



# Bulletin

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## Clinical Pathology is September CE Topic

*Noted author, researcher to review latest developments and trends*



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The ability to accurately interpret laboratory data is an invaluable tool for any veterinarian. Proficiency with clinical pathology means a proper diagnosis and course of treatment for canine and feline patients can be determined much more quickly and with a reduced margin of error.

Learn more about the clinical pathology resources available to veterinarians by attending the CVMA September 10, 2008 CE seminar. Dr. Mary Anna Thrall, Professor of Veterinary Clinical Pathology at Colorado State University, College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, will discuss knowing when to send cytologic aspirates to a clinical pathologist and when to request PCR for the diagnosis of canine lymphoma. She will review what an in-house blood counter can and cannot tell a veterinarian, and she will present

case studies that review the interpretation of biochemical profiles, CBC, urinalysis and cytology when making a diagnosis. Dr. Thrall will conclude her talk by providing a look into what is new and exciting in the world of clinical pathology.

The CVMA is pleased to present Dr. Thrall as its September speaker. She earned her DVM from Purdue University in 1970 and MS from Colorado State in 1977. Dr. Thrall is a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists, Clinical Pathology, and has served ACVP as well as the American Society of Veterinary Clinical Pathology as President.

A featured author and lecturer, Dr. Thrall serves as a Professor at Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine in St. Kitts, West Indies in addition to her duties at CSU. Her research in pathophysiology and experimental treatment, particularly in regard to bone marrow transplantation in feline models of lysosomal storage diseases, led to the establishment of the feline model of Niemann-Pick C1 that is used today. Other research specialties include ethylene glycol (antifreeze) toxicosis, and clinical cytology.

The Clinical Pathology CE program is sponsored by



Registration for the September 10, 2008 Clinical Pathology CE program at Drury Lane Theater in Oakbrook Terrace is \$110 for CVMA members and \$150 for non-members. Registration begins at 7:30 am, and the session begins at 8:00 am. To pre-register for the September 10, 2008 seminar and avoid a \$30 late fee, contact the CVMA office at (630) 325-1231 or e-mail [cvma@chicagovma.org](mailto:cvma@chicagovma.org) no later than Friday, September 5, 2008.

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### Note change in speaker for Feline Medicine CE, October 15, 2008.

Speaker will be Dr. Thomas Graves from University of Illinois. Topics covered will be 1. Clinical Approach to the Yellow Cat (1hour) 2. Feline Diabetes Update (1hour) 3. Challenging Issues in Hyperthyroidism (1hour) and 4. Feline Medicine Nightmares: Cases from Hell (3hours)

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# President's Thoughts

*Dr. Shannon Greeley*

It seems like summer just started and here we are in August. Heartworm and flea season are in full swing. This time of year always reminds me of going back to school, even though now our "school" (i.e. continuing education) is year-round and lifelong. Speaking of CE, don't forget to mark your calendars with the following dates and topics for our 2009 CE program.

January 14, 2009 – Neurology

March 11, 2009 – Feline Medicine

April 15, 2009 – Practice Management

June 24, 2009 – Respiratory Medicine

September 9, 2009 – Pediatrics and Emergency Medicine

October 7, 2009 – Surgery

December 9, 2009 – Pain Management

Please note that all meetings in 2009 are scheduled to be held at **HAMBURGER UNIVERSITY**. This change was made necessary since Drury Lane could not accommodate our needed dates for 2009. Please note that we have also had to adjust a few of the meetings from their usual second Wednesday format.

Also, don't forget about our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Dog Cruise on August 24, 2008 - see page 3 for more details.

On the legislative front, you will note the CVMA Position on Mandatory Spay/Neuter on page 5. This very controversial topic has gained much discussion throughout the country and your Executive Board under the advisement of our Legislative Committee has prepared a position statement. It is important to know that the CVMA is very concerned about animal welfare issues, in addition to insuring that the veterinarian remains the leading voice in medical issues. As such, the CVMA serves on the Task Force on Animal Welfare and Public Safety, which is an advisory task force for the City of Chicago's Licensing Committee. We are active as an associate member of the Chicago Animal Shelter Alliance. Under the guidance of Cynthia Bathurst (D.A.W.G. – Dog Advisory Work Group) and the Best Friends Animal Society, we are also looking for ways to aid in the Safe Humane Chicago™ Initiative, a campaign to stop the violence for our children and companion animals. We are always looking for members to aid with these and other efforts.

Until next time, please feel free to contact me with your questions or concerns.

