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We're almost there!
New software will enhance member services. ISVMA will be converting to a new database, Association Management Software (AMS). Details on Page 3!



Are You Media Ready?

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

In May, I attended the U of I College of Veterinary Medicine's White Coat Ceremony. This rite of passage marks the senior student's transition from the study of preclinical to clinical medicine. Each member of the class is called up and has their white jacket placed on them by a faculty member. The smiles were contagious and the feeling of pride by family and friends was pervasive throughout the Illini Union ballroom. These young people suddenly became doctors of veterinary medicine as they accepted the white coat's symbolism of entering the last phase of their education.

The advantages of being President of ISVMA are many. Not only does this position include the opportunity to attend the White Coat Ceremony, but it also affords me the special privilege of speaking to the graduating class. As new graduates, ready to conquer the world, they are among the newest group of veterinarians to represent our profession. In addressing these new doctors, I spoke of the challenges they would face; I encouraged them to stay involved in organized veterinary medicine, and urged them to continue their education by learning all they could regarding what is happening in our profession regardless of their specialty. Additionally, I used this opportunity to mention the importance of being a spokesperson for our profession. After all, hardly a day goes by where an animal story does not appear in the newspapers or on radio or television. Veterinarians are frequently contacted by the media to help in the formulation of these stories. So while I encouraged our new graduates to be available with facts, I asked if they would be ready to talk to the media if called?

Over the years, I have had many opportunities to be a spokesperson for the profession of veterinary medicine. I share the following guidelines for use by all members of the veterinary profession, from the newest to the most seasoned, to help when dealing with the media.

- Be yourself
- Be conversational, rather than formal, in your approach. Speak in short, concise sentences.
- Express passion for your topic.
- Be honest about your knowledge and skill levels – refer to another veterinarian if necessary.
- Never say anything that you don't want to see in print or hear on the air. There is no such thing as "off the record".
- Be prepared for the interview by having a comment ready for all of the topics and issues that touch your area of expertise.
- Each interview needs well thought out ideas. Take a second to think before speaking. If you don't understand the question, say so and it will be rephrased.
- Choose one or two messages that are most important for the public to know. Emphasize those points through repetition and comments such as "This is very important."



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The Power of “A” - Your Association

Peter S. Weber, MS, CAE - Executive Director

Alexis de Tocqueville (in or around 1830) wrote about the importance and value of associations in the United States:

“Americans of all ages, all conditions, and all dispositions constantly form associations. They have not only commercial and manufacturing associations, in which all partake, but associations of a thousand other kinds-religious, moral, serious, futile, general or restricted, enormous or diminutive. Wherever at the head of some new undertaking you see the government of France, or a man of rank in England, in the United States you will be sure to find an association.”



I am a very strong supporter of associations and active participation of members. Personally, I belong to five professional associations and serve on the Board of Directors for the American Society of Association Executives (ASAE) and the American Society of Veterinary Medical Association Executives. I am a frequent author for my national association journal and co-authored a book on the fundamentals of association management. I am a regular speaker at the ASAE annual convention and am a contributor to their foundation and political action committee (PAC). In other words, I walk the talk. I believe in the value and importance of associations.

For veterinarians in Illinois, membership in the ISVMA and the AVMA should be looked upon as an investment in the veterinary profession that provides a necessary and valuable return on the investment. It is important that every veterinary professional understands what makes ISVMA unique and relevant. The ISVMA is the only organization that constantly monitors the Illinois state legislature and regulatory agencies and advocates the interests and causes of the veterinary profession in Illinois. Veterinarians, veterinary technicians, clients and animals are impacted every day by the laws, regulations, policies and directives established and enforced by the state. Even the very existence of a veterinary profession is determined by action of the Illinois legislature. Without the Veterinary Medicine & Surgery Practice Act (Practice Act), there would be no such thing as a veterinarian or veterinary technician in Illinois.

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New Software Will Enhance Member Services

Last issue (April/May 2009 EPITOME) we reported that the ISVMA will be converting to a new Association Management Software (AMS). There are many exciting modifications that will allow for new and improved member services. The program is close to coming online and the goal is to have it up and running to allow for a simple and easy registration process for convention. (The new software does this too!)

We hope to make the transition without any interruption of service or availability of website tools and resources. If you experience any issues with the ISVMA website during the transition, please send an email to info@isvma.org so that we can identify the source of the problem and repair it.

IS AN EMAIL ADDRESS IMPORTANT? YES, IT IS!

The new software includes a new log-in procedure.

It is imperative that the ISVMA office has your correct contact information.

Forward an email to info@isvma.org and in the subject line let us know:

“I wish to have my log-in information emailed to this address.”

Welcome New Members!

ISVMA would like to welcome the following 117 new members (who joined between May 16 and June 15, 2009). Please help us spread the news about the many benefits of membership in ISVMA – where dues are an investment that pays tremendous dividends!

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ISVMA Membership Renewal & New Hires

ISVMA membership renewal can be a very frustrating experience for ISVMA staff. Many members who move to another practice during the year forget to notify our office of their status change which results in (literally) hundreds of hours tracking down members.

If you, or one of your associates, have changed jobs during the past twelve months, please verify that ISVMA has the updated information. The best way to take care of this is by visiting the "Find a Veterinarian" page on the ISVMA website. Enter your name and open the link. If your information listed is incorrect, we do not have your current information on file. If your practice has a website, and it is in our database, it will show under your name as well. No link appears? Contact our office and let us know. We will add it!

Nearly 2000 people visit the ISVMA website every day. Many of them are pet owners looking for a veterinarian. The "Find A Veterinarian" page is the most visited page on our website and you should take advantage of the free advertising through your state association!

Is there an associate at your clinic who is not an ISVMA member? Encourage them to join this year. Additionally, if your clinic has employed a new veterinarian or CVT who is not a member, we hope you will encourage them to sign up too!

All member prospects can fill out the simple membership application form at www.isvma.org/about_us/application.html or contact the ISVMA offices at 217/546-8381.

ISVMA mailed all membership renewal packets in early June. If you have not received yours, please contact the ISVMA office.

Membership is critical to the continued success of your association. Thank you very much for your continued support!

If you have a veterinarian associate or partner who is not an ISVMA member, we hope that you will encourage them to join this year. Additionally, if you have hired a new veterinarian in the last year or have CVT employees that are not members, we hope that you will sign them up too! All member prospects can fill out the simple membership application form at http://www.isvma.org/about_us/application.html or contact the ISVMA offices at (217) 546-8381.

If you are not sure whether a veterinarian in your practice is a member, you can check by using the [Find A Veterinarian](#) search form on the ISVMA website.

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You Might Be a Mixed Animal Practitioner If...*

Ronald E. Gill, DVM, Gill Veterinary Clinic, West Salem, Illinois

Some practitioners say that the time of the “James Herriot” veterinarian is long gone and that the future of mixed animal practice is bleak because of the perception of long hours, lower pay, and difficult work or working conditions. I believe that mixed animal practice is a lifestyle choice. Some practitioners find it unacceptable to live 10 miles from a grocery store or gas station or to drive an hour to go to a movie or a nice restaurant. After more than 33 years as a mixed animal practitioner, I still find that it's what I've always wanted to do. Here are some other lifestyle markers for my profession.

You might be a mixed animal practitioner if ...

- ... you can discuss gross pathology at the dinner table.
- ... you've gotten into your truck and found that the farmer's wife has left you a sack of zucchini, tomatoes, or sweet corn.
- ... a farmer has invited you into his kitchen for fresh-baked cookies and coffee.
- ... you've attended your child's school events—academic, musical, or athletic—in your work clothes, and your work odors followed you.
- ... a client has found you at a school Christmas program to tell you he has a cow problem.
- ... you've attended your child's wedding with tattoo ink on your fingers.
- ... you can identify the muscle you're eating for dinner when asked by your children.
- ... you find satisfaction in solving a difficult case of dystocia.
- ... you have looked at the clock in your truck and were still on schedule at 5:00 PM, which made you smile.
- ... you'll go to the office to look at a sick puppy while dressed in your Sunday best.
- ... you've smiled at the successful outcome of a milk fever case.
- ... you've enlisted the aid of an owner when performing a cesarean section.
- ... you've performed cesarean sections on all major holidays and at all times of the day and night.
- ... you can make a diagnosis and prescribe treatment using only your thermometer, stethoscope, eyes, ears, and hands.
- ... you can make a diagnosis and prescribe treatment without conducting a complete blood count, chemistry profile, or urinalysis.
- ... your clients are your friends and call you Doc.

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Outpatient Imaging Services at UI

The University of Illinois Veterinary Teaching Hospital now provides outpatient imaging for ultrasound, MRI, and CT as a service to referring veterinarians.

