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YOU CAN'T FIGHT CITY HALL

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

I have heard many people express this sentiment in many different ways. They feel that our representative government is running amuck and that as individuals they have no influence over the system. The fact is many veterinary professionals would like to do something about issues impacting veterinary medicine, animals, the public and the environment. They see the problems as overwhelming, however, and wonder why they should get involved.

The truth is, you really can't fight city hall... at least you can't do it alone! But when you find friends who share your public policy objectives, suddenly the task isn't so daunting. That is the primary purpose of a grassroots political network.



A grassroots network is a group of like-minded people brought together around common goals that share information and develop plans of action. A well organized grassroots advocacy campaign is one of the most effective ways of reaching legislators and affecting public policy.

During the most recent Illinois legislative session, ISVMA was able to coordinate the political clout of hundreds of veterinarians and convince Illinois legislators, the Governor and agency officials that the sales tax collection and payment system for veterinarians was unfair, confusing and inconsistently applied. The ISVMA grassroots lobby effort was very effective and demonstrated both the benefits of a grassroots political network and the political influence of veterinarians.

This advocacy experience will benefit the veterinary profession in Illinois on future issues, as well. Many veterinarians developed new relationships with their legislators last year and these relationships will be crucial when the ISVMA fights for the renewal of the Illinois Veterinary Medicine & Surgery Practice Act (Practice Act). At a time when non-veterinary, alternative and complementary therapy practitioners are fighting for the right to treat animals and diminish the Practice Act, veterinarians must come together to protect the animals and public they serve so well.

In a very powerful way, ISVMA has returned to its roots. After enduring a century of do-it-yourselfers and quacks, a group of thirteen graduates of the Chicago

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Peter S. Weber, MS, CAE, Springfield, IL

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ISVMA by the Numbers

Peter S. Weber, MS, CAE – Executive Director

The outstanding membership growth at ISVMA during the past three years has increased our capacity to serve members and advocate for the profession. However, as we approach the Board of Directors' goal of 2000 members we are still motivated by the 1/3 of the licensed veterinarians in Illinois that have chosen not to belong to their state professional association.



ISVMA membership is spread out across several generations:

Graduation Year	Number of ISVMA Members	Number of Prospective Members	Ratio of Members
1935-40	4	0	100%
1941-45	16	3	84%
1946-50	14	2	88%
1951-55	53	5	91%
1956-60	77	11	88%
1961-65	95	22	82%
1966-70	121	56	68%
1971-75	142	69	67%
1976-80	173	71	71%
1981-85	218	124	64%
1986-90	203	132	61%
1991-95	221	149	60%
1996-2000	235	206	55%
2001-05	307	185	63%
2006	104	1	99%
Totals	1983	1034	66%

There are a couple of trends that seem to jump off the page when you look at these numbers. Our ratio of 66% membership is one of the lowest for state veterinary associations. More importantly, with the exception of the free memberships for 2006 graduates, our membership performance has been below our average since 1980. That trend is both disturbing and instructive.

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Welcome New Members

ISVMA would like to welcome the following 52 new members (who joined between September 5, 2006 and December 18, 2006). 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 ñ where dues are an investment that pays tremendous dividends!

DVM members

Dr. Andrew Abshier
 Dr. Elizabeth A. Adkins
 Dr. Dr. Sabina Jo Amon
 Dr. Cheryl Bara
 Dr. Brandy L. Bearden
 Dr. Jill M. Boler McCormack
 Dr. Joel S. Bornstein
 Dr. Steven R. Case

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As the new year begins, the Board of Directors and the staff of the Illinois State Veterinary Medical Association wish to thank you for your support and reinvestment in your association. We wish you, the members of the ISVMA, a prosperous and happy new year.

2006-2007 ISVMA BOARD OF DIRECTORS TAKE OFFICE



Seated from left to right: Dr. C. Stevenson, Dr. S. Dullard, Dr. L. Shaw, Dr. S. Rubin, Dr. P. Arndt, Dr. D. Nelson, Dr. M. Crosson-Welle, P. Weber; Standing from left to right: Dr. S. Cairo, Dr. P. Fairbrother, Dr. J.B. Bruederle, Dr. E. McGinniss, Dr. J. Ehrhardt, T. Lehnhardt, Dr. R. Gill, Dr. S. Ferraro, Dean H. Whiteley, Dr. G. Richards, Dr. R. Peterson, Dr. W. Johnson, Dr. T. Florian, Dr. G. Mauck, Dr. M. Thomas; Not pictured: Dr. J. Rudolphi, Dr. M. Gundlach.

Executive Committee Members

At the ISVMA's 124th Annual Meeting, the ISVMA Board of Directors was organized. The following were elected as the officers of the Executive Committee.

- President:** Craig A. Stevenson, DVM, Sandwich, IL
- President-Elect:** Ronald E. Gill, DVM, West Salem, IL
- Vice President:** Sheldon B. Rubin, DVM, Chicago, IL
- Past President:** J.B. Bruederle, DVM, Chicago, IL
- Treasurer:** Stephen J. Dullard, DVM, Mendota, IL

Regional Representative Members

Representatives from each geographic region comprise the majority of the board. Each region is entitled to have representation on the Board based upon a formula that bases increased regional representation on the number of ISVMA members in the region. The following will represent their respective regions:

Region I - Southern Illinois VMA
Michelle Gundlach, DVM
Joseph Rudolphi, DVM

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Meet the New Regional Representatives to the ISVMA Board of Directors

Central Illinois Veterinary Medical Association

Dena Nelson, DVM

Dr. Dena Nelson is a 1989 graduate of the University of Illinois, College of Veterinary Medicine. After practicing in Peoria for 1 year, she has spent the last 17 years in Springfield. In 2002 she opened her own feline exclusive practice, All Cat Clinic PC. Dr. Nelson is a past president and secretary of the Board of the Animal Emergency Clinic of Springfield. She has been a member of the American Veterinary Medical Association and the Illinois State Veterinary Medical Association since graduation. She is also a member of the American Association of Feline Practitioners. Dr. Nelson is married with two children and has 5 cats.

