

Animal Rights Groups on Offensive Against AVMA

The AVMA released information yesterday that the June 21, 2004 edition of the New York Times (page 17 of the A section) carried a full-page ad entitled, "Has anyone betrayed more animals than the American Veterinary Medical Association?" The ad was paid for by the Animal Rights International, PETA, United Poultry Concerns and the Association of Veterinarians for Animal Rights.

A printable version of the ad is available at www.ari-online.org/cruelavma. The ad tells people to give a copy of this ad to their veterinarian and ask them to urge the AVMA to change their positions on sow housing/induced molting, etc. The ad also directs people to AVMAHurtsAnimals.com and to www.farmsanctuary.org for additional information.

ISVMA wants you to be aware of this aggressive smear campaign before clients or local press bring it to your attention.

Follow Proposed Rules from State Agencies On-Line

If you are interested in following the progress of proposed agency rules, you can read the Flinn Report at <http://www.legis.state.il.us/commission/jcar/flinn/flinn.asp>. The first page of the May 28, 2004 report has information on proposed rules from the Illinois Department of Agriculture on the "Animal Welfare Act" (8 Ill AdmCode 25), "Bovine Brucellosis" (8 Ill Adm Code 75), "Diseased Animals" (8 IllAdm Code 85) and "Illinois Dead Animal Disposal Act" (8 Ill Adm Code 95).

There are some significant changes made in these proposed rules. ISVMA will occasionally refer to the Flinn Report and direct members to proposed rules changes on-line. If you have comments regarding a proposed rule and don't know how to submit them to the appropriate state agency, contact ISVMA for assistance.

Dr. John W. Hanover (1920-2004)

John W. Hanover, DVM, died on June 16, 2004 after a long illness. Born on October 11, 1920 in Tomahawk, Wisconsin, Dr. Hanover graduated from Evanston High and earned his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from Ohio State University in 1946. A doctor of small animals, his first job was in private practice at Avenue Animal Hospital, Oak Park, with Dr. Robb. Dr. Hanover was quoted in the Chicago Sun-Times in an article printed July 28, 1991 as saying "I went to work for a veterinarian I hero-worshipped as a kid." He founded the Hanover Animal Hospital in Forest Park, IL in 1950 and designed, constructed and owned Inne Towne Pet Motel, a 244 unit boarding facility in 1976.

Throughout his long career, Dr. Hanover was professionally active in many associations, holding positions in many. Dr. Hanover was an active member of the American Veterinary Medical Association, holding the posts of Co-Chairman in the Small Animal Section (1967), Member-At-Large to the AVMA Council on Veterinary Service, and a member of the liaison committee with the American Kennel Association. His involvement with his state's professional association (Illinois State Veterinary Medical Association), where he was a Life Member, included Board member from 1965 through 1973, Chairman of the Board from 1971 through 1973 and Representative of the ISVMA to the Health Careers Council of Illinois. Regionally participating in the Chicago Veterinary Medical Association, Dr. Hanover was its President in 1963 and served on its Executive Board as well as on numerous committees. He was also an active member of the Illinois Academy of Veterinary Medicine as well as the American Animal Hospital Association for many years.

His community gained the benefit of his volunteer service as well. In the early 1970's he was part of the Citizen's Advisory Committee to the Chicago Animal Care Section of the Chicago Police Department and the Advisory Committee to the Cook County Department of Animal Control. This culminated in 1975 when Dr. Hanover was recognized by the Superintendent of Police, Chicago, and awarded the Chicago Police Department's Citizen Award for "professional and untiring assistance... provided for our department." He also was active in the Illinois Dog Clubs and Breeders Association and was a Past President of the Great Lakes Poodle Club of Chicago. He was recognized for this involvement with the Great Lakes Poodle Club with an Award of Meritorious Service.

As an academian and strong supporter of his chosen profession, Dr. Hanover received recognition from his peers in 1972 when he earned the Award of Merit from the University of Illinois- College of Veterinary Medicine Alumni Association for outstanding contribution of a non-alumnus to the college's development.

He is survived by his wife, Donna of Oak Brook, three children, 6 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

Two memorial services are being offered. Friends and peers may pay their final respects on Saturday, June 26th at Grace United Methodist Church, 300 East Gartner in Naperville at 1:00 p.m. or on Saturday July 10th at Christ Church of Oak Brook, 31st and York Road in Oak Brook at 6:30 p.m. Memorials may be made out to the John W. Hanover Veterinary Education Endowment Fund and mailed to 1212 S. Naper Blvd., Suite 119-211, Naperville, IL 60540.