

Chicago Tribune Runs Series on Pit Bulls

The Chicago Tribune introduced a 3-part special report on pit bulls on Sunday (www.chicagotribune.com). The first article described in graphic detail an attack by pit bulls in Cary, IL.

The Tribune's web page includes a poll asking if pit bulls should be banned. At 9:00 p.m. a total of 5393 people had voted in the poll and 51.1% responded that pit bulls should not be banned.

Your clients may ask you about the articles. If you wish to offer them the position of the ISVMA Board of Directors on Breed Specific Bans it is available on the ISVMA Website at:

http://www.isvma.org/isvma_library/white_papers/Breed_Ban_Letter.pdf

ISVMA 2006 Annual Convention - November 3-5 in Itasca, IL

The ISVMA 2006 Annual Convention will be held at the Wyndham Chicago Northwest Hotel in Itasca, IL on November 3-5, 2006. An incredible speaker lineup highlights a program that includes a full-day practice management seminar, expanded wet-labs, an extensive scientific program, an expanded veterinary technician/practice personnel program and training for the Illinois Veterinary Emergency Response Team. More than 80 exhibits will provide participants with opportunities for outstanding convention specials. You'll enjoy the incredible entertainment and the opportunity to network with hundreds of your colleagues.

Veterinarians and technicians in search for continuing education hours will be pleased that they can obtain 16.5 hours of high quality CE by attending the ISVMA 2006 Annual Convention.

About the Photo in This Issue...

The Pueo (*Asio flammeus sandwichensis*) and the Hawaiian Hawk (*Buteo solitarius*) are the only two extant native birds of prey native to the Hawaiian Islands. The Pueo is a subspecies of the North American short-eared owl, and is considered by many scientists to be a relatively recent natural arrival to Hawaii.

The Pueo is today restricted to the Big Island of Hawaii. While it is still relatively common there, it is considered an endangered species by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and is therefore an important element of our biodiversity conservation efforts.

I photographed this Pueo on Saddle Road between Mauna Loa and Mauna Kea on the Big Island of Hawaii in July 2006.

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