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## Japanese Beetles

*Michael P. Thomas, DVM – ISVMA President, Board of Directors*

Yesterday I spotted the first Japanese beetle of this year's season on one of my rose bushes. I have been seeing reports that these destructive bugs are going to be out in full force again this year. Japanese beetles love to eat my rose blooms and leaves of my roses and Linden trees. They can turn healthy leaves into lacy skeletons of leaves in a matter of days. The tree service that sprays my Linden tree called about a month ago getting their list together on which trees they will be spraying this year. I have lost track of how many consecutive years we have been battling Japanese beetles. Because I want to protect my dearly loved plants, I am willing to work with my tree service as well as spend the extra time on my roses in order to keep them safe.

In the same way, as veterinarians and CVTs, we have to be constantly vigilant of attacks to our Veterinary Practice Act, the law in Illinois that protects our ability to serve the public and their animals, both large and small. You may ask, "How can I do that?" The easiest answer is to support your professional association and be a member of the ISVMA whose job it is to advocate for YOU. With the increasing volume of legislation, it is impossible for a busy veterinarian or CVT to keep up with what is going on in Springfield. Keeping an eye on legislation and protecting the Veterinary Practice Act is one of the biggest benefits that ISVMA provides to its membership.

ISVMA advocacy is accomplished through our two very capable and hard working lobbyists, our Executive Director and our Legislative Committee.

Maureen Mulhall and former State Representative Terry Steczo serve as ISVMA's two lobbyists in Springfield. Each year they are responsible for reading over every bill that is introduced which may have an impact on the veterinary profession. They also work closely with ISVMA Executive Director, Peter Weber, and the ISVMA Legislative Committee. Their combined efforts effectively introduce legislation, request changes to the Practice Act, and keep the ISVMA apprised of harmful legislation. If you happen to see Maureen and Terry, please thank them for the great job they do for ISVMA and the veterinary profession.

As the ISVMA's "Master Gardener," Peter Weber, himself a former lobbyist, works very closely with Maureen and Terry in examining legislation that may affect the veterinary profession. In fact, a good part of Peter's time is needed to review or draft legislation. Peter is responsible for starting our annual Lobby Day in Springfield and building the grass roots connection that we currently have with our legislators.

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ISVMA would like to welcome the following new members who have joined from April 25, 2011 through June 30, 2011. Thank you for your support! Please help us spread the news about the many benefits of membership in ISVMA – where dues are an investment that pays tremendous dividends!

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## Nominees for 2011-2012 Board of Directors

ISVMA Board Election Nomination Forms were mailed in June to every qualified veterinarian member in the four regions with open seats for the 2011-2012 Board of Directors. The following candidates will appear on the election ballots to be mailed out on August 1.

### Region III (Eastern Illinois VMA) – One seat open for election

Brad Cooper DVM; East Lake Hospital for Animals, Danville IL  
Gregory A. Mauck DVM; Kaskaskia Valley Animal Hospital, Sullivan IL

### Region IV (Mississippi Valley VMA) – One seat open for election

Matt Nelson DVM; Maple Ridge Veterinary Clinic, Geneseo IL  
Craig Peterson DVM; Pekin Animal Hospital, Pekin IL

### Region V (Kankakee Valley VMA) – One seat open for election

R. Scott Keller DVM; Joliet Junior College, Joliet IL

### Region VII (Chicago VMA) – Three seats open for election with incumbent Dr. Natalie Marks eligible for a second term.

Yuval Mir DVM; The Vet Net, Naperville IL  
Jaglit S. Brar DVM; Palos Pet Clinic, Palos Hills IL  
Fred Goldenson DVM; Naperville IL  
Sandra Faeh DVM; Elmhurst Animal Care Center, Elmhurst IL

### ELECTION BALLOTS

On August 1, all regional nominees as well as the name of the nominee for president elect will be placed on a ballot; the ISVMA Nominations and Awards Committee officially nominates a candidate for ISVMA President Elect at their meeting in July 2011. The ballot will be distributed in the same fashion as the nomination form. Ballots will be forwarded by mail, and will also be available online for download. Voting closes on September 9, 2011 and all ballots must be returned by that date.

### DATES OF SERVICE

The newly elected regional representatives will begin service at the ISVMA Annual Meeting in November 2011 and will continue until November 2014.

## President's Message

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The ISVMA Legislative Committee is charged with reviewing certain legislation and identifying changes/updates that are needed to the Veterinary Practice Act, [the Humane Care for Animals Act](#), [the Animal Control Act](#) and [other state laws affecting the health and welfare of animals and the public](#). This committee works very closely with Peter Weber.

As an ISVMA member, your help is always greatly appreciated and needed at the next level – the grass roots connection. When problems are identified or changes are needed, your help is needed in contacting your legislators. (Remember my tree service warning me that I'd need to protect my trees?) If you haven't already done so, the ISVMA needs you to complete the Legislative Relationship Form (it's included on page 15 or you can complete the form online at [http://isvma.org/legislation/legislative\\_relationship\\_form.html](http://isvma.org/legislation/legislative_relationship_form.html)). It lets us know if you have established a connection with the legislators in your district.

Have you contributed to the PAC? This, too, is a tremendous tool that helps ISVMA greatly in building legislative relationships needed to protect our Practice Act [and other important laws](#). If you missed the opportunity at membership renewal, no problem, you can contribute any time of the year.

So, during this growing season, good luck with controlling the Japanese beetles and let your state association, ISVMA, keep up the vigilance in protecting your ability to practice the profession we all love.

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### *Evening CE for the CVT, Veterinarians and Staff!*

### The Changing Pieces of Pet Death Care

**Bedside manners. Caring and compassionate service. Empathy. Being professional, yet caring.** These words are THE reasons that families will choose a veterinary doctor to provide care for their pets. It's a sure guarantee that families do not pick a veterinary clinic because of the type of medicines that are provided, the type of food that's carried, or the various ways procedures are performed. No, families choose veterinary professionals because of the subjective reasons; those emotional ties and caring services that are anything but objective and deal with veterinary procedures.

There are many words for the practice of being supporting to a person experiencing the loss of a pet. However, our North America culture is a "death-avoidant" culture that's uncomfortable with the topic of death or, even more so, place little value in the emotions and needs that are associated with this part of life.

For veterinarian practices it can be even more complicated as it can be the catalyst for the loss of a customer. It's also even more complex because the topic of "death" is one that's not had much value placed on it, for a variety of reasons:

- Pet owners can get another pet.
- When pet owners leave a clinic, the hospital doesn't have to deal with them again so they don't see the pain of the grief process. This could also be detrimental with families who feel this way and then make a vow to never have a pet again so they don't have to bear the death – a lost revenue source for a clinic.
- Veterinarians haven't been presented with the opportunity to provide higher services to families in the loss of their pet.

**Join the ISVMA from 6:00 – 8:30 pm for an evening you won't want to miss. Not only will you learn how to tap into increased positive bedside manners, but you'll learn what Illinois law dictates on the cremation or burial of a pet and how to decrease legal exposure when a client's pet dies.**

#### CONTINUING EDUCATION

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**August 22, 2011**

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**August 30, 2011**

Illinois State Veterinary Medical Association Offices - Springfield IL

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### Featured Speakers

**Coleen Ellis**

**Founder | Certified in Thanatology  
Two Hearts Pet Loss Center, Greenwood IN**

In 1998, a chance encounter with a pet owner facing the death of her pet was a defining moment for Coleen. It was the beginning of her vision of how to best meet the needs of pet owners in their desire to mourn, memorialize and pay tribute to their beloved pets when they die. In 2004, the experience of the death of her dog, Mico, guided her in starting Pet Angel Memorial Center, Inc.®, the nation's first stand-alone pet's-only funeral home. Soon, publications such as Kates-Boylston's *Pet Loss Insider* deemed her the "most well known pet funeral director" and a true "pet loss pioneer."

In 2009, Coleen founded Two Hearts Pet Loss Center, to guide people who wish to provide meaningful pet death care services in their communities, as well as to be an educational resource in the pet grief discipline. Most recently, she received the first Death and Grief Studies Certification specializing in Pet Loss Companioning by Dr. Alan Wolfelt. She is also Certified in Thanatology.

Coleen is a native of Kansas where she graduated from Fort Hays State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Marketing. She shares her home in Indianapolis, IN, with her husband and business partner, Chris Burke, their two two-legged children, Brian and Amy, and their three four-legged children, Ellie Mae, Crisco, and Rudy.

