland NJ, December 1, 2009 –

Eight students pursuing careers in bovine veterinary medicine received industry encouragement and financial support through the American Association of Bovine Practitioners (AABP) Bovine Veterinary Student Recognition Awards. The program, sponsored by Intervet/Schering-Plough Animal Health, awarded \$1,500 to each of eight student winners who exemplify dedication and commitment to advancing their studies in dairy and/or beef veterinary medicine. The program also awards each recipient an all-expenses-paid trip to the annual AABP conference.

Since the Bovine Veterinary Student Recognition Awards were established in 2004, Intervet/Schering-Plough has awarded more than \$37,000 to 33 eligible third- and fourth-year veterinary students. Scoring was based on a variety of categories, including work experience, academic achievements, primary interests in veterinary medicine and career goals.

Congratulations go to award recipient **DVM Student Justin Powell**, University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine. He says his passion for a career in the dairy industry stems from growing up — and remaining active — on his family's Holstein farm in central Illinois. Powell's main interests in college were reproduction and genetics in dairy cattle, but he became more interested in dairy-herd management after being exposed to the commercial side of the dairy industry. His career goals include owning a bovine practice that focuses on herd health, reproduction and consulting.

Mr. Powell received his \$1,500 award and a plaque at the AABP annual meeting, held Sept. 10-12 in Omaha, Neb.

Boehringer Ingelheim Introduces New Vetera West Nile Virus Vaccines

ST. JOSEPH, MO (Nov. 23, 2009) – **Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica, Inc. (BIVI)**, announces the introduction of its **Vetera™ West Nile virus family of vaccines**, the only vaccines containing the **North American Equine E159™ 2005 horse isolate** representative of the virus that is most likely to infect horses today. The Vetera family of vaccines includes protection against West Nile virus; Eastern, Western and Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis; and tetanus, in a variety of combinations.

Vetera vaccines provide protection against the most contemporary strain of West Nile virus currently circulating in the United States and are the only West Nile virus vaccines to use both the intrathecal challenge model and a heterologous challenge isolate to demonstrate a proven, high level of efficacy for licensure.

Dr. Rob Keene, BIVI equine professional services veterinarian, says the Vetera vaccines incorporate the contemporary West Nile horse isolate along with the Eastern, Western, Venezuelan and tetanus antigens, and use a cutting-edge patent-pending purification process to eliminate the majority of the extraneous proteins from the vaccine antigens. This allows for an optimal antigen load in a single 1 mL volume dose that's more readily tolerated by the horse's immune system.

"The Vetera West Nile virus vaccines incorporate the **Carbimmune™ adjuvant**, which has been proven safe and highly effective in amplifying a rapid and sustained immune response in vaccinated horses," says Keene. "And the vaccine does not contain mercury-based preservatives. The combination of the novel purification process and adjuvant in the Vetera vaccines has shown to virtually eliminate site reactions

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New Pfizer Animal Health is Unveiled with Acquisition of Wyeth

NEW YORK – A new Pfizer Animal Health was unveiled as Pfizer's acquisition of Wyeth, including its subsidiary Fort Dodge Animal Health, was completed. Pfizer Animal Health now offers an enhanced portfolio in beef, dairy, and companion animals, as well as a redefined product line for swine, equine and poultry.

"Pfizer Animal Health is passionate about working hand-in-hand with our customers and partners to transform the care, health and well-being of animals," stated Clint Lewis, president of U.S. Operations for Pfizer Animal Health. "With our newly expanded portfolio, Pfizer is more focused than ever on providing relevant solutions to their animal care needs."

Here is a summary of Pfizer Animal Health's new U.S. product portfolio: **Livestock**

- As the leader for beef and dairy animal health solutions, Pfizer will further enhance its position with the addition of **FACTREL®** (gonadorelin hydrochloride) and the proven and well-recognized pioneer line of **SYNOVEX®** implants.
- For the swine market, Pfizer Animal Health will offer a comprehensive range of solutions and services to strengthen its offering with the full line of **SUVAXYN®** brands, including **SUVAXYN PCV-2** vaccine for circovirus.
- Pfizer Poultry Health will strengthen its position in the poultry industry with the addition of a broad range of poultry vaccines including **POULVAC®** and **MATERNAVAC® IBD-Reo**, a leading broiler-breeder vaccine.

Equine

- Joining an already industry-leading equine franchise are Fort Dodge's **WEST NILE INNOVATOR®**, **FLU VAC INNOVATOR®** and **QUEST®** (moxidectin) and **QUEST PLUS®** (moxidectin/praziquantel).

