

Get the facts about pain relievers for your pets

(FDA) Your 8-year-old yellow Lab Tinker Bell just came in from the backyard and you notice she's limping on one of her back legs. You check the medicine cabinet in your bathroom to see what medications you have that may help her feel better. You see bottles of aspirin, ibuprofen, naproxen, and acetaminophen—all pain relievers for people. You also have a few tablets of RIMADYL left over from when your other dog had knee surgery. Before reaching for any of the bottles, STOP and call your veterinarian. A pain reliever meant for you or even for your other dog may not be right for Tinker Bell and may even hurt her. [Read the entire FDA resource bulletin...](#)

Practice pending licensure (ILCS 225 115/11) - when can a recent graduate work as a veterinarian?

2014 veterinary school graduates and their employers, PLEASE NOTE:

"A person holding the degree of Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, or its equivalent, from an accredited college of veterinary medicine, and **who has applied in writing** to the Department for a license to practice veterinary medicine and surgery in any of its branches, and who has fulfilled the requirements of Section 8 of this Act, with the exception of receipt of notification of his or her examination results, may practice under the direct supervision of a veterinarian who is licensed in this State, until: (1) the applicant has been notified of his or her failure to pass the examination authorized by the Department; (2) the applicant has withdrawn his or her application; (3) the applicant has received a license from the Department after successfully passing the examination authorized by the Department; or (4) the applicant has been notified by the Department to cease and desist from practicing." 225 ILCS 115/11 (**emphasis added**)

According to the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR):

"In order to meet the requirements of the Act's practice pending licensure provision, an applicant must have, "applied in writing to the Department." An applicant must have applied in full, "with the exception of receipt of notification of his or her examination results," in order to practice pending licensure. Accordingly, an applicant who's application contains a deficiency, other than proof of examination results, does not meet the requirements of the provision."

The opinion of the IDFPR legal counsel affects 2014 graduates that have applied for licensure in Illinois but are still waiting for their college to submit verification of graduation (ED Form/Certificate of Education). These recent graduates **may not practice** pending licensure until their applications are completed as defined in the previous paragraph. Upon completion of the application, the recent graduate may practice pending licensure under the direct supervision of a veterinarian licensed in the State of Illinois. "Direct supervision" means the supervising veterinarian is readily available on the premises where the animal is being treated.

When the recent graduate receives her/his license, they will no longer work under the practice pending licensure provision and may work without the direct supervision of an Illinois-licensed veterinarian.

The practice pending licensure provision has significantly sped up the timeframe in which a recent graduate can begin practicing as a veterinarian. Prior to the adoption of the provision on August 24, 2009, applicants sometimes waited weeks or months for their licenses to be processed (depending on the number of professional license applications and number of IDFPR staff at the time).

Which is better at detecting cancer, a laboratory or a Labrador retriever?

Consider the talents of Tsunami, a regal-looking dog with attentive eyes and an enthusiastic tail wag for her trainer friends. University of Pennsylvania researchers say she is more than 90 percent

successful in identifying the scent of ovarian cancer in tissue samples, opening a new window on a disease with no effective test for early detection that kills 14,000 Americans a year. When found early, there's a five-year survival rate of over 90 percent. [Read entire article...](#)

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ISVMA member dues invoices will be mailed next week and are due on June 30, 2014. Please pay your dues before the deadline to avoid any interruption in your membership status. When you pay your dues this year, please notice that the invoice form allows you to make an additional contributions to the Veterinary Medicine Political Action Committee (VMPAC) and the Illinois Veterinary Medical Foundation (IVMF).

VMPAC supports the lobbying activities of the ISVMA and, with the significant turnover in the legislature, we will need more PAC funds to help our members get to know their legislators better by attending fundraisers paid for by VMPAC.

Donations to the IVMF, a 501(c)3 charity, are used to provide scholarships and to develop and support charitable programs related to the veterinary profession. 100% of every dollar contributed to IVMF is spent on the scholarships and programs established by the organization's mission. All administration for the IVMF is donated generously by the volunteer board members and ISVMA staff. All contributions are tax deductible.

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2014 ISVMA dental wet lab program offering hands' on education for the veterinary team

The ISVMA is offering a Small Animal Dentistry Program on Friday, June 6, 2014. Dr. Larry Baker, DVM, DAVDC, Fellow, Academy of Veterinary Dentistry will be the instructor. The program offers a morning lecture and an afternoon lab for the doctor, the technician or the whole team.

The program is designed to build core knowledge and strategies for the technician & practitioner looking to expand their dental practice. The program will be held from 8:15am - 4:00pm at Northgate Pet Clinic, 2800 N. Martin Luther King Dr., Decatur, IL 62526. Participants in the lecture/lab will receive 6 hours of CE and participants in the lecture only will receive 3 hours of CE.

Register now for the ISVMA Small Animal Dentistry Lecture/Lab on Friday, June 6, 2014. Veterinarians and CVTs are welcome to attend. [Download the program brochure](#) and/or [register online](#).

About the Photo

The [Carolina Wren](#) (*Thryothorus ludovicianus*) is a ubiquitous species of wren, resident in the eastern half of the USA, the extreme south of Ontario, Canada, and the extreme northeast of Mexico.

The Carolina Wren is noted for its loud song, popularly rendered as "teakettle-teakettle-teakettle". This song is rather atypical among wrens and closely resembles that of the Kentucky Warbler which shares much of its range. A given bird will typically sing several different songs. Only the male birds sing their loud song. The songs vary regionally, with birds in northern areas singing more slowly than those in southern areas.

The Carolina Wren also has a series of calls, including a rapid series of descending notes in a similar timbre to its song, functioning as an alarm call, and a very harsh and loud scolding call made to threaten intruders.

I photographed this Carolina Wren in Rochester, IL in 2009.

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