

### **Cephalosporin Use Restricted in Livestock**

The FDA recently published an order that will limit extralabel use of cephalosporin antimicrobials in cattle, chickens, swine, and turkeys by banning disease prevention uses and limiting prescription applications to those that follow the dose, frequency, duration, and route of administration specified for each species on the drug labels. For [additional information](#), please read JAVMA news.

### **Novartis Warns Of Wrong Tablets In Pet Medicine Clomicalm Bottles**

Novartis Animal Health has stated that there is a possibility that a wrong tablet may be found in bottles of Clomicalm, a medication for behavioral disorders in dogs. Before dispensing Clomicalm, the contents of the bottle should be examined for tablets that are broken or incorrect in color, shape or size. ([Read more](#))

### **Cancer Research Could Help Dogs, Cats - and Humans**

In an effort to match canine cancer patients with cutting-edge, experimental treatment options, veterinarian Theresa Fossum of Texas A&M founded the Texas Veterinary Cancer Registry, which matches dogs with cancer to experimental therapies. ([Read more](#))

### **Eight Year Old Survives Rabies**

The CDC on Thursday reported that an 8-year-old girl survived a rabies infection contracted from contact with feral cats. The girl spent 52 days in the hospital, during which time her brain activity was depressed to allow her immune system to fight the disease. Only three people are known to have survived a rabies infection, and the CDC points out that pet vaccination and avoiding unfamiliar animals are essential for prevention. ([Read More](#))

### **Advanced Animal Nutrition Recalls Dog Power Dry Dog**

Updated News Release With Corrected Lot Numbers: Advanced Animal Nutrition Recalls Dog Power Dry Dog ([Read More](#))

### **ISVMA Monthly Legislative Report**

In an effort to keep ISVMA members more aware of Illinois politics and legislative and regulatory actions that impact their practices, ISVMA publishes a monthly legislative report. Please read the [January Legislative Report](#).

### **Upcoming Regional CE Meetings**

The Mississippi Valley VMA will hold its 108th Annual Conference on March 7-8, 2012 at the Par-A-Dice Hotel in East Peoria, IL. For program and registration information, please visit the [Region IV web page](#).

The Eastern Illinois VMA will hold its Spring Conference on March 22, 2012 at the College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Illinois in the Veterinary Medicine Basic Sciences Building. A scanned copy of the [registration form](#) is available for download.

### **Merial Reports on Availability of Immiticide**

Merial reports that with the cooperation of FDA's Center for Veterinary Medicine (CVM), they are still being allowed to import IMMITICIDE from their European supplier, sufficient to meet U.S. demand. The European IMMITICIDE is only available for diagnosed heartworm-positive cases, directly from Merial through a controlled distribution program. Although timing can vary, current calls requesting product are typically being filled within 2-3 days.

### **AVMA Podcast on National Pet Dental Health Month**

February is National Pet Dental Health Month. Now's the time to tell your clients that good dental

health is more than just a cosmetic issue! [This AVMA podcast](#) talks about the importance of dental health for animals.

### About the Photo

Crisp facial markings make the [White-throated Sparrow](#) (*Zonotrichia albicollis*) an attractive bird. There's the black eyestripe, the white crown and supercilium, the yellow lores, the white throat bordered by a black whisker, or malar stripe. They also have a beautiful song, with their pretty, wavering whistle of *Oh-sweet-Canada*. These forest sparrows breed mostly across Canada, but they're familiar winter birds across most of eastern and southern North America and California.

The White-throated Sparrow is a large, full-bodied sparrow with a fairly prominent bill, rounded head, long legs, and long, narrow tail. They are brown above and gray below with a striking head pattern. The black-and-white-striped head is augmented by a bright white throat and yellow between the eye and the bill, which is gray. You'll also see a less boldly marked form, known as "tan-striped," with a buff-on-brown face pattern instead of white-on-black.

White-throated Sparrows stay near the ground, scratching through leaves in search of food, often in flocks. You may see them low in bushes as well, particularly in spring when they eat fresh buds. White-throated Sparrows sing their distinctive songs frequently, even in winter.

Look for White-throated Sparrows in woods, at forest edges, in the re-growth that follows logging or forest fires, at pond and bog edges, and in copses near treeline. In winter you can find these birds in thickets, overgrown fields, parks, and woodsy suburbs. They readily come to backyards for birdseed.

Although they look nothing alike and aren't particularly closely related, the White-throated Sparrow and the Dark-eyed Junco occasionally mate and produce hybrids. The resulting offspring look like grayish, dully marked White-throated Sparrows with white outer tail feathers.

I photographed this White-throated Sparrow in Rochester, IL in 2003. Note the aberrant bill on this bird. The upper and lower mandible are crossed; which would make for feeding challenges for this particular bird.

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