Companion Animals

- Top vaccine **LYMEVAX®** and several anesthetic products help round out the small animal portfolio.

Businesses Receive Reprieve from Rule Requiring ID Theft Prevention¹

The Federal Trade Commission again has delayed enforcement of the Red Flags Rule, and Congress may pass a bill to exempt small businesses from the rule—which requires companies to develop programs to prevent identity theft.

The FTC issued the latest delay in enforcement of the rule, from November 2009 until June 2010, at the request of members of Congress. The Red Flags Rule requires creditors and financial institutions to implement programs to detect warning signs of identity theft, or red flags, and respond appropriately. According to the FTC, health care providers are creditors if they do not always receive payment in full from clients at the time of services.

On Oct. 20, the House of Representatives passed a bill (H.R. 3763) that would exempt health care practices with 20 or fewer employees from the Red Flags Rule. The bill had moved to the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs at press time. The AVMA Governmental Relations Division is lobbying for passage of the legislation. The legislation also includes a provision that would allow businesses to apply to the FTC for an exclusion from the Red Flags Rule. The exclusion would be for companies that know all their customers individually, only perform services in or around the residences of their customers, or have not experienced identity theft and run a type of business in which identity theft is rare.

The AVMA has compiled resources regarding the Red Flags Rule, including a guide to compliance for veterinary practices, at www.avma.org/issues/FTC_red_flags_rule.asp.

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Novartis Animal Health Teams with Local Veterinarian to Support Chicago Police Department Canine Unit

CHICAGO, IL (November 17, 2009) – Novartis Animal Health US, Inc., announced the donation supplies of Sentinel® (milbemycin oxime/lufenuron) Flavor Tabs®, the company's popular heartworm, intestinal worm and flea preventive, to Thomas Pasdo, DVM, of Arboretum View Animal Hospital. Dr. Pasdo will use the product with the members of the Chicago Police Department's Canine Unit. The donation is a gesture of thanks for the hard work and dedication that the dogs and handlers of the Canine Unit provide to the Chicago metropolitan area.

Arboretum View Animal Hospital in Downers Grove has a long history of contributing medical assistance to the Chicago Police Department's Canine Unit, but the hospital's involvement with the Canine Unit grew immensely about five years ago. Dr. Pasdo and his colleagues from Arboretum View hosted a canine first aid seminar for handlers of working dogs in the area, including several police dog handlers. After attending Dr. Pasdo's presentation, the Police Department soon granted more medical care responsibilities for the Canine Unit to Arboretum View Animal Hospital. When Dr. Pasdo began treating dogs from the Canine Unit, there were only a handful of dogs in his care. This year, Dr. Pasdo will treat approximately 100 dogs from the Canine Unit and local municipalities.

"These dogs do a lot for the community," said Dr. Pasdo. "They will take a bullet for their handlers and their devotion is amazing. They provide an extraordinary service to us, and we're happy to return that service to them."

The dogs in the Canine Unit live in their handlers' homes and venture into various locations when on duty, ranging from neighborhood streets to wooded areas. The diverse locations that the dogs encounter present an increased risk of contracting heartworms, fleas and intestinal worms throughout the year. The preventive Sentinel Flavor Tabs program gives handlers the peace of mind that their dogs are protected and may help to prevent zoonosis, or the transmission of diseases or parasites like roundworms and hookworms from animals to humans.

Dr. Pasdo stated that the Canine Unit continually grows as more dogs are brought into the force each year. He began attending training sessions for SWAT and EMT canine handlers to teach them first aid tactics for their dogs as well. As the number of dogs entering the Canine Unit grows, so does the number of patients for Arboretum View Animal Hospital. Although the group is one that the hospital passionately supports, the ability to supply all the dogs with necessary care becomes more challenging to fund.

"The tough economic situation that this country is in means that every little bit of assistance that we receive makes a huge difference," said Dr. Pasdo. "The Sentinel [(milbemycin oxime/lufenuron) Flavor Tabs] donation from Novartis is certainly a big help in ensuring our ability to provide proper care for the Chicago Police Department Canine Unit."

Novartis Animal Health researches, develops and commercializes leading animal treatments that meet the needs of pet owners, farmers and veterinarians. Headquartered in Basel, Switzerland, Novartis Animal Health conducts business in 40 countries and employs 2,600 people worldwide. For more information, please consult www.ah.novartis.com.

West Nile

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and other negative systemic responses to vaccination."