Southern Illinois Veterinary Medical Association

Michelle R. Gundlach, DVM

Dr. Michelle R. Gundlach is a 1992 graduate from the University of Illinois, College of Veterinary Medicine where she graduated Magna Cum Laude. She has been a member of the Illinois State Veterinary Medical Association since June 1992 and the Southern Illinois Veterinary Medical Association since 1992 filling the roles of President-Elect, President and Past-President. A lifelong Illinois resident, she has worked professionally both in mixed animal practice as well as small animal, currently working at the House Springs Animal Clinic.

Southern Illinois Veterinary Medical Association

Joseph P. Rudolphi, DVM

Dr. Joseph P. Rudolphi is a 1977 graduate from the University of Illinois, College of Veterinary Medicine (U of I, CVM) and a 1993 graduate of the U of I, CVM, Executive Veterinary Program - Swine. Dr. Rudolphi has experienced veterinary medicine in the private sector as well as the commercial sector. For five years he was a veterinary consultant for Cargill Swine Products Division, pork production facilities, as a member of Cargill Health Alliance Team (a group of 3 independent veterinary consultants working in conjunction with Cargill veterinary staff). His early years of medicine were at a large animal ambulatory veterinary service with a focus on swine and feedlot cattle. From 1979 to the present, he has been the sole proprietor of Rudolphi Veterinary Service, a food supply production consulting and ambulatory veterinary service in Noble, Illinois. In addition to being an Illinois State Veterinary Medical Association member, his professional memberships include the Southern Illinois Veterinary Medical Association, the American Veterinary Medical Association, the American Association of Swine Veterinarians, National Pork Producers, Illinois Pork Producers Association and Richland County Pork Producers.

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

Region I Representative

Kenneth W. Albrecht, DVM, Newton, IL (2000 - 2006)

Past President

Wesley G. Bieritz, DVM, Danville, IL (2003 - 2006)

Regional Representatives

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Region II - Central Illinois VMA

William Johnson, DVM

Dena Nelson, DVM

Region III - Eastern Illinois VMA

Gregory Mauck, DVM

Mary Crosson Welle, DVM

Region IV - Mississippi Valley VMA

Patrick Fairbrother, DVM

Michael Thomas, DVM

Region V - Kankakee Valley VMA

Stephen Dullard, DVM

John Ehrhardt, DVM

Region VI - Northern Illinois VMA

Roger Peterson, DVM

Lloyd Shaw, DVM

Region VII - Chicago VMA

Paul Arndt, DVM

Steven Cairo, DVM

Susan Ferraro, DVM

Todd Florian, DVM

Edward McGinniss, DVM

Three ex-officio voting members to the ISVMA Board of Directors include individuals from the University of IL, College of Veterinary Medicine as well as the AVMA.

Student Member:

Ms. Teresa Lehnhardt

Urbana, IL

U of I, CVM Dean:

Herbert Whiteley, DVM

Urbana, IL

AVMA Delegate:

George Richards, DVM

Danville, IL.

AVMA UPDATE

George Richards, DVM - ISVMA House of Delegates Representative

AVMA SEEKS VETERINARY LEADERS

Nominations are being invited for 77 vacancies available on AVMA councils, trusts, committees and boards. There are also 14 liaison positions. All interested in obtaining a list of available positions can find this online on the AVMA Web site, www.avma.org/about_avma/governance/default.asp, or by calling AVMA headquarters at (800) 248-2862.

Nominating materials for councils, including instructions for publishing biographic sketches of the candidates in the 2007 Campaign Guide, were sent in August to AVMA delegates and chief staff officers of organizations represented in the House of Delegates. ISVMA members may obtain these forms by contacting the ISVMA delegate, George Richards, at (217) 443-0333 or can also download them from the AVMA website at www.avma.org/about_avma/governance/default.asp. Calls for requests are also being taken at the AVMA headquarters at (800) 248-2862, Ext. 6651 for councils, Ext. 6605 for committees.

Council nominations must be postmarked by February 1, 2007, and sent to Dr. Bruce W. Little, AVMA executive vice president. Trust, committee, and board nominations should be postmarked no later than March 9, 2007, and sent to J. Karl Wise, PhD, AVMA associate executive vice president.

The House of Delegates will fill council openings when it meets in July 2007 in Washington, D.C. The Executive Board will make liaison and committee appointments at its April 2007 meeting.

New Members

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Dr. Jane Laureen Davis
 Dr. Lenette Renier L. DiCiaula
 Dr. Roberta S. Duresa
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 Dr. Christopher Vitale
 Dr. Brent E. Walling
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NEWS AND NOTES

UPDATE ON SALES TAX ISSUE IN ILLINOIS AND UPCOMING SEMINARS FOR SALES TAX CHANGES

On November 1, 2006, after two years of negotiations and a very strong grassroots political campaign by ISVMA veterinarians, the ISVMA and the Illinois Department of Revenue agreed upon a proposed rules change for the manner by which sales tax is applied in Illinois veterinary practices. This draft rule became available days prior to the Annual Convention, and copies were distributed for member reference. Copies are currently available to members online in the Library link of the ISVMA Member Center at www.isvma.org.

Illinois' new sales tax rules unofficially went into effect on January 1, 2007. The rules are being considered by a bipartisan committee of the Illinois General Assembly called the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR) before formal adoption; however, the Illinois Department of Revenue is following the draft rules for the purpose of audit enforcement.

The ISVMA has scheduled seven half-day seminars in each of the seven ISVMA regions. And, like what has been done in the past for the ISVMA's Annual Spring Seminars, the subject matter will be the same at every location.

