

Issues with Broken Links Resolved

It has come to our attention that some recipients of yesterday's E-SOURCE Newsletter had a series of broken links related to a software issue with our webhost. In order to assure that everyone receives a complete (working) copy of the newsletter, we are sending it again.

New Law: Illinois Veterinarian Practice Pending Permits

Every one of the ISVMA initiatives from the recently concluded legislative session has now been signed into law. Senate Bill 1830 was enacted by the Governor on 8/24/2009. Now [Public Act 96-0638](#), this new law became effective immediately.

This law provides that the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation shall no longer issue temporary permits to practice. These permits had become largely ineffective because it took as long to get the temporary permit as it would take to get a regular license to practice.

The new provision in the law provides that an applicant for a veterinarian license who has fulfilled the qualification requirements of the Act, with the exception of receipt of notification of his or her examination results, may practice pending his or her licensure under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian until: (1) the applicant has been notified of his or her failure to pass the examination authorized by the Department, (2) the applicant has withdrawn his or her application, (3) the applicant has received a license from the Department after successfully passing the examination authorized by the Department, or (4) the applicant has been notified by the Department to cease and desist from practicing.

The law also requires the Department to immediately notify the supervising veterinarian employing the applicant and the applicant that the applicant shall immediately cease and desist from practicing if the applicant (1) practices outside his or her employment under a licensed veterinarian, (2) violates any provision of the Act, or (3) becomes ineligible for licensure under the Act.

This new law addresses the annual concern related to whether a recent graduate from an accredited veterinary college can practice veterinary medicine while they wait for their license application to be processed. Applicants will now be able to practice under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian while their license application is pending.

ISVMA CE Event: Cardiology Workshop/Symposium

On Saturday, October 3, 2009 the ISVMA and Boehringer-Ingelheim Vetmedica will offer a cardiology workshop/symposium at The Hyatt Lodge, 2815 Jorie Boulevard, Oak Brook, IL 60523.

The program title is "How to diagnose, How to treat & When to refer" and 5 hours of CE will be credited to those that attend. The registration cost for this program is only \$135 for ISVMA members and \$150 for non-members.

A [copy of the program description and registration form](#) is available for download from the ISVMA website.

Because seating is limited, interested veterinarians may choose to [register online](#).

The course directors will be:

Mike Luethy, DVM DACVIM (Cardiology) Iowa State University	Eva Sikorska, DVM DACVIM (Cardiology) The Ohio State University
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Bill Brown, DVM DACVIM (Cardiology) University of Illinois	Dana Buoscio, DVM DACVIM (Cardiology) University of Illinois
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The schedule for this outstanding program is:

October 3, 2009

8:00 - 9:00AM	Registration and Check-In	Continental Breakfast will be served.
9:00 - 9:50 AM	General Session	Opening remarks, Understanding Cardiology-101, Case studies, Key objectives for the day. (All Speakers)
10:00 -	Small group sessions begin:	Site 1 "Canine and Feline Radiology Basics" Dr. Mike Luethy
10:50 AM	50 minutes at each position, then rotate to the next site:	Site 2 "The Basics of ECG's in clinical practice" Dr. Eva Sikorska
		Site 3 "Canine Cardiomyopathies" Dr. Bill Brown
		Site 4 "Feline Cardiomyopathies"

Dr. Dana Buoscio

11:00 – Rotations Continue
11:50
AM

12:00 L U N C H E O N
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1:00 PM

1:10 – Rotations Continue
2:00 PM

2:10 – Rotations Continue
3:00 PM

3:15 – Closing remarks
4:00 PM

Question and Answer session on topics of the day, Case reviews, Toughest cardiology questions. (All Speakers)

AVMA Responds to PEW Commission Report on Industrial Farm Animal Production

The AVMA has been working for the past several months to develop a response to the Final Report of the Pew Commission on Industrial Farm Animal Production. The AVMA felt it was imperative to respond to the Pew report due to Pew's widely publicized findings and recommendations, which are being used to advocate for the passage of H.R. 1549 and S. 619, the [Preservation of Antibiotics for Medical Treatment Act \(PAMTA\)](#), which the **AVMA does not support**.

The AVMA's response is currently being widely distributed through several different channels. Congressional leaders in agriculture and public health, Senate and House committees, and key stakeholders have been identified and targeted for personal delivery of the AVMA response. We encourage you to read the full report and view relevant multimedia materials, including podcasts and a video, at www.avma.org/PEWresponse.

The AVMA's Communications Division is ensuring a coordinated strategic distribution of the AVMA response, including a press release and public availability via our website, JAVMA News, Facebook, iTunes and other outlets. We have also identified spokespersons from academia, AVMA entities, and members ready to discuss the AVMA's response and concerns regarding PAMTA with their respective Congresspersons and Senators.

Please help us advocate for AVMA by:

1. Forwarding this article to your friends and colleagues.
2. Asking Congress to vote "NO" on PAMTA. Take action by clicking the link below and entering your zip code. <http://avmacan.avma.org/avma/issues/alert/?alertid=13873126>.

As a reminder, key talking points on this issue are:

- Veterinarians are the only health professionals that routinely operate at the interface of human and animal health.
- Veterinarians are already limited in the tools that we have available to protect human and animal health.
- Less restrictive bans in Denmark and the Netherlands have severely diminished animal health and welfare without significantly improving human health.
- The Pew Commission criticizes the AVMA for not being "consensus-oriented." However, our policies are developed based upon impartial, scientifically sound evidence, rather than the consensus of like-minded individuals.

Thank you for your interest and support. Please feel free to contact Dr. Christine Hoang (choang@avma.org; 800-248-2862 ext. 6784) or Dr. Ashley Shelton (ashelton@avma.org; 202-289-3210) should you need any additional information or explanation of the AVMA's comments.

About the Photo

The [Ovenbird](#) (*Seiurus aurocapillus*) is a small (about 5.5") ground walking warbler, with olive-brown upperparts and heavily spotted white underparts. Its head has a dull orange central crown stripe edged in black, and a white eye-ring. Its wings and tail are olive-green.

An inconspicuous bird of the forest floor, the Ovenbird is ironically one of the most characteristic birds of the eastern forests. Its loud song, "teacher, teacher, teacher," rings through the summer forest, but the bird itself is hard to see.

Their breeding habitats are mature deciduous and mixed forests, especially sites with less undergrowth, which can be found across Canada and the eastern United States. Ovenbirds migrate to the southeastern United States, the West Indies, and from Mexico to northern South America.

Ovenbirds forage on the ground in dead leaves, sometimes hovering or catching insects in flight. This bird frequently tilts its tail up while walking. They mainly eat insects, spiders and snails, and also include fruit in their diet during winter.

The nest, referred to as the "oven" (which gives the bird its name), is a domed structure placed on the ground, woven from vegetation,

and containing a side entrance.

Ovenbirds no doubt play an important role in the ecology of North American forests, and they add a pleasant touch of sound and color to the dark forests. Unfortunately, Breeding Bird Census data and Christmas Bird Count Data show that populations of Ovenbirds are declining. They are vulnerable to nest parasitism by the Brown-headed Cowbird and some studies estimate that half of all adults die each year with much of the mortality due to the hazards of migration.

I took this photo at Lake Sanchris in Sangamon County Illinois in the Spring of 1996.

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