The referring clinic conducts any pre-examination blood work, provides a patient history, and counsels the client about the process and risks of the imaging examination. (The hospital provides client instruction sheets for this purpose.)

Examination results are sent to the referring veterinarian within 24 hours of the examination. The animal does not become a patient of the Veterinary Teaching Hospital, and the referring veterinarian provides follow-up care and treatment.

Please contact Susan Hartman, senior imaging technologist, at (217) 244-2031 with questions or call (217) 333-1800 to schedule an outpatient imaging exam. More information is available at vetmed.illinois.edu/4dvms/specialties_2.html.

Media Ready

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- Offer to help the interviewer with as much information as you may have available. By feeding them information, you will have a good idea of what questions will be asked of you. If visual interview, offer props that will help with the story.
- Remember that people in the listening or viewing audience don't usually know medical jargon. Substitute common terms for the medical ones. Imagine you are talking to a client.
- If contacted by a newspaper reporter, ask what the deadline is.
- Be flexible and prepared to change your schedule to accommodate the reporter.
- Make friends with the reporters, not enemies.
- If going to be on camera, be sure you represent our profession well by having:
 - ♦ Clean clothes
 - ♦ Combed hair
 - ♦ Clean and cut nails
 - ♦ Conservative dress

While being a public spokesperson may be initially uncomfortable, do remember that if you are given an opportunity to speak for our profession and don't, the media and press will seek out whoever will speak. Will you be content to be represented by that individual?

I hope this perks your interest to seek more information regarding dealing with the media. It really is no different than what you do every day in your exam rooms or work place. For media support or information, contact the ISVMA office and speak with the Executive Director, Peter S. Weber OR, if I can be of any assistance, feel free to call me.

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AVMA Update

George Richards, DVM – ISVMA House of Delegates Representative

AVMA Resources on the Red Flags Rule

New Date: Enforcement begins August 1, 2009

Veterinarians are not exempt from a new federal rule to prevent identity theft. The Red Flags Rule, named for the major warning signs of identity theft, or red flags, was proposed in late 2007 by the Federal Trade Commission, took effect in 2008 and was to be enforced by May 1, 2009. The rule is a section of the Fair and Accurate Credit Transaction Act ("FACT Act") of 2003, a federal law which requires financial institutions and creditors to develop programs to prevent, detect, and mitigate identity theft. (Refer to articles on the Red Flags Rule in the April/May 2009 issue of the EPITOME for more detailed information.)

The FTC has announced they will delay enforcement of the Red Flags Rule until August 1, 2009.

The AVMA has been intensely working to create resources that will assist veterinary clinics and hospitals to be compliant with the new Red Flags Rule. In addition to the tremendous work done by the AVMA's legal department, an expert in identity theft was contracted to conduct webinars on understanding and complying with the new rule.

The AVMA has created an identity theft page, www.avma.org/issues/FTC_red_flags_rule.asp (from home page click on "Issues" then click on "Identity Theft"). There is extensive information and resources, including a guide for compliance, FAQs, schedule of informational webinars and a list of consultants who are offering services to veterinarians.

HAS YOUR MAILING ADDRESS CHANGED?

State Law requires that DVMs share their change of address with the Department of Professional Regulation. ISVMA needs to be updated when you move or change practices too!



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News and Notes

Canine Distemper Reports Raise Concern

A number of canine distemper cases were reported in the State of Illinois this past spring. To raise awareness, the Illinois State Veterinary Medical Association (ISVMA) sent a press release to the news media urging dog owners to be certain their animals had been vaccinated.

If you are experiencing an increase in distemper cases in your area, contact the ISVMA office. The press release will be forwarded to your local newspaper for insertion. Help stem an outbreak in your community and educate not just the pet owners, but the community of the danger of distemper.

Air Carrier Has Exclusive Clientele: Pets

Alysa Binder and Dan Wiesel had a difference of opinions with their airline when they discovered how they'd have to transport their pet when they moved from San Francisco to Florida. They were forced to put their dog in a crate and ship her as cargo. To prevent other pets and pet owners from having to go through the same experience, they founded Pet Airways in 2005. On July 14, 2009, Pet Airways will be ready for takeoff.

The airline will have flights twice a week, once from the East Coast to the West Coast, and then back again, serving BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport (Baltimore/Washington DC), New York, Chicago, Denver and Los Angeles. A pet attendant will fly with the animals, and will check on passengers throughout the trip. Flights start at \$149 each way.

With the help of Omaha-based Suburban Air, a 19-passenger airplane was converted to be able to hold 40 to 50 animals in carriers in its cabin. Suburban Air, a charter carrier for 25 years, has a crew of experienced pilots who average nearly 10,000 hours of flying time.

What's New on Facebook.....

Lobby Day Images Posted on Facebook

The ISVMA Website is currently not set up for posting images from ISVMA events. To share photos taken at Lobby Day, a number of images were posted for all to enjoy. Future events will be included so check back often!

Newsworthy items

Periodically, the ISVMA will put links to topics in the news. Most recently we added a link to the article about the FDA approving the first vaccine for dog flu. Details are on the wall posting.

Don't have your own page?

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Errata: Annual Fall Conference for Veterinarians at UI-CVM is September 10-11, 2009

The April/May 2009 issue of the Epitome newsletter incorrectly reported the dates of the Annual Fall Conference for Veterinarians at the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine. The correct dates of the conference are September 10-11, 2009.

For information, contact the Office of Public Engagement at the U of I CVM, 217/333-2907 or ope@vetmed.illinois.edu.

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Five Ways That Imaging Wows

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



Dr. Jodi Matheson

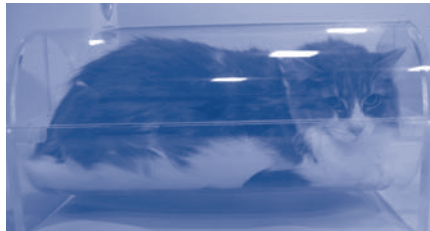
There has been so much that's new in the imaging department at the Veterinary Teaching Hospital in Urbana lately that you may have trouble keeping track, so here's a quick overview.

1. **Dr. Jodi Matheson** joined Dr. Bob O'Brien, a board certified veterinary radiologist, on our imaging section this spring. Dr. Matheson earned a DVM from the University of Missouri and completed an imaging residency at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Her interests include imaging zoo and exotic species, contrast ultrasound imaging, and functional MRI of olfaction in dogs.
2. **Outpatient imaging** is now available to assist you in diagnosis of your patients. You'll get the results of ultrasound, MRI, or CT examinations within 24 hours of the study. Our outpatient imaging protocols give priority to patient safety while ensuring that you remain in charge of your patient. You provide us with the pre-examination blood work and patient history and counsel your client about the imaging procedure. After you get the results of the study, the client returns to you for results and further treatment.

You can schedule your patient for outpatient imaging at (217) 333-1800. Susan Hartman, senior imaging technologist, can answer

questions or put you in touch with a radiologist at (217) 244-2031.

3. **A new high-speed spiral CT**—a GE Lightspeed 16-slice Helical CT scanner, to be exact—arrived in March. It gives the imaging staff the ability to acquire targeted 0.6 millimeter slices in large data sets to be used for 3-D reconstructions. Faster scan times and use of immobilization devices will also allow scans to be performed often with no sedation or anesthesia, which in turn will lower both the cost and the strain on the patient.
4. **A "Better Mousetrap"** refers, in this case, to a novel device developed by our hospital staff to safely image cats that are poor risks for anesthesia, such as those in



respiratory distress. Built from a clear Plexiglas tube with notches and holes to permit catheter access and oxygen therapy, the Mousetrap is just a bit bigger than a large cat. Cats placed inside can be imaged with no sedation or additional restraint. The device has proven very successful in facilitating fast and safe diagnoses of difficult emergency cases and other tricky situations.

5. **Online access and expert consultation** are not new but are still a valuable resource for clinicians. We continue to offer fee-for-service consulting on radiographs, which can be mailed to us as films or digitally on CD as well as submitted by email to: radconsults@vetmed.illinois.edu.

And you can access our digital images system to review your patients' diagnostic images by contacting the Medical Records at 217-333-5363.

Details and links to request forms are online at vetmed.illinois.edu/4dvms/.

Canine Dentistry, Fish Medicine, More: Continuing Education Comes to You

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In 2008, veterinarians in three central Illinois communities were invited to attend a reception and lecture for one hour of free CE – and a chance to hear from new clinical faculty members in oncology, ophthalmology, imaging, and endocrinology. Contact the Office of Advancement if you'd like to host a reception in your area: 217/333-2762.

