

Pet Lemon Law Narrowly Passes Illinois Senate

Illinoisans who go to a pet store and buy a dog or cat that turns out to be seriously ill would have additional legal remedies under a proposal approved Wednesday in the Illinois Senate. The ISVMA has some suggested amendments for the bill as it will now be considered in the Illinois House of Representatives. [Read more...](#)

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 [April Legislative Report](#).

AAHA, AAFP Release New Fluid Therapy Guidelines

By NEWStat

AAHA teamed up with the American Association of Feline Practitioners (AAFP) to release the AAHA/AAFP Fluid Therapy Guidelines for Dogs and Cats on May 1.

The guidelines provide veterinary professionals with expert-reviewed best practices and practical recommendations to choose and administer fluids, which ensures that all hospital staff members are aligned with the latest information. [Read more...](#)

National Pet Week May 5 – 11, 2013

Theme of 'Love Your Pet, See Your Vet' reminds pet owners to show they love their pet with the gift of good health

(SCHAUMBURG, Illinois) May 2, 2013—Pet owners love to show their pets affection by showering them with toys, fancy collars and even clothes. In fact, a recent survey indicated dog and cat owners spent \$5 billion on gifts for their dogs and cats during the 2012 holiday season. During [National Pet Week](#) May 5 – 11 the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) reminds pet owners the gift of good health is the best way to show you truly care.

This year's theme, "Love Your Pet, See Your Vet," reminds pet owners that regular veterinary medical checkups can detect disease early and keep your pet healthy and happy for many years to come. According to the 2012 AVMA U.S. Pet Ownership & Demographic Sourcebook, nearly 90 percent of dog owners and 75 percent of cat owners indicated that routine check-ups and preventive care are either very or somewhat important. However, the same study revealed that from 2006 to 2011, the number households not visiting the veterinarian increased by 8 percent for dog owners and 24 percent for cat owners.

"Regular veterinary visits are important because many times pets will hide symptoms of illness, so you need your veterinarian's skill and expertise to keep your pets healthy," says Dr. Douglas Aspros, president of the AVMA. "Providing pets with regular preventive care is the key to a healthy and long life for your pet, and it can save you hundreds – or even thousands – of dollars by preventing or identifying problems earlier, when they may be easier to treat and less expensive to solve," said Dr. Aspros.

This National Pet Week, the AVMA urges you to talk with your veterinarian about your pet's healthcare and what, if any, special needs your pet might have. The AVMA, your state veterinary medical association and your local veterinarian have tremendous resources for you.

For more information about National Pet week, please visit <http://www.petweek.org/>. For more information about the AVMA, please visit www.avma.org.

AVMA Executive Board Receives Report from Task Force on Foreign Veterinary School Accreditation

(SCHAUMBURG, Illinois) May 2, 2013 – The American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) Executive Board received the final report from the Task Force on Foreign Veterinary School Accreditation at its April meeting. The Board forwarded the report to the AVMA Council on Education (COE) for its review. The Board will discuss the report during its June meeting, as well as consider any response provided by the COE.

The task force was formed in August 2011 as a result of an AVMA House of Delegates' resolution calling for a review of the accreditation of foreign veterinary schools. The 11-member task force was charged with performing an unbiased peer review of the accreditation of foreign veterinary schools, addressing:

- the impact of foreign veterinary school accreditation on the U.S. veterinary profession and the quality and standards of the veterinary profession in the United States;
- the impact of not requiring certification by ECFVG or PAVE for graduates of AVMA COE-accredited foreign schools;
- the existence of any international pressure on the AVMA COE for accrediting foreign veterinary schools;
- how foreign veterinary school accreditation serves the needs and interests of the public and AVMA members; and
- the logistics of accrediting foreign veterinary schools.

The report concludes that foreign veterinary school accreditation benefits both U.S. and foreign practitioners; yet the task force has requested clarification of some accreditation standards, demonstrating the complex nature of the process.

A key benefit of foreign veterinary medical school accreditation highlighted in the report is that it enhances global knowledge and helps in the coordination of responses to emerging and zoonotic diseases, food safety, and other potential public health concerns by improving the overall veterinary infrastructure around the globe.

One of the challenges cited in the report was a general lack of understanding regarding how the COE applies consistent accreditation standards in schools with different educational models around the world.

The report in its entirety is available [on the AVMA's website](#) and members may join the discussion on [NOAH](#), the AVMA's online discussion forum.

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Subaru Funds Pet Safety Restraint Testing

Subaru of America Inc. is partnering with the Center for Pet Safety to fund testing of car safety restraints for pets. Currently, there are no performance standards or test protocols in the U.S. for pet travel products. [Read more...](#)

About the Photo

Colorful warblers can be hard to spot. But unlike many warblers that ply the tops of the trees, the [Yellow-rumped Warbler](#) (*Dendroica coronata*) is happy filtering through the lower branches of trees, providing casual bird-watchers with half a chance of seeing it.

Yellow-rumped warbler is a dimorphic species with two color variations, Audubon's and Myrtle. Myrtle males have a gray or blue-gray head, back, and wings with black streaking that extends onto the white breast and flanks. The face has a black cheek patch and a white arc under the eye. The birds have bright yellow patches on the crown, flanks and rump. Feet and legs are black, and there are two white wing bars. Audubon's males have similar markings but with a yellow chin and throat and less black on the face. Females of both variations have similar but plainer markings and are buff rather than gray. Females' yellow is less extensive. can be found throughout North America in brushy coniferous and mixed forests, suburban parks and agricultural areas.

The Audubon's variation is most common in western regions while the Myrtle plumage is more common in the north and east. Together, the birds' summer range includes all but the very northern regions of Canada and Alaska as well as the mountain west and Pacific northwest. In winter, these birds migrate to the southern and southeastern United States as well as Mexico and as far south as Guatemala and the western Caribbean. Year round populations can be found in eastern Arizona and along the Pacific northwest, including British Columbia, Washington and Oregon.

This Audubon's Yellow-rumped Warbler was photographed in Salineno, TX in 2009.

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