

Register Now for the Mississippi Valley VMA 107th Annual Conference - March 2 & 3, 2011

The Mississippi Valley VMA Board of Directors invites you to join them for their 107th Annual Meeting. Wednesday, March 2. The featured speaker will be Fritz Wood, CPA, CFP who will be presenting topics on veterinary business practices. A special CE dinner event will be held that evening with Dwight D. Bowman, MS, PhD presenting "Heartworm Disease and Its Prevention – Recent Developments on Prevalence and Resistance." Attendance is no charge for conference registrants; non-conference registrants may pay to attend the dinner only. Thursday, March 3 features three tracks. DVM/Small Animal sessions will be presented by Heidi Barnes Heller, DVM, DACVIM (Neurology); DVM/Large Animal sessions feature Cynthia MacKenzie, DVM and CVT sessions will be presented by Allan J Paul, DVM, MS.

Each day begins at 7:30am with registration and continental breakfast. The first educational sessions of the day begin at 8:00am. Attendance each day will earn 6 hours of CE with 2 additional hours earned at the dinner event. [Registration is available online](#), or you can download a registration form which is included in the [meeting brochure](#). Pre-registration closes on February 26. For more information contact the ISVMA at 217.546.8381 or visit online at www.isvma.org. The meeting is being held at The Par-A-Dice Hotel, East Peoria IL. A block of rooms at a discounted room rate is being held for MVVMA conference attendees through Monday, February 22, 2011. Call 800-547-0711 to make your reservation.

SucroMate Equine (deslorelin acetate) - Veterinarians

(*Courtesy AVMA*) The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recently approved SucroMate Equine (deslorelin acetate) for inducing ovulation within 48 hours of treatment in cyclic estrous mares with an ovarian follicle between 30 and 40 mm in diameter.

You may already be aware of the approval, but [be sure to note the statements about compounding in the last paragraphs of the letter](#). FDA is cracking down on illegal compounding, so make sure you stay on the up-and-up.

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?

Members please remember to Log In First to get the ISVMA member discount.

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!

USAID Creates Online Mapping Tool to Track Animal Diseases

(New York Times - February 7, 2011) A group of experts on human and animal maladies has developed an [online mapping system called Predict](#) that will let scientists monitor outbreaks of animal diseases that have the potential to spread to people. The tool will track information provided by 50,000 websites that provide information related to such outbreaks.

Human Meds Trigger Calls to Pet Poison Hotlines

LOS ANGELES (AP) — [Human medications including dropped pills sickened more pets in the United States last year than any other toxin](#). Nearly 25% of the 168,000 calls received by the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals' hotline last year were about pets who had ingested human drugs, making 2010 the third consecutive year that such substances accounted for the primary toxin affecting U.S. pets.

FDA Announces Upcoming Shortage of Vetsulin for Dogs and Cats in the Critical Need Program

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) announced on February 4, 2011 an [anticipated shortage of Vetsulin](#) (porcine insulin zinc suspension), a product used to treat diabetes mellitus in dogs and cats.

About the Photo

The [Greater Pewee](#) (*Contopus pertinax*) is a passerine bird. It is a medium-sized tyrant flycatcher. Adults are dark olive on the face, upperparts and flanks. They have dull gray underparts, a large dark bill and a short tail. Birds often show a narrow, pointed crest.

Greater Pewees are regularly found from southeastern Arizona and southwestern New Mexico in the United States to central Guatemala in Central America. They have been recorded as vagrants to southern California and western and southernmost Texas. Their preferred breeding habitat are pine-oak woodlands of mountains and other upper elevations from 750-3500 meters. The female usually lays 2-4 eggs in a shallow open cup nest on a horizontal tree branch. The male defends a large area around the nesting territory. Both parents feed the young birds.

These birds are partial migrants. They retreat from northernmost breeding territories in the USA and northern Mexico for the winter.

They wait on a perch at the top of a tree and fly out to catch insects in flight.

I photographed this Greater Pewee in Madera Canyon, AZ in April 2008.

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