VISIT THE VETERINARIAN'S PORTAL: 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.

Class of 2009

Congratulations to the 103 graduates who were awarded the Degree of Doctor of Veterinary Medicine at the Commencement Convocation Program on Sunday, May 17, 2009. All the best to the class of 2009!

Kendall Anderson	Arielle Herndobler	Annette Morrow
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Priya Bhatt	Jennifer Hoffmann	Melissa O'Brien
Shanna Brus	Christina Holbrook	Adam Ohms
Stacy Burdick	Susan Holt	Elisabeth Peters
Lindsay Califf	Sonia Honkisz	Jacob Pruemmer
Janet Calkins	Aya Iwai	John Przywara
Deke Carls	Ann Johnson	Julieann Ragone
Jared Cohen	Katherine Johnson	Anne Robbins
Amanda Corbisiero	Stephanie Kemp	Erin Rothrock
Karin Crocker	Violet Kirk	Amy Ruggiero
Denise Cudiamat	Marjorie Koeppen	Julia Ryseff
Erin Cunningham	Barbara Kompare	Brent Salazar
Anna Czekala	Stacy Kostiuik	Sallianne Schlacks
Tanya Deihl	Ashley Lab	Carl Schmidt
Caitlin DeWilde	Cheryl Lagana	Matthew Schnabl
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Emily Eaton	Allison Lenner	Leah Sikes
Christopher Ed	Alysn Lilley	Stefanie Simon
Jill Ellis	Annie Lo	Lauren Singleton
Ashley Elzerman	Joshua Locher	Kate Sippel
Shelley Farnsworth	Anne Love	Katherine Spoo
Lisa Fink	Martha Low	Brian Stewart
Justin Florey	Aaron Lower	Jennifer Stout
Terry Foust	Lisa Lukas	Nicholas Szigetvari
Katherine Freske	Lauren Markovic	Lauren Tassone
Claire Friddle	Kenneth McGowan	Doreen Turner
Dawn Garvey	Shannon Melliore	Grant Venema
Emily Glick	Heather Metzelaars	Edwina Witkowski
Lynda Gould	Jessie Mills	Jill Wojciechowski
Ellen Grommet	Amanda Mink	Elizabeth Wolf
Jeannie Harrison	Megan Mongiovi	Lauren Wrobel
Anna Herath	Lauren Morgan	

U of I College of Veterinary Medicine Class of 2009



Valedictorian:

Aya Iwai grew up in Seattle, Wash., after her family emigrated from Tokyo, Japan, to the United States when she was three. She earned a bachelor's degree in English language and literature at the University of Chicago and only later became seriously interested in veterinary medicine while caring for her diabetic cat, Taffy. Her interests include emergency and critical care, internal medicine, and exotic animal medicine. Soon after graduation Aya will begin an internship with the Veterinary Specialty Hospital of San Diego.

Salutatorian:

Annie Lo, from San Francisco, Calif., really enjoyed all her fourth-year rotations, especially small animal surgery, internal medicine, and neurology. Her veterinary career was sparked in a research setting and developed in the classroom, but she now feels she is in her element in the clinics, solving medical puzzles, implementing a course of action, and pursuing surgery. After graduation this spring she hopes to continue with a small animal internship and eventually a small animal surgical residency.

Stomping Out Strangles: A Researcher's New Vaccine May Help

Strangles, a highly contagious disease in horses, is getting extra attention from Dr. Luke Borst, a pathology resident at the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine (U of I CVM). His research seeks a means to control the disease. Currently there are several vaccines on the market, but "their safety and effectiveness is controversial" explained Dr. Borst in the U of I CVM online Pet Column for the week of March 5, 2009. Additionally, currently vaccinated horses cannot be differentiated from an infected animal via a blood test during an outbreak. Dr. Borst is hoping to create a vaccine that will be "flagged" so it is distinguishable from an infected animal. He has also been able to delete the virulence genes in his vaccine to make it less likely that an animal will get sick from vaccination.

To read this article in its entirety, visit online: www.aces.uiuc.edu/news/stories/news4688.html.

U of I College of Veterinary Medicine Awards and Scholarship Winners



Brian Beasley



Roberto Cediel



Charlie Deutsch



Caitlin DeWilde

On Saturday, May 2 the College of Veterinary Medicine presented more than \$365,000 in donor-funded awards and scholarships at their Awards and Scholarships Ceremony. The ISVMA and some of its member regions annually contribute awards to deserving students. The following are this year's winners:

Illinois State Veterinary Medical Association Student Representative Scholarship Recipients:

Justin Florey, Class of 2009 – winner of the Clint L. Franks Memorial ISVMA Scholarship

Kathryn Wycislo, Class of 2010 – winner of the John T. Creasey Memorial ISVMA Scholarship

Charlie Deutsch, Class of 2011 – winner of the ISVMA Student Representative Scholarship

Andrew Hennenfent, Class of 2012 – winner of the ISVMA Student Representative Scholarship

Aya Iwai - College of Veterinary Medicine Award for Academic Excellence, Class of 2009 Valedictorian. Sponsored by ISVMA.

Caitlin DeWilde – winner of the Eve Larocca Award for current membership in the Illinois State Veterinary Medical Association and the Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association, with demonstrated exemplary service and leadership in any of the student organizations and good academic standing. Sponsored by the regional chapters of the ISVMA.

Roberto Cediel – winner of the Dr. H. Preston Hoskins Award for students who demonstrate proficiency in technical writing or editorial service for veterinary publications while in veterinary school. Sponsored by the ISVMA and CVMA.

Brian Beasley, Jennifer Lietzau, Michelle Mannino – winners of the Southern Illinois Veterinary Medical Association Scholarship for students with financial need who are natives of the region encompassed by the SIVMA. Sponsored by SIVMA Endowment Fund.

Lisa Fink – winner of the Dr. Edward C. Khuen Memorial Award for proficiency in small animal dentistry. Sponsored by the CVMA.

Brian Stewart – winner of the Chicago Veterinary Medical Association President's Scholastic Award for demonstrated achievement in small animal medicine and surgery. Sponsored by CVMA.

Charlie Deutsch – winner of the Chicago Veterinary Medical Association Scholarship for an essay on how the student will benefit the veterinary profession in the Chicagoland area; the student must also have a minimum grade point average of 2.5, financial need, and continuous membership in the Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association. Sponsored by CVMA.

Charlie Deutsch, Michael Miller, and Robin Hansen – winners of the Illinois State Veterinary Medical Association Auxiliary Scholarship for student membership in ISVMA, continuous membership in the Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association, minimum grade point average of 2.5, and financial need with preference given to an Illinois resident. Sponsored by the Auxiliary to the ISVMA.



Lisa Fink



Justin Florey



Robin Hansen



Andrew Hennenfent



Aya Iwai



Jennifer Lietzau



Michelle Mannino



Michael Miller



Brian Stewart



Kathryn Wycislo

ISVMA Members in the News

ISVMA President Guest on CBS Early Show



On Saturday, March 21, 2009, Dr. Sheldon Rubin, president of the Illinois State Veterinary Medical Association, appeared on CBS's *The Early Show Saturday Edition* to remind pet owners that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. He did this by reminding pet owners of the value obtained by simply providing flea, tick and heart worm protection, that vaccinating animals is essential to good health, to keep your pet at a healthy weight and the importance of preventive care. He stressed that by regularly visiting the veterinarian for wellness and preventive care, pet owners are able to help prevent illness and are better able to avoid huge bills down the road if their pets get sick. He cited a resource that's available to help pet owners determine how to budget for pet care without cutting out what's important. It's part of the "Help Your Pet, Get to the Vet" campaign sponsored by Bayer. There are downloadable checklists for pet owners online at www.gettothetvet.com.

Dr. Rubin's segment is online at CBS The Early Show's webpage and can be found by visiting www.cbsnews.com/stories/2009/03/21/earlyshow/living/petplanet/main4881140.shtml.

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More Information on the new "Red Flags" Policy

This article is the first in a series of three regarding the new "Red Flags" regulations. The article series was created by TransFirst Health Services, Inc. in response to the numerous inquiries received about the new regulations and is offered to provide an overview of, explanation of and impact that the new rules will have on veterinary clinics and hospitals. TransFirst Health Services is a provider of transaction processing services and payment technologies tailored for veterinarians and is a sponsored program available to ISVMA members.

Celebrate the Human Animal Bond!

Nominations are being accepted for the Animals Contributing to Society Awards. Go online for a nomination form at www.isvma.org or call the ISVMA office at 217/546-8381 and request one.