**Christy Langwell**

**Instructor | Joliet Junior College  
Pet Loss Support Staff | Hinsdale Animal  
Cemetery**

Christy Langwell is a Certified Veterinary Technician. Christy graduated from Joliet Junior College in 2001. In addition to having an educational background in Business Organization and Management, she is only one semester shy of completing her Bachelors of Science and Veterinary Technology. Christy has 10 years of experience in both general practice and emergency and critical care nursing. She also teaches a Small Animal Nursing Lab class at Joliet Junior College during the fall semesters.

For over a year and a half Christy has worked for Hinsdale Animal Cemetery and Crematory focusing her attention on pet loss companioning. In February 2011, she completed Coleen Ellis' Pet Loss Support Training Course at the Center for Loss and Life Transition, headed by Alan Wolfelt in Fort Collins, CO. Christy is looking forward to educating veterinary staff on the importance of providing pet loss support to their clients.

## Comments Sought for Draft Euthanasia Guidelines

The AVMA is seeking comments on a draft revision of the AVMA Guidelines on Euthanasia. AVMA members can comment on any or all portions of the document, which is being posted in three parts June 15, July 1, and July 15. The AVMA will accept comments through August 1.

Comments of up to 5,000 words can be submitted at [www.avma.org/issues/animal\\_welfare/euthanasia\\_guidelines/](http://www.avma.org/issues/animal_welfare/euthanasia_guidelines/), and longer comments and supporting documentation can be sent by email to the Animal Welfare Division at [animalwelfare@avma.org](mailto:animalwelfare@avma.org). Recommendations for revisions should include citations from the scientific literature or verifiable data, and the AVMA is asking that those providing comments give specific suggestions.

More than 70 veterinarian experts and nonveterinarians worked on revising the AVMA Guidelines on Euthanasia over the past two years through the AVMA Panel on Euthanasia.

## AVMA YouTube Channel – Something for Everyone

Now you don't have to always read about the activities happening on behalf of the veterinary profession, you can view them! Visit the website at [www.avmatv.org](http://www.avmatv.org).

Recent videos include:

- Summer hazards for pets
- Rinderpest: eradicated
- Talking advocacy and involvement
- Dr. Mark Lutschaunig on the Veterinary Services Investment Act
- Adopt-A-Cat Month 2011

### Questions About These Items?

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## AVMA Releases Draft Revision of Model Practice Act

The American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) has moved closer to a final version of a document that will shape the future of veterinary medicine—the Model Veterinary Practice Act (MVPA). The last significant revision of the MVPA took place in 2003. The proposed changes to the MVPA are posted on the AVMA website at [www.avma.org/issues/policy/mvpa\\_draft\\_for\\_entities.pdf](http://www.avma.org/issues/policy/mvpa_draft_for_entities.pdf).

“The AVMA adopted its first Model Veterinary Practice Act in 1963, and since then it's provided important guidance on the profession and how it's regulated,” says Dr. John Scamahorn, chair of the AVMA Model Veterinary Practice Act Task Force. “The Model Veterinary Practice Act is used by state legislatures and state veterinary licensing and exam boards to help shape the rules and laws that govern veterinary medicine.”

The AVMA solicited comments from both veterinarians and the public on the revisions to the MVPA months ago and received over 1,000 comments. After considering the comments, the task force drafted a revised MVPA which reflected these comments and additional input from the task force. As an additional step, the task force is now soliciting input from AVMA committees and councils. A final version will be submitted to the AVMA Executive Board for approval later this year.

The task force's draft changes to the MVPA include:

- revisions that recognize credentialing of veterinary technicians and technologists;
- clarification of the definitions of “direct supervision” and “indirect supervision;”
- a revision of the definition of “veterinarian-client-patient relationship” that requires a veterinarian to maintain medical records on patients and that allows the veterinarian to arrange for continuing care of the patient by another veterinarian who has access to those records;
- a new exemption that allows a veterinarian from one state to practice in another state following a declaration of emergency;
- a new exemption that allows a person working under the supervision of a veterinarian to provide certain medical care in an animal shelter;
- revisions that allow a veterinarian to disclose client and patient information to a third-party service provider, such as a company that sends vaccination reminders, as long as a confidentiality agreement is in place.

For more information, please visit [www.avma.org](http://www.avma.org) or [www.avma.org/issues/policy/mvpa.asp](http://www.avma.org/issues/policy/mvpa.asp). To view the revisions to the MVPA, please visit [www.avma.org/issues/policy/mvpa\\_draft\\_for\\_entities.pdf](http://www.avma.org/issues/policy/mvpa_draft_for_entities.pdf).

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## News and Notes

### Animal-Rescue May Now be Tax Deductible

According to a story carried by *The Wall Street Journal*, Jan Van Dusen of Oakland, California, has won against the IRS in her case to allow tax deductions for taking care of 70 feral cats.

Over a year ago, she went before both a U.S. Tax Court judge and Internal Revenue Service lawyers to plead her case. On June 2 she learned she had won her case.

Ms. Van Dusen itemized a charitable deduction in the amount of \$12,068 in expenses which included food, veterinarian bills, litter, a portion of utility bills and some household items used in the care of the cats in her home for an IRS-approved charity, Fix Our Ferals. In his decision, Judge Richard Morrison agreed with many of her arguments and permitted some, but not all, listed deductions due to a lack of documentation from the charity acknowledging her volunteer work for expenses of \$250 or more.

This ruling now opens a door for others who rescue and foster animals through IRS-approved charities who wish to itemize their expenses. Also significant is the clarification for anyone deducting unreimbursed charitable expenses of \$250 or more, especially if their home is used. The taxpayer must keep records of all pertinent expenses, and the charity must write a letter acknowledging the gift.

There are no comments from the IRS or the judge. The IRS has 90 days to appeal to a federal appeals court.

### Online Cancer Resource for Pets

The Center for Animal Referral and Emergency Services (CARES) of Langhorne, PA offers an online resource on cancer that was created to help educate pet owners. Their website, [vetCARES.com](http://vetCARES.com), offers a wealth of information to help owners understand diagnosis, evaluation, treatment options and ways to improve the quality of life of their cherished pet. The comprehensive site also includes printable patient handouts for veterinarians, plus a dictionary that describes cancer-specific, medical terminology.

This free website was co-authored by the CARES oncology specialists, Drs. Beth Overley and Jennifer Baez, who are also both certified by the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine.

## 2011 Outstanding Veterinarian Awards

Nominate a colleague or classmate for the 2011 Outstanding Veterinarian Awards. Nominations close August 31, 2011. Request a nomination form by calling 217-546-8381 or by emailing [info@isvma.org](mailto:info@isvma.org).

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### IRS Makes Mid-Year Adjustment to Mileage Rate

Sarah J.F. Braley - June 24, 2011

The Internal Revenue Service has increased the optional standard mileage rates for the final six months of 2011. Taxpayers can use the optional standard rates to calculate the deductible costs of operating an automobile for business and other purposes. Going up 4.5 cents on July 1, the rate now will be 55.5 cents a mile for all business miles driven through Dec. 31, 2011. The change was made to compensate for increased gas prices.



## Developing an Incredible Curriculum: A Faculty Perspective

Herb Whiteley, DVM - Dean, University of Illinois - College of Veterinary Medicine

### First Milestone

Two comprehensive “milestone” examinations have been built into the IIVPC, one midway through the second year, the other just before the clinical year begins in March of year three.

The first milestone exam took place last December. It consisted of a three-hour, 150-question written exam and that same week a practical exam assessing numerous clinical skills at 16 stations, ranging from restraining a dog for venipuncture (and then drawing blood from a venipuncture model) to lifting a horse’s foot and bandaging a horse’s limb. More than 40 faculty members, residents, technicians, and other staff members were involved in facilitating the skills assessment; it took four days to test all 120 students.

The goal was as much to evaluate the curriculum’s effectiveness as to help students identify their own areas of strength and weakness. The written exam also gave students a taste of what the NAVLE will be like.

Students’ mean and median scores on the written examination were 70%. They were given an opportunity to review every question they had missed. For the majority of the clinical skills assessed, fewer than 10% of the students needed remediation. Fifteen students tested proficient in all clinical areas.

Students gave consistently positive feedback about the milestone exams. Most felt that it fairly reflected the course content thus far and gave them a sense of where they needed additional study.

Another sentiment that was widely held: students wished they had spent more time in the Clinical Skills Learning Center. Future classes, be warned!



There is a growing conviction that our new approach in veterinary education is achieving the goal of fostering in students, at an early point in their studies, a deeper understanding of how basic science concepts relate to practice.

Dr. Mark Kuhlenschmidt, a long-time faculty member who is currently serving as interim department head for Pathobiology, admits that he was initially extremely skeptical about the Illinois Integrated Veterinary Professional Curriculum (IIVPC).