These seminars will inform veterinary practices of the substantial changes to the manner in which retail tax will be calculated after December 31, 2006. They will be conducted by ISVMA tax consultants Mike Scaduto and Joe Bartletti, from J.D. Michael, LLC., who have worked closely with ISVMA for the past 2 1/2 years and whose expertise and guidance helped bring an end to the confusing, complicated and inconsistent application of sales tax in veterinary practices. Mr. Scaduto and Mr. Bartletti will explain how to implement the new rules to assure sales tax compliance and how to avoid future audit exposure. There will also be information at the seminars for non-compliant practices on how to take advantage of a voluntary self-audit. By doing so, these practices will have available an amnesty period where penalties would be waived and only simple interest will be applied.

It is strongly recommended that the bookkeeper or financial manager at each clinic attend along with the accountant or person who takes care of the taxes for the clinic. Practice owners should also consider attending. Each practice will be allowed to bring up to three people for the seminar.

The seminar schedule is:

January 17 - Peoria, IL, Hotel Pere Marquette, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

January 22 - Mt. Vernon, IL, Holiday Inn, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

January 23 - Springfield, IL, Northfield Conference Center, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

January 23 - Champaign, IL, College of Veterinary Medicine - LAC 100, 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

January 25 - Oakbrook Terrace, IL, Drury Lane, 9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.

January 29 - Joliet, IL, Joliet Junior College (Theatre), 5:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.

January 31 - Rockford, IL, Tebala Shrine Temple, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Space is limited at each seminar site, so pre-registration is highly suggested. Registrations will be processed as they are received. If capacity is met at any location, the onsite registration will be closed. To pre-register online, visit www.isvma.org/events/2007_tax_seminars.html or ask that a form be faxed to you by contacting the ISVMA office by email at info@isvma.org or call (217) 523-8387.

The cost for registration for this seminar is \$200 per practice (for up to three people). The revenue generated by these seminars will be used to compensate our consultants who have worked these 2 1/2 years on this project and who would not bill ISVMA until we successfully resolved our issues with the sales tax collection and audit procedures.

WHERE TO CALL FOR QUESTIONS ON DVM LICENSURE RENEWAL

The Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation offers two units to assist with questions regarding your license to practice veterinary medicine.

For questions regarding an active license, contact the License Maintenance Unit at (217) 782-0458. This unit can help with things like updating your address when you move and corrections to misspelled names, addresses or if your license is missing the controlled substance license number.

For questions on a new application or questions relating to a new application, contact the Technical Assistance Unit at (217) 782-8556.

New Department Head Balances “Veterinary” with “Biosciences”

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



I am very pleased that Dr. Duncan Ferguson joined our faculty in November to head the Department of Veterinary Biosciences. Throughout his career, Dr. Ferguson has embraced both the rigor of scientific inquiry and the value and tradition of the veterinary profession.

Dr. Ferguson decided as a chemistry major under-graduate at Dartmouth College, in Hanover, N.H., that he wanted to pursue both a veterinary degree and a PhD. He entered a joint degree program at the University of

Pennsylvania, in Philadelphia, and completed both degrees (the PhD in pharmacology) as well as a residency in small animal internal medicine.

He then taught at Cornell's veterinary college for 3 years before joining the University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine, where he served for the past 20 years with a joint appointment in Physiology/Pharmacology and Small Animal Medicine. He is double-boarded in veterinary internal medicine and veterinary clinical pharmacology.

He has also chaired the Scientific Advisory Board of the Morris Animal Foundation, served on numerous editorial boards, and published and lectured widely. In 1990 he co-founded the Veterinary Information Network, Inc. (VIN), the first online information and continuing education service for veterinary practitioners.

Dr. Ferguson served on the Curriculum Committee at the University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine, including during periods of intense scrutiny and revision of the veterinary curriculum. I look forward to his insights as Illinois rapidly completes an assessment of its own curriculum. Using the results of faculty forums, a concept mapping exercise, and other research, our faculty will have reviewed the present curriculum and proposed changes to the curriculum by the end of the coming spring semester.

As a veterinarian, Dr. Ferguson understands the important role his department plays in shaping the pre-clinical education in such areas as anatomy, physiology, and toxicology of future veterinary practitioners.

“The importance of being a veterinarian has always informed my teaching,” he says. “Our teaching needs to leave veterinary students with something they can apply. At the same time, I believe professional students will benefit

from exposure to our world-class researchers, and I will look for ways to increase interactions of students with all members of the department's faculty.”

Veterinary students, graduate and post-doctoral students, and undergraduates will all find a home in Dr. Ferguson's laboratory. He brings a strong commitment to exposing students at all levels to the research experience.

Dr. Ferguson will also provide leadership in translational biomedical research, one of the top priorities of our College. His research focuses on endocrinology, endocrine disruptor toxicology, and clinical pharmacology, areas that lend themselves to a movement from laboratory insight to clinical application.

Recent collaborations with his wife, Dr. Margarethe Hoenig, who will also join the College faculty, have examined the obese cat as a model of insulin resistance and early Type II diabetes. He has also studied the influence of environmental chemicals on the hypothalamic-pituitary-thyroid axis. These interests dovetail well with the strengths in his department in environmental toxicology and developmental biology as well as research programs in our clinical medicine department and on the Urbana campus in endocrinology, nutrition, and obesity.

I believe Dr. Ferguson will be a tremendous asset in advancing the research strengths of the College and enhancing the professional veterinary degree program.



Please contact me at dean@cvm.uiuc.edu/Herb Whiteley

ISVMA Congratulates Award Winning Members

The following ISVMA members were recently honored for excellence at the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine. They include:

Dr. Thomas Graves, assistant professor in the Department of Veterinary Clinical Medicine, won the Dr. Gordon and Mrs. Helen Kruger Teaching Excellence Award for teaching with enthusiasm, dedication, clarity, and creativity and integrating subject concepts into the overall framework of the veterinary curriculum.