Shown is Nikko, a trained K-9 German Shepherd, who won the 2007's Professional Award for his tremendous work finding a lost child. Nikko is shown with (left to right) John Cox, Deputy Greg Beuligmann, Sierra Cox and Dr. Craig Stevenson. Nikko and his partner, Deputy Greg Beuligmann are employed by the Edwards County Sheriff's Department in Albion IL.

Creating a Secure Workplace Environment

Part 1: Are You Ready for the "Red Flags" Policy?

TransFirst Health Services, Inc.

In the news everyday are more and more stories about security breaches, break-ins and general white-collar crimes that can impact your business. The first article in our three-part series focuses on the upcoming Red Flags Policy requirements for health care and how it impacts your office.

What is a "Red Flags" Policy? More importantly, do I need one?

The FTC requires many businesses including doctors' offices, hospitals and other health care providers to develop a written protocol to detect, prevent and minimize the damage that could result from identity theft. The policy is a written program designed to spot the warning signs of identity theft.

Does your office have a "Red Flags" Policy in place?

If so, have you communicated the policy to all employees?

Every health care organization and practice must review its billing and payment procedures to determine if the Red Flags Rule covers the office. Whether the law applies to you isn't based on your status as a health care provider, but rather on whether your activities fall within the law's definition of two key terms: "creditor" and "covered account." The Red Flags Rule gives health care providers flexibility to implement a program that best suits the individual office and may work in conjunction with the existing fraud prevention or security program. All staff must be made aware of your office's policy.

What if our office doesn't have a policy?

The FTC has published a guide to assist businesses in creating their own "Red Flags" policy and Identity Theft Prevention Program. For more information about compliance or for a free copy of [Fighting Fraud with the Red Flags Rule: A How-To Guide for Business](http://ftc.gov/redflagrule) you can visit ftc.gov/redflagrule. The FTC has also released a fill-in-the-blank form for businesses and organizations that are at low risk for identity theft. The online form offers step-by-step instructions for creating your own written Identity Theft Prevention Program. You can fill it out online and print it. The do-it-yourself form is available on the same web site. If you have more questions about the "Red Flags" Rule and how it impacts your office, you can contact the FTC directly at RedFlags@ftc.gov.

When is the deadline to have a Red Flag Policy in place?

Time is running out! Have your policy in place and your staff trained about the policy by August 1, 2009.

A Real World Example from TransFirst

TransFirst has many safeguards in place to protect against identity theft as a part of our standard operating procedures for all departments. In our example, we'll focus on our Merchant Support Help Desk. TransFirst maintains account verification procedures that are followed by our Merchant Support Help Desk representatives. When a merchant calls in for support, there are several pieces of required information that must be verified:

- ✓ Merchant name (name of the person calling)
- ✓ DBA name
- ✓ DBA address (street address with city and state)
- ✓ DBA phone number
- ✓ *We always use DBA information first. If the caller is from the corporate office, we may use the Legal, Statement, Mailing or Deployment address listed in the Address tab in our tracking system.*
- ✓ *We always check for alerts and notes to ensure that all Verification items have been covered. Passwords may be placed in alerts or notes and require additional verification.*

By requiring the data above and reviewing the alerts and notes in the account we can insure that sensitive account information is not provided to the wrong individual or

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AVMA launches regularly scheduled videotape messages from its CEO

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The AVMA has begun presenting video interviews with AVMA CEO W. Ron DeHaven speaking about issues, current events, and news in veterinary medicine on its webcasting site at www.avmatv.org and the AVMA Media Library at www.avmamedia.org. The two-minute webcasts are intended for the general public, AVMA members, and journalists.

"The advent of webcasting has given us a great opportunity to make our CEO more accessible," explains J.B. Hancock, director of the AVMA Communications Division. "We receive dozens of questions from journalists and the general public about the activities of our Association, so there is a real need for this outreach."

"Ultimately, we hope these webcasts become a popular resource for a variety of audiences—veterinarians, government officials, students, the general public—anyone who is interested in AVMA policies, animals, and veterinary medicine."

The AVMA Communications Division began producing videos for webcast last year and has produced educational videos on household hazards for pets, disaster preparation, dental hygiene, and the shortage of large animal veterinarians. This will be the first time that the Association will be using this technology to address current events and to provide newsworthy information. To date, Dr. DeHaven has addressed issues such as animal welfare, public health, AVMA testimony on Capitol Hill, the shortage of large animal veterinarians, and livestock identification programs.

"It's very important that the Association communicate with the general public and its members as clearly as possible, and these videos help us in this effort," Dr. DeHaven explains. Dr. DeHaven's webcasts change every two weeks and are available at www.avmatv.org and www.avmamedia.org.

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office. By validating who is on the phone, or who is requesting private information before distributing the information, all businesses can ensure private information remains private! If a merchant caller, or in your healthcare practice a patient/client, is aggravated by this extra validation step, explain the importance of everyone's rights to privacy, and of your offices commitment to your patient's rights. We all understand that sometimes these extra steps might mildly inconvenience internal staff or the requesting party, but the extra steps are required to meet Red Flag guidelines and safeguard private information.

In our next article, we'll focus on Data Security in your office. If you have questions about your office's payment processing program, contact the TransFirst Health Services – ISVMA Team at (866) 977-0929 or via e-mail at ISVMA@TransFirst.com. We look forward to working with you!

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Helping Pets Weather Storm Season

By Diane McCartney, *The Wichita Eagle*

The Andover Veterinary Clinic seemed a fitting place to hold a seminar on pets with storm phobias. When veterinarian Cathy Harmon asked how many in the audience were survivors of the F-5 tornado that hit Andover in 1991, several people raised their hands.

"When we know a storm's coming, we get nervous," Harmon said. "If we get nervous and are afraid of the storm, your dog's going to read that. He's going to sense that you are afraid, and that exacerbates the situation."

About 30 pet owners attended the session on "New Treatments for Storm Phobias." The mini-seminar covered options such as behavioral therapy and drug treatment, as well as new products like anti-static vests. Kathy Smith said her golden retriever, Ellie, gets so upset when a storm is approaching she shakes and pants and paces in circles, "and her heart beats real fast. She's just miserable, and she makes us miserable." Smith said she has been giving her dog the anxiety-relieving drug Xanax to cope with storms but hoped to learn other ways to address the problem.

Harmon, who has practiced in Andover for 30 years, said her clinic sees quite a few pets with storm phobias. Most have minor issues, but some get so upset they can "tremendously injure themselves or get terrifically destructive," and "those are the kids we are going to try to help." It's not just thunder and lightning that scares pets, Harmon said. Other factors such as changes in barometric pressure, wind, ozone levels and electronic impulses alert pets that a storm is coming long before it starts to rain or a siren goes off. "Some of these dogs know two or three hours ahead of time when there's a storm coming," Harmon said. Harmon recommended providing a comfortable, safe place where your pet can hide during a storm. "Prepare a place ahead of time and train them to want to go there," she said. Distracting background noise, such as fans, television or radio, can help take the animal's mind off its anxiety. Behavioral therapy can include desensitization, such as playing a recording of a storm and rewarding the dog for staying calm, or counter

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Meet Dr. David Bainbridge

ISVMA Member and Regional Winner of the Thank Your Vet for a Healthy Pet Contest

Sara Grosso, of Morris, wanted a way to let her vet know how she felt about him and when she found the Morris Animal Foundation's "Thank Your Vet for a Healthy Pet" contest, she submitted her essay without his knowledge. He learned soon enough when a certificate of nomination arrived from the contest, and was further recognized as the Midwest regional winner.

Grosso shared of his great bedside manner, sense of humor and his blend of compassion and professionalism for the serious things, like the difficult decision she was faced with when she euthanized her 15-year-old pet.

Dr. Bainbridge's commitment to his community stretches beyond the doors of his hospital. He not only helped purchase Britt, the Grundy County Sheriff's Department's canine officer, he provides for the animal's care too.



Bainbridge is also a state and federally licensed wildlife rehabilitator who has treated and rehabilitated various animals within Grundy County. An injured raptor under his care was an injured, non-releasable peregrine falcon. After he nursed the bird back to health, he received permission to keep it. The falcon is now part of educational talks he gives to discuss the environmental issues that led to the peregrine falcon's endangered status, the recovery efforts and the delicate balance of our ecosystem today.

The entire interview with Dr. Bainbridge is available at www.suburbanchicagonews.com/heraldnews/lifestyles/1468844,4_5_JO10_VET_S1.article#.