After all, he thought, Illinois students had been doing just fine the way things were being taught previously. And the new curriculum requires so many faculty members and so much of their time.

Dr. Kuhlenschmidt says he has “done a 180 degree turnaround” after his experience as course coordinator for VM 607, the seventh course in the new curriculum, which occupies the first eight weeks of spring semester during the second year.

Here is what he had to say about the year and a half he spent preparing for, and then teaching, the course. “We started putting the course together in the fall of 2009, and we piloted the small group laboratory concept in spring 2010. It worked, so we had a model to build on,” says Dr. Kuhlenschmidt.

“A group of ten faculty members met every week throughout the following summer to

develop this one course. As we reviewed content from previous lectures to separate information that students *need* from details it would be *nice to know*, it was helpful to have nine other scientists learning your area and giving feedback.

“A lot of consideration went into determining what content was ‘core’ and into organizing the content so it would not overwhelm the students.

“For the labs in VM 607, the class of 120 students was divided into four groups, each of which completed the lab at a different time. Drs. Susan Steenberg, Gee Lau, Pat Hoiem-Dalen, and I, along with graduate teaching assistants Anisha Misra and Yan Sun, each worked with groups of about eight students during the 90-minute labs. We did that four times a week so all 120 students had this small-group experience.”

“In a small group like that we had the opportunity to be up close and personal and to engage in back and forth conversation in a way we never had before.

“Because instructors and students were interacting in small groups, the students felt comfortable asking detailed questions in lectures too. They were excited about what they were learning because, after their experiences in the clinical rotations, they could see how information would be translated into practice.

“The students’ enthusiasm made teaching an invigorating experience for the instructors. It was time intensive, but we really had a lot of fun and looked forward to the days with labs.

“The final exam in that class was more challenging than any I had ever given before. It integrated material from parasitology, protozoology, bacteriology, mycology, virology, and basic antimicrobial pharmacology. Previously students would study each of those disciplines as a separate course, so each final was much less comprehensive.

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## Pfizer Animal Health and AVMF Announce 2011 Scholarship Winners

Pfizer Animal Health and AVMF announced the recipients of its second annual student scholarship program. 300 second- and third-year veterinary students at accredited universities throughout the United States and the Caribbean were awarded scholarships totaling \$750,000. The program is part of a three-year, \$2 million initiative. To view scholarship recipients: [avmf.org/2011pfizerscholars](http://avmf.org/2011pfizerscholars).

A total of 1,562 students applied for the scholarship. Students were chosen based on several criteria, including academic excellence, professional interests (small animal, large, mixed, research, academia, etc.), diversity, leadership and potential for contribution to the veterinary profession. Of the total group of 2011 scholars, 32 percent are students from diverse backgrounds, 50 percent are studying to practice food and mixed animal veterinary medicine, 35 percent will go into small animal practice and the remainder will go into other areas, such as academia, research and public practice.

More than 2,500 students will graduate from veterinary schools this year, with an average loan debt of nearly \$140,000, according to the American Veterinary Medical Association. In response to the rising debt load and to help ensure there are enough qualified veterinarians in the years ahead, Pfizer Animal Health and the AVMF have grown the scholarship program by 26 percent in terms of funding since its inaugural year in 2010.

"One of the primary missions of the AVMF for the past 50 years has been supporting the educational needs of veterinary students," said Michael W. Cathey, Executive Director, AVMF. "We are pleased to partner with Pfizer Animal Health on the single largest annual source of veterinary student scholarships." For more information on this partnership and others, please contact Cheri Kowal at [ckowal@avma.org](mailto:ckowal@avma.org).

*Reprinted from the AVMF April 2011 e-newsletter.*

**Congratulations to the following University of Illinois ISVMA Student Members, recipients of the 2011 Pfizer Animal Health Awards Scholarship:**

Todd Marlo	Scott Michels	Erika Wiemer	Krystal Woo
Lisa Nguyen	Caroline Cua	Heather Prochnow	Colleen Roy
Emma-Leigh Pearson	Alice Bugman	Reid Zehr	Katie Stoll
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"I was very apprehensive about the level of difficulty. The students also reported that they found the exam difficult, but they did extremely well: The average grade on the test was 85.

"I want to continue to teach this new way despite the time commitment because I strongly believe it is the approach that works best for the students.

"The template for this new curriculum is refreshing and reinvigorating. It instills educational values in students. They can see how they are going to use the information, and they take ownership over their learning rather than being told what to learn. It's the difference between active and passive learning.

"As we continue to make refinements, we are developing an incredible curriculum that fosters real conversion of information into knowledge, rather than just a series of facts. I believe we have a unique program that will set the standard for veterinary education.

"All of our faculty should be congratulated."

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## Fall Conference for Veterinarians

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**Thursday, September 15, and Friday, September 16, 2011  
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Make plans now to join the College as you reunite with classmates and make new connections at Fall Conference. Make plans now to attend!

## 2011 U of I CVM Continuing Education Opportunities

The courses identified as "Vet U" are one-hour, free CE meetings hosted regionally, and not held at the University.

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Vet U: Surgical Oncology: What Do I Do With That Lump?, Glen Carbon, Ill.

### November 2

Vet U: Glaucoma: What's New and What Works?, Glen Carbon, Ill.

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## FDA: Pfizer Will Voluntarily Suspend Sale of Animal Drug 3-Nitro Company Takes Action in Response to FDA Data

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration announced on June 8, 2011, that Alpharma, a subsidiary of Pfizer Inc., will voluntarily suspend U.S. sales of the animal drug 3-Nitro (Roxarsone), a product used by poultry producers since the 1940s. The move follows a recent FDA study of 100 broiler chickens that detected inorganic arsenic, a known carcinogen, at higher levels in the livers of chickens treated with 3-Nitro compared with untreated chickens. FDA officials stress that the levels of inorganic arsenic detected were very low and that continuing to eat chicken as 3-Nitro is suspended from the market does not pose a health risk.

“FDA detected increased levels of inorganic arsenic in the livers of chickens treated with 3-Nitro, raising concerns of a very low but completely avoidable exposure to a carcinogen,” said Michael R. Taylor, FDA deputy commissioner for foods. “We are pleased to announce that the company is cooperating with us to protect the public health.”

Arsenic is in the environment as a naturally occurring substance or as a contaminant and is found in water, air, soil, and food. Published scientific reports have indicated that organic arsenic, a less toxic form of arsenic and the form present in 3-Nitro could transform into inorganic arsenic. In response, scientists from the FDA’s Center for Veterinary Medicine and the Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition developed an analytical method capable of detecting very low levels of inorganic arsenic in edible tissue. Using the new method, FDA scientists recently found that the levels of inorganic arsenic in the livers of chickens treated with 3-Nitro were increased relative to levels in the livers of the untreated control chickens.

Alpharma decided to voluntarily suspend sale of 3-Nitro and to facilitate an orderly process for suspending use of the product in the United States. Alpharma’s plan provides for continued sales of 3-Nitro for 30 days from today. The company stated that allowing sales for this period will provide time for animal producers to transition to other treatment strategies and will help ensure that animal health and welfare needs are met. In addition, the company is working with the FDA to examine all relevant scientific data regarding the use of 3-Nitro in animals.

In 1944, 3-Nitro became the first arsenic-containing new animal drug product approved by the FDA. It is used primarily in broiler chickens. Combined with other animal drugs, 3-Nitro has been used by some in the poultry industry to help control coccidiosis, a parasitic disease that affects the intestinal tracts of animals. It has also been used for weight gain, feed efficiency and improved pigmentation. FDA has consulted with the U.S. Department of Agriculture and is working with Alpharma to minimize the impact on the animal agriculture industry as 3-Nitro is suspended from the market.

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## June 2011 Legislative Report

Terry Steczo & Maureen Mulhall, Government Strategy Associates

The following is a synopsis of a full report provided by the ISVMA's lobbyists. Monthly reports will continue to be forwarded to the ISVMA members in entirety through the ESOURCE, and in review through the EPITOME. The original June 2011 Report can be found in the June 1, 2011 issue of the ESOURCE, **Volume VIII, No. 18**.

### A Done Deal

This year the budget negotiations have been member-driven, the legislative leadership having provided members with an opportunity to assist in uprighting the state's fiscal ship. There is no question that the members rose to the occasion and created a budget document that, within limited fiscal constraints, actually tried to respond as well as possible to requests and concerns of advocacy groups and the public. One of the more interesting aspects of the budget deliberations this year was the cooperation seen in the House as both Democratic and Republican members joined together to make spending decisions. By doing so they provided cover for each other to justify funding levels that were not going to make anyone happy. Senate budget activity was a stark contrast. Democrats moved their budget ideas forward while Republicans complained about spending being too high.