Shannon Greeley, DVM

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**Cook County Update**

Dr. Donna Alexander, Director of the Cook County Department of Animal and Rabies Control, is looking for **feral cat friendly veterinarians** to assist with their Managed Care of Feral Cats Program. Please Contact Cook County Animal Control at 708-974-6140 for more information. We will also be posting the recently passed Cook County Managed Care of Feral Cats Ordinance under the legislative section of our website soon.

## Historian Column

99 YEARS AGO 1909

*Dr. Raymond Wise, Historian*

The meeting of the Chicago Veterinary Society was called to order June 9, 1909, by President A. C. Worms at 9:30 pm at the Sherman House Parlor. The meeting was preceded by a joint meeting of CVS members and a committee of five from the Chicago Anticruelty Society to discuss the idea of a work horse parade in Chicago.

The roll call and minutes of the preceding meeting were dispensed with, owing to the lateness of the hour. The Secretary's Report stated that there had been no meeting called in May, as plans had been made as ordered at the April meeting for a banquet in May, to which the members' wives would be invited. But as the entertainment committee received only six cards with orders for 11 plates, the banquet was abandoned.

Reports of Committees: Work Horse Parade, no report. Motion made by Dr. Walker, seconded by Dr. Allen, that the original committee on Work Horse Parade be discharged and a new committee be appointed. Motion carried.

New Business: Moved by Dr. Walker and S.S. Baker, that the Secretary be instructed to go to City Hall between now and the first meeting in the fall, examine the register, and report the names of members of the Society that are not registered, and that said names be dropped from the roll if they fail to register after due notice. Motion carried.

Motion by Dr. White, seconded by L.H. Quitman, that a committee be appointed to meet the committee appointed by the Anticruelty Society and that the Team Owners Association be invited to appoint a committee to be present at said meeting with the object of forming a Work Horse Parade Association. Carried. Committee: Drs. White, Walker, S.S. Baker, Jas. Robertson, J. Ryan, L.H. Quitman, W.H. Evers, D.S. Jaffray, and Parks.

J.M. Parks, Secretary

### Upcoming Member Events

#### **Third Annual Dog Cruise**

**Sunday, August 24, 2008** - It's time for our third annual Dog Cruise along the beautiful Chicago river. We hope the rain will hold out for us this year. All members, their family, and furry friends (dogs that is) are welcome to join the CVMA at 9:30 am (boat leaves dock at 10:00 am), tickets are \$22 for adults, \$12 for children under 12, \$7 for dogs and children under 3 are free. Complimentary beverages will be provided, even water for Fido and dog biscuits, so come and join us for a little architectural education on the waterfront along Chicago's river and lake. The Dog Cruise will depart from Riverside Gardens, Michigan Avenue and Wacker Drive on the southeast corner of Michigan Avenue Bridge, just three blocks north of Millennium Park. Call the office for reservation and details (630) 325-1231.

#### **Complimentary Finance Series - Financing Your First Veterinary Practice - By Marcy Mossburg**

Part one of the series will be **Wednesday, September 24, 2008** at 8:00 pm, at the CVMA Headquarters in lower level conference room, 120 E. Ogden Avenue, Hinsdale, IL 60521. Marcy is the Vice President and Manager of the Professional & Executive Banking Division at Banco Popular. She has over 28 years banking experience, providing financing for small to medium size companies and has spent the past decade helping provide financing to veterinarians, dentists, insurance agents and accountants on a nationwide basis. She will be covering: 1) how to choose a lender, 2) what do you need to present to your lender, 3) different types of loans available and 4) what do the lenders look for in the package and what do they do in the underwriting process.

#### **CVMA Journal Club**

The membership committee is considering starting a journal club. A proposed structure for the club would be monthly meetings held at participants clinics or a local restaurant/cafe. Members would agree upon which journals to choose articles from and then choose one article per member to prepare to review at the next meeting. Depending on interest and participants locale, the club location would be regionally based. It is possible we may have two clubs one on the north and one on the south if appropriate. Please email or phone the office if you are interested in participating.

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Relief veterinarian listing fees: \$100 for CVMA members and \$200 for non-members. Listings run from December/January issue to October/November issue. The listing shall appear as a print ad in the CVMA Bulletin and on the CVMA web site for easy access by our members. To be added, contact the CVMA Office at (630) 325-1231. The CVMA does not endorse any veterinarian listed in the Relief Veterinarians section. The Association does not attest to the veterinarians' ability to practice veterinary medicine or to the conduct of the individual.

