

New CE Requirements

ISVMA has received a significant number of inquiries regarding the [new rules established to implement the Veterinary Medicine & Surgery Practice Act of 2004](#). Most of the questions involve the increased CE requirements.

The regulation requires veterinarians to obtain 40 CE hours every two years from the date of approval of the new rule. That would imply that you would need the 40 hours for the current renewal cycle. However, because we almost 50% into the current renewal cycle (you renew your license every two years) the Department of Professional Regulation has indicated that they will not enforce the CE requirement until the beginning of the NEXT renewal cycle.

The current renewal period spans January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2008. The Department will require you to clock 40 hours every two years beginning with the next renewal cycle January 1, 2009 which runs through December 31, 2010.

ISVMA Executive Director Issues New Membership Challenge

Challenge: For each new ISVMA member that joins between December 7, 2007 and April 1, 2008, Peter Weber will contribute \$10 to the [Illinois Veterinary Medical Foundation](#) (IVMF).

ISVMA has pro-rated dues 50% for those that join between now and the end of the membership year (June 30, 2008). Please sponsor one or more new members today! ISVMA has an easy online application form at http://isvmaimpak.networkats.com/members_online/members/newmember.asp.

The IVMF contribution will be split evenly between two scholarship endowments:

- 1) The Dr. John T. Creasey Memorial Scholarship that is given each year to the 3rd Year ISVMA Class Representative (who also sits as an ex officio member of the ISVMA Board of Directors).
- 2) The Dr. Clint L. Franks Memorial Scholarship that is given each year to the 4th Year ISVMA Class Representative.

About the Photo

The [Green Kingfisher](#) (*Chloroceryle americana*) is the smallest (about 8") of the three kingfisher species found in the United States. They are uncommon and inconspicuous residents along rivers, resacas, and irrigation ditches throughout the Lower Rio Grande Valley of Texas. They are also rare to casual in southeastern Arizona, where they are spreading north from Mexico and starting to breed.

This diminutive kingfisher is usually found near shaded, forest-fringed pools and streams of clear water, where they sit for long periods on low limbs overhanging the water. When they spot a minnow or other small fish, they plunge into the water after their prey. At other times, when at a considerable distance from water, they will feed on small lizards or grasshoppers.

Green Kingfishers often give a rattling call in addition to its "tick-tick" call.

I photographed this male Green Kingfisher north of Edinburg, TX on December 2, 2007.

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