Governor Quinn has had minimal input in crafting the budget that was sent to him, in stark contrast to the way state budgets have been crafted for the last 30+ years. He now will have to decide whether he wants to sign, veto or change what the legislature sent him. Since the Constitution allows him only the right to reduce line items, it's improbable that he'll do that ... since he wanted \$2 billion more in authorization than the legislature sent him. If he vetoes the budget he can no doubt guarantee that he'll get even less when a "rebound budget" gets to him. So, the odds are high that he'll take what he's been given and make the best of it.

### Spoil(s) of Victory

After months of reviewing new census data Democrats released their new state Senate maps on May 19 and the map of new House districts a day later. Hearings were held on subsequent days with Democrats claiming the new district alignment was "fair" and drawn "in accordance with all legal requirements" while Republicans wailed that, in

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their eyes, the new districts were “reprehensible”, “punitive” and an outrage. The Governor has said that he will review the map before he acts on it to make sure it’s fair. Anyone who thinks that the Democratic legislature didn’t clear the map with Quinn before they passed it is kidding themselves.

There is no doubt that the new map will cause some dislocation. Some Republican legislators found their houses placed in completely new territory, and to run in their former areas would have to move. (The Illinois Constitution allows legislators in the post-remap election to run in any territory that is created out of any portion of their former districts. The kicker is that if they choose to run from an area that they don’t live in they have to move into that new area no later than May 1 following the election ... a very tough choice that has prompted many retirements rather than uprooting families.)

Illinois is losing one congressional seat, and the congressional maps that Democrats approved took that into account ... and then some. If the prognostications hold, the state congressional delegation will shift from marginally Republican to heavily Democratic. Most, if not all, of the newly elected GOP congressman may be in jeopardy. It’s not surprising, then, to hear the loud complaints from Republicans about unfairness and undoing the results of the recent election. In all cases, legislative and congressional members will be elected from these new areas in November, 2012. Current districts will stay in effect until then.

### Illinois Health Benefits Exchange

Prior to adjournment the legislature approved SB 1555 that creates the Illinois Health Benefits Exchange Law in accordance with the federal Affordable Care Act beginning in October, 2013. The purpose of the Exchange is to help individuals and small employers with no more than 50 employees shop for, select, and enroll in qualified, affordable private health plans.

### Prescription Drug Disposal

House Bill 2056 that allows law enforcement agencies to collect and incinerate pharmaceuticals from

residential sources and incinerate them in accordance with rules to be established by the EPA, was sent to the Governor for his consideration.

**Bills of Interest** *(Any bills that did not pass will be removed from subsequent reports.)*

**HB 240 – Rep. Holbrook** - Amends the Illinois Humane Care for Animals Act. Provides that it is not a violation of the cruel treatment provision of the Humane Care for Animals Act to trap, neuter or spay, vaccinate, and release or return an animal to the animal’s original habitat by a caretaker to reduce the number of stray animals. **(Current Status: Re-referred to Rules Committee – dead)**

**HB 1080 – Rep. Bradley** - Amends the Animal Control Act. Removes the ban on classifying vicious dogs based on breed. **(Current Status: Re-referred to Rules Committee – dead)**

**HB 1147 – Rep. Brady** - Amends the Humane Care for Animals Act. Provides that, upon being furnished with a notice of violation, a violator may not, without the written consent of an investigator or law enforcement official, intentionally relocate an animal from the property where the violator resides or the property where the violation occurred, unless (i) doing so is necessary to render veterinary care to the animal or to protect the animal from an imminent disaster or emergency or (ii) the case against the violator has been closed. Defines “relocate an animal.” Authorizes Department investigators and approved

humane investigators to seek compensation from a violator for medical expenses incurred as a result of the investigation of a founded complaint. Provides that, once an animal is the subject of a notice of violation or impoundment, the violator or individual caring for the animal that is the subject of the notice must, until the closure of the case, present the animal to any investigator or law enforcement official who, in the course of conducting the investigation, deems it necessary to examine the animal. Creates penalties for violations. Amends the Criminal Code of 1961. Makes it an aggravated assault if a person, when committing an assault, knows the individual assaulted to be an investigator of the Department of Agriculture or an approved humane investigator. Makes it an aggravated battery if a person, when committing a battery, knows the individual harmed to be an investigator of the Department of Agriculture or an approved humane investigator. **(Current Status: Re-referred to Rules Committee - dead)**

**HB 1170 – Rep. Phelps/Sen. J. Sullivan** - Amends the Illinois Bovine Brucellosis Eradication Act. Provides that cattle consigned to livestock auction markets or marketing centers in Illinois may enter such markets without test or certificate of health showing them to be free from Brucellosis, however, the Department may require that these animals must be negative to an official test for Brucellosis before they are removed to an Illinois farm. Makes other corresponding changes.

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Amends the Illinois Swine Brucellosis Eradication Act. Provides that no person may market any swine over 4 months of age unless such swine are accompanied by an official Brucellosis testing certificate or the swine originated from a validated Brucellosis-free herd or originated from a Validated Brucellosis-free Area. **(Current Status: Passed Both Houses)**

**HB 1247 – Rep. Zalewski** - Amends the Humane Care for Animals Act. Provides that certain requirements must be met in order for an owner to lawfully tether a dog outdoors. Creates certain exemptions from that requirement. **(Current Status: Re-referred to Rules Committee - dead)**

**HB 1437 – Rep. Dugan** - Provides for the protection of a variety of wild birds, parts of wild birds, and other mammals. Provides that the Department may prohibit or limit the importation, possession, release into the wild, take, commercialization of take, sale, and propagation of wild mammals, wild birds, and feral livestock that are not defined as protected species to reduce risks of communicable diseases, nuisances, and damages to wild or domestic species, agricultural crops, property, and environment. Provides that the Department shall set forth applicable regulations in an administrative rule. Provides that it shall be unlawful to release from captivity any live bird or mammal, either indigenous or non-indigenous in this State and that is ordinarily considered a wildlife species without securing written permission from the Department prior to release. **(Current Status: Re-referred to Rules Committee - dead)**

**HB 1697 – Rep. Feigenholtz** - Amends the Veterinary Medicine and Surgery Practice Act of 2004. Removes language allowing an owner of livestock and any of the owner's employees or the owner and employees of a service and care provider of livestock caring for and treating livestock belonging to the owner or under a provider's care to dock cattle, horses, sheep, goats, and swine. Amends the Humane Care for Animals Act. Provides that no person may dock or hire any other person to dock the tail of any living member of the bovine species. Provides that any person who violates this provision is guilty of a Class C misdemeanor and

must pay a fine not to exceed \$500. Authorizes licensed veterinarians to dock tails if doing so is necessary to protect the health of the animal. **(Current Status: House – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading - dead)**

**HB 1877 – Rep. Barickman/Sen. Cultra** - Amends the Illinois Controlled Substances Act. Provides that the exemption from registration with the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation for a veterinary clinic or hospital operated by a State-supported or publicly funded university or college shall not operate to bar the University of Illinois from requesting, nor the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation from issuing, a registration to the University of Illinois Veterinary Teaching Hospital under the Act. Provides that neither a request for such registration nor the issuance of such registration to the University of Illinois shall operate to otherwise waive or modify the exemption. **(Current Status: Passed Both Houses)**

**HB 1973 – Rep. Saviano/Sen. Crotty** - Amends the Department of Professional Regulation Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Provides that any licensee disciplined under a licensure Act administered by the Division of Professional Regulation for an offense relating to the failure to pay taxes, child support, or student loans or relating to continuing education or advertising may file a petition with the Department on forms provided by the Department, along with the required fee of \$200, to have the records of that offense removed from public view on the Department's website if certain conditions are met. Provides that nothing shall prohibit the Department from using a previous discipline for any regulatory purpose or from releasing records of a previous discipline upon request from law enforcement, other governmental body, or the public. **(Current Status: Passed Both Houses)**

**HB 2917 – Rep. Currie/Sen. Harmon** - Amends the Illinois Controlled Substances Act. Changes defined terms. Makes numerous changes relating to the scheduling, prescribing, and dispensing of controlled substances. Changes the list of anabolic steroids. Adds various substances to the Schedules. Permits an authorized prescriber to issue electronic prescriptions for Schedule II through V controlled substances if done in accordance with federal rules. Makes changes relating to the Prescription

Monitoring Program; combines the Schedule II and Schedule III through V monitoring programs into a single program. Defines and prohibits medication shopping and pharmacy shopping. Makes other substantive and technical changes. **(Current Status: Passed Both Houses)**

**SB 1531 – Sen. Harmon/Rep. Bradley** - Amends the Animal Control Act. Creates a definition for "proof of ownership" and for "proof of caretaking". Provides that when dogs or cats are apprehended and impounded, they must be scanned for the presence of a microchip and cannot be adopted, moved, or euthanized without a second scanning. Provides that when a microchip or other identification is present in any companion animal, licensees under the Animal Welfare Act and veterinarians shall provide the owner's contact

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## Governor Quinn's \$2500 Small Business Tax Credit Creating 20,000 Jobs Throughout Illinois

By Brie Callahan

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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.

