

## IDFPR Adopts Rules Affecting Veterinarians

The Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation recently adopted amendments for rules titled "Veterinary Medicine and Surgery Act of 1994" (68 Ill Adm Code 1500), effective 6/28/2004, to implement Public Act 93-281. An applicant for the licensure examination who graduated from an unapproved veterinary medicine program is given the option of enrollment in the Program for the Assessment of Veterinary Education Equivalence (PAVE) from the American Association of Veterinary State Boards in order to meet certification standards. Previous rule recognized only the American Veterinary Medical Association Educational Commission of Foreign Veterinary Graduates for this purpose.

Additional amendments specify what information constitutes properly maintained medical records and **require that patient records be maintained a minimum of 3 years.**

Those offering veterinary services will be affected by this rulemaking.

*Questions/requests for copies of the rulemakings above should be made to: Barb Smith, DPR, 320 West Washington, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Springfield, IL 62786. (217) 785-0813; FAX (217) 782-7645.*

---

## IFDPR Adopts Rules on Animal Euthanasia Affecting Animal Shelters & Animal Control Facilities

DPR has also adopted amendments for rules titled "Illinois Controlled Substances Act" (77 Ill Adm Code 3100), effective 6/28/2004. A companion emergency rulemaking became effective 3/5/2004. Animal shelters may become certified as euthanasia agencies. This necessitates the amendment of Part 3100 to allow a licensed euthanasia agency to obtain a mid-level practitioner controlled substances license in order to administer euthanasia drugs. Those affected by this rulemaking include animal shelters and animal control facilities.

Questions/requests for copies of the rulemakings above should be made to: Barb Smith, DPR, 320 West Washington, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Springfield, IL 62786. (217) 785-0813; FAX (217) 782-7645.

---

## 2004 Graduates Join ISVMA For Free!

The ISVMA offers complimentary membership to veterinarians during their first year of practice after graduation. All 2004 graduates are eligible for free membership and signing up is easy! Just fill in the [online application form](#) or call the ISVMA to have an application form mailed or faxed to your practice. Many of the 2004 graduates are still waiting on their license approval from the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation. They may apply for ISVMA membership while their license application is pending.