Dr. Petra Volmer, assistant professor in the Department of Veterinary Biosciences and Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, and director of the Veterinary Clinical Toxicology Residency Program, received the Dr. Gordon and Mrs. Helen Kruger Service Excellence Award for outstanding committee work, clinical service, and continuing education.

Dr. Luke Borst, teaching and research associate in the Department of Pathobiology, received the Dr. Walter E. Hoffmann and Dr. Ann L. Johnson Resident Teaching Excellence Award, which goes to a resident, intern, or graduate student in training at the College for an AVMA-recognized specialty board.

Dr. Janis Audin, (DVM IL '79, MS IL '75) editor-in-chief of both the *Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association* and the *American Journal of Veterinary Research* since 1995, received the Dr. Erwin Small Distinguished Alumni Award recognizing distinguished Illinois graduates who have made significant contributions to the profession or College.

Dr. Gary Stamp (DVM IL '70, MS CSU '76) executive director for the Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care Society, a 3,000-plus-member organization, which he helped to found, who also helped start the International Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care Symposium and was a charter diplomate and first president of the American College of Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care, received the Dr. Erwin Small Distinguished Alumni Award recognizing distinguished Illinois graduates who have made significant contributions to the profession or college.

Dr. Roger Mahr (DVM ISU '71) who established, owned, and directed the Meadow View Veterinary Clinic in Geneva, IL, from 1974 through 2004, who has been active in organized veterinary medicine his entire career, including serving as president and board member and on numerous committees for both the Chicago and the Illinois State Veterinary Medical Associations as well as on the AVMA Executive Board, Long Range Planning Committee, Committee on Environmental Affairs, and Model Veterinary Practice Act Task Force, and who took office in July as the president of the American Veterinary Medical Association, received the Special Service Award. This award is given to an outstanding individual who has made significant contributions to the veterinary profession or the College.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are trying to locate Illinois employers of U of I College of Veterinary Medicine graduates. This is part of an effort to discover if the curriculum provided to our students results in the knowledge and skills they need to be effective members of the profession.

It is important to the College to be responsive to the needs of both Illinois veterinary employers and their new associates...our alumni.

Please provide Shelley Rairden (at the College) with your contact information if you have employed a UIUC graduate in the last five years or so. The information you provide will, of course, be kept confidential. You can reach Shelley at srairden@uiuc.edu or by calling her at (217) 333-3416.

This is an important effort and we send our thanks for your willingness to help.

ISVMA/CVM Mentor Program Update

The ISVMA/CVM Mentor Program has had a wonderfully gratifying response (more than 250 doctors) and to date, matches have been made for all first and second year DVM students. An inaugural copy of the Mentor Manual has been distributed to all participants via US Mail. Mentor lapel pins were distributed to all DVM participants either at convention or via US Mail. If you are in this program, and have yet to receive either of these items, please contact the ISVMA office at (217) 523-8387 or the U of I, CVM at (217) 333-3416.



Shown from left to right: Dr. J.B. Bruederle and President's Award Recipients Dr. Ronald Gill and Mr. Peter Weber.

Breuderle Honors Two With President's Award

Each year at the ISVMA Annual Convention, it is the distinct privilege of the outgoing President of the Board of Directors to recognize an individual whom they felt made an indispensable contribution to the ISVMA and the veterinary community at large during their term as President. This year brought forth two such individuals. Each recipient was honored by President Bruederle, and what follows is his praise of each individual as he presented their awards.

President's Award Recipient Ronald Gill, DVM

"When it came time to think about who I would give the President's Award to, it didn't take long to decide. Actually, I think I decided before I even became President-Elect. Usually, I would go on about how this person has contributed to the organization and to veterinary medicine, but anyone who knows him, knows that already.

I want to tell you about what this person means to me. About four years ago, when I decided to stir up the waters at a board meeting, this person came up to me afterwards and thanked me for speaking up. He had been thinking the same things. It was the bit of reassurance I needed to know that what I was doing had the potential to make changes in this organization.

I've been inspired by this person ever since. His time commitment to organized veterinary medicine can not be surpassed. His love for veterinary medicine and doing the right thing can not be matched. If it wasn't for this organization, I would have never met this person, and would have missed

making a special friend. My only regret is that I was not able to make it down to Bone Gap, Illinois to visit him."

President's Award Recipient Peter Weber, MS, CAE

"As everyone knows, I tend to buck the system a little and I'm about to do that again. I told you it was easy to decide who to give the award to, I just didn't tell you I chose two recipients.

The second recipient again needs no lengthy introduction. I just want to point out the things he has done for me and for this organization. He has been my sherpa, leading me to the places I needed to get to or be at. He kept watch on me, gently reminding me when I needed to, or already was supposed to have completed, a project. He has guided this organization through a very rough period, and like a peregrine falcon appearing to be crashing to the ground, he halted our downward spin and has us heading upward with our catch.

With the bird reference, I think everyone knows whom I'm talking about, Peter Weber. Peter has been my right-hand-man. I could not have visited all the places I did and said the right things to the media without his presence. He has been an outstanding worker for this organization, saving practices money by fighting with the department of revenue, getting the mentor program organized, and turning this convention around so that it wasn't costing the organization money to put it on. I want to thank him for his help, by presenting him the President's Award."

Third Annual ACTS Awards Honors

The members of the Illinois State Veterinary Medical Association Human-Animal Bond/Animal Welfare Committee are proud to announce the recipients of the 2006 Animals Contributing To Society (ACTS) Awards, an annual celebration of the acts of heroism, kindness and service by animals and their caregivers working together to benefit society. The ACTS Awards, now in their third year, are given to animals who deserve special recognition for their contributions to their family and/or community that exemplify the Human Animal Bond. Each nominee for consideration must be submitted by an ISVMA member. Four distinct categories of nominees are eligible: Hero, Volunteer, Professional and Human-Animal Bond. In 2006, awards were earned in three of the four categories and presented at the ISVMA's 2006 Annual Convention recently held in Itasca.