"Small businesses are essential to the Illinois economy and it's crucial that state government find fresh and creative ways of working with entrepreneurs, who will lead the charge toward economic recovery," said Governor Quinn. "This tax credit will help our small business owners and operators to grow by creating 20,000 jobs over the next year."

Senate Bill 1578 creates the Illinois Small Business Job Creation Tax Credit. The \$2,500 credit will be available to businesses with 50 or fewer employees that hire new, full-time Illinois employees during a 12-month period beginning July 1. Ninety-five percent of Illinois businesses have fewer than 50 employees.

The legislation passed the General Assembly unanimously and was sponsored by Sen. Michael Noland (D-Elgin) and House Speaker Michael Madigan (D-Chicago).

To qualify for the credit, a new job must be sustained for at least one year and pay at least \$25,000 annually. Eligible companies can apply for the credit online and will be issued a tax credit certificate beginning July 1, 2011. Applications for the credit may be submitted as soon as a new, full-time Illinois employee is hired and begins providing services. The total amount of credits issued is capped at \$50 million.

Calculation of the net increase in the number of Illinois employees is based on the employer's number of Illinois employees as of June 30, 2010. The determination of whether an employer has 50 or fewer employees will include all employees in every location, which includes both in Illinois and out-of-state employment totals. Related businesses will be treated as one business for the determination.

Governor Quinn was joined at the event by area small business owners, including: Michelle Ringold, President and Chief Executive Officer of Ringold Financial; Shon Harris, President of LiveWire Electrical Systems; Norma Williams, President of NJW Companies; Jimmy Akintode, President of Ujamaa Construction; Kim Heath, President of Midwest Environmental Service Group; Harlan Karp, President of SouthBlock Development and Management; Vicky Linko, Owner of Funk Linko Inc; and Rich Beinhauer, President of M&R Precision Machining.

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information on request. Provides that if a dog is found to be vicious at the hearing conducted under the Act and the ownership or possession of a dog by the person would create a significant threat to the public health, safety, and welfare, then the owner of a dog determined to be vicious dog may be prohibited from owning, possessing, controlling, or having custody of any dog for a period of up to 3 years. Makes changes concerning criminal penalties and fines for violations of the Act. Creates a provision that no person may own or reside with a dog if the person has been convicted of specific violations. Creates a provision that 3 years after the conviction of a person that prohibits a person from owning a dog, the person may request the Administrator to review the prohibition. Makes corresponding changes in the Animal Welfare Act. **(Current Status – Passed Senate; House – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – dead)**

**SB 1637 – Sen. Althoff/Rep. Reis** - Amends the Animal Control Act. Provides that when dogs or cats are impounded, they must be scanned using a universal scanner and be examined for all other currently acceptable methods of identification within 24 hours of intake of each animal. Provides that a mailed notice shall remain the primary means of contacting an owner of an impounded dog or cat; however, the Administrator shall also attempt to contact the owner by any other contact information provided, such as a telephone number or email address. Provides that any impounded animal be held for a minimum of 7 business days to allow reclamation by an owner, agent, or caretaker. Provides that if an animal has been microchipped and the owner on the chip cannot be located or refuses to reclaim the animal, attempt should be made to contact the previous owner named on the chip, as well as the agency or individual who purchased the chip, prior to euthanizing, transferring, or adoption. Provides that prior to euthanizing or transferring an animal, the animal shall be rescanned using a universal scanner, for the presence of a microchip and, if a microchip cannot be detected, examined for all other currently acceptable methods of identification, including, but not limited to, identification tags, tattoos, and rabies license tag. Provides for the prioritization of intake of animals from within the State prior to animals from outside the State. **(Current Status: Passed Both Houses)**

**SB 2190 – Sen. Hutchinson/Rep. Dugan** - Provides for the protection of a variety of wild birds, parts of wild birds, and other mammals. Provides that the Department may prohibit or limit the importation, possession, release into the wild, take, commercialization of take, sale, and propagation of wild mammals, wild birds, and feral livestock that are not defined as protected species to reduce risks of communicable diseases, nuisances, and damages to wild or domestic species, agricultural crops, property, and environment. Provides that the Department shall set forth applicable regulations in an administrative rule. Provides that it shall be unlawful to release from captivity any live bird or mammal, either indigenous or non-indigenous in this State and that is ordinarily considered a wildlife species without securing written permission from the Department prior to release. **(Current Status: Passed Both Houses)**

# LEGISLATIVE RELATIONSHIP FORM



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## Scholarship Application AVMA Emerging Leader's Conference

Applicants must be ISVMA members, must have graduated within the previous seven years and involved in organized veterinary medicine at some level.

One scholarship will be awarded to one recipient from each of the seven governing regional associations for a total of seven possible scholarships. Scholarship is for one full registration and is paid directly to the AVMA by the ISVMA. Travel expenses for travel, lodging and meals will be reimbursed to each scholarship recipient by each regional board and not the ISVMA state office.

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(Please circle one) I am applying to represent Region 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

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If I am not selected for this year's conference, I wish to be considered for next year's meeting.

YES NO

### Questions?

Contact Brenda Weber at the ISVMA Offices  
217.546.8381 or [brenda@isvma.org](mailto:brenda@isvma.org)



## From Dreadful To Delightful Refining Techniques For Less Stressful Exams

Sally Foote, DVM

There is a somewhat new movement in veterinary medicine to use less stressful handling techniques during examinations and procedures instead of traditional restraint and physical handling. Like many of my fellow veterinarians, I did not receive any formal training on handling techniques in veterinary school. Instruction on how to handle animals during an office visit/examination was typically learned on-the-job after graduation and focused on restraint. For the licensed veterinary technician, their curriculum included training in methods of restraint, focusing on keeping the veterinarian safe.

Whether formally trained, or strictly learned on-the-job, many restraint and handling techniques can be uncomfortable or fear inducing. Generally, the animal being restrained will respond stressfully while some method of restraint is being used: dilated pupils, tucked tails, vocalizing, aggression, as well as other signs of fear and stress.

With each successive visit, as any method of restraint is continually used, the animal will exhibit fearful behavior and create a stressful visit for all involved. This fear can result in the animal becoming fractious for exams. There is also greater possibility for bites and scratches to staff. (Approximately 95% of workman's compensation claims to the AVMA-PLIT are due to bites and scratches by dogs and cats at the veterinary clinic!)

Not only is it stressful for the animal, it is stressful for staff. It is not unusual for a veterinarian or other staff member to become tense or nervous with a fractious cat or certain dogs that have been aggressive in the clinic. Very often, when a staff member is tense for an office visit – the animal senses it and in turn becomes more tense.

There are alternate ways to handle animals that combine decreasing stress with safety. Dr. Rolan Tripp has lectured about the fear that animals experience during veterinary exams at multiple ISVMA Conventions. Dr. Sophia Yin has written an excellent book with companion DVD on low stress handling techniques for dogs and cats. These techniques are new to many, and may seem contrary to what we have been taught or learned about restraint and handling. These new techniques stem from an understanding of the behavior of the species when fearful and how to help them be less stressed.

As one who has embraced not only the philosophy but also the techniques, I have personally experienced the difference this can make for the animals that come into my practice. Once fearful dogs are happy to have their vaccinations, blood drawn, ear examinations and, yes, even their nails trimmed. Fractious cats don't hiss, swat or fight to get away. Just as important, however, are the clients who genuinely appreciate how I, and my staff, now know the approach that really works with their pet. This has allowed my staff to enjoy their jobs more, and has given them added confidence with the animals they care for. Most importantly there is greater safety for animals and staff with less potential for injury.

