

## In Memoriam: Janet G. Davis



Janet G. Davis, 63, of Petersburg, IL, died Tuesday, June 22, 2010, at Memorial Medical Center.

She was born in Herrin, IL, February 23, 1947, the daughter of Arthur B. and Dorles G. Palmer Curry. She married Joe E. Davis September 23, 1966. Her parents preceded her in death.

Janet was the Finance Manager of the Illinois State Veterinarian Medical Association and had worked with ISVMA Executive Director Peter Weber for 19 years at three different associations. She was a life member of the Illinois

State Police Heritage Foundation. She loved spending time with her family. Her grandchildren were her hobby.

Surviving are her husband, Joe; her two daughters, Angela (husband, John) Southard and Alicia (fiancee, Kevin Wade) Davis, both of Petersburg, IL; two grandchildren, J.J. Davis and Jolen Sutheard, both of Petersburg; five step grandchildren, Jacob and Lacey Sutheard, both of Niantic, IL., Ryan and Christopher Wade of Petersburg, and Megan Wade of Riverton, IL.; her sister, Diane (husband, Paul) Johnson, of Texico, IL; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Cremation rites will be accorded by the Bisch Crematory.

The family will greet friends from 1:00 p.m. Saturday, June 26, 2010, until time of a memorial service at 2:00 p.m. Saturday at the Rock Creek Presbyterian Church, rural Petersburg. Rev's Rick Bilyeu and Dave Daniel will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, those that wish may direct memorial contributions to the American Lung Association or the American Cancer Society .

Please visit the online "Life Remembered Story" at [www.bischandsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.bischandsonfuneralhome.com), where tributes and condolences may be left for the family.

Arrangements are under the direction of Bisch & Son Funeral Home, 217-544-5424.

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Once you are logged in, click on the ***Member Renewal*** link in the floating orange box at the right of the page. You can use your VISA or MasterCard to pay your dues.

ISVMA member dues invoices were mailed in mid-May and are due on June 30, 2010. Please pay your dues before the deadline to avoid any interruption in your membership status. When you pay your dues this year, please notice that the invoice form allows you to make additional contributions to the Veterinary Medicine Political Action Committee (VMPAC) and the Illinois Veterinary Medical Foundation (IVMF). I hope that you take advantage of the opportunity to contribute whatever you

can afford to these two other organizations that support the activities of ISVMA:

1. VMPAC helps improve both our visibility and the relationships local veterinarians have with their elected officials. These relationships pay off tremendously when we are lobbying for support of our legislative positions. VMPAC contributes to the campaigns of legislators who are friendly to ISVMA and our issues. Typically, we purchase fundraiser tickets and invite veterinarians from the legislator's district to attend as representatives of ISVMA.
2. Donations to the IVMF, a 501(c)3 charity, are used to provide scholarships and to develop and support charitable programs related to the veterinary profession. 100% of every dollar contributed to IVMF is spent on the scholarships and programs established by the organization's mission. All administration for the IVMF is donated generously by the volunteer board members and ISVMA staff.

Your support and participation are greatly appreciated. If you know a colleague or associate that is not a member of ISVMA, please encourage them to join now! Some of the benefits of membership are listed on the [ISVMA website](#).

Thank you for your continued support and participation.

### **USDA Seeking Volunteers to Help Select Student Loan Repayment Recipients**

The Department of Agriculture needs volunteers to help select the veterinarians who will receive money to repay student loans in exchange for work in underserved areas.

Veterinarians who volunteer and are chosen to serve as panelists will help determine the recipients of money through the Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program. Each of the 30 panelists needs to be a veterinarian who understands food supply veterinary medicine and the challenges facing those who would serve in shortage situations.

The program is authorized by the National Veterinary Medical Service Act, which was signed into law in December 2003. The USDA invited applications through a notice published this spring and set a June 30 deadline for receipt of applications.

The panelists will spend about 20 hours each reviewing candidate applications during the first three weeks of August, and will attend an approximately 2 1/2-day meeting in late August at the USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture headquarters in Washington, D.C. The department will pay for travel expenses and provide an honorarium for each panelist.

Veterinarians interested in volunteering as panelists need to provide their names, e-mail addresses, telephone numbers, and one- or two-page biographic sketches to program specialist Lisa Stephens at [lstephens@nifa.usda.gov](mailto:lstephens@nifa.usda.gov). The USDA is also asking for information such as gender, race, ethnicity, geographic location, and career stage to help the department create a diverse panel.