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Morris Animal Foundation Announces 2008 Contest Winner

Dr. David Bainbridge of Morris Veterinary Hospital in Morris, Ill., honored as the Midwest's Best Vet

A short essay filled with kind words, sincere kudos and appreciation for a job well-done. That's what pet owners submitted to nominate their outstanding veterinarians in the second annual Thank Your Vet for a Healthy Pet® contest. The nationwide essay contest, conducted by Morris Animal Foundation (MAF) and sponsored by Hill's Pet Nutrition, and DOG FANCY, CAT FANCY and Veterinary Practice News magazines, published by BowTie, Inc., honors outstanding veterinarians for both dedication to helping animals and strengthening the human-animal bond.

The nationwide essay contest annually begins on June 1 and closes August 31. Essays address four areas: 1) the veterinarian's outstanding care and treatment to clients, 2) commitment to the human-animal bond, 3) service to the community, and 4) devotion to the veterinary profession.

The inaugural contest last year was a huge success with more than 1,000 nominations submitted. From the pool of nominations, five regional winners are selected by a panel of judges, and from those five a grand winner is named. All winners were honored at the Western Veterinary Conference in Las Vegas on Feb. 17, 2009. Winning America's Best Vet Honor for 2008 was Dr. Rachel Boltz. Honored as 2008 regional winners were:

West	Rachel S. Boltz, DVM, Adobe Animal Hospital in Los Altos, CA
Northeast	Lee V. Morgan, DVM, of Georgetown Veterinary Hospital in Washington, D.C.
Southeast	T.L. Walker, DVM, of Highland Animal Hospital in Augusta, GA
Southwest	Lisa Willis, DVM, of Great Oaks Animal Hospital in Round Rock, TX
Midwest	David Bainbridge, DVM, of Morris Veterinary Hospital in Morris, IL

A number of ISVMA members were nominated for this competition, including:

David Bainbridge, DVM, Morris Veterinary Hospital, Morris, IL
 Martha Church, DVM, Red Bed Veterinary Services, Red Bud, IL
 Timothy Harris, DVM, Animal Care & Medical Center, Libertyville, IL
 Roger Pirtle, DVM, St. Francis Animal Clinic, Duquoin, IL
 David Rash, DVM, Geneseo Animal Hospital, Geneseo, IL
 Roman Tkacuk, DVM, North Avenue Animal Hospital, Chicago, IL
 Amy Ujiki, DVM, Family Pet Animal Hospital, Chicago, IL
 Jennifer Ulm, DVM, Spoon River Animal Clinic, PC, Canton, IL
 James Wahl, DVM, Avenue Animal Hospital, Tinley Park, IL

A complete list of winners and nominees is posted at www.ThankYourVet.org.

Do your clients rave about an associate or peer? Encourage them to enter them in the "Thank Your Vet for a Healthy Pet®" contest. All that is required is a short essay and the nomination form. Download the form at www.morrisanimalfoundation.org/thank-your-vet/. The essay contest runs from July 1, 2009 to August 31, 2009.

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conditioning, distracting the pet by getting it to do something it enjoys. "If there's a storm coming, get him to play fetch," Harmon said.

If behavioral therapy doesn't work — and it often doesn't — treatment with drugs may be necessary, Harmon said. Drugs commonly used to treat phobias in pets include medications also used by humans such as Xanax, Valium and Prozac. Xanax and Valium are short-acting tranquilizers that can be given one to four hours before a storm. Antidepressant drugs, such as Clomipramine or Prozac, reduce pets' response to scary stimuli but must be given daily for one or two months to be effective, Harmon said. "If you're expecting thunderstorms in the middle of April, you'd darn well better have your dog on medication by the middle of March," she said. Pet owners should consult with a veterinarian before medicating a pet with the goal of using the lowest possible dose for the shortest period of time.

Alternative therapies include dog-appeasing pheromone (D.A.P.) spray and treatments like body wraps, music therapy and aromatherapy. Harmon's Labrador, Jack, modeled a new product called a Storm Defender cape. The cape's manufacturer says a special lining in the garment protects the dog from the static charge that builds up before a thunderstorm. For more information, go to www.stormdefender.com.

Audience member Glenda Burkett said she has had success with a similar, much cheaper product: anti-static dryer sheets. When her dog starts to get upset because he senses a storm coming, Burkett rubs his coat with a lavender-scented dryer sheet. "I was surprised at how much static was in his coat," she said. When a friend suggested the dryer sheets, "I thought it was crazy, but it has made a huge difference" in the way her dog reacts to storms, she said. Smith said she thought she'd try dryer sheets, maybe even tucking one into her dog's bandanna when she leaves for work. If those don't help, she said she might give the cape or the dog-appeasing pheromone a try. "I just want to make her comfortable," she said. "I want to try anything else that doesn't have to do with drugs."

Reach Diane McCartney at 316-268-6593 or dmccartney@wichitaeagle.com.

ISVMA Members in the News

Ann L. Johnson First Woman to Head WVC

Dr. Ann L. Johnson – was the first woman to head the Western Veterinary Conference as its President. Dr. Johnson presided over the 81st meeting of the WVC that was held February 15-19, 2009. Dr. Johnson, DACVS is an internationally recognized orthopedic surgeon and professor at the U of I College of Veterinary Medicine.

Tom Meehan Installed as President - American Association of Zoo Veterinarians

Dr. Tom Meehan – of the Chicago Zoological Society/ Brookfield Zoo is the President for the American Association of Zoo veterinarians. He was installed during their October 2008 annual meeting and will preside over the 2009 meeting October 24-30 in Tulsa, OK.

Johnson Receives Meritorious Service Award

Perry, Iowa (March 9, 2009) – Dr. Rodney Johnson, Aurora, Ill., received the 2009 Meritorious Service Award during the American Association of Swine Veterinarians' annual meeting in Dallas, Texas. The award recognizes individuals who have provided outstanding service to the association. It was presented during the association's awards reception on March 9.

"Throughout his career, Dr. Johnson has always shared his time and talents with the AASV and the AASV Foundation," said Dr. Tom Burkgren, executive director of the AASV. "Most recently he has been tireless in his efforts in building up the Foundation. His commitment to securing the future for swine veterinarians has inspired a great deal of interest in the Foundation."

Dr. Johnson is the chief executive officer of the American Veterinary Medical Association's Professional Liability Trust Association.

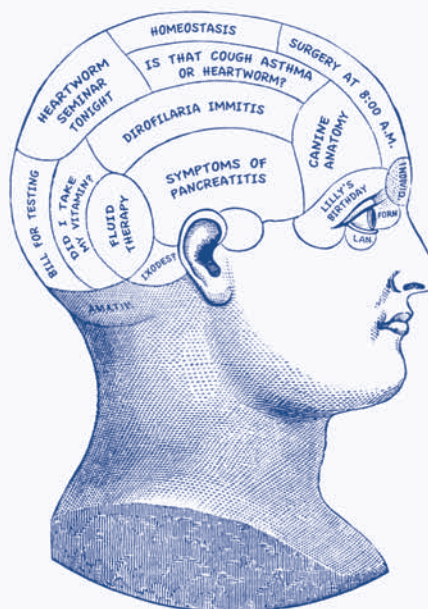
For nearly 40 years, Dr. Johnson has been an active member and volunteer in the association, serving in a number of leadership positions. In 1985, he was the president of the AASV, having risen through the officer ranks. He was the chair of the program committee in 1984. He was the 1982 Swine Practitioner of the Year and the 1995 Howard Dunne Memorial Lecturer. He is best known for his efforts on behalf of the AASV Foundation where he has been instrumental in raising funds through the annual auctions and golf outings. His zeal and passion for the Foundation fostered the same among the association membership. A tireless volunteer, he and his wife Jean increased the visibility of the Foundation.

Dr. Johnson is a former chair of the Minnesota Veterinary Medical Association's Political Action Committee and former chair of the swine program at the North American Veterinary Conference. He is a member of the Minnesota Academy of Veterinary Practice and the Presidents Club at the University of Minnesota.

Dr. Johnson is a 1970 graduate of the University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine. In 1995 he completed the Executive Veterinary Program in Swine Health Management at

the University of Illinois. He is a former private practitioner and consultant in the swine industry. He was an adjunct clinical professor for seven years at the veterinary college at the University of Illinois and an associate clinical professor for 10 years at the University of Minnesota.

Dr. Johnson and his wife, Jean, live in Aurora, Illinois.



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How does advocacy impact individual veterinarians? The benefits of legislative advocacy can be esoteric to the casual observer. Many people view the entire political process with a skeptical eye and have an inherently negative opinion of politics. Most people don't want to be bothered by all the partisan bickering, political pandering and misrepresentation of truth that so often pervades the process. To ignore the relevance and importance of the political process, however, is very dangerous.