Keene adds that as part of the Vetera West Nile Virus Assurance Program, horses are protected against West Nile virus for one full year when the vaccines are administered by a licensed veterinarian according to label directions. This will provide peace of mind to veterinarians and horse owners that horses are protected against this deadly disease. "Vaccination is the foundation of every equine health program and we believe the veterinarian is central to that process. That's why we sell our equine vaccines only to veterinarians. It's in the best interests of the horse and horse owners to make sure their animals are examined and vaccinated regularly by a licensed veterinarian."

Vetera West Nile virus vaccines are killed-virus vaccines that do not need to be reconstituted for use. They are available alone as Vetera WNV or in combination as Vetera EWT+WNV and Vetera VEWT+WNV, packaged in 1 mL ready-to-use pre-filled syringes or in 10-dose color-coded vials.

For more information on Vetera West Nile virus vaccines, contact Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica at 800-325-9167, or visit www.Vetera-Vaccines.com.



Photo: Dr. Thomas Pasdo of Arboretum View Animal Hospital and a member of the Chicago Police Department's Canine Unit at one of the departments' training sessions.

Chicago VMA Honors Four



On December 9, the Chicago VMA recognized Dr. Shelly Rubin (at left) for a lifetime of distinguished service. Dr. Rubin was presented with the 2009 Lifetime Merit Award by Dr. Yuval Nir (at right), CVMA President. Dr. Rubin is ISVMA Past President and an ISVMA Life Member.



Also honored by the CVMA were Dr. Kathleen Heneghan (not pictured), Dr. Shannon Greeley (left) and Steve Dale (center) for their contributions to veterinary medicine. Drs. Greeley and Heneghan each received the 2009 Merit Award for their tireless work on the Task Force on Companion Animals and Public Safety. Both are ISVMA Members as well as past and present ISVMA Committee members. Mr. Dale was awarded the 2009 President's Service Award for his enduring commitment to companion animals.

Dr. Wayne Ingmire Receives 2009 North American "Favorite Veterinarian" Award

The North American Pet Health Insurance Association (NAPHIA) selected Dr. Wayne Ingmire of Chicago as the winner of the 2009 North American Favorite Veterinarian.

"Dr. Ingmire is a committed and caring practitioner that gives much to his clients, patients and his profession. He has distinguished himself at all levels of his profession and within his community. The North American Pet Health Insurance Association is gratified to provide a small part of recognition that is so well deserved," said Loran Hickton, Executive Director, of the North American Pet Health Insurance Association.

Dr. Wayne Ingmire practices at the Mokena Animal Clinic near Chicago.

He was nominated by Charlene Tabler, a client since 1982. According to Ms. Tabler, "Our family feels that 'Doc' is the most caring and focused care provider we have ever met. And that includes our children's pediatrician and we certainly love our pediatrician! Doc has been with us through the lives of our pets during the good times and times of illness and loss. From getting down on the floor and saying hello to our pets, to holding our hand as we discussed cancer treatments for one of our dogs, Doc is a most loving and caring health provider. There have been several times throughout the years that Doc would call in the early evening to check on our pets and make sure everything was going well. He does so much more for us than treating our pets, Doc treats our entire family."

The North American Pet Health Insurance Association provided a special reception and lunch on October 27, 2009 at the Mokena Animal Clinic for Dr. Ingmire, his staff, and friends. The presentation included the presentation of a \$500 educational grant for the clinic's staff. Additionally, a second award of a \$250 grant to Joliet Junior College was given in honor of Ingmire's family history. His father, Dr. Cecil Ingmire, ran a veterinary practice for farm animals for nearly 50 years in Joliet.



With Dr. Wayne Ingmire (center) is Charlene Tabler, who nominated him for the award. Her dog, Sage, also shown, was saved from an untimely death when "Doc" treated the puppy after it got into lactose intolerance medication. Looking on is Ingmire's father, Dr. Cecil Ingmire.

Visceral Pain Analgesia Research Improves Pain Relief

With the New NK-1 Receptor Antagonist Maropitant D08CA-035

Dr. Pedro Boscan, Colorado State University

Pain is a devastating condition that plays a significant role in an animal's recovery after illness or surgery. Veterinarians have limited therapeutic choices to treat pain in animals, and available analgesics can have detrimental effects on the gastrointestinal tract, liver and kidneys. Researchers investigated a new drug, maropitant, which was originally developed to treat vomiting in dogs, but which may also provide pain relief. They determined that maropitant decreases the level of anesthesia needed during surgery and provides pain-relieving properties in the abdominal organs. Though further study is needed, the results of this study indicate that maropitant may be especially beneficial in postsurgical situations, such as after a spay or neuter procedure. In addition, the researchers developed the first model to quantify visceral (abdominal or trunk area) pain in dogs during routine spay surgeries. This tool will help veterinary scientists assess, prevent and treat pain related to routine surgeries in dogs.