The Animals Contributing To Society Hero Award is presented to an animal whose actions must have saved a human life or prevented injury. This year's award was presented to Ms. Jennifer Gorsuch and Lucy. Lucy is a German Shepherd who joined the Gorsuch household in 2004, adopted from the Quincy Humane Society. In 2006, after all in the household had gone to sleep for the night, Lucy began jumping on her owner, barking and making a fuss. Thinking that this family pet needed only to be let outside, Jennifer took Lucy downstairs and smelled smoke. Able to get

all her family and the animals of the home outside, the fire that had started in the basement was put out before it permanently damaged the home. From Lucy's nomination letter, "The great love a dog named 'Lucy' provided us that night was a miracle that saved our lives and our home. Saving just one dog did not change the world, but my world is changed because of that one dog."

The Animals Contributing To Society Volunteer Award

is presented to an animal and its' owner whose activities raise the quality of human lives by routinely volunteering their time. This year's award was presented to Ms. Lisa Wiersma and Turner. Turner is a ten-year-old yellow lab who spends his time helping people through the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago (RIC) as a representative of the Chenny Troupe. At the RIC, Turner has helped a variety of people going through rehabilitation, including stroke victims, people recovering from accidents and brain injuries and burn victims. Turner also began working in a program at Northwestern University's Stone Institute of Psychiatry, an inpatient geriatric psyche unit where the diagnoses include depression, anxiety and schizophrenia. From Turner's nomination letter, "I thought there couldn't be a more deserving twosome for this award. Until this past spring, I didn't completely fathom the wonderful things they (the Chenney Troupe



Organization) do for the patients at the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago. I was especially touched as Jim Ivers told the story of how he was blinded and severely injured when he was hit by a car while shoveling his driveway. He went on to describe how Turner came into his life and made a tremendous difference in his recovery and outlook on life."



The Animals Contributing To Society Professional Award is presented to an animal who is kept and trained to be of service to humans and has performed this task in an exceptional way. This year's award was presented to Ms. Patricia Ward and Apollo. Apollo is a nine-year-old black Labrador retriever who is a Pilot Guide Dog for her blind owner. Ms. Ward, a professional social worker with an MSW from Loyola University, has a full life through Apollo who gets her not only to work and back, but gets her through an ever changing neighborhood, negotiates cafe tables, people, traffic horses and the busy streets of Chicago. She and Apollo take vacations, attend the Lyric Opera and other fine art events, and are active in Old St. Patrick's Catholic Church. From Apollo's nomination letter, "They have the greatest relationship. They work so naturally together that sometimes you can forget that Ms. Ward is blind."

2006 Education Committee

The ISVMA and its Board of Directors would like to thank the members of the 2006 Education Program Committee for an outstanding job. The evaluations received for the education sessions were tremendous. Great Job!

- Dr. Lydia Gray, Chair, Education Program Committee, Elburn, IL
- Dr. William Armbruster, Greenhaven Animal Clinic, PC, San Jose, IL
- Dr. David Williams, University of Illinois - College of Veterinary Medicine
- Dr. Kristi McCullough, Pawnee, IL
- Dr. Sarah Probst-Miller, Carthage Veterinary Service, Fisher, IL
- Dr. Peter Sakas, Niles Animal Hospital & Bird Medical Center, Niles, IL
- Ms. Jan Walters, CVT, Joliet Junior College, Joliet, IL
- Ms. Caroline Miskell, CVT, Chicago, IL
- Dr. David Heinze, Fox Valley Equine Practice, Batavia, IL
- Ms. Teresa Lehnhardt, University of Illinois - College of Veterinary Medicine
- Mr. Peter Weber, Executive Director of the ISVMA
- Mrs. Dana Saal, ISVMA Convention Coordinator

All Continuing Education certificates for the 2006 ISVMA Annual Convention have been mailed and should have been received by all attendees. If you have not received your certificate, please contact the ISVMA office at (217) 523-8387 or email at info@isvma.org.



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The Illinois State Veterinary Medical Association 2006 Outstanding Veterinarians Awards

Congratulations to Drs. Elizabeth Robertson and Lloyd Shaw

Members of the Illinois State Veterinary Medical Association Awards Committee are proud to announce the recipients of the 2006 Outstanding Veterinarian Awards. These two awards, The Dr. Erwin Small First Decade Award and the Veterinary Service Award, are given to member veterinarians whose dedication to their field deserves special recognition. These individuals were selected through a rigorous nomination process and were presented their awards at the ISVMA's 2006 Annual Convention recently held in Itasca.

The Dr. Erwin Small First Decade Award recognizes a graduate of a veterinary college who has been practicing veterinary medicine for less than ten years. The recipient has shown support of the goals and mission of the Illinois State Veterinary Medical Association through their outstanding work as an IVMA member and through their leadership and/or participation in programs approved by the ISVMA.



This year's Dr. Erwin Small First Decade Award was presented to Dr. Elizabeth Robertson of LePar Animal Hospital in Evergreen Park, IL. Elizabeth has served on the ISVMA Legislative Committee and was an enthusiastic participant in the ISVMA grassroots political network. She currently serves as Co-Chair

Dr. Elizabeth Robertson

of the ISVMA Membership Services Committee and is also a member of the Chicago VMA Board of Directors.

The Veterinary Service Award is a meritorious award designed to honor an ISVMA member who has given special attention to, or promotion of, the human-animal bond in Illinois as well as demonstrating outstanding work as an Illinois State Veterinary Medical Association member, participating in the goals and mission of the ISVMA through leadership and/or participation in programs approved by the ISVMA. The recipient also sets an exceptional example to those entering the field of veterinary medicine and is a positive influence on others.



