

Check Your Practice Roster Data Online

One of the more challenging aspects of our job at ISVMA is keeping track of a mobile membership. Veterinary professionals change practices with surprising regularity and it sometimes takes months for us to track down someone to get their updated contact information.

You should also check to see if all of your doctor and technician names are spelled correctly and that their credentials are listed as earned. If your practice has a website that is not linked in the directory, let us know and we will add it so that your clients can more easily access your website for information.

Therefore, we encourage your practice manager to: 1) log onto the ISVMA [Member Center](#); and then 2) click on the ISVMA [Member Directory](#). You can use the login credentials for any member veterinarian or CVT in your practice.

Please remember to Log In First to get a full roster of licensed practitioners in your practice.

Once you are logged in and have opened the Member Directory, search on your practice name. When you see your practice listed, please take note of the doctors and CVTs that we have listed for your practice. The results will also indicate whether the people in our database associated with your practice are members or not.

We would like to know if there are any changes to your practice roster. Of course, we would also like you to take notice of any non-members and sign them up for ISVMA membership! We need the support of the profession to continue to provide excellent representation of your interests with the Illinois legislature and regulatory agencies.

Please contact me at peter@isvma.org to let me know if there are any changes to your practice roster. If veterinarians or CVTs in your practice have left your practice for another job, *please let us know where they have gone.*

It is a Great Time For Your Associates To Join ISVMA - Take Advantage of the Tax Deduction!

The tax year ends in only 8 days. Take advantage of signing your non-member associates up for ISVMA membership before December 31, 2010 and take advantage of the tax deduction! We have pro-rated all membership dues at 50% since our membership year is half over on January 1, 2011.

There are [many reasons](#) why all veterinarians and CVTs should belong to ISVMA. We hope that we will have a flood of new members before the end of the calendar year. We need you and you need the ISVMA!

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.

Kroger Recalls Pet Foods Due To Possible Health Risk

CINCINNATI, Ohio, December 18, 2010 – The Kroger Co. said today it is recalling select packages of pet food sold in some of its retail stores because the products may contain aflatoxin, which poses a health risk to pets.

Kroger stores in the following states are included in this recall: Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Ohio, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and West Virginia.

The recall also includes Dillons and Gerbes stores in Kansas and Missouri; Baker's stores in Nebraska; Food 4 Less stores in Nebraska, Illinois and Indiana (Chicago area); and Jay C, Hilander, Owen's, Pay Less and Scott's stores in Illinois and Indiana.

Stores the company operates under the following names are not included in this recall: Ralphs, Fred Meyer, Fry's, King Soopers, Smith's, QFC, City Market, Foods Co., and Food 4 Less stores in California and Nevada.

Kroger is recalling the following items:

- Pet Pride Cat Food sold in 3.5 lb. packages with a sell by date of OCT 23 11 DP and OCT 24 11 DP under the following UPC code: 1111088128
- Pet Pride Cat Food sold in 18 lb. packages with a sell by date of OCT 23 11 DP and OCT 24 11 DP under the following UPC code: 1111071357
- Pet Pride Tasty Blend Poultry & Seafood Cat Food sold in 3.5 lb. packages with a sell by date of OCT 23 11 DP and OCT 24 11 DP under the following UPC code: 1111088152
- Pet Pride Tasty Blend Poultry & Seafood Cat Food sold in 18 lb. packages with a sell by date of OCT 23 11 DP and OCT 24 11 DP under the following UPC code: 1111074580

- Pet Pride Kitten Formula Food sold in 3.5 lb. packages with a sell by date of OCT 23 11 DP and OCT 24 11 DP under the following UPC code: 111071903
- Old Yeller Chunk Dog Food sold in 22 lb. packages with a sell by date of OCT 23 11 DP and OCT 24 11 DP under the following UPC code: 1111074566
- Old Yeller Chunk Dog Food sold in 50 lb. packages with a sell by date of OCT 23 11 DP and OCT 24 11 DP under the following UPC code: 1111074563
- Kroger Value Cat Food sold in 3 lb. packages with a sell by date of OCT 23 11 DP and OCT 24 11 DP under the following UPC code: 1111000018
- Kroger Value Chunk Dog Food sold in 15 lb. packages with a sell by date of OCT 23 11 DP and OCT 24 11 DP under the following UPC code: 1111071559
- Kroger Value Chunk Dog Food sold in 50 lb. packages with a sell by date of OCT 23 11 DP and OCT 24 11 DP under the following UPC code: 1111000108

Aflatoxin is a naturally-occurring toxic chemical by-product from the growth of the fungus *Aspergillus flavus* on corn and other crops. If your pet shows any symptoms of illness, including sluggishness or lethargy combined with a reluctance to eat, yellowish tint to the eyes and/or gums, and severe or bloody diarrhea, please consult your veterinarian immediately.

The safety of our customers and their pets is important to Kroger. The company is using its Customer Recall Notification system to alert customers who may have purchased these recalled products through register receipt tape messages and automated phone calls. Customers who have purchased a recalled item should not use it and should return it to a store for a full refund or replacement.

Customers who have questions about this recall may contact Kroger toll-free at (800) 632-6900. For more information, please visit www.kroger.com/recalls.

Chicago Officials Suspect Distemper in Raccoons

Chicago's animal control officials are advising pet owners to have their dogs and cats vaccinated against distemper after finding three raccoons last week that they suspect are infected with the highly contagious nervous-system disease. More than 100 dogs were affected by an outbreak of distemper six years ago. [WLS-TV \(Chicago\)](#) - (12/17) (Courtesy AVMA)

Expert: Enzyme Could Cause Rapid Spread of Drug-Resistant Bacteria

A doctor from Harvard Medical School said a loop of genetic material, called New Delhi metallo-beta-lactamase 1, has spurred the development of drug-resistant superbugs that are causing infections and spreading rapidly in the U.S. and Israel, among other countries. Dr. Robert Moellering said the ability of the NDM-1 enzyme to resist various types of antibiotics is expected to cause problems in the coming years. The adoption of nonprescription antibiotics in India "sets the ideal stage for the development of such resistance," Moellering wrote in a New England Journal of Medicine commentary. [Reuters](#) (12/15) (Courtesy AVMA)

About the Photo

The [Chuck-will's-widow](#) is a large nightjar in which the entire body is complexly mottled with brown, gray, and black. The collar is white, throat brown, and the breast patch is dark brown. The tail is white-edged. Its legs and feet are brown. Like other nightjars, the Chuck-will's-widow feeds at night, mostly on insects. It has a buoyant, silent flight with flicking wing beats.

The Chuck-will's-widow breeds from Kansas, Indiana, and Long Island south to Gulf coast states. It

spends winters chiefly in the tropics, but a few winter in Florida and along the Gulf coast. Open woodlands and clearings near agricultural country are its preferred habitats.

The common name of the Chuck-will's-widow derives from its continuous, repetitive song that is often heard at night. "Chuckwuts-widow" is another common name less often found, but also imitating the rhythm of the bird's calls.

This species belongs to the family of goatsuckers. The name is based on an ancient belief that they fed on goats' milk at night, but their nighttime attraction to goats and other livestock was probably due to the presence of insects that were attracted to the animals.

They hibernate during the winter instead of migrating by dropping their body temperature from 102 F to 65 F, it's breathing slows and digestion stops until spring.

I photographed this Chuck-will's-widow on the Dry Tortugas in April 2000.

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