In today's legislatures, there are more advocates (professional lobbyists, special interest group members, grassroots advocates) than at any other time in the nation's history. The fact is that many of these advocates have a lot to say about issues that impact the practice of veterinary medicine and the health and welfare of animals and the public. They are actively involved in lobbying on issues that used to be exclusively within the sphere of influence of veterinary professionals. They want a piece of your pie and are determined to get it. In this environment, being politically active and aware may be uncomfortable but, as a veterinary professional, you have to ask yourself, "Isn't someone going to win?"

The ISVMA is your only voice in this political process. The value of having ISVMA in Springfield to represent you, therefore, must be acknowledged and appreciated. Our biggest legislative challenge is fast approaching. The Veterinary Medicine and Surgery Practice Act establishes veterinary medicine as a profession and restricts its practice to licensed veterinarians. This enabling statute expires every ten years and must be reauthorized through an affirmative vote of the state legislature and the approval of the governor. In the absence of reauthorization, the veterinary profession in Illinois would cease to exist.

Each time the Practice Act is renewed, it becomes "open" for amendment - both friendly and hostile. ISVMA will propose several amendments to the Practice Act when it is next "opened" for reauthorization. Some of our amendments are strictly clarifying. Others will address issues that have not been adequately treated in previous incarnations of the Act (i.e., veterinary practice ownership) or are

needed to provide consistency with the requirements of other statutes. Finally, we intend to address some issues related to the "scope of veterinary practice."

You might call "scope of practice" a line in the sand; and crossing over the line requires a license to practice. Where this line is drawn has been the subject of extensive and contentious political debate and there are many organizations and individuals trying to move the line in order to allow their constituents an opportunity to engage in what has traditionally been considered the practice of veterinary medicine. ISVMA will need the active participation of its members and a strong lobbying effort to defeat those special interests that are intent on diminishing the scope of practice.

How is membership related to the political effectiveness of the ISVMA? The obvious answer is that we need the financial support of membership dues, registration at the ISVMA Convention and Spring Seminars, and participation in our sponsored benefit programs to pay our staff and build our resources to become a more effective advocacy organization. I want to share a story, however, that will not be as obvious and, hopefully, will open your eyes to another side of the importance of membership.

During my first few weeks as the ISVMA executive director, I was called over to the

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-- Peter S. Weber

Capitol by our lobbyists to testify on a bill in a Senate Committee. It was only a 1½ block walk from my office to the Capitol, so I was in the Senate hearing room within a few minutes. Although new to ISVMA and veterinary issues, I was by no means new to the legislative process. I had been a very effective and successful lobbyist for fifteen years and knew how to communicate effectively with legislators. I was familiar with the bill that I was going to testify in opposition to; but the ISVMA lobbyists briefed me for several minutes and armed me with some outstanding arguments to convey to the Senators.

I approached the witness table with profound confidence. The bill under consideration was sponsored by one of those very groups who have an expressed mission to diminish the veterinary profession. Their bill was very poorly drafted, in conflict with existing statutes, and it established a financial commitment the State could not afford. Our lobbyists had armed me with arguments that would establish serious scientific doubt in the expressed benefits of the bill. In other words, I was going to testify against a terrible bill and defeating it seemed like a slam dunk.

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My testimony was powerful, informative and incredibly damaging to the hopes of the bill's supporters. I answered a few very easy questions and was anticipating a quick vote to defeat the bill. There was, however, one last Senator who wished to speak - the bill's sponsor.

The bill's sponsor started by asking me how many veterinarians were licensed in Illinois. I told him that there were approximately 3200 licensed veterinarians in the state. He then asked me how many veterinarians were members of the ISVMA. Immediately, my mouth started to get dry and I took a difficult swallow before answering him. My voice was not quite as strong or confident, I'm sure. I'd been around long enough to know where his line of questioning was headed. I answered the Senator that ISVMA had (at that time) 1220 member veterinarians. The Senator paused for dramatic effect before continuing. With a smirk on his face, he said, "I'm not a mathematician, but my quick calculations tell me that you represent less than half of the veterinary profession; under 40% actually." He continued, "How can you suggest that your organization speaks for a profession in which more than 60% of its members do not belong?"

Wounded, but not defeated, I answered the Senator by saying that our membership ratio had nothing to do with the facts of the bill. I stood behind my testimony and a majority of the committee agreed with me.

ISVMA did defeat the bill in committee; and I returned to my office with a mission. Neither the ISVMA lobbyists nor I would ever be asked that series of questions about our membership in that Capitol again. ISVMA membership growth has been a critical part of establishing ISVMA as an effective lobbying force for the veterinary profession.

Representing the veterinary profession has always been the job of ISVMA. The need to share individual learning experiences with colleagues and discredit unqualified practice stimulated a small group of veterinarians in Illinois to organize the ISVMA in 1883. These and other early, dedicated veterinarians were later instrumental in proposing and lobbying for the passage of the first Veterinary Practice Act in 1899.

The veterinary profession in Illinois is only 109 years old. ISVMA was the organization that brought the profession into existence. ISVMA is also the organization you must count on to preserve and enhance the integrity of the profession. In order to do that, ISVMA has to enlighten policymakers on the role of veterinary professionals in the health and welfare of animals and the public.

The political environment is much tougher than it was 109 years ago. Still, ISVMA

continues to be your greatest resource for sharing individual learning experiences and discrediting unqualified practice.

If you don't believe that you need ISVMA, or don't know whether you will get a return on your dues investment, please give me a call. I'm always willing to engage a non-believer in a discussion of the merits and benefits of membership!

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Got a question that you need help answering? Email us at info@isvma.org. We're here to assist you. Take advantage of this terrific member service!

Q I have a client who has unused pharmaceuticals. What do I instruct them to do to dispose of their unused medicine(s)?

A To quote from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) "Disposal of Unwanted or Unused Pharmaceuticals Fact Sheet," **Don't Flush!** The age old advice to flush the waste is currently considered to be the least desirable thing to do. Even though it is a low cost alternative, and prevents unintended use by others, flushing or pouring pharmaceutical waste down the drain has resulted in traces of painkillers, estrogen, etc. to be present in water samples in 30 states.

To address the question of waste, the Illinois EPA partners with many counties to cosponsor one day collection events that include old/unwanted pharmaceuticals. These events are held in the Spring and/or Fall of each year. A list of scheduled events is posted on the Illinois EPA website. (www.epa.state.il.us/land/)

Waste pharmaceuticals include over-the-counter as well as prescription medications and vary in form from solid pills, capsules, creams, liquids and aerosols.

* "Disposal of Unwanted or Unused Pharmaceuticals Fact Sheet;" Illinois Environmental Protection Agency; www.epa.state.il.us.

For areas that do not have scheduled events, the Illinois EPA encourages communities or organizations to cosponsor a household hazardous collection event. The application form is online at www.epa.state.il.us/land/hazardous-waste/household-haz-waste/application.pdf or can be requested by contacting the Waste Reduction Unit at 217/785-8604. The Illinois EPA provides funding and contractor oversight, and assumes waste generator. Cosponsors provide promotion and advertising, site location and volunteers to supervise traffic control, greet and survey participants and distribute information for the events.

When collection events are not available, veterinary hospitals can give their clients the following suggestions on how to, or how not to, dispose of unused pharmaceuticals:

- Dispose of unused pharmaceuticals in the trash. It is better to dispose of household pharmaceuticals than to hang onto them, especially if there is a risk of accidental poisoning or diversion. To place in the trash, do the following*:
 - ♦ "remove or mark over all labels that identify the materials as pharmaceuticals or that could provide personal information about you;
 - ♦ "render then unattractive to children and thieves by dissolving them in a small amount of water or alcohol, or by grinding them up and mixing them with coffee grounds or kitty litter; and
 - ♦ "put them in a second container or small plastic bag and hide them in your trash."
- Never burn pharmaceutical waste in a burn barrel.

In addition to the one-day hazardous waste collections, there are long term collection sites in Naperville and Rockford that accept household hazardous waste. For information on these sites, visit the Illinois EPA's website.

Obituaries

Dr. Janis H. Audin, age 58, of Northbrook, Ill., died April 22, 2009 after a brave three-year battle against pancreatic cancer.

Dr. Audin will be remembered as the AVMA's innovative editor-in-chief whose leadership helped advance the relevance, accessibility, and global reach of the Association's scientific journals. Before joining AVMA staff, Dr. Audin practiced small animal medicine for four years in Calumet City, Ill. At the University of Illinois, she received her master's degree in reproductive physiology in 1977 and her DVM degree with honors two years later. She followed that with two years of clinical work and postgraduate training and research in clinical pathology at the veterinary college. In 1985, Dr. Audin began her career with the AVMA as an assistant editor in the Publications Division. She was promoted to associate editor in 1989 and editor in 1994. Upon the retirement of editor-in-chief, Dr. Albert J. Koltveit, Dr. Audin was promoted to that position and also as division director. She served both positions from April 15, 1995, to March 23, 2009. On that date, AVMA CEO W. Ron DeHaven conferred on Dr. Audin the special title of editor-in-chief emeritus.