Dr. Lloyd Shaw

This year's Veterinary Service Award was presented to Dr. Lloyd M. Shaw of Woodstock Veterinary Clinic in Woodstock, IL. Lloyd has been a very active member of both ISVMA and the Northern Illinois VMA. He currently serves on the ISVMA Board of Directors.

Please join the ISVMA in congratulating doctors Robertson and Shaw. We would again like to extend our gratitude to both of you for your continued dedication and service to the field of veterinary medicine.

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Dr. Richard Sopiartz Achieves Lifetime Member Status



ISVMA Executive Director, Peter Weber, congratulates Dr. Richard L. Sopiartz on 35 years of ISVMA membership and achieving Lifetime Member Status at ISVMA Convention.

ISVMA by the Numbers

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ISVMA has to reconnect with veterinarians who have graduated since 1980. These doctors are in many cases the practice owners who make decisions on whether to support ISVMA membership for their associates. The profession cannot afford these trends to continue.

The Practice Act that ISVMA was responsible for passing in 1899 is only 107 years old. That Act is the only thing that makes veterinary medicine a profession – without it, animal care could be performed by anyone. The ISVMA is the only organization that serves and protects the profession in Illinois. It may be somewhat esoteric, but should be easy to understand. ISVMA is as critical to the practice of veterinary medicine in Illinois as a stethoscope or thermometer.

Please help ISVMA serve the profession better by talking to a colleague that isn't a member.

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ISVMA Annual Convention Is Enjoyed By All!



Shown above are practice personnel from Richton Park Animal Hospital, Richton Park, IL.

Enjoying time together away from the office are (from left to right) Rebecca Crose, Tara Chavez and Micki Benson.

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A 1-2-3 Guide To Opening Your Health Savings Account

Prepared by the AVMA Group Health and Life Insurance Trust

So you have consulted with your tax advisor and decided that a Health Savings Account makes sense for your situation. Now what?

Step One is to enroll in a qualified high-deductible health insurance plan. "High deductible" is defined as a minimum deductible of \$1000 for an individual, or \$2000 for family coverage. The AVMA Group Health and Life Insurance Trust (GHLIT) makes available several HSA-qualified high-deductible plans, which are underwritten by New York Life Insurance Company (NY, NY 10010).

Step Two is to open a Health Savings Account. You will need to select a financial institution to act as trustee for your Health Savings Accounts. You may contact your local bank, or the AVMA GHLIT can provide a list of qualified institutions upon request.

The final step is to contribute to your account. You may contribute up to 100% of your deductible, up to an annual cap of \$2,700 for individuals or \$5,450 for families. The contribution in your first calendar year will be pro-rated based on when you establish your HSA. (For example, if you open an account July 1, you may deposit (your annual maximum that calendar year). Account holders aged 55 and older are permitted to make additional "catch-up" contributions.

You will receive periodic account statements from your Bank/Trustee. Deposits into the account are tax-advantaged, and any interest accumulates tax-free.

Now, how do you access your HSA money?

You may withdraw funds from your account to reimburse yourself for deductibles or co-payments you incur. Many other medical-related expenses also qualify for reimbursement, such as prescription drugs, dental visits or prescription eyeglasses. Withdrawals are optional. You may choose to retain funds in your HSA, and allow the money to roll over from year to year and continue to grow tax-free.

Your Bank/Trustee should provide you with the guidelines and procedures on what constitutes qualified expenses for reimbursement, and how to submit for reimbursements.

For more information on the HSA-qualified plans (including exclusions, limitations, rates, eligibility and renewal provisions), please contact your agent, or call the AVMA GHLIT at 1-800-621-6360.

This article is the second of a two part series on Health Savings Accounts, provided by Angela Brock, AVMA GHLIT Marketing Director.

2006-2007 ISVMA BOARD OF DIRECTORS - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The following five ISVMA members were elected to fill a one-year term from November 2006-November 2007.



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2007 ISVMA Board Meeting Schedule

Board meetings are held throughout the year, and are scheduled for the following dates:

February 3-4

Board Retreat & Long-Range Planning
Peoria

April 18

Lobby Day
Springfield

June 20

Budget
Joliet Junior College

September 12

Student Forum
University of Illinois

November 1 - 4

Convention
Peoria

To bring issues, praises or concerns to the board, contact your regional representative.

They will present the information to the full board for consideration.

These regional leaders are listed on the previous page, or can

be accessed online at

http://www.isvma.org/about_us/boardofdirectors.html.

Do You Save The Date For The ISVMA's Annual Seminar?

Please note, there will be no Spring Seminar scheduled for 2007 due to the tax seminars that are currently being offered by the ISVMA.

The Annual Spring Seminar event will resume again in 2008.

Illinois Veterinary Heritage Collection and Information Commons



The University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine and the Illinois Veterinary Medical Foundation (the foundation arm of ISVMA) are moving forward with plans for a museum. Taking form as the Veterinary Heritage Collection and Information Commons, the space is envisioned as a place for veterinary students to study while surrounded by hundreds of artifacts and documents that bring to life the everyday efforts and extraordinary achievements of Illinois veterinary practitioners, educators, and researchers. The room will also feature state-of-the-art computer connectivity and spaces for individual and group study.

A website has been created that highlights the desired goals for the collection and study space, how the space was determined and what the design of the space requires in order to include the display of historic veterinary artifacts and literature. The Veterinary Heritage and Information Commons website can be visited by going to <http://www.cvm.uiuc.edu/work/heritage/index.html>.

The proposed site for this collection is at the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine on the second floor of the Veterinary Medicine Basic Sciences Building. The space will be located just outside of the Office of Academic and Student Affairs, where students converge daily.

The design has gone through revisions, with the final layout being over twice the size of the original design. Funding for the collection has come primarily through the newly formed IVMF and private donations. As soon as financing is secured, construction of the space will begin, targeted for as early as May 1, 2007.

