

Revised USDA Veterinary Accreditation Program

The ISVMA has received numerous phone calls and emails since distributing last week's USDA press release on the revised Veterinary Accreditation Program. We have worked with the USDA to develop a [FAQ sheet](#) for members to review. If you need additional information, please contact your USDA regional office as indicated at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/nvap/>.

ISVMA Responds to Article on Animal Massage Therapy

The December 11, 2009 issue of the Springfield State Journal Register newspaper included an article titled: [Pampered Pet - Local Massage Therapists Help Soothe Animals' Aches and Pains](#). The article was picked up by other Illinois newspapers including the Peoria Journal Star. The ISVMA is very concerned about the validity of the premise postulated by the article's author that "...animal massage in Illinois operates in a somewhat gray area." We drafted and have submitted a letter to the editor in response to the article which clarifies Illinois law as it pertains to unlicensed and complementary and alternative animal therapy.

The [ISVMA response](#) is just one illustration of how important and relevant the Illinois Veterinary Medicine and Surgery Practice Act is to every veterinary professional - and to the health and welfare of animals and the public. The 29-page law covers much more than the requirements for animal diagnosis, treatment and surgery. The ISVMA is planning to offer a comprehensive amendment to the Practice Act in January 2010 and will need your support and participation in getting the many needed changes to this critical law adopted.

CDC Investigation Update: Outbreak of Human Salmonella Typhimurium Infections Associated with Contact with Water Frogs

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is collaborating with public health officials in many states to investigate a multistate outbreak of human Salmonella serotype Typhimurium infections due to contact with water frogs including African Dwarf Frogs. Water frogs commonly live in aquariums or fish tanks. Amphibians such as frogs and reptiles such as turtles, are recognized as a source of human Salmonella infections. In the course of routine assessment, a number of cases with the same strain have been identified over many months.

Water frogs have become very popular pets and are widely available for sale online, in catalogs and at some retail stores. Details and updated information are available on the [CDC website](#).

Dean Herbert Whiteley to Participate in Hockey Night - Please Vote in Poll to Determine What Kind of "Ice Time" He Gets!

Dean Whiteley is a former hockey player and coach. After the ISVMA CE program on January 23, 2009 (*see article above*), participants and their families have been invited to join us for a professional hockey game between the Peoria Rivermen and the Chicago Wolves.

Dean Whiteley has been invited to either: 1) drop the puck for the ceremonial opening faceoff; or 2) take a shot at scoring a goal during intermission. The Dean has agreed to let our members decide - and no, the penalty box isn't an option! If you would like to vote in the poll, please vote in our [online poll](#)!

ISVMA Sponsored Practice Ownership Workshop and Hockey Night - Join Us January 23, 2010

The ISVMA is hosting a continuing education program designed specifically for veterinarians thinking about buying a practice or transitioning into ownership. The program will be held at the Peoria Civic Center on Saturday, January 23, 2010 from 3:00pm-6:00pm and provide 3 hours of CE credit.

Ken Ehlen, DVM and Kirsten Poppen, JD, AVA from Simmons & Associates will be our instructors. Come learn about the buying process, cash flow and profitability, and get your questions answered. This interactive session will help you on your path to practice ownership. One of our objectives for

the meeting is to begin developing a checklist of items for new owners or those considering ownership to review.

So, what is different? What is the new concept?

We want this to be a family outing! In addition to the quality CE program, we encourage our participants to bring their families. We have coordinated with the [Lakeview Museum of Arts & Sciences](#) in Peoria to host spouses and children during the CE program. We will all get back together at the Civic Center (veterinarians and family) at 6:15pm for dinner and then watch a [Peoria Rivermen](#) professional hockey game! ISVMA has reserved a block of tickets in the lower bowl so that our families can participate in a social and family-oriented program. We hope this will appeal to our membership demographic most likely to be interested in the educational subject matter.

<u>Registration Fees</u>	Prior to 1/11/10	Prior to 1/20/10
Continuing Education Program		
• ISVMA Member Veterinarian	\$90	\$110
• Non-Member Veterinarian	\$125	\$150
• Veterinary Student Member	\$50	\$60
Dinner (Veterinarians, Guests and Family) - <i>*children under 7 eat free</i>	\$20	\$25
Hockey Game (<i>Lower Bowl Reserved Tickets</i>)	\$18	\$18

[Registration](#) is available online now. *You must login to the ISVMA Member Center to register.* Please register early so that we can hold back the appropriate number of tickets for the hockey game!

About the Photo

There isn't a photo in this E-SOURCE! The drawing of the hockey players will hopefully catch your eye so that you will participate in our online Hockey Night Poll and encourage registration for the ISVMA Practice Ownership Workshop and Hockey Night! Please join us for the quality CE program and family friendly activities.

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