Her creativity was evident not only in the innovations she sponsored but also in the JAVMA cover itself. The Boston native came to Illinois to earn her bachelor's degree in art history and biology at Lake Forest College outside Chicago. This art background served her well as she coordinated the acquisition of cover art for the JAVMA for nearly a quarter century. Early on, she expanded the use of cover art to both semimonthly issues, and each year, she chose a work of art from the International Exhibition on Animals in Art to appear on the cover. To strengthen the AVMA's creative capabilities, she added to the graphic design staff.

Dr. Audin's tenure as division director and editor-in-chief was marked by outstanding success and divisional growth. She embraced technology to cut lead time, reduce costs, and improve reporting abilities. She consolidated the two journals at a single printing location, moved to a complete in-house production

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system, and instituted online manuscript submission and tracking.

In 2007 she received an AVMA President's Award from Dr. Roger K. Mahr. She was inducted as a distinguished practitioner in the National Academy of Practice in Veterinary Medicine in 2002.

Her alma mater honored her in 2006 with the Dr. Erwin Small Distinguished Alumni Award for being "dedicated to our profession with a quiet fervor that enables her to make things happen." Accepting it, she said Dr. Small had infected her with his passion for organized veterinary medicine—"the glue that holds our wonderful profession together." She added, "Like the AVMA, the JAVMA and AJVR serve the entire profession and provide touch points for the profession's many diverse members."

Dr. Audin was a member of the Illinois State and Chicago VMAs, Phi Zeta, and the American Medical Writers Association. She was active in the Society of National Association Publications, served on committees of the Council of Science Editors (formerly, Council of Biology Editors), and was instrumental in organizing and hosting the first Veterinary Medical Journal Editors meetings. She often gave presentations for veterinary colleges, pharmaceutical companies, and veterinary specialty meetings.

Dr. Audin is survived by Dr. Richard E. Guelzow (IL '80) of Northbrook, Ill., and her brothers, Marshall Audin of Arlington, Mass., and Curt Audin of Sudbury, Mass. It was Dr. Audin's wish that memorial donations be made to the American Veterinary Medical Foundation and designated for Animal Health Studies. Donations can be made online at www.avmf.org or mailed to the AVMF, Suite 100, 1931 N. Meacham Road, Schaumburg, IL 60173. Should the donations reach \$25,000 or more, the Foundation will create an Animal Health Studies endowment in her honor. In addition, the University of Illinois veterinary class of '79 is working to establish a scholarship at UI in Dr. Audin's memory through the University of Illinois Foundation.

Dr. Nathan Ronald Brewer, age 104, of Potomac, MD. His death was announced on June 18, 2009.

Dr. Brewer received his doctorate in physiology from the University of Chicago in 1936 and his DVM degree from Michigan State College in 1937. The war years were spent in private practice in California. In 1945, Dr. Brewer became one of the first full-time laboratory animal veterinarians at a university when he began managing the facilities at the University of Chicago. He was also an associate professor of physiology.

A renowned advocate for laboratory animal welfare since the 1940s, Dr. Brewer has taught and promoted humane care and its crucial role in ensuring valid biomedical research. Dr. Brewer was instrumental in organizing the first national meeting of the Animal Care Panel (now the American Association for Laboratory Animal Science) and is known for being the founding father of the AALAS. He was their first elected president in 1950 and served through 1955. In 1994, to honor him and his work, the Nathan R. Brewer Scientific Achievement Award was created. He was the first recipient of the award, recognizing major and repeated scientific contributions to laboratory animal science/medicine or comparative medicine.

Retiring from the university in 1969, Dr. Brewer pursued comparative physiology and laboratory animal management consulting for 21 years. Even after that, his work continued through library activities, lectures, and writing. The AVMA conferred on him its 2001 Animal Welfare Award, one of many honors he has received. He is also a diplomate of the American College of Laboratory Animal Medicine. In the June 15, 2009 issue of JAVMA News, Dr. Brewer was celebrated as the oldest living member of the AVMA. His interview can be accessed online at www.avma.org/onlnews/javma/jun09/090615l.asp. He was a longstanding member of the AVMA and the ISVMA.

Dr. Brewer is survived by his wife of 73 years Esther Jean nee Lees; three daughters Maureen (Donald) Pasik, Sandra (Benjamin) Ginsberg and Jacquelyn (John) Fechter; 4 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. Service was

held Friday, June 19 at The Chapel in Buffalo Grove, IL. Interment was held at Shalom Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that contributions be made to Michigan State University, College of Veterinary Medicine, Office of Development, F-130 Veterinary Medical Center, East Lansing MI 48824.

John J. Gattuso, DVM, 60, of Lebanon, Ill., born Oct. 10, 1948, in Chicago, Ill., died Monday, May 11, 2009, at St. Mary's Health Center, Richmond Heights, Mo.

Dr. Gattuso graduated in 1971 from Loyola University in Chicago, Ill., with high honors and from the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine in 1975. He was valedictorian of his class with a straight "A" average. Dr. Gattuso was the second of three in the history of the school to achieve a perfect grade point average. Dr. Gattuso received the Sidney Marlin Memorial Award for excellence in veterinary public health and food hygiene. He served his internship at Berwyn Veterinary Medical Center and managed the Emergency Veterinary Service in Lisle, Ill. Dr. Gattuso moved to the Metro East in 1978 and operated Minton (now St. Clair) Animal Hospital, he went on to own and operate the Animal Hospital in O'Fallon, Ill. For 35 years Dr. Gattuso has bred, raised, trained and handled his field trial English Pointers to championship wins, including winning the National Field Trial Championships twice. In addition to the demands of maintaining his O'Fallon practice, Dr. Gattuso was the head state veterinarian at Fairmont Park Racetrack in Collinsville, Ill.

Dr. Gattuso was a member of the American Veterinary Medical Association, president of Metro East Veterinary Medical Association in 1991, he served on the ethics committee of Southern Illinois Veterinarians Medical Association, state and national Phi Zeta and Phi Kappa Honor Society.

Surviving are his daughter, Kathryn Anne Gattuso of Lebanon, Ill.; his dear friend, HJ Gattuso of Aviston, Ill.; four brothers, Sam Gattuso, Mark (Micki) Gattuso, Tom Gattuso, and Michael (Tammy) Gattuso all

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of the Chicago area; extended family, his loyal friends and clients.

Funeral services were held Monday, May 18, 2009 in Fairview Heights, Ill. Interment in St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery, Lebanon, Ill. Memorials may be made to Illinois Department of Natural Resources or donor's choice. The Class of 1975 has a memorial scholarship to which donations can also be made. For information on donating to this scholarship fund, please contact the Office of Veterinary Advancement at 217/333-2762 or advancement@vetmed.illinois.edu.

Howard Otto Koch, DVM, age 83, of Oswego, IL, passed away on Monday, April 27, 2009 at Rush-Copley Medical Center in Aurora, IL. He was born on January 17, 1926 in Grimes, IA the son of Amos and Lydia (Crook) Koch.

Howard was a 1944 graduate of Grimes High School in Grimes, IA. Following high school, Dr. Koch worked on a farm in Kansas, where he helped raise pigs and present them at livestock shows. On February 26, 1951, he married the former Helen Olson and by March of 1951, Howard was drafted into the United States Army where he served his country proudly for two years during the Korean War. Upon his graduation from Iowa State College of Veterinary Medicine in 1958, Howard and Helen settled in Newark, IL. Later, in 1959, they moved to Oswego, IL where they owned and operated the River Heights Veterinary Clinic until its sale in 1992, upon his retirement.

Howard and Helen started the K & K Raiders 4H Club in Oswego. He was a leader for 10 years of the Kendall County 4H Leaders Association. He was a Director of the Kennel Club of Yorkville. Howard was a member of the Oswego Presbyterian Church in Oswego, IL. Dr. Koch was also a former director of both the Oswego Community Bank and the Kendall County Historical Society.

Dr. Koch was a charter member of the Kendall County Horse Association since 1965 where he had served as its President and was active on its Board of Directors. Howard was a past president of the Illinois Quarter Horse Association, the Illinois Veterinarian's Association, and the American Landrace Swine Association.

Dr. Koch was a National Director of the American Quarter Horse Association. Howard also raised and showed American Quarter Horses. Several years ago, the horse arena at the Harris Forest Preserve in Yorkville was named the Dr. Howard Koch Arena in honor of his work with horses.

Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Helen Koch, of Oswego, IL; his daughter, Lea Ann (Bill) Koch-Bingham of Oswego, IL; his son, Brian Howard (Tricia) Koch of Ft. Myers, FL; extended family and many friends.

Funeral Services were held Friday, May 1, 2009 at the Oswego Presbyterian Church. Interment is in the Oswego Township Cemetery in Oswego, IL. Memorials in Dr. Koch's name may be directed to the Fox Valley Animal Welfare League, 600 South River St., Aurora, IL 60506, the SR Magic Man Memorial Scholarship, c/o Lea Ann Koch-Bingham, P.O. Box 755, Oswego, IL 60543, or the Kendall County Historical Society.

William W. "Doc" Lovett, age 74, a lifelong resident of Geneva and recently of Brighton Gardens in St. Charles, passed away Wednesday, April 8, 2009, at Provena Geneva Care Center from complications of Parkinson's disease.

He was born Aug. 24, 1934, in Geneva, the son of William and Edith (Anderson) Lovett. Doc was a 1952 graduate of Geneva Community High School, where he had participated in many sports. He married the former Arline "Kay" Rothgeb, whom he had met while attending the University of Illinois, on Dec. 21, 1957, at the United Methodist Church in Milford, Ill. He went on to graduate in 1958 from the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Science, where he was a proud member of the AGR fraternity. Doc started out as a large animal veterinarian who worked at farms in the area. In 1960 he opened Valley Animal Hospital, a successful small animal practice on East State Street in Geneva, where he practiced until his retirement in 2002.

Dr. Lovett was a member and former president of the Geneva Optimist Club and

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Jaycees and a Boy Scout leader. He was a founding member of Anderson Animal Shelter and was a member of ISVMA and AVMA. Doc was an avid sports fan, especially the Cubs, and was very proud of his participation in Randy Hundley's fantasy camp.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Arline "Kay" (Rothgeb); three daughters, Patricia Lovett of Geneva, Ann (Tim) McCue of Los Angeles CA, and Mary (Bernie) Tebbe of Cincinnati OH; four grandchildren and two nephews.

Funeral services were held April 13 at Malone Funeral Home with the Rev. William D. Obalil of United Methodist Church of Geneva officiating. Burial was private. Memorials may be made to the American Parkinson Association Midwest Chapter (2050 Pfingsten Road, Suite 127, Glenview IL 60026-1391); Geneva Park District Foundation (710 Western Ave., Geneva IL 60134); or a charity of the donor's choice.

Leon Frederick Striegel, DVM, age 86, of Ocean Springs, Mississippi (formerly of Murphysboro, IL) passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on May 10, 2009. Affectionately known as "Doc," he was a loving husband, father, grandfather, uncle and friend who lived life to the fullest and greatly enriched the lives of all he touched.

Leon was born in Murphysboro IL on April 4, 1923 to Alfred Joseph Striegel, DVM and Ora Edith Striegel. He served in the Navy during World War II and attended Rankin Trade School in St. Louis for one year before he decided he wanted to study pre-veterinary medicine at Colorado State University; however, he transferred to Southern Illinois University to complete pre-veterinary studies in order to be closer to his mother after his father's death. He

married his devoted wife of 61 years, Orpha Jane Borgsmiller, on November 13, 1948. He graduated from the University of Illinois Veterinary School in 1953 and owned Striegel Animal Hospital for many years in Carbondale, IL.

Dr. Striegel served on the John A. Logan Foundation Board and was active in the American Veterinary Medical Association, Knights of Columbus, American Legion, and Elks Club. His passions were making Striegelini wine and sailing. He sailed with his wife, Orpha Jane winning many regattas and the Rebel National title in 1963. He also enjoyed attending football games at Carbondale Community High School and Southern Illinois University.

He leaves behind his loving wife, Orpha Jane Striegel, and is survived by four sons, Robert F. Striegel of Ocean Springs MS; Dr. & Mrs. William L. Striegel (Patricia) of Ocean Springs MS; James J. Striegel (Terri) of Flower Mound TX; and Thomas M. Striegel (Linda) of Heath TX; seven grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, brother-in-law, sister-in-law as well as many friends.

A funeral mass was held May 18, 2009 at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Carbondale IL with a burial service held at the Tower Grove Cemetery in Murphysboro IL. In lieu of flowers, family and friends are invited to make memorial gifts to the John A. Logan College Foundation (700 Logan College Rd., Carterville IL 62918; attn. Leon Striegel DVM Scholarship Fund) or Odyssey Hospice Health Care (9414 Three Rivers Road, Suite 3, Gulfport MS 39503). The family would like to thank the staff of Davita Dialysis Center of Ocean Springs, MS, The Gardens Assisted Living Center of Ocean Springs, MS, and Odyssey Hospice Health Care of Gulfport, MS.



Looking Ahead to Future ISVMA Convention Dates

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CE Recordkeeping – An ISVMA Member Benefit

Most ISVMA members recently renewed their license and, as part of the renewal, had to demonstrate completion of the required number of continuing education hours required by the rules promulgated to administer the Veterinary Medicine and Surgery Practice Act of 2004. Based upon the number of calls that ISVMA receives every two years at license renewal time, there are many members that could benefit from a simple, but popular membership benefit.

The ISVMA has been designated a recorder of veterinary continuing education (CE) credit in Illinois by the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation and we can validate member approved hours to the Department during an audit, if requested. This benefit not only helps during an audit of your records, but it is an easy way for you to manage your continuing education hours and keep track of how many hours you have accumulated during the current license period.

In order to participate, members only need to send a copy of the CE certificates they receive after attending a meeting or conference. Copies can be faxed, mailed, or scanned and emailed. The ISMVA will retain copies of your records for the four years required by regulation and will be retrievable upon request of the member.

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Any CE that has been earned by attending a program offered by ISVMA (e.g. Annual Conference or Spring Seminar Series), is automatically preserved for every ISMVA member that attends. And did you know that you can fulfill your entire CE requirement just by attending the ISVMA Annual Convention annually?

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Legal Consultation

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Readers' Forum and Online FAQ

Do you know that the ISVMA maintains an online FAQ section on the website? Commonly asked questions, as well as Readers' Forum topics, are posted on this link. Click on the FAQ tab on the Member Center to access this vital member resource.

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To download printable resources on the subject of rabies, visit the Members Center on the ISVMA's website at www.isvma.org. Click on "ISVMA Library" at the top of the page and look for the links under ISVMA Public Relations Committee Information Series. Rabies – "Recent Death of Missouri Man Serves as Reminder of Rabies Danger"

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- 23 KANKAKEE VALLEY VMA ANNUAL FALL MEETING JOLIET JUNIOR COLLEGE, WEITENDORF AGRICULTURE AND HORTICULTURE CENTER; Joliet, IL.** Featured speaker is R. Avery Bennett, DVM, MS, DACVS who will be speaking on Clinically Relevant Soft Tissue Surgery. The day will begin at 4:00pm and finish at 7:30pm. Attendance qualifies for 3.0 hours CE. For information contact John M. Ehrhardt, DVM at 815/882-2000.

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- 7 SOFT TISSUE SURGERY HAMBURGER UNIVERSITY; Oak Brook, IL.** Chicago VMA continuing education seminar. Daniel Smeak, DVM, DACVS will present Take Home Techniques. Program provides 6 hours of CE. For information or to register contact the CVMA at 630/325-1231.

- 22 CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN TARGET ORGAN TOXICOLOGIC PATHOLOGY: HEPATOBIILIARY AND CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEMS UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE; Urbana, IL.** 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.

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- AVMA to Offer Webinars on April 22 & 28 on Rule Requiring Veterinarians to Help Prevent Identity Theft
- Big Changes Coming to ISVMA Website – Enhanced Member Services

May 14, 2009 Volume VI, No. 29

- ISVMA Initiatives Pass Both Legislative Chambers
- ISVMA Issues Press Release on Canine Distemper
- Important Survey – Preparing for the Next Veterinary Practice Act
- ISVMA Membership Renewal

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- AVMA Updates and Information on the "Red Flags" Rule
- Important Survey – CVT Demand, Usage and Need
- ISVMA Membership Renewal

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- 2009 Graduates Have Been Licensed, All 2009 Graduates Receive a Year of Free Membership
- Errata: Annual Fall Conference for Veterinarians at UI-CVM is September 10-11, 2009
- ISVMA Membership Renewal and New Hires
- Legislative Update
- Important Survey – CVT Demand Usage and Need

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- End of Session Legislative Update
- Members Appointed to the Joint Task Force on Breeders and Pet Stores; First Public Meeting to be held Monday, June 22
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