ISVMA Legislative Committee Reviewing Practice Act Amendments

Peter S. Weber, MS, CAE – Executive Director

The ISVMA Legislative Committee is reviewing important and necessary changes to the Veterinary Medicine and Surgery Practice Act which will be introduced in January for consideration by the Illinois General Assembly. The Practice Act is the single most important law affecting the veterinary profession. Important portions of this law include:

- **Establishes the veterinary profession** - "The practice of veterinary medicine in the State of Illinois is declared to affect the public health, safety and welfare and to be subject to State regulation and control in the public interest. It is further declared to be a matter of public interest and concern that the veterinary profession merit and receive the confidence of the public and that only qualified and licensed persons be permitted to practice veterinary medicine." (225 ILCS 15/1)
- **Defines the veterinary profession** - the meaning of practice of veterinary medicine (limitations and qualifications), veterinarian-client-patient-relationship (VCPR), veterinarian, veterinary technician, abandoned animal, supervision, consultation, and many other important terms are established.
- **Qualifications for licensure** - the requirements for veterinarian and certified veterinary technician licensure are included in the Practice Act and the regulations promulgated to enforce it.
- **Specific exemptions from licensure requirements** - the "scope of practice" has become the battle ground for Veterinary Practice Acts across the nation. It is where special interest groups have fought to be exempted from licensure so that they can provide care and treatment to animals that used to be limited to licensed veterinarians.
- **Veterinary licensing & disciplinary procedures** - establishes the Illinois Veterinary Licensing & Disciplinary Board, standards of veterinary practice, discipline of licensees and unlicensed practice, hearing

procedures, appeals, licensure procedures, etc.

- **Sets forth requirements** - client confidentiality, medical records, continuing education, animal abuse reporting, abandoned animal procedures, etc.

The Illinois Constitution requires that all professional practice acts must be renewed at least once every ten years. The legislature sets the expiration (sunset) dates. The Veterinary Medicine and Surgery Practice Act is not scheduled to sunset until January 1, 2014.

Typically (but not because of any law or by rule), a professional practice act is not "opened" for amendment without the involvement of the state association representing the profession. The state associations are considered the "guardians" of their practice acts.

There is considerable risk associated with opening a practice act - individuals and organizations excluded from the professional practice will often seize the opportunity to offer "hostile" amendments intended to limit the scope of the profession or suggest changes that are disadvantageous for the profession.

The last time the Practice Act was "opened" for significant amendments was in 2003 (with a January 1, 2004 sunset date looming). There was a considerable lobbying effort from several non-veterinary groups in the last days of the legislative session that put the renewal of the Practice Act in jeopardy. The ISVMA opposed the changes, but there were not enough legislators willing to vote to renew the Practice Act without the changes included.

In order to obtain a vote to extend the Practice Act, the ISVMA reluctantly accepted the changes to our Practice Act.

For the past seven years, ISVMA has worked to build a strong grassroots advocacy network comprised of member veterinarians, students and technicians. We have organized "key contacts" for most legislators (ISVMA members that have

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personal or professional relationships with legislators). We have been much more engaged in legislative advocacy and have augmented our credibility with legislators by providing accurate, science-based information to help them make the proper decisions on issues related to the health and welfare of animals and the public. In short, ISVMA has become a much stronger voice for the veterinary profession in Illinois.

Now is the time to put the increased strength and credibility to the test! Without the threat of a looming sunset (currently January 1, 2014), we will be suggesting important changes to the Practice Act in an effort to fulfill our mission of advancing the well-being of the veterinary profession, animals, the public and the environment.

Our success is dependent upon the continued involvement and growth of our grassroots advocacy network. You can participate by responding to ISVMA Legislative Calls to Action, getting to know your local legislators so that you can be an information resource for them, and attending the ISVMA Lobby Day (not yet scheduled). Please commit yourself to be involved in the ISVMA legislative efforts in 2010!

Veterinary Medical Political Action Committee Update VMPAC Contributors

VMPAC contributes to the campaigns of legislators who are friendly to ISVMA and their issues. VMPAC purchases fundraiser tickets and invites veterinarians from the legislator's district to attend as representatives of ISVMA. Through these contacts, we have been able to improve both our visibility and the relationships that our veterinarian members have with their elected officials. These relationships pay off tremendously when ISVMA lobbies for support of our legislative positions.

In the current fiscal year (July 1 through December 10, 2009), \$11,150 has been donated so far to the Veterinary Medical Political Action Committee (VMPAC). VMPAC would like to thank the following individuals for their contributions.

