

Temporary Unavailability of Rabies Pre-exposure Vaccination

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) issued a release on May 20, 2008 regarding the temporary unavailability of rabies pre-exposure vaccination. For more information and details please visit the [CDC website](#).

Status of ISVMA Supported Legislation

The ISVMA has reported in previous issues of the E-SOURCE about the status of [House Bill 4843](#) (The Veterinary Student Loan Repayment Program Act) and [House Bill 4391](#) (The Internet Prescribing Prohibition Act). Both of these bills include provisions introduced and supported by ISVMA and easily passed in the House of Representatives in early April.

The bills must now be heard and approved by the Illinois State Senate. *Normally*, bills that are so favorably viewed (each has a substantial list of sponsoring senators) move quickly through the Senate hearing process. As you probably know from reading your local newspaper, however, this legislative session is anything but *normal*.

The House Speaker required an amendment be attached to bills that passed the House of Representatives. The "rules language" required by the Speaker is intended to limit the Governor's flexibility in the promulgation of rules used to implement new legislation.

It is believed that the house amendment is the impediment to most House bills being posted for committee hearings in the Senate. The Senate President is very cool to the Speaker's amendment; and the few House bills that have received hearings in the Senate have removed the House language. The House Speaker has given no indication that he will recede from his amendatory language; thereby establishing a legislative "Twilight Zone" that has literally created a work stoppage in Springfield.

We are caught in a real true "Catch-22": no legislation was allowed to pass the House without the Speaker's language attached; and no bill can be considered by the Senate with the Speaker's language included.

The ISVMA is continuing to work for a resolution that will allow these bills to be called for a vote in the Senate and, hopefully, be approved into law by the Governor. We will provide additional updates on these bills and other issues when the legislative logjam is finally resolved.

SVMA Appreciates Your Input - Please Participate in Our Online Survey!

The ISVMA is committed to providing its members with the best service possible. With that objective in mind, the ISVMA Board of Directors has requested that our members and other veterinary professionals be surveyed. The results will assist in evaluating services and benefits that are, or would be, most valuable to ISVMA members. The results should also spotlight the emerging needs of the varied professionals who comprise the veterinary community in Illinois. From your feedback, we will be better able to serve ISVMA members and the veterinary profession throughout the state of Illinois.

The survey takes under ten minutes to complete. The [ISVMA Home Page](#) has a link to the survey or it can be accessed directly at: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=l6u_2fVICwH32DBUDvrWE_2bsQ_3d_3d

Results will be compiled through July 31, 2008. At that time a report will be created and presented to the ISVMA Board of Directors for their review.

Please forward this information to other veterinary professionals that are not currently members of the ISVMA. The more feedback received, the better we will be able to serve the veterinary profession in Illinois.

ISVMA Membership Renewal Update

ISVMA membership renewal packets were mailed four weeks ago. If you have not received your membership renewal information, please contact our office at (217) 546-8381 and speak to Jill Blanton so that we can make sure we have your updated correct contact information.

Your support of the veterinary profession through membership in ISVMA is greatly appreciated and, as noted in a letter from Dr. Ronald Gill, ISVMA President, your state association had a very successful year and continued to provide high quality services and programs to support the veterinary profession, individual practitioners, veterinary students, animals and the public.

If it is easier for you, you can renew your membership online at http://isvmaimpak.networkats.com/members_online/members/newmember.asp. You can indicate on the web form whether your application is a renewal or new application. You may also make a voluntary contribution to VMPAC or the Illinois Veterinary Medical Foundation (IVMF).

Please Support the ISVMA Building Reserve Fund

On March 3, 2008 the ISVMA moved into its new headquarters at 1121 Chatham Road in Springfield. The new building is in an optimal location to serve our membership. It is strategically located in the center of the state and very close to the Illinois State Capitol. The new building tripled the association's prior working space and provides adequate facilities for our staff and administrative functions. Most importantly, this needed facility solidifies the ISVMA foothold in the Capitol City and gives us a home to serve our members for decades.

The ISVMA is financially strong; but our budget is not designed to deal with unexpected and sudden demands for cash. Therefore, the Illinois Veterinary Medical Foundation (IVMF) is seeking contributions from ISVMA supporters to build a reserve for the maintenance of the ISVMA headquarters. The purpose of the reserve will be to provide a source of funding to take care of irregular but expected maintenance issues such as replacement of a heating/cooling system, repaving the parking lot, installing a new roof, etc.

The IVMF supports the ISVMA and helps the ISVMA develop charitable programs related to the veterinary medical profession. All contributions to the IVMF are fully tax-deductible.

For more information on the IVMF and to make a contribution, please [visit the IVMF web page](#).

About the Photo

The [White-eyed Vireo](#) (*Vireo griseus*) is a medium-sized, secretive vireo with olive-green upperparts, and white underparts with yellow sides and flanks. It has pale yellow spectacles its iris is white. It has dark wings with two white bars and its legs and feet are gray. The White-eyed Vireo flies fast and direct on its short, rounded wings; but despite the physical description, the White-eyed Vireo is more noticeable for its explosive song than its looks.

This regionally abundant species breeds from Nebraska to Massachusetts, south to eastern Mexico and throughout Florida. It winters from the southern Gulf Coast to Central America and from coastal North Carolina, the Bahamas, and Bermuda to the Caribbean. It is found in dense thickets, pine flatwoods, cypress swamps, and scrubby edges of roads, canals, and ponds. It avoids urban areas, but may be found in wooded parks and undeveloped areas near and within large cities.

I photographed this individual near Rochester, IL during the summer of 2007.

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