

Illinois Department of Agriculture Looking to Fill Two Consumer Safety Officer Positions

Illinois Department of Agriculture has openings for two positions as Consumer Safety Officers located in Sangamon and DeKalb Counties. Candidates will be expected to use their veterinary training in microbiology, food science, biology chemistry and agriculture to assess the efficacy of scientific plans and protocols governing food animal processing including, but not limited to, Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point plans and Sanitation Standard Operating Procedures; utilize veterinary training to verify the proper design and operation of an animal processing plant's food safety and process control systems; supervise, assign work, provide guidance and training to subordinate staff. USDA training provided and travel with some overnight stays is required. For more information or to apply for any state position, please contact:

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FDA CVM Update on Jerky Treats

(January 9, 2013) — The U.S. Food and Drug Administration's Center for Veterinary Medicine (CVM) released today a progress report on its investigation into reports of illnesses and deaths associated with jerky pet treats from China. The report includes a summary of adverse event reports received by FDA through August 2012, Establishment Inspection Reports from FDA's inspection of two chicken jerky manufacturing plants in China, and details about FDA's ongoing investigation.

FDA is in communication with the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets (NYSDAM) regarding its finding of antibiotic residues in chicken jerky treats from China. Correspondingly, Del Monte, the company that makes Milo's Kitchen Chicken Jerky Treats and Chicken Grillers, and Nestle-Purina, the makers of Waggin' Train and Canyon Creek Ranch dog treats have both initiated a nationwide removal of these products from the market.

Based on the FDA's review of the NYSDAM results, there is no evidence that raises health concerns, and these results are highly unlikely to be related to the reports of illnesses FDA has received related to jerky pet treats. FDA commends Del Monte and Nestle-Purina for withdrawing these products from the market in response to this product quality issue. FDA also welcomes new information about the testing methodology used by NYSDAM's, which uses a new, reportedly more sensitive method than current validated and approved regulatory methods.

FDA reminds pet owners that jerky pet treats are not necessary for pets to have a fully balanced diet, so eliminating them will not harm pets. Commercially produced pet food, which is very safe, contains all of the nutrients that pets need.

For more information:

- [FDA investigates animal illnesses linked to jerky pet treats](#)
- [Information on reports of illnesses and the ongoing investigation into jerky pet treats](#)
- Summary of reports received up to August 2012
 - [2010 Reports](#)
 - [2011 Reports](#)

- [January - April 2012 Reports](#)
- [April - August 2012 Reports](#)
- [Yantai Aska Establishment Inspection Report](#)
- [Acidchem International; Sdm. Bhd. Establishment Inspection Report](#)
- [Milo's Kitchen notice](#)
- [Nestle-Purina notice 11 12](#)

AVMA Celebrates 150 Years

Association anniversary marked by outreach to educate, thank members

(SCHAUMBURG, Ill.) January 10, 2013 –During the American Veterinary Medical Association's (AVMA) 150th anniversary celebration, the Association will thank those who made the auspicious anniversary possible—it's members.

"I'm extremely proud that the AVMA is turning 150 this year, but even more than that I'm extremely proud of the accomplishments of our members over the past 150 years," says Dr. Douglas G. Aspros, president of the AVMA. "Among many contributions, our members have been at the forefront of medical research. They've preserved the safety of our food supply and health of our livestock. They've gone to war with our troops to help maintain the health of animals in combat situations, and they work tirelessly to keep our pets at home healthy. In short, they've saved many lives and made the lives of innumerable animals and people far better. Our 150th Anniversary is an opportunity to remember these accomplishments and to thank our members for everything that they do."

The AVMA was founded as the United States Veterinary Medical Association at a meeting at the Astor House in New York City on June 9 and 10, 1863, during the U.S. Civil War. Representatives of seven states attended, including New York, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maine, Ohio and Delaware.

The AVMA is undertaking a number of efforts to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the Association and the long and impressive history of the profession.

*"The AVMA: 150 year of Education, Science and Service" was recently published as a celebration of the profession. It includes a history of the AVMA, including the association's involvement in improving veterinary education, its advocacy efforts, the convention, the creation and production of the AVMA's journals, and progress made by the profession since 1863.

The book will be available for purchase at www.avma.org, with proceeds directed to AVMA future-generation programming, which includes support of initiatives such as the Early Career Development Committee and the Compass Mentoring Program.

*The AVMA has also secured a partnership with the Smithsonian Institution to create a 1,000-square-foot exhibition on wheels that will tour the country from coast to coast, introducing visitors to innovative fields of veterinary research and application, and giving them new ways to look at the enduring relationship between animals and people. This traveling exhibit will begin its two-year, 75-city tour during the AVMA's annual convention in Chicago July 19-23, 2013, and it will include visits to state and county fairs, science museums, veterinary medical schools, schools, zoos and other animal-related locations.