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Dear Fellow ISVMA Members:

The ISVMA has had tremendous success advocating on your behalf in Springfield and the contributions of our members that have been involved in our Grassroots Advocacy Network is the foundation of our achievement. ISVMA advocacy efforts have benefited every veterinary practice and professional and it is what makes ISVMA different from any other association you may choose to join. It is also what makes ISVMA membership and support of the Veterinary Medicine Political Action Committee (VMPAC) so critical to your professional success.

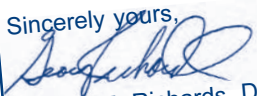
Veterinary professionals in Illinois have benefited from the political effectiveness of ISVMA, evident on many occasions and on many issues. During the 2009 Annual ISVMA Lobby Day, participants personally visited more than 100 members of the Illinois General Assembly to lobby for bills introduced and supported by ISVMA.

ISVMA has identified many members who have personal or professional relationships with state elected officials. Our improved communications and grassroots advocacy network have inspired more than a thousand of our colleagues to contact their legislators this year on behalf of the profession and has solidified ISVMA as a well-organized political force!

I hope that our growing membership base and increased recognition of the importance of political involvement will lead to the increased support for VMPAC, which contributes to the campaigns of legislators who are friendly to ISVMA and our issues. VMPAC purchases fundraiser tickets and invites veterinarians from the legislators' districts to attend as representatives for the profession. Through these contacts, we have been able to improve both our visibility and the relationships that local veterinarians have with their elected officials. These relationships pay off tremendously when we are lobbying for support of our legislative positions.

Please give what you can. Your support of ISVMA and your voluntary contribution to the Veterinary Medicine Political Action Committee are critical to the continued vitality of our profession.

Sincerely yours,



George E. Richards, DVM
VMPAC Chairman

Last year, VMPAC Contributions were \$11,150 from 143 supporters, making the average contribution \$77.98.

There were 2,148 ISVMA members last year; only 6.7% of ISVMA members made a contribution to VMPAC.

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ISVMA has three experienced, hard-working and well-respected lobbyists in Springfield, Rep. Terry Steczo, Ms. Maureen Mulhall, and ISVMA Executive Director, Peter S. Weber. These individuals represent the interests of veterinary professionals as well as advocate positions for the profession as recommended by the ISVMA Legislative Committee and/or the ISVMA Board of Directors. A successful lobbying campaign, however, depends upon not just the professionals hired to lobby, but also participation by the members of the ISVMA in grassroots lobbying. There are times when ISVMA member veterinarians are needed to contact an elected official they personally know to advocate for a position. It's these personal relationships that can make or break the effort to be heard on any given issue or legislation.

To understand how beneficial this can be, here is an example. ISVMA worked for three years to finally obtain a written regulation from the Illinois Department of Revenue that defines the application of sales tax in veterinary practices. Before the regulation, the IDOR could initiate audits and consistently change their interpretation of the sales tax obligations for ISVMA members. Many practices had received adverse audit decisions because they didn't know what was expected of them and, despite their best efforts to comply, were told that they owed thousands of dollars to the state for unpaid tax. ISVMA ran into obstacle after obstacle in our effort to clarify the tax requirement so that our members could be better informed and capable of tax compliance. It wasn't until the Governor's legislative director heard about our frustrating inability to get the IDOR to draft the rule that we finally got it done. He became our biggest advocate (and had incredible influence over an agency whose employees worked at the Governor's discretion) after he called a veterinarian that was a friend of his and asked her about the issue and what he could do to help her. Fortunately, as an ISVMA member, she was very aware of the issue because she had been reading the ISVMA *E-SOURCE* Newsletter and legislative alerts. When she told him how important it was to get a sales tax rule for veterinary practices adopted, he called the ISVMA office and spoke to Peter Weber, saying his "good friend" is a veterinarian and that he would do anything to help her. After that, the rule was adopted in very short order.

Please help us do our job with maximum efficiency and effectiveness. If you have ANY relationship with a state legislator, please complete the survey online or complete the form on page 22 and return it to the ISVMA office.



Save the Date
ISVMA Annual Convention
November 4-6, 2010
Lombard, Illinois

ISVMA Installs Dr. Lydia Gray as its 127TH President

On Saturday, November 14, 2009, the ISVMA installed its newest President during its Annual Meeting when outgoing President Dr. Sheldon (Shelly) B. Rubin passed the gavel to the 2009-2010 ISVMA President Dr. Lydia Gray. Dr. Gray, (ILL '94) is an active member of many professional veterinary associations and is currently employed by SmartPak as Medical Director/Staff Veterinarian.

Meet Your President...