*Dr. Foote has created a medical record labeling system to help veterinary clinics record what rewards work for a particular patient. The Bella Behavior Label System is a way to insure consistent handling of animals at your clinic, streamlining your staff's time while improving your patients' in-clinic behavior. The starter kit of book, labels, cd with software is now available. To find out more, go to [www.okavetclinic.com](http://www.okavetclinic.com) or call Dr. Foote at 217-253-3221.*

## Grants for Teachers Who Have or Would Like to Have Small Pets in Their Classrooms

*Pets in the Classroom* is a grants program supporting responsible pet care for our public school classrooms. Sponsored by the Pet Care Trust, the goal of the program is to establish healthy child-pet relationships at an early age by supporting responsible pet care in grammar school classrooms across the country. Many public school teachers have very limited resources for the support of classroom animals. That's why The Pet Care Trust is sponsoring this program to help teachers support pets in the classroom through direct, no-hassle grants.

*Pets in the Classroom* grants are offered to public school, Kindergarten through Sixth grade classes only. These grants are intended to support pets or aquariums in the classroom for the purposes of teaching children to bond with, and care for, their pets responsibly. The welfare of the small animals involved is of paramount importance.

The grant process is easy. The teacher completes the online application form (found at [www.petsintheclassroom.org](http://www.petsintheclassroom.org)). The application is reviewed by the Pet Care Trust and a certificate is sent to the teacher indicating the dollar amount of the grant. The teacher takes the certificate to her/his local pet store, purchases supplies and/or a pet, sends the receipt and certificate to the Pet Care Trust, and the grant money is then disbursed.

The program is flexible, allowing the teacher to select the pet that is most appropriate for the classroom. Grants are available for small animals (such as guinea pigs and hamsters), reptiles, small birds (finches, canaries) and fish. The website has links to information about the needs of and proper care for each type of pet. Teachers may reapply each year for Pets in the Classroom grants.

*Pets in the Classroom* encourages the pet and/or supplies to be purchased locally. By going to the local pet store, the teacher and classroom are establishing a relationship with the pet store. The pet store is valuable resource for questions, help, solutions and more. Some pet stores will even sponsor the pet and classroom!

*The Pet Care Trust is a 501(c)(3) Foundation whose mission is to enrich the lives of youth and seniors through human interaction with companion animals by promoting the value of the human-animal bond through education and science. For more information about the trust, please visit their website [www.petcaretrust.org](http://www.petcaretrust.org).*

## Pet Airways® Includes Four New Cities

Pet Airways, Inc. (OTCQB: PAWS), the only airline designed specifically for the comfortable and safe transportation of pets, has added three cities in Texas and St. Louis, MO to its fast-growing network of destinations.

Pawsenger™ flights to Houston, Austin and Dallas, TX as well as St. Louis, MO will begin this summer to all destinations in the Pet Airways network bringing the total number of cities to 14. Pet Airways opened reservations to these destinations beginning Spring 2011.



The University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine offers a Web-based continuing education program specifically developed for busy veterinarians. Veterinary Education Online (VEO) delivers professionally developed university-level courseware in an interactive environment.

Course modules are designed to enhance knowledge and increase clinical skills as well as provide continuing education credit. Modules offered are in:

- ◆ Pain Management
- ◆ Ophthalmology
- ◆ Clinical Small Animal Dentistry
- ◆ Diagnostic Imaging
- ◆ Cytology
- ◆ Parasitology
- ◆ Emerging Diseases

The Office of Public Engagement will grant continuing education credit upon successful completion of courseware assessment, ranging in earned hours of 0.5 to 3 hours per module.

The cost is just a fraction of typical CE courses, can be taken at any time and at your own pace. Visit the VEO homepage at [www.cvm.uiuc.edu/veo/](http://www.cvm.uiuc.edu/veo/) or call the Office of Public Engagement at 217/333-2907.

## Traveling With Your Pet AVMA onsite and downloadable resources

The AVMA has put together a terrific, user-friendly site with tons of essential information for your clients who want to take their pet along on vacation. Share it with your clients who like to travel.

**Here's a quick "top ten" things to share with your clients before they travel.**  
(from [www.avma.org/animal\\_health/travelingwithpet-faq.asp](http://www.avma.org/animal_health/travelingwithpet-faq.asp))

10. Consider the pet's age, temperament and health before deciding to travel with them.
9. Make sure the pet is welcome where you are welcome. Not all places are pet friendly.
8. If flying, check that your animal can be accepted for flight. Snub-nosed animals are often restricted.
7. Be certain that all vaccinations are current.
6. If your pet isn't microchipped, consider having it done.
5. Up-to-date identification tags are a must.
4. If traveling across state lines or international borders, a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection is required!
3. Have a list of any medications and a summary of any medical conditions.
2. Know the locations of pet emergency hospitals for your trip.
1. Always carry your veterinarian's contact information.

### Locate a Veterinarian

Pet owners who travel can access the AVMA's [MyVeterinarian.com](http://MyVeterinarian.com) website to locate a veterinarian anywhere in the United States. It's organized to search by location, species cared for and will pull emergency care providers.

For veterinarians who wish to be included, add yourself to the directory!

## Delta Includes Bulldogs On its No-Fly List

In response to a pattern involving animals susceptible to respiratory problems, Delta Air Lines will no longer transport American, English and French bulldogs. Additionally, during hot weather, Delta restricts snub-nosed breeds (including pit bulls, pugs and Persian cats) from flying. These restrictions are due to the fact that many short-faced dogs and cats experience difficulty breathing on flights, especially in cargo holds.

Delta joins American Airlines with this policy. American stopped carrying snub-nosed dogs and cats in November of 2010. Other major carriers have restrictions on carrying bulldogs and some other breeds, or simply do not carry pets in cargo holds at all.

For travelers who intend to have their pet accompany them by air, contact the airline prior to travel for their pet policy. For an alternative means of air travel for these at-risk breeds, a pet-only clientele air travel company exists. Pet Airways launched in 2009 to prevent pets from having to travel as cargo. The company's converted airplanes transport their passengers in a cabin with a pet attendant to check on the passengers throughout the trip. Pet Airways currently flies from Los Angeles, Phoenix, Denver, Omaha, Chicago, New York, Baltimore, Atlanta and Ft Lauderdale.

*U.S. Department of Transportation data shows that 122 dogs died on airlines from May 2005 to May 2010. Of those, 25 were English Bulldogs and six were French bulldogs.*

## Boehringer Ingelheim Calls for Equine Research Award Proposals

### Company launches program to bolster equine disease research efforts

ST. JOSEPH, Mo. (May 31, 2011) – Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica, Inc., (BIVI) announces the first annual Equine Research Awards. The BIVI Equine Research Awards were designed to support veterinary research that results in practical applications or insights into important equine diseases and that improves the quality of life for all horses.

The BIVI Equine Research Awards are open to veterinarians, diagnosticians, and public and private researchers in the United States and Canada to submit proposals for research programs that help advance the diagnosis, treatment and understanding of equine diseases. BIVI will provide three individual \$25,000 awards (\$75,000 annually) to fund the selected research proposals.

The BIVI Equine Research Award will focus on one specific equine disease area each year. For 2011, the equine disease

of focus is Equine Rhinitis Virus (ERV). Specifically, four areas of interest surrounding ERV have been identified:

- Pathophysiology of ERV in the horse.
- Incidence and implications of co-infection with ERV and other equine respiratory pathogens.
- Incidence of ERV related to geographical location and equine discipline.
- Acute/chronic effects of ERV on lower airway disease in the horse.

Research proposals will be reviewed by an independent Equine Research Review Board comprised of industry professionals, including practicing equine veterinarians and researchers.

Research proposals must be submitted by September 1, 2011, and will be awarded during the 2011 American Association of Equine Practitioners

(AAEP) Annual Convention in San Antonio, Texas. Proposals will be selected based on established criteria including: potential impact to the equine industry, originality and scientific quality and probability of success in completing the year-long studies.

To participate in the research award program, submit a proposal, cover letter, Curriculum Vitae and two letters of recommendation by September 1, 2011 to:

Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica, Inc.  
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# READERS' FORUM

These Q and A originate from issues that come to the ISVMA office from our members. The answers are thoroughly researched by the ISVMA staff; when necessary, questions are referred to our legal counsel or the ISVMA's liaison to the IDFPR Licensing Board for their reply. Resources outside those previously mentioned are always cited for reference.

Got a question that you need help answering? Email us at [info@isvma.org](mailto:info@isvma.org). We're here to assist you. Take advantage of this terrific member service!

## E-SOURCE Distribution

**Q** Recently a friend who is a veterinarian in a neighboring clinic forwarded a copy of your E-SOURCE to me. I am a DVM, but not an ISVMA member. Can I receive the E-SOURCE if I am not a member?

**A** At the end of every E-SOURCE, we encourage recipients to forward issues to fellow veterinarians, and certified veterinary technicians; however, it also states that the E-SOURCE is a member benefit for ISVMA members. Without joining our association, and becoming a member, you will have to rely upon your peer for copies of the E-SOURCE.