To ensure that construction begins on time, consider giving a one-time gift to the IVMF, or directly to the Veterinary Heritage Collection and Information Commons. There are opportunities to sponsor items in the area, which will be designated with an engraving. Individuals, practices, classes, or other groups

are encouraged to contact the ISVMA office for a list of items that are available to sponsor.

If you are considering making a donation of an artifact and/or historical document, please contact the ISVMA office before forwarding any items. Many contributions have been made over the years and have been stored in a variety of locations. There currently is not a complete catalog of all items in the collection, so it is not possible to estimate what storage needs there will be until the collection is formally on display.

If you are interested in helping to create this space, which will unite our proud heritage with our emerging future, please contact either Peter Weber, ISVMA Executive Director, at peter@isvma.org or Brenda Betts, Assistant Dean for Advancement, at bbetts@uiuc.edu.

Listing of Exhibitor's Available on ISVMA Website

Are you unable to find that business card you brought home from convention of a new vendor? Did you miss convention and want to know who came to the show?

Visit the ISVMA home page and open the link that lists all exhibitors who were part of the 2006 ISVMA Annual Convention by going to www.isvma.org.

If you see your vendor listed, please take a moment to thank them for their support. Their participation helps make the convention a success.

READERS' FORUM

Q: Our facility is an emergency hospital and at our last staff meeting we discussed a potential liability situation. We initially contacted AVMA PLIT for their suggestions, who in turn referred us to you suggesting that there may be a state regulation or protocol to support our action or non-action. The situation we anticipate facing is with regards to someone bringing a pet to our hospital asking that we euthanize the animal for bad behavior (aggression). If we choose not to euthanize, either because we think that this is something that the owner should discuss with their regular veterinarian, or for other viable reasons, are we liable if the pet subsequently bites/hurts someone?

A: The response that follows is the recommendation of the ISVMA's legal counsel. If you have further concerns, the ISVMA strongly suggests you consult your practice attorney.

I find no statutory authority on this issue, and so must frame my answer according to the customary tort rules.

"First, I do not believe that the vet is obligated to destroy the animal simply because the owner makes the request to do so. As far as I can tell, the vet has the right to refuse to accept the patient and has the right to refuse to perform the requested procedure.

Second, the vet has no duty to some unknown third person who might be injured by the animal after its return to its owner. An essential part of the tort law is the 'duty' owed by someone to someone else. It is the breach of this duty and the resultant damages that lead to the exposure to the tort liability. Perhaps an illustration might help. When operating my car on the public streets and highways, I have a duty to operate it in a manner consistent with your right (and the right of all other persons lawfully on the highway) to be free from unreasonable risks created by my use of my car. If I breach that duty to you by driving in a negligent or dangerous manner and as a result of my conduct you are injured, I may be exposed to liability for the losses (wages, medical expenses, etc.) you suffer.

In this case the vet is returning the animal to its owner, and it is the owner who has the duty of reasonable care for the safety of others. The vet is not in control of the animal after its return to the owner, and can not do anything to protect others. It is the owner who must protect other persons who might reasonably come into contact with the animal."

Q: I was noticing on the "Find a Veterinarian" page of the ISVMA's website that there are some members whose website has been listed as part of their contact information. How can I get our clinic's website added?

A: The best way to have your clinic's website is posted is to make sure it comes to our office on the membership renewal form. All the data that

appears on the renewal comes from our database. We have to presume that if the blank is returned empty, your clinic does not have a website. If you missed that at renewal, and want us to update your information, send an email to info@isvma.org. Please have the message line read: ADD OUR WEBSITE and then place your clinic name, the ISVMA member(s) at that site and a phone number where we can contact you for any questions that may arise.

Q: We recently had a phone call from the county animal control supervisor with a request to confirm information on a dog who is a regular patient of ours. This animal was reported for biting a person, and animal control needed to know if the animal was current on its rabies vaccination. We told animal control that this is part of the animal's medical records, and as such we could not release the information. We've been told that this is not accurate. What is the law in this instance?

A: When asked to release information to anyone other than the client of record or by court order, determine whether or not the information is a matter of public record. Medical records, per se, are not to be shared; however, rabies vaccinations don't completely fit the "medical record" category as they are recorded in more than one place. That is, rabies vaccinations records are kept by not only the veterinarian treating the animal but in county animal control files. Because they are on file by the county, they are regarded as a matter of public record. If your county animal control cannot locate the information, and is contacting you for confirmation of the vaccination, this legally can be released.

Auxiliary Recognizes Outstanding 4-H Veterinary Science Project



The 2006 Auxiliary 4-H Veterinary Science Project Award winner is nineteen year old Kayla Shick from Plano, Illinois in Kendall County. Kayla is the daughter of Bill and Kandy Shick. She has been a 4-H member for nine years and has completed eight years in the 4-H Veterinary Science Project. Kayla graduated from Plano High School in 2006. She is a freshman at Augustana College in Rock Island where she is pursuing a Pre Vet Major.

Award winner Kayla Shick

In her Veterinary Science Project, Kayla has studied pet CPR and first aid; feline parasites, urinary disease, nutrition, and genetics; Lyme disease in dogs; mosquito-borne diseases in horses. She learned and practiced suture styles and learned how to extract eggs from cow ovaries. She has worked as a kennel assistant at Sandwich Veterinary Hospital and as an animal caretaker at Countryside Veterinary Clinic in Yorkville.

Kayla's other 4-H projects are cat, dog, horse, and rabbit animal science, natural resources, foods, visual arts, and small pets. She was one of five Illinois 4-H members in the animal sciences curriculum chosen to attend National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Georgia on November 24-28, 2006.

