

Register for the ISVMA Winter 2011 Equine Meeting - February 27, 2011

The ISVMA is offering a full-day equine program in conjunction with the Illinois Equine Practitioners Association (IEPA) at Merritt Equine Associates in Wauconda, IL on February 27, 2011. The full program (including registration form) can be downloaded at http://www.isvma.org/events/seminars/2011/equine_program_winter_2011.pdf.

The speakers and topics for the program are:

Dr. Rich Redding -

- Diagnostic Analgesia of the Distal Limb
- Sonographic Examination of Joint Injury
- The Use of Advanced Imaging in Lameness of the Horse

Dr. Dan Burke -

- Nutritional Support for Select Metabolic Conditions in Horses
- From Conception to the Training Barn: Nutrition for Sound Development and Growth
- Why Fat-Enhanced, Lower Starch Diets Help Maximize Athletic Performance

Registration is limited to 50 participants. You can register online at: http://members.isvma.org/members_online/registration/regstart.asp?

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Become a Fan of the New ISVMA Facebook Page

The ISVMA just launched a new Facebook Fan Page. This new page will allow for more dynamic and interactive content for anyone that chooses to "Like" the page. Follow news about Illinois veterinary medicine, veterinary professionals in the news, USDA and other regulatory alerts, legal updates and more!

If you have a Facebook page, go to <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Illinois-State-Veterinary-Medical-Association-ISVMA/177097592312641> and choose to "Like" the new ISVMA Fan Page!

The new ISVMA Facebook Fan Page has links to many current articles and topics of interest to veterinarians. This E-SOURCE Newsletter will be cut short to encourage ISVMA members to become a fan of the new Facebook page and get regular updates from ISVMA, AVMA and other organizations that bring you news and information you want and need!

IMPORTANT FEEDBACK STILL NEEDED - ISVMA CVT Roles & Responsibilities Task Force

The ISVMA CVT Roles & Responsibilities Task Force has been working for over a year to develop [draft recommendations](#) for review by ISVMA members. The Task Force has developed a grid with a list of procedures and the proposed supervision requirement for both CVT and unlicensed practice personnel. **NOTE: The gray sections in the grid represent procedures that are prohibited. The ** indicate the procedure will be grandfathered for current practice employees.**

The Task Force is hoping to receive feedback from ISVMA members to assist in refining their recommendations so that a final draft can be developed for consideration by the ISVMA Board of Directors. Upon approval from the ISVMA Board, the ISVMA will seek regulatory changes to implement a schedule of procedures and supervision for CVT and unlicensed practice personnel.

The draft grid was developed by the Task Force after they reviewed:

- 1) A survey of ISVMA members asking what procedures and level of supervision they believe is appropriate for CVT and practice personnel;

- 2) A review of the regulations from other states which responded to an ISVMA request for information;
- 3) A review of what is being taught at the accredited veterinary technology schools in Illinois; and
- 4) A second survey of ISVMA members asking what they currently allow their CVT and unlicensed practice personnel to do.

The goal of the Task Force is not to reduce the current procedures that can be performed by unlicensed practice personnel. Rather, the goal is to expand the legal role of CVTs in practice based upon what they are taught and trained to do and what they can do under the appropriate level of supervision.

Please take some time to review the draft recommendation from the ISVMA CVT Roles & Responsibilities Task Force and send any comments or suggestions to peter@isvma.org. Your feedback will guide the next draft of the Task Force report which will then be reviewed by a joint task force with the ISVMA Legislative Committee and then forwarded to the ISVMA Board of Directors for approval.

This is a bold step forward for Certified Veterinary Technicians and the veterinary profession as a whole. Your membership in the ISVMA gives you the chance to participate in policy changes like these which benefit the Illinois veterinary profession.

Thank you for your support and participation of this important project and the ISVMA.

About the Photo

Despite being a secretive and modest bird, the [White-eyed Vireo](#) has many fascinating aspects of its behavior. For example, the White-eyed Vireo is a superb vocal mimic, incorporating the calls of many species in its song.

Although subdued in color, the White-eyed Vireo is very handsome. The grayish olive upperparts are set off by yellow sides, and the luminescent white irises contrast with bright yellow goggles. They sport neat white and yellow wing bars and tasteful blue-gray legs. Our favorite part of the vireo's appearance is rarely observed by birders in the field; the White-eyed Vireo is one of the few birds that has a jet black mouth lining.

White-eyed Vireos breed commonly from the eastern United States through northern Mexico. Most U.S. populations migrate, whereas birds in the south coastal plains through the gulf coast of Mexico remain resident. Migratory White-eyed Vireos can be found throughout the Caribbean Basin during the winter, but probably most White-eyed vireos winter on the Yucatan Peninsula, where it is one of the most abundant species.

In the north, White-eyed Vireos are common in scrubby habitats. One can only imagine how well they did after the eastern forests were cleared for farms, then abandoned to second growth. Perhaps because of continued forest regeneration, White-eyed Vireos may be declining in abundance in some areas - but they remain a common bird of southern shrublands.

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