## Laws and Liabilities for Job Shadowing

**Q** Our local high school encourages a job shadowing program each spring, and a local student wants to come to our clinic. Does the state of Illinois have any laws pertaining to job shadowing? The student will not be given any duties to perform; they will strictly be observing day to day operations.

**A** There are no age restrictions as it applies to job shadowing. No minor under the age of 16, however, may be exposed to any hazardous substances (e.g. blood, hazardous cleaning supplies, etc.). Another consideration to keep in mind has to do with liability against injury (e.g. the minor falls in the clinic or gets bitten/kicked by an animal resulting in injury). The clinic's general liability insurance should address coverage on anyone who is in the clinic. Before your student comes to job shadow, contact your professional liability insurance carrier for the specifics of your coverage.

## Refusal to Renew License – Defaulting on an Educational Loan

**Q** Is there a law in Illinois that allows the Illinois Department of Finance and Professional Regulation to refuse to renew my license if I have defaulted on an Illinois Educational Loan?

**A** The short answer: Yes. Your renewal can be refused. The language of the law can be found in 20 ILCS 2105/2105-15) Sec. 2105-15. The statute, The Civil Administrative Code of Illinois (Department of Professional Regulation Law), states: *"The Department shall deny any license or renewal authorized by the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois to any person who has defaulted on an educational loan or scholarship provided by or guaranteed by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission or any governmental agency of this State; however, the Department may issue a license or renewal if the aforementioned persons have established a satisfactory repayment record as determined by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission or other appropriate governmental agency of this State. Additionally, beginning June 1, 1996, any license issued by the Department may be suspended or revoked if the Department, after the opportunity for a hearing under the appropriate licensing Act, finds that the licensee has failed to make satisfactory repayment to the Illinois Student Assistance Commission for a delinquent or defaulted loan. For the purposes of this Section, "satisfactory repayment record" shall be defined by rule."*

## Tax Status and Sale of Advantage and K-9 Advantix

**Q** Bayer has announced they are selling Advantage and K-9 Advantix over the counter. Am I correct that I can no longer sell these products if I am not charging sales tax?

**A** Bayer's decision to sell Advantage and K-9 Advantix as over the counter products will not affect your ability sell it to your clients **as long as you have a current Veterinary-Client-Patient-Relationship (VCPR) with the animal/client** (meaning you have seen the animal within the previous 12 months). The key thing to remember is that *almost* anything you sell in clinic is considered incident to a professional service when that VCPR is in place. There are specific items in the rule that are *always* considered retail sales. As long as you do not sell these items, and maintain a VCPR, everything else you sell is service-related.

According to the language of the rule, the following items are not considered to have medicinal purposes, and are retail sale items:

- combs
- brushes
- shears
- nail clippers
- name tags
- non-medicated shampoo
- leashes
- collars

## E-Source News

What did you miss? Information in an E-SOURCE might not appear in an EPITOME! To stay informed on all issues from the ISVMA we must have your current email address on file. Your privacy is important to us. Any email address stays strictly confidential and is used only to conduct the business of the association. Lists are never shared or sold.

Email today at [info@isvma.org](mailto:info@isvma.org) to be put on the E-SOURCE distribution list. Remember to add [info@isvma.org](mailto:info@isvma.org) to your approved senders list to ensure delivery.

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- ISVMSA Lobby Day – April 6, 2011
- Jones Natural Chews Co Recalls Pig Ear Dog Chews – Salmonella Health Risk
- Flood of Comments to FDA on Antibiotics Draft
- Budget Cuts Continue to Plague Veterinary Schools!
- Are you Following ISVMA on Facebook?

### May 3, 2011 Volume VIII, No. 15

- AVMA Legislative Action Alert
- ISVMA Board of Directors Includes 1<sup>st</sup> CVT Representative
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- Now Accepting Nominations for Outstanding Veterinarian Awards
- ISVMA Membership Renewal Process Begins Soon
- Executive Pork Producers Program, Certificate in Business Management

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### May 18, 2011 Volume VIII, No. 17

- Deadly Virus Affects Horses from U.S. and Canada
- Two More Companies Recall Pig Ears Over Salmonella Concerns
- FDA Issues Caution to Pet Owners with Use of an Unapproved Pet Shampoo Product
- Governor Quinn's \$2500 Small Business Tax Credit

### June 01, 2011 Volume VIII, No. 18

- Legislative Session Ends – ISVMA End of Session Report
- It's Time to Renew Your ISVMA Membership Dues
- Legislation Headed to Governor Quinn's Desk Hopes to Reunite Lost Pets with Owners
- Become a Fan of the New ISVMA Facebook Page
- Primal Pet Foods Issues Nationwide Voluntary Recall on Feline Chicken & Salmon Formula with A "Best Buy" Date Code of 043112-7
- Dogs Help Families with Autism
- Join ISVMA on Facebook – Get Your News Faster!

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- Remain Vigilant for Illness Linked to Chicken Jerky Treat
- Just a Few Days Remain to Renew Your ISVMA Membership
- AVMA Seeking Member Input on Updated Euthanasia Guidelines
- AVMA Releases Draft Revision of Model Practice Act

### June 27, 2011 Volume VIII, No. 20

- Deadline to Pay ISVMA Dues in Three Days!
- State Public Health Director Warns People to Avoid Contact with Bats
- Chicago Cops: Drunk Naked Man Operated on Pet Doberman
- Talking Advocacy and Involvement with AVMA Member Dr. John Scamahorn
- AVMA Releases Draft Revision of Model Practice Act
- In Memoriam: Dr. Thomas J. Gunhouse

## Rodenticides: Free Webinars on Treating Toxins

Pet Poison Helpline, together with VPI Pet Insurance, is hosting two free, RACE-approved, CE webinars in August and November. These complimentary lectures focus on commonly encountered toxins and provide essential, practical treatment and diagnostic advice.

## Rodenticides: It's More Than Just Vitamin K!

**Speakers:** Ahna Brutlag, DVM, MS – Assistant Director of Veterinary Services & Justine Lee, DVM, DACVECC – Associate Director of Veterinary Services  
**CE Credit:** 1 hour RACE-approved CE  
**Date:** Tuesday August 2, 2011  
**Time:** 12:00pm CST

### Registration link:

<https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/381974990>

**Description:** Due to new EPA mandates, anticoagulant rodenticides will soon become more restricted, resulting in increased availability of other, less easily treatable rodenticides in veterinary patients. Thus, increasing your knowledge about this topic is imperative to maintaining excellent patient care in poisoning situations. We'll review the 4 most common active ingredients found in mouse and rat poisons, including long-acting anticoagulants (LAACs), cholecalciferol (Vitamin D3), bromethalin, and phosphides. A review of decontamination, mechanism of action of each rodenticide, and treatment will be discussed.

## Top 10 Errors to Avoid with your poisoned patients

**Speakers:** Ahna Brutlag, DVM, MS – Assistant Director of Veterinary Services & Justine Lee, DVM, DACVECC – Associate Director of Veterinary Services  
**CE Credit:** 1 hour RACE-approved CE  
**Date:** Tuesday November 1, 2011  
**Time:** 12:00 pm CST

### Registration link:

<https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/374192374>

**Description:** When that poisoned dog walks into your clinic, are you automatically reaching for apomorphine and activated charcoal? Think you know

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## Rodenticides

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how to treat that poisoned patient? Stop right there! We'll review the top 10 most common errors seen with toxicology. Some common errors made with poisoned patients include:

- Inducing emesis in symptomatic patients
- Not knowing the contraindications for emesis induction (e.g., hydrocarbons, salt toxicosis, etc.)
- Using emetic agents that are no longer the standard of care (e.g., syrup of ipecac, salt, etc.)
- Underutilizing intravenous fluid therapy in your poisoned patient
- Not stocking your toxicology tool box appropriately
- Misunderstanding the significance of half-lives of drugs

Information about the webinars can be found at: [www.petpoisonhelpline.com/Doctors/continuing-education-ce/](http://www.petpoisonhelpline.com/Doctors/continuing-education-ce/)

*Pet Poison Helpline (PPH), a division of SafetyCall International, is a 24/7 animal poison control service based out of Minneapolis, MN. Pet Poison Helpline is available for pet owners and veterinary professionals who require assistance treating a potentially poisoned pet. The staff can provide treatment advice for poisoning cases of all species, including dogs, cats, birds, small mammals, large animals and exotic species. As the most cost-effective option for animal poison control care, Pet Poison Helpline's fee of \$35 per incident includes unlimited follow-up consultations. Pet Poison Helpline is available in North America by calling 800-213-6680. Additional information can be found online at [www.petpoisonhelpline.com](http://www.petpoisonhelpline.com).*

### Want help but don't know where to go?

ISVMA offers a resource that directs callers to the help you want, the help you need. All calls confidential, and never go through the ISVMA office.