Lydia F. Gray, DVM, MA

At the ISVMA's 127th Annual Convention, members greeted the association's second female president in history. According to association records, Dr. Gray's presidency does mark a first in association history as youngest leader. Previously, Dr. J.B. Bruederle held that mark at 43 when he was in office; Dr. Gray says she is younger than this..



Quick Facts about ISVMA's New President, Lydia F. Gray, DVM, MA

- Graduated with Bronze Tablet honors in 1990 from the U of I College of Agriculture with a BS in Agriculture Science
- Graduated with honors in 1994 from the U of I College of Veterinary Medicine with a DVM
- Obtained a Master of Arts in Interpersonal and Organizational Communication at the University of Illinois at Springfield in 2001
- Employed as an associate veterinarian at Tremont Veterinary Clinic from 1994 to 1999, serving primarily the equine clients of this mixed practice owned by Dr. David Lott (former board member) and Dr. Michael Thomas (current president-elect)
- Developed the Small Animal Executive Veterinary Program (EVP) out of the Continuing Education-Public Service (CEPS) office at the College under the direction of Dr. Leroy Biehl from 1997 to 2000
- Became the first-ever Director of Owner Education with the American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP) in 1999
- Hired as the Executive Director of the Hooved Animal Humane Society in 2001
- Joined SmartPak in 2006 as Medical Director/Staff Veterinarian

She is an active member of many professional veterinary associations including:

- American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA)—has served on the Council of Communication and now sits on the Convention Management and Planning Committee (CMPC)

The ISVMA and its Board of Directors would like to thank the members of the 2009 Education Planning Committee for an outstanding job!

Chairman

Kristi McCullough, DVM; Pawnee IL

Committee Members

Karla Cunningham, DVM;
Ralph Hamor, DVM; Urbana IL
James Park, DVM; Arlington Heights IL
Jamie Schertz, DVM; Normal IL
J. Charlie Deutsch, Urbana IL



Dr. Gray

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- American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP)—has served on the Public Relations and Owner Education Committees, now sits on the Equine Welfare Committee
- Illinois State Veterinary Medical Association (ISVMA)—has served on the Public Relations, Membership, Education Program, Human-Animal Bond and Legislative Committees, as well as participated in numerous task forces and strategic planning sessions
- Illinois Animal Welfare Federation (IAWF)—in addition to serving on the board, has been a member of the Strategic Planning, Legislative, Governmental Affairs, Training/Workshops, and Conference Planning Committees
- Unwanted Horse Coalition—a participant of the original summit in Washington, DC, now serves on the Facilities Committee

And on a personal note -

Dr. Gray has presented at regional, state and national veterinary conferences and has written articles for many veterinary journals, serving as an Editorial Advisory Board Member for Veterinary Economics magazine. She also speaks at horse owner events such as Equine Affaire and writes for lay magazines such as Horse Illustrated.

She is married to small animal/exotic veterinarian Dr. Todd Gray, who practices at Arboretum View Animal Hospital in Downers Grove, IL. They share their home with a 17 year-old cat named "Frog" who has no idea there are also four snakes living in the house: Alanis, Cowboy, Crikey and Dianoga.

Dr. Gray is most proud of her 8 year-old Trakehner gelding "Newman" that she purchased four years ago and has enjoyed training and showing in dressage ever since. Although he is currently schooling 2nd/3rd level movements in the sport, he enjoys driving, trail riding, jumping, clicker training and—although he doesn't know it yet—side saddle.

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

Honors and Awards at 127th Convention

Dr. Shelly Rubin Presents ISVMA President's Award

It is the distinct privilege of the outgoing President of the Board of Directors to recognize an individual, or individuals, whom they felt made indispensable contributions to the ISVMA and the veterinary community at large. In an ISVMA first, the 2009 President's Award was given to an industry partner in recognition for their uncompromising support of the ISVMA. This year's President's Award was given to **Midwest Veterinary Supply**. Listen to Dr. Rubin's salute to this year's winner.



"Seven years ago, there was an important meeting in the old ISVMA headquarters in North Aurora. The ISVMA had invited representatives from our business partners to help us chart a new plan for the ISVMA Annual Convention. We wanted to invest in the quality of the program to provide a high-quality and affordable learning experience for our members.

"In order to build a better convention, we needed investors. We asked the companies that sell their services and products to the veterinary profession to help by not only continuing to exhibit in our trade show, but to also providing sponsorship support so that we could hire internationally recognized speakers and offer more education choices to registrants at the ISVMA Annual Convention.

"One of the company representatives in the room spoke up quickly and challenged all of the other companies to join him in digging deep to help the ISVMA. Since that meeting, his company has annually

been among our strongest supporters and most generous sponsors. The company not only supports the ISVMA Annual Convention, but they also support local and regional VMA meetings in Illinois.