Nominations or self-nominations for panelists are due by July 14.

### **United Pet Group Voluntarily Recalls Pro-Pet Adult Daily Vitamin Supplement for Dogs Because of Possible Salmonella Health Risk**

(June 22, 2010 - FDA) United Pet Group, Cincinnati, Ohio is voluntarily recalling all unexpired lots of its PRO-PET ADULT DAILY VITAMIN Supplement tablets for Dogs due to possible Salmonella contamination. The Food and Drug Administration is aware of this recall.

The product was sold nationally at various retailers. The product comes in 100-count white plastic bottles with a light blue label, and UPC code 26851-01800. These products are being removed from retail stores and consumers should immediately stop feeding these supplements to their pets. The affected products are those with expiration dates on or before "06/13". The expiration date can be

found imprinted vertically on the right side of the product label.

Laboratory testing has revealed that one Lot of this vitamin product was contaminated with Salmonella. The company is recalling all unexpired Lots of the product out of an abundance of caution.

Pets with Salmonella infections may be lethargic and have diarrhea or bloody diarrhea, fever, and vomiting. Some pets will have only decreased appetite, fever and abdominal pain. Infected but otherwise healthy pets can be carriers and infect other animals or humans. If your pet has consumed the recalled product and has these symptoms, please contact your veterinarian.

People who handle dry pet food and/or treats can become infected with Salmonella, especially if they have not thoroughly washed their hands after having contact with the chews or any surfaces exposed to these products. Healthy people infected with Salmonella should monitor themselves for some or all of the following symptoms: nausea, vomiting, diarrhea or bloody diarrhea, abdominal cramping and fever. Rarely, Salmonella can result in more serious ailments, including arterial infections, endocarditis, arthritis, muscle pain, eye irritation, and urinary tract symptoms. Consumers exhibiting these signs after having contact with this product should contact their healthcare providers.

Consumers who have purchased the product are urged to contact United Pet Group or the place of purchase for further direction. Consumers may contact United Pet Group at 1-800-645-5154 ext. 3, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm EST.

### **Natural Balance Recalls Dog Food Over Possible Salmonella**

Possible Salmonella contamination of dog food brought a recall Friday from a California company.

Natural Balance Pet Foods Inc. recalled its Natural Balance Sweet Potato & Chicken Dry Dog Food with the "Best By" date of June 17, 2011, in 5-lb. and 28-lb. bags because of the potential it is contaminated with Salmonella.

The recall was issued after a sample in a routine test conducted by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) came back positive for Salmonella.

No illnesses have yet been associated with the recall.

The recalled product was manufactured on Dec.17, 2009.

Salmonella in dry pet food can infect both humans and animals.

For humans, symptoms of Salmonella include nausea, vomiting, diarrhea or bloody diarrhea, abdominal cramping, and fever.

More serious ailments including arterial infections, endocarditis, arthritis, muscle pain, eye irritation, and urinary tract problems. Anyone exhibiting these signs after having contact with this product should contact their healthcare providers.

Pets with Salmonella infections may be lethargic and have diarrhea or bloody diarrhea, fever, and vomiting. Some pets will have only decreased appetite, fever and abdominal pain.

Infected but otherwise healthy pets can be carriers and infect other animals or humans. If your pet has consumed the recalled product and has these symptoms, please contact your veterinarian.

Recalled products were only distributed in pet specialty stores in the states of Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South

Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

Consumers who have purchased Natural Balance Sweet Potato & Chicken Dry Dog formula with the "Best By" date of June 17, 2011, are urged to return it to the place of purchase for a full refund.

For additional information, please contact Natural Balance Pet Foods Customer Service at (800) 829-4493 (8a.m. - 5p.m., PDT) or by visiting [www.naturalbalanceinc.com](http://www.naturalbalanceinc.com).

### **10 Steps to Calm Dogs Afraid of Thunder, Lightning Storms - USATODAY.com**

As veterinary professionals know, thunder and lightning strikes can cause dogs to suffer psychological damage, which may lead the animals to inflict serious physical damage upon themselves, including lacerations, bruises, broken teeth and fractured claws. This article outlines some of the ways to keep dogs calm during summer storms. [http://www.usatoday.com/life/lifestyle/pets/2010-06-10-vetviews11\\_ST\\_N.htm](http://www.usatoday.com/life/lifestyle/pets/2010-06-10-vetviews11_ST_N.htm)

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