*The AVMA will host special events at its annual convention held in Chicago July 19-23, 2013,

including a one-day symposium, "Understanding Our Past to Transform Our Future." Eight veterinary students will speak at this event, and each will receive a \$2,500 scholarship award from the American Veterinary Medical Foundation.

*The Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association (JAVMA) will feature articles commemorating the 150th anniversary, including a series, "Legends in U.S. veterinary medicine," which will profile 12 individuals who have made substantial contributions to the American veterinary profession.

For more information about the AVMA and the 150th anniversary of the association, visit www.avma.org.



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ISVMA Monthly Legislative Report

In an effort to keep ISVMA members more aware of Illinois politics and legislative and regulatory actions that impact their practices, ISVMA publishes a monthly legislative report. Please read the [January Legislative Report](#).

ISVMA End of Legislative Session Report

The 97th Illinois General Assembly adjourned on January 8, 2013. Most of the headlines at the

conclusion of the legislative deliberations focuses on the failure of state legislators and the Governor to agree on pension reform. But there was much more to the 97th Illinois General Assembly than the debate on pensions. [Read a summary of the 97th Illinois General Assembly.](#)

LDAF Monitoring Horses Imported from Illinois

The Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry (LDAF) is monitoring all horses entering Louisiana from Illinois due to the recent equine herpesvirus-1 (EHV-1) outbreak at Hawthorne Race Course, located near Chicago. Horse owners must provide health certificates to the Louisiana State Veterinarian's Office prior to the animal's entry. [Read more here...](#)

ALDF Ranks Territories with Best, Worst Animal Protection Laws

By NEWStat

The Animal Legal Defense Fund (ALDF) recently released its seventh annual rankings report of animal protection laws in all U.S. states and territories.

According to the ALDF, the top five states with the most effective animal protection laws are:

1. Illinois
2. Maine
3. California
4. Michigan
5. Oregon

The states that found their way to the bottom of the ALDF's list are:

1. New Mexico
2. South Dakota
3. Iowa
4. North Dakota
5. Kentucky

According to the ALDF, the top five list includes the same states as last year, albeit in a slightly different order. California jumped from fifth to third by strengthening its forfeiture and seizure laws, the [ALDF report](#) said.

The bottom five states also had some familiar faces, as Kentucky maintained the last spot on the list for the sixth straight year. North Dakota and South Dakota also stayed in the bottom five due to their distinction as the only states without felony penalties for animal abusers.

Additional highlights from the report include:

- Idaho was the most-improved state. Idaho jumped eight spots and moved out of the bottom five due to its establishment of felony provisions for cruelty, neglect, abandonment and cockfighting.
- Iowa and Utah joined Kansas, Montana, and North Dakota as states that have passed "ag gag" laws. These laws make it illegal to take photographs or record video at agricultural facilities, which the ALDF says conceals "animal abuse, food safety risks, and illegal working conditions from consumers."
- In a sign of progress, since 2006, seven jurisdictions have added felony penalties (for the first time) for extreme animal cruelty or torture: Alaska, Arkansas, Guam, Hawaii, Idaho, Mississippi, and Utah.

To view the complete breakdown of each jurisdiction, view the [ALDF's full 2012 rankings report](#).

An Interview with AVMA CEO Dr. Ron DeHaven: Resolutions for Pets

AVMA CEO Dr. Ron DeHaven offers tips for keeping pets healthy in 2013 and beyond in this

interview. Dr. DeHaven's top five resolutions for pets and owners are microchipping pets and keeping updated owner information on file with the microchip company, ensuring early and appropriate socialization of pets to prevent future behavior problems, getting exercise, conducting emergency planning that includes pets and getting preventive care.

[ChicagoNow.com/Steve Dale's Pet World blog](http://ChicagoNow.com/Steve-Dale's-Pet-World-blog).

Must-Have iPad Apps & Accessories

By Meg Nash (Exceptional Veterinary Team)

We asked EVT and Clinician's Brief readers to tell us which iPad applications and accessories are making their lives as veterinary professionals easier. [Here's what they said](#).

About the Photo

The [Painted Bunting](#) (*Passerina ciris*) is a common nesting bird of much of the south central U.S. including Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana. It also occurs in some areas of the south east such as Georgia, Florida and the Carolinas.

Birds are dimorphic. Males have brilliant plumage with a rich blue head, red eye ring, bright green back, red chest, red or orange abdomen and gray tail. Females are green overall, with brighter green on the back and an olive wash on the wings. Females' throat and abdomen may be yellow-green.

Though shy, painted buntings are very vocal throughout the year. Calls include high pitched warbling, chirps and chips. Males will sing from exposed perches during the breeding season as part of their territorial displays.

Male painted buntings are very aggressive and territorial, even killing intruding birds in extreme cases. Threat displays include pecking, flapping and grappling. At the same time, these are shy and reclusive birds that prefer thick cover and often forage on the ground under shrubs and trees.

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