"For their generous and consistent support of the ISVMA and the educational opportunities for the profession, I am pleased to announce Midwest Veterinary Supply as the winners of the 2009 ISVMA President's Award.

"I would like Ron Riddle, who was the person that represented Midwest Veterinary Supply at that meeting seven years ago, and John Goeckner to please come up to accept this award."

2009 Outstanding Veterinarians Awards

Two Outstanding Veterinarian Awards, the Erwin Small First Decade Award and the Veterinary Service Award, are given annually and honor ISVMA members whose fervor to care for and attend to their patients' needs is rivaled only by his or her willingness to serve in organized veterinary medicine. Nominations open in January each year and are accepted through the end of August before being forwarded to the Committee for selection.

The Erwin Small First Decade Award recognizes a graduate of a veterinary college who has been practicing veterinary medicine for less than 10 years. is given annually to one veterinarian who has graduated from veterinary college within the last ten years. It recognizes a young veterinarian who represents high standards of professionalism and demonstrates leadership in programs approved by the ISVMA.

The 2009 Erwin Small First Decade Award was presented to **Dr. Jennifer Ostrom** from Alhambra IL. Dr. Ostrom is a 2003 graduate of the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine and she is an associate veterinarian at Greenville Veterinary Clinic in Greenville, IL. Dr. Ostrom is actively involved in her state and



regional veterinary associations and currently serves as President of the Southern Illinois Veterinary Medical Association.

The Veterinary Service Award is a meritorious award that honors those giving special attention to, or promotion of, the human-animal bond in Illinois. Additionally, the recipient should set an example to those entering the field of veterinary medicine, be a member in good standing of the ISVMA and demonstrate outstanding work as an ISVMA member.



Dr. Ronald Gill (above at right), winner of the 2009 Veterinary Service Award, is shown with Dr. Shelly Rubin, chairman of the ISVMA Nominations & Awards Committee. Dr. Gill was selected for the award because of his sustained dedication to the advancement of veterinary medicine. "Ron has been a very active leader for local, regional, state and national veterinary organizations and he is steadfast and visionary in his pursuit of excellence in the profession," said Dr. Shelly Rubin, ISVMA Immediate Past President, who presented the award. Rubin, as chair of the Nominations & Awards Committee, presented each of the Outstanding DVM Award recipients with their plaque at the ISVMA's 2009 Annual Convention held November 13-15, 2009 in Peoria IL. Along with Chairman Rubin, Nominations & Awards Committee members Drs. Michael Biehl, Sandra Faeh, Ronald Gill, Paul Myer and Craig Stevenson were responsible for selecting this year's outstanding DVM Award recipients.

Honors and Awards at 127th Convention

HONORING THE IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

After being installed as the newest ISVMA President, Dr. Lydia Gray shared a few words of thanks and praise for her predecessor.

"Dr. Rubin, before you leave the podium, I would like to thank you for your service as President of ISVMA. Under your leadership, the association had an outstanding year. We were really tested on important issues of public policy – not just in the State Capitol but also in county board and city council meetings. You personally took the lead for ISVMA in opposing a mandatory spay/neuter ordinance in the City of Chicago. Your sage counsel, hard work and support of our advocacy effort contributed greatly to our 100% success on all of our public policy positions.

"ISVMA continued to expand membership services during your presidency and we invested in tools and the necessary staff to facilitate enhanced networking opportunities and information accessibility for our members. We became more active in public relations and developed quarterly information packets and statewide press releases on important animal and public health issues. This effort helps affirm the important role of veterinarians in our society and solidifies ISVMA's role in educating the public and influencing policymakers."

After Dr. Rubin came forward to receive his award, Dr. Gray stopped him to offer another recognition. A client of Dr. Rubin's wanted to recognize not just his efforts for the ISVMA, but to personally thank him for his service to his community, to his unwavering care of her beloved pets, and to wish him well as he retires from active practice. Guests were then treated to a taped message from Oprah Winfrey.



Dr Gray is shown presenting Dr. Shelly Rubin, outgoing ISVMA President, an award in recognition of his leadership.

Retiring Board Members Recognized



Shown left to right are Drs. Mauck, Gill and Peterson

Three members of the ISVMA Board of Directors completed their terms this year. Their sacrifice, leadership and commitment to ISVMA was an essential part of the success of the association throughout the greatest period of growth in its 127 year history.

