

In Memoriam: Dr. Walter E. Zuschlag (ILL 1954)

Dr. Walter E. Zuschlag, 76, a leading practitioner of veterinary medicine in the Chicago area, died Sunday April 23, 2006 at his home in Tryon, North Carolina. He was the son of the late Walter and Lydia Zuschlag; beloved husband of Maureen P. Zuschlag (nee Hopkins). He is also survived by five sons; Alan Zuschlag, Geoffery Zuschlag, Wayne Zuschlag, Eric Zuschlag and Raymond Zuschlag. One daughter, Jennifer Arnold and 11 grandchildren.

Visitation is from 4 to 9 pm on Thursday, April 27th at Schmaedeke Funeral Home, 10701 South Harlem Avenue, Worth, IL. A funeral service will be held at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 7800 McCarthy Road, Palos Heights, IL on Friday April 28th at 10:00 am.

The family has asked that memorial donations be made in Dr. Zuschlag's name to the Illinois Veterinary Medical Foundation, 133 South Fourth Street, Suite 202, Springfield, IL 62701.

NIVMA Spring Clinic

The Northern Illinois Veterinary Medical Association is holding its Annual Spring Clinic at the Boone County Fairgrounds in Belvidere, IL this Friday, April 28, 2006. Expect the usual, excellent live-animal clinic. Many speakers and topics will be covered during the program which begins with registration at 8:00 a.m. and concludes at about 4:00 p.m. An outstanding lunch will also be served.

For directions to the Boone County Fairgrounds, [click here](#).

If you need more information, please contact Dr. Gene Gambrel at 815-335-2413.

Executive Veterinary Program: Business Management

The University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine's Executive Veterinary Program (EVP) was developed in 1991 to enhance the business, communication, and planning skills of busy animal health professionals.

An exciting, new EVP scheduled to begin in August will provide participants with knowledge and skills needed to more effectively and efficiently manage a business. The modules will approach the topics from a general business perspective, allowing for a business management education in a non-species- or industry-specific environment.

Twelve interactive, two-day (Thursday and Friday) learning sessions are scheduled over a two-year period. The module arrangements allows for insight and understanding to build and grow throughout the program. Each interactive two-day session offers 12 hours of continuing education credit. To optimize the learning environment, enrollment is limited to 42 participants.

Participants registered on or before May 1 will receive a \$250 discount. For more information about Executive Veterinary Program: Business Management, visit <http://www.EVPIllinois.org/>.

ISVMA Annual Convention

Remember to mark your calendar for the ISVMA 124th Annual Convention on November 3-5, 2006 at the Wyndham Chicago Northwest Hotel in Itasca, IL.



Our convention continues to establish new standards of excellence. The convention planning committee has put together a program that will be blow you away! You will be amazed at the speaker lineup, the quality topics, expanded wetlabs and more. Look for more information from ISVMA in the coming weeks.

About the Photo in This Issue...

The Bridled Titmouse (*Baeolophus wollweberi*) is well named for its striking facial pattern, which in combination with a crest distinguishes it from all other North American species of titmice and chickadees.

The Bridled Titmouse and the Mexican Chickadee (*Poecile sclateri*) are the southernmost members of the family Paridae in North America. Primarily a broadly distributed montane Mexican species, the Bridled Titmouse is restricted in the United States to mountains of central and southern Arizona and southwestern New Mexico. It prefers oak (*Quercus*) woodlands but also occurs in oak-pine (*Quercus-Pinus*) woodlands of higher elevations, and in riparian woodlands. Smaller and more acrobatic than other titmice, the Bridled Titmouse acts more like a chickadee than a titmouse.

Until recently, it was thought that the Bridled Titmouse might be a New World relative of the Old World crested tits (subgenus *Lophophanes*), which also have crests and similar facial patterns. Molecular analyses (allozymes, mitochondrial DNA, and DNA-DNA hybridization), however, have revealed that the Bridled Titmouse is more closely related to the other North American titmice: Tufted (*B. bicolor*), Oak (*B. inornatus*), and Juniper (*B. ridgwayi*) titmice.

I photographed this Bridled Titmouse in the Chiricahau Mountains of Southeastern Arizona in January 2006.

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