Available 24 hours. Callers are contacting a helpline.

1-800-215-4357



### DONATIONS TO ENDOWMENT

The Illinois Veterinary Medical Foundation has received contributions totaling \$12,213.00 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011. The ISVMA thanks those who have forwarded contributions.

To make a contribution to the Illinois Veterinary Medical Foundation (IVMF), a 501(c) 3 charity, visit online at [www.isvma.org/about\\_us/resources](http://www.isvma.org/about_us/resources) or call the ISVMA office at 217/546-8381 for a donor form. Your fully tax-deductible donation should be made payable to Illinois Veterinary Medical Foundation and mailed to:

IVMF, c/o ISVMA  
1121 Chatham Road  
Springfield, IL 62704

To make a contribution with a credit card, submit the IVMF donor form using your card information.

### IN HONOR OF/IN MEMORY OF

The IVMF welcomes contributions that are to celebrate an honor or life milestone as well as to memorialize a loss. Download a donor form from the ISVMA website at [www.isvma.org/about\\_us/foundation.html](http://www.isvma.org/about_us/foundation.html) to submit your memorial. Indicate who you are honoring on the form and give an address where the memorial can be sent.

### IN HONOR OF

Bradley R. Gramm, DVM  
-from James R. Dickes, DVM

### IN MEMORY OF

The ISVMA thanks the following veterinary clinics for their contributions in memory of the following pets:

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Casey	Junior	Sunny
Dolly	K.C.	Toby
Duce	Kipper	Tootsie
Ebony	Maggie	

-from the Animal Medical Clinic of Springfield

Louie  
Thomas  
Spring  
Sooker

-from the East Side Animal Hospital, East Peoria

## Obituaries –

“He who has done his best for his own time has lived for all times.”

—Johann Von Schiller

**Bradley Robert Gramm, DVM**, 53, Bloomington, passed away at April 28, 2011 at Advocate BroMenn Medical Center, Normal. He was born Oct. 24, 1957, in Bloomington, the son of Robert and Nola Schmidgall Gramm. He married LuAnn Richardson on May 20, 1989, in Scottsdale, Ariz.

He graduated from Gridley High School in 1975. He received his bachelor of science degree in agricultural marketing in 1979, and his doctor of veterinary medicine in 1983 from the University of Illinois, Urbana. After graduating, Brad began his private practice in Lexington. He later pursued corporate veterinary medicine through technical support and marketing for Parker Livestock Supply, Pfizer Animal Health, and most recently, Phibro Animal Health.

Brad fought his battle with cancer courageously, all for the love of his family. His gentle spirit and warm smile shined through even until his last days. Brad's life was an example of a man who walked with Christ every day and he will be missed by all.

In addition to LuAnn, he is survived by his mother, Nola (Mel) Gramm Schrock, Normal; and three children, Alec, Ashlyn and Reid Gramm, at home.

Services were held May 2, at the Apostolic Christian Church of Bloomington-Normal in Normal where Brad was a member. Burial followed at the Apostolic Christian Church Cemetery, Normal. Ministers of the church officiated. In lieu of flowers, all donations will be placed in the children's college fund to honor Brad's memory.

**Martin T. Johnson, DVM**, age 51, a resident of Campton Hills, and formerly a longtime resident of Naperville, died May 10, 2011, at home. He was born November 21, 1959 in Hinsdale. Marty graduated from Wheaton Central High School in 1979. He attended the University of IL in Champaign/Urbana, IL, where he received his Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine in 1986. He is the co-owner of Carol Stream Animal Hospital. He had a passion for woodworking and gardening.

He is survived by his parents, Terry and Janet Johnson of Wheaton, three siblings, Kenneth of Scottsboro, Alabama, Karen of Maryville, Tennessee, and Jennifer of Warrentville, and nephews, Noah and Jacob.

A funeral service was held May 14 at Hultgren Funeral Home. Memorial gifts may be directed to Willowbrook Wildlife Center, 2S525 Park Blvd., Glen Ellyn, IL 60137. Family and friends may sign a guest book at [hultgrenfh.com](http://hultgrenfh.com).

**Dale Richard Nelson, DVM**, 76, died June 14, 2011, at Provena Covenant Medical Center, Urbana IL. Born Sept. 18, 1934, in Morris, Ill., Dale was the son of Sidney and Arlotte (Brewer) Nelson. He graduated in 1952 from Morris Community High School, where he was active in FFA. He earned his veterinary medicine degree from Iowa State University in 1958, and he then earned his master's of science from Iowa State University in 1970.

He married Alberta Weidemann on July 6, 1958, at Westgate, Iowa. Dr. Nelson served in the Army Veterinary Corps in New Orleans from 1958 to 1960. After leaving the service, Dr. Nelson worked in a general veterinary practice for five years in Buckingham County, Pa.

He started as an assistant professor at the University of Illinois' Department of Veterinary Clinical Medicine in 1969, specializing in large animals. His career allowed him to travel to several countries, including China, Egypt, Costa Rica and the Philippines. He received the Faculty Service Excellence Award from the College of Veterinary Medicine in 1995. He retired from the university as a Professor Emeritus in 1998.

In addition to his wife, survivors include three children, Julie (David) Murray, Kristen (Jeffrey Horve) Nelson and Jeffrey (Lori Slivensky) Nelson; and three grandchildren, Andrew and Caroline Murray and Zachary Horve.

Funeral services were held June 18, 2011, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 2101 S. Prospect Ave, Champaign, IL. Memorials may be made to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church or a charity of the donor's choice.

**Peter H. Smith, DVM**, 85, of Bloomington, passed away May 3, 2011, at St. Joseph's Hospital in Bloomington. He had been ill with Parkinson's disease and pneumonia.

He was born Dec. 9, 1925, in Orland Park, son of Peter and Carrie Holm Smith. He graduated from Lockport Township High School in 1943. Peter then entered the U.S. Army and served for four years. Upon leaving the military, he entered the University of Illinois and pursued a degree in veterinary medicine and helped found the Illidel House. He graduated from the University of Illinois School of Veterinary Medicine in 1957 and purchased Highland Animal Hospital in Bloomington from where he retired in 1989.

He married Letty Jean Cregar on Sept. 4, 1955, at the Second Presbyterian Church in Bloomington. Peter was a member of Second Presbyterian Church for 53 years.

Peter loved plants, flowers and gardening and was an avid Illini sports fan. He believed in fairness among people and doing things the right way, regardless of the time or effort involved. He was a loving husband, father and grandpa who will be missed by his family and countless friends.

He is survived by his wife, Letty, Bloomington; two sons, Eric, Bloomington, and Bryan, Fort Pierce, Fla.; one daughter-in-law, Susan, Fort Pierce, Fla.; and one granddaughter, Leah, Fort Pierce, Fla.

His funeral was May 7, at Second Presbyterian Church in Bloomington with the Rev. Roane Deckert officiating. Burial followed in Shiloh Cemetery in rural Hopedale. Memorial contributions may be made to the Illinois State Veterinary Medical Association, in care of College of Veterinary Medicine, Urbana, IL 61801; or to Second Presbyterian Church's building fund.

*Notices and obituaries are gratefully received and, when space is available, will be reprinted.  
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# ISVMA Member RESOURCES

## Login To ISVMA Member Center

User name and password are tied to the ISVMA database and default to the following. Once logged in, username and password can be personalized.

**Username:** MMember (initial of first name AND Full last name)

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**Pet Food with Medicinal Purpose** [www.isvma.org/isvma\\_library/pet\\_foods.html](http://www.isvma.org/isvma_library/pet_foods.html)  
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ISVMA no longer creates its own OSHA resource. Members seeking current OSHA information are referred to American Animal Hospital Association's website OSHA tools. A number of guides are available for member as well as non member purchase. <https://secure.aahanet.org/eWeb/DynamicPage.aspx?Site=aahastore&Webcode=category&category=Safety%20and%20OSHA%20Tools>  
Members are also directed to the newly updated edition of **The PLIT Veterinary Safety Manual**. It can be purchased by going to the AVMA's website at <http://avmaplit.com/uploadedFiles/AVMAPLIT/Order%20Form%202009.pdf>.



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**Area Office for Illinois**

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Beverly.Albarracin@illinois.gov

217-524-3289

#### Online listing of haulers

[www.epa.state.il.us/land/wastemgmt](http://www.epa.state.il.us/land/wastemgmt)

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