Kayla's award of a certificate and \$100 from the Illinois Auxiliary and a medal and certificate from the AVMA Auxiliary were presented to her during the Kendall County 4-H Achievement Night at the Plano High School Fine Arts Center on November 10, 2006.

ISVMA Auxiliary Awards Pet Week Banner at Convention

Did you miss your chance to win? The Auxiliary to the ISVMA held a Pet Week Banner Drawing at the 2006 Annual Convention. This all-weather item measuring 9 feet by 22 inches is a terrific tool to promote National Pet Week. Names were collected throughout convention with the drawing for a winner held on Sunday. This year's lucky winner was Debra Jackson of the Preemption Veterinary Clinic in Galesburg, IL. Congratulations!

National Pet Week, jointly founded in 1981 by the American Veterinary Medical Association and the Auxiliary to the AVMA, is an event widely observed throughout not only the United States but other parts of the world.

Auxiliary to the AVMA Announces Contest

The Auxiliary to the AVMA has announced their annual National Pet Week Poster Contest and their Creative Writing Contest. By encouraging participation in these contests, it's a tremendous opportunity to educate clients and the community of the goals of Pet Week: to promote responsible ownership, celebrate the human-animal bond, and promote public awareness of veterinary medicine.

The contests will be for the year 2008 and the submissions should be centered around the theme "Pets Jazz Up Your Life."

The Poster Contest has a deadline of March 1, 2007. The poster can be any size and must be colorful. Judging will be based on originality, content and use of the theme. The national winner will receive a \$300 cash award.

The Creative Writing Contest is for students in the 3rd, 4th and 5th grades and should be either a story or poem based upon the theme. Entries must have 20 words, maximum length of 200 words. Its deadline is April 1, 2007. A prize of \$300 will be awarded to the winner.

For information on these contests, or for National Pet Week information, visit online at www.avmaaux.org or call the Auxiliary to the AVMA at (620) 365-7570 or 1-800-Pet-Week.

Veterinary Medical Foundation

The ISVMA encourages its members to honor a loved one's memory by making a memorial contribution to the recently organized Illinois Veterinary Medical Foundation (IVMF). The IVMF, a 501(c) 3 foundation, was established for the purpose of supporting projects related to veterinary medicine.

When making such a contribution, please indicate the name and address of the individual who should receive notification of your donation(s). Contributions are tax-deductible.

Make your donation to:
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In Memoriam

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

— Johann Von Schiller

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

To ensure the timely publication of obituaries, please report the death of a colleague to the ISVMA offices at info@isvma.org, (fax) 217/ 523-7981 or call at (217) 523-8387.

Missed Your Opportunity to Hear Dr. Kevin Fitzgerald Speak?

He will be back in Illinois for the Hancock County Beef Producers Annual Meeting on February 10.

The evening, beginning at 6:00 pm with a rib eye dinner, will include a short business meeting and will conclude with Dr. Fitzgerald's keynote address.

The meeting will be held in Carthage, IL. All are welcome. For ticket information contact Rodney Crum at (217) 852-6070.

Our Apologies!

Due to circumstances beyond our control, this issue was not able to be produced within its usual time line. The February/March 2007 issue will resume normal distribution and is scheduled to be delivered during the first week of February.



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INFORMATION AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

Visit www.isvma.org and the Online Member Center

The ISVMA's webpage is an essential communication tool where a wealth of resources is available exclusively for ISVMA members. When opening the Member Center pages, a request for user name and password will appear. Username Field = last name; password field = member's birthday (in the following format: 4/7/64. do not include 0's and enter all four digits of your birth year).

Information posted solely on the Member Center pages include:

- Legislative news, links and Legislative Action Center – the ISVMA's advocacy center! Tap into Capwiz XC™, online citizen action tools designed to increase grassroots participation
- Copies of ISVMA publications – the EPITOME and the ESOURCE
- A Frequently Asked Questions section
- Award nomination forms for ISVMA annual awards and ACTS awards
- An extensive CE calendar; and more

Can't Fight City Hall

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Veterinary College and McKillip Veterinary College organized the first ISVMA meeting in Chicago in 1883. They met to share individual learning experiences with their colleagues and discredit the unprofessional practices that were so common in Illinois at the time. These early, dedicated veterinarians were later instrumental in developing Illinois' first Veterinary Medicine Practice Act in 1899.

These early ISVMA members understood that it wasn't enough to just be good doctors. They also knew that they had to be good advocates for the veterinary profession. They knew that membership in ISVMA was (and still is) a professional obligation for Illinois' veterinarians.

I am proud to serve as President of this proud organization that has been dedicated to defining and defending the veterinary profession for 125 years. I look forward to working with my colleagues to continue upholding the proud history of veterinary medicine in Illinois.

How to Login To The Member Center

Username Field

Your Last Name (Ex. Smith)

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

Continuing Education

FOR MORE CONTINUING EDUCATION INFORMATION

Visit the Members' Center online at www.isvma.org for more details and additional listings.

JANUARY 2007

JANUARY 19-21:

INDIANA VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION 123RD ANNUAL MEETING. INDIANAPOLIS MARRIOTT DOWNTOWN HOTEL; Indianapolis, IN. The annual meeting will feature over 184 hours of CE. The General Session program will feature "Paw & Order" where Hollywood meets animal health. Presented by Dr. Charlotte Lacroix on January 19, 2007, the program is patterned after the NBC crime drama, "Law & Order", and dramatizes a veterinary malpractice lawsuit. Contact the Indiana VMA at 1-800-270-0747 or www.invma.org for more information.

FEBRUARY 2007

FEBRUARY 3:

HORSEMAN'S CLINIC. UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE; Urbana, IL. Designed for horse owners and enthusiasts who are interested in learning more about caring for their equine companions. (CEs will not be issued at this program.) For more information, contact the Office of Public Engagement at the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine, (217) 333-2907 or ope@cvm.uiuc.edu.

FEBRUARY 7:

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

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