Region VI Representative

Roger Peterson, DVM, from Veterinary Associates, S.C. in Galena IL

Region III Representative

Gregory Mauck, DVM, from Kaskaskia Valley Animal Hospital in Sullivan IL

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Ronald Gill, DVM, from Gill Veterinary Clinic in West Salem IL.

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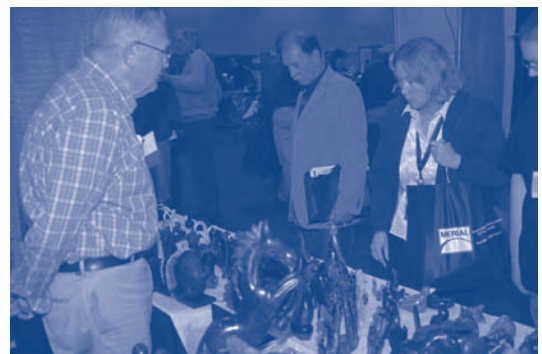
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The Friday Night President's Reception was hosted by Dr. Shelly and Mrs. Paulette Rubin in the Exhibit Hall. Convention attendees enjoyed fine fellowship with peers and with the many vendors present.





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Registration Form

Deadline to Register – January 20, 2010

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Exhibit Hall was the place to be on Sunday morning. The hot topic? Who would win the IVMF quilt, the 50/50 raffle and the multitude of silent auction items. Proceeds from this year's silent auction go toward endowing four ISVMA Student Scholarships that were established in 2006.

Chaired by IVMF Board Member, Dr. Sally Foote, the Silent Auction boasted a great variety of items. The fundraisers were a rousing success and brought in a total of **\$5,365**. In addition to their thanks for all bidders who purchased items, the IVMF Board of Directors would like to thank all those who provided items.

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Obituary

Leo Dennis Agustin, DVM, age 39 of Naperville, entered eternal life on December 5, 2009. A Filipino son raised in the U.S., Dennis studied the spirit of all beings from animals to plants and loved the whole world as his village.

A graduate of Benet Academy (1988), and Ross University (1994), Dennis practiced as a Veterinarian in his family's Aamerican Veterinary Hospitals in Bolingbrook and Oak Park, IL. Clients called him, "Doc Dennis." He was adored by his faithful canine companions: Mulan, Godiva, and Chaco.

Dennis' passions included music, dance, science, photography, pop culture, good food, and above all, every chance to enjoy these with loved ones. Dennis was a giver of gifts ranging from grand outings to countless souvenirs, but Dennis' greatest gift was to inspire. He used technology to connect, comfort and delight. Dennis found meaning in all arts, sharing wisdom from classical poetry to song lyrics. An affectionate intuitive healer, Dennis' mind was only outshone by his heart. Dennis answered life with a smile that all who knew him will forever cherish.

Dr. Agustin is survived by his beloved parents, Cesar C. and Corazon (Aquino) Agustin; two sisters, a brother, nephews and nieces and many loving cousins, aunts and uncles. Hundreds more loved him as a brother. Dennis, as many called him, embraced his friends as family.

Funeral service to celebrate the life of Leo Dennis Agustin was held Saturday, December 12 at Beidelman-Kunsch Funeral Home, Naperville, IL. Condolences and memories may be left for the family by signing the virtual Guest Book at www.beidelmankunschfh.com.

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Donations To Endowment

At the start of this fiscal year on July 1, 2009, through December 1, 2009, the IVMF has received contributions totaling \$ 7, 595. The ISVMA thanks those who have forwarded contributions.

To make a contribution to the Illinois Veterinary Medical Foundation (IVMF), a 501(c)3 charity, visit online at www.isvma.org/about_us/resources or call the ISVMA office at 217/546-8381 for a donor form. Your fully tax-deductible donation should be made payable to the Illinois Veterinary Medical Foundation and mailed to: IVMF, c/o ISVMA, 1121 Chatham Road, Springfield, IL 62704. To make a contribution with a credit card, submit the IVMF donor form using your card information.

Readers' Forum

Questions on Sharps and Potentially Infectious Medical Waste

On the Web: www.isvma.org

The ISVMA office has received many calls in the past month regarding sharps and medical waste disposal. For information on the following subjects, click on the FAQ link (#14 SHARPS DISPOSAL AND POTENTIALLY INFECTIOUS MEDICAL WASTE) on the ISVMA website.

- the clinic's legal responsibilities for used sharps disposal;
- how to correctly dispose of used syringes;
- a green alternative to sharps and syringes disposal;
- who can I hire to remove used sharps and PIMW from my business;
- what to tell a client who needs to dispose of used syringes for their diabetic pet.

E-Source News

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We hope that you enjoy the new software and the many new features that will follow!

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