

3rd & 4th Year Veterinary Students: Apply Now for the CDC-Hubert Global Health Fellowship

The Centers for Disease Control is now accepting applications for the 2010-2011 CDC-Hubert Global Health Fellowship. This 6-12 week international fellowship program is for 3rd and 4th year medical and veterinary students interested in global health.

This highly competitive program gives the students an opportunity to work on a priority health problem in the developing world alongside CDC field teams, under the supervision of CDC epidemiologists. The goal of the program is to give students a population health experience in an international setting. The CDC selects 10 students a year, and they receive a \$4000 stipend to pay for travel and living expenses while in country. The application opened on Monday January 18, and the deadline is February 19, 2010.

Additional information and an application can be obtained by visiting the CDC website at <http://www.cdc.gov/HubertFellowship>. Applications for the 2010–2011 fellowship class must be submitted by Friday, February 19, 2010.

If you have questions, you can email HubertFellowship@cdcfoundation.org.

USDA Accreditation Reminder

All veterinarians accredited prior to February 1, 2010 will be required to re-apply in order to continue their accreditation status in the revised program which goes into effect on February 1, 2010. The revised USDA Accreditation program changes allow a 6 MONTH WINDOW to re-apply. Those who do not apply within this timeframe will have their accreditation status expire.

The application forms are available online now (with helpful FAQ) at http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/vet_accreditation/.

AVMF Partners with ARCH for Haiti Earthquake Relief

AVMA has partnered with the Animal Relief Coalition of Haiti (ARCH). The American Veterinary Medical Foundation (AVMF) will provide monetary donations. Animal relief efforts in Haiti remain focused on assessment. The large bulk of the Haitian animal population is agricultural; Haiti has approximately 5 million livestock, which are critical to the country's infrastructure. Additionally, Haiti has a large population of free roaming dogs.

For additional information visit http://www.avma.org/news/Haiti_earthquake/.

Cutting Pet Meds Costs? Video Warns Pet Owners About Online Medicine Purchases

A recently published [video](#) warns pet owners about online sales of pet medicines. The video appeared on Paw Print Post: A community for Dog, Cat and Pet Owners on the USAToday.com website.

Goats Find Home in Chicago Backyards

(Courtesy AVMA) Pygmy goats, which are considered valuable milk producers, have become popular among backyard farmers in Chicago over the past few years. Chicago residents are allowed to raise goats, provided they don't sell milk or cheese produced by the animals, according to a spokeswoman for the city clerk's office. ([read fully story](#))

Canine Compulsive Disorder Gene Identified in Dogs

A canine chromosome 7 locus that confers a high risk of compulsive disorder susceptibility has been identified through a collaboration between the Behavior Service at the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine, the Program in Medical Genetics at the University of Massachusetts Medical School and the Broad Institute at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. The findings are

published in the January 2010 edition of Nature Molecular Psychiatry ([read full story](#)).

Dogs' Social Lives and Disease Risks - Tips for Canine and Human Safety

(Courtesy AVMA) Whether it's the dog park, dog day care, boarding, competitions or training classes, bringing dogs together in social environments can present health/disease risks for both dogs and their human owners ([read full story](#)).

About the Photo

This photo of a [Great Gray Owl](#) was used before in the March 1, 2005 E-Source Newsletter. I wanted to run it again because I will be heading to NW Minnesota for a long weekend in February to see this and other exciting boreal species again. Birding in deep snow and temperatures of -35° can be fun and productive!

The Great Gray Owl North America's largest owl. It is dark grey overall and interspersed with bars and flecks of light grey and white. When perched, they appear very bulky because of their dense, fluffy plumage, long wings extending past the body, a relatively long tail, and a large head. The size of the head and the prominent facial disk make the yellow eyes appear small. A noticeable white "moustache" strip is under the facial disk, broken by a black "bow-tie". The feet are heavily feathered and remain hidden from view. The Great Gray Owl is a ponderous flier, does not often move more than short distances between perches and seldom glides. They fly close to the ground, except when flying to a nest. The Great Gray Owl regulates its temperature by roosting in dense cover. When hot, a Great Gray Owl will pant and droop its wings to expose an unfeathered area (apterid) under the wing.

Great Gray Owls inhabit a range of forested habitats. In far north America, they frequent stunted coniferous forests along the edge of the Arctic tree line, through spruce and tamarack muskeg forests further south. In the Sierra Nevada Mountains they breed in mixed conifer and red fir forests. Nesting habitat usually includes copses or islands of aspens within pure stands of conifers. Most foraging is done in open areas such as swamps, bogs, and forest clearings where there are scattered trees and shrubs that can be used as perches. During migration they may be found in estuaries, mountain meadows, and along farm fields.

Great Gray Owls are found from Alaska across Canada, down the Northern Rocky Mountains, and northern Minnesota. They are also found in northern Europe and Asia.

During certain winters, "irruptions" of Great Gray Owls occur in the southern portion of its range. These irruptions usually occur as a result of food shortages. The winter of 2004-2005 has seen the largest irruption of Great Gray, Northern-Hawk and Boreal Owls in recorded history.

This Great Gray Owl was photographed near Meadowlands, Minnesota in February 2005.

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