

## Deadly Virus Affects Horses from U.S. and Canada

At least 17 horses from the country's western region and Canada that recently participated in the National Cutting Horse Association Western National Championships in Utah have been found to be infected with Equine Herpes Virus-1. The outbreak has prompted equine groups to shut down horse events and has led officials in several states to adopt quarantine and surveillance measures to prevent further spread of the virus.

For more information, see the [Animal Health Alert](#) from the Illinois Department of Agriculture.

## Two More Companies Recall Pig Ears Over Salmonella Concerns

(Courtesy AVMA) Boss Pet Products and Blackman Industries have both announced recalls of pig ears sold as dog treats after a supplier found a batch that was contaminated with salmonella. The treats were sold under the brands Diggers Natural Treat Pig Ears and PrimeTime; there has been one report thus far of a dog becoming ill from a contaminated pig-ear treat. [More Information...](#)

## FDA Issues Caution to Pet Owners with the Use of an Unapproved Pet Shampoo Product

The [FDA has issued an alert](#) about the use of Douxo Seborrhea Shampoo (0.1% phytosphingosine), distributed by Sogeval Laboratories, Inc. of Coppell, Texas after recently receiving a report of the death of a woman associated with the use of the product on her dog.

## Governor Quinn's \$2500 Small Business Tax Credit

Governor Pat Quinn signed a bill into law that will help boost Illinois' economy by creating up to 20,000 jobs over the next year at small businesses across the state. The new law is part of Governor Quinn's continuing mission to help employers retain and generate jobs in Illinois during this difficult economic time. [More Information...](#)

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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!

## About the Photo

The [Western Tanager](#) (*Piranga ludoviciana*) is 6-7 inches in length. The male has a bright red head, a bright yellow body and black wings. The female is greenish-yellow on top and yellow on her underside. Both the male and female have two wing bars. The top wing bar is yellow and the bottom one is white.

The Western Tanager can be found in the western United States and Canada. It breeds from southern Alaska and the Northwest Territories of Canada south through the western United States. It winters in Mexico and South America and occasionally in Southern California.

The Western Tanager breeds in open coniferous forests and mixed deciduous-coniferous forests. It can be found at elevations of up to 10,000 feet. It winters in open mountain pine woodlands and in parks and gardens.

It is a long-distance migrator. Every year it travels between its wintering grounds in Mexico and Central America to its breeding grounds in western North America. It is a casual vagrant in Illinois.

I photographed this Western Tanager near Estes Park, CO in 2007.

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