# Legislative Update

*By David A. Saidel, DVM/Legislative Chairman*

## CVMA POSITION ON MANDATORY SPAY/NEUTER – Ratified by the EB July 23, 2008

**WHEREAS**, in the State of Illinois, only licensed veterinarians are legally allowed to perform the medical/surgical procedures of ovariectomy/ovariectomy and orchietomy, which are also known as “gonadectomy,” or “sterilization” and also customarily regarded as “spaying and neutering/castration”, the intent of which is to render an animal incapable of reproduction, and which are currently mandatory surgical procedures for shelter owned and stray animals, and customarily regarded as elective procedures for individually owned pets; and

**WHEREAS**, in the State of Illinois exists a valid “veterinarian-client-patient relationship” as defined in the Veterinary Medicine and Surgery Practice Act of 2004, which includes the following, “Veterinarian-client-patient relationship” means: The veterinarian has assumed the responsibility for making clinical judgments regarding the health of an animal and the need for medical treatment and the client, owner, or other caretaker has agreed to follow the instructions of the veterinarian”; (225 ILCS 115/3) (from Ch. 111, par. 7003); and

**WHEREAS**, graduated and licensed veterinarians have the most complete medical knowledge of the benefits and detriments associated with elective “gonadectomy” and can provide the best counsel to clients in that regard; and

**WHEREAS**, there is inconclusive evidence regarding the behavioral influences of early neutering for dogs both with and without a history of behavioral problems; and

**WHEREAS**, there are conflicting reports regarding euthanasia rates and animal control costs in communities that have enacted mandatory spay/neuter legislation; and

**WHEREAS**, the passage of ordinances that strike at easy targets such as law-abiding, responsible pet owners does little to address the issue of irresponsible pet owners, who will undoubtedly continue to operate outside the legal system and where enforcement will be dubious in our already overburdened animal control system.

Notwithstanding existing requirements for shelter owned animals, for these and other reasons, the Chicago Veterinary Medical Association regards the decision of whether an animal should be spayed/neutered or not to be a medical/surgical decision that is ultimately best determined between the veterinarian and the individual pet owner.

Other municipalities have had success in reducing euthanasia and animal control costs with programs of: (1) public education, (2) leash laws, (3) free or low cost spay/neuter opportunities for low income families, (4) moderate price differentials for licensing of intact and altered male and female dogs and cats, (5) vigorous marketing of shelter dogs and cats for adoption by the public, (6) foster care, (7) off site adoptions and (8) working with rescue groups.

Rather than instituting “blanket” mandatory spay/neuter laws; we, the Chicago Veterinary Medical Association, believe that the residents of the City of Chicago would be best served by an aggressive public education campaign to promote responsible pet ownership, as well as, the enactment and enforcement of the strictest penalties for irresponsible animal owners.

### NEWS WIRE

- The 26th Annual Chicagoland Veterinary Golf Outing kicks off Wednesday, September 3, with a 10:30 am shotgun start at the Crystal Woods Golf Club (5915 S. Route 47, Woodstock). A \$45/person fee includes cart rental and buffet dinner. A roster of your golf foursome can be faxed to organizer Todd Thulin at (614) 789-5337 or e-mailed to [todd.thulin@butlerahs.com](mailto:todd.thulin@butlerahs.com). Individual players are also welcome and will be formed into foursomes at the club. Call Todd at (708) 369-4358 for additional information.
- CVMA’s Dr. Cynthia Cecott was featured in a June 24 news story that appeared in the Southtown Star and Chicago Sun-Times. Reporter Mike Nolan interviewed Dr. Cecott about her new Veterinary Clinic of Tinley Park and highlighted the house-call service she offers to clients.
- E-mail addresses for contacts at the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine now have a new format. The server part of the address—what follows the @—is now illinois.edu. (Example: johnd@illinois.edu). Please note for the UI addresses you have in your address books.
- The CVMA encourages you to participate in the Fort Dodge leptosprevalence survey you should be receiving the first week of August. For more info, go to the veterinary professionals link at [us.leptoinfo.com](http://us.leptoinfo.com) or contact your Fort Dodge Representative.

# Classifieds

## Practice/Equipment/Other

**Agape Animal Clinic:** Well-established small animal practice located in LaGrange, IL. This financially successful clinic is located only 25 minutes outside Chicago. The building is 3,600 sq. ft. that includes a 3-bedroom apartment on the second floor, one car garage and parking space. Serious inquiries only contact Dr. Reddy at (630) 654-3904 or e-mail: dr.schintam@yahoo.com.

**Barrington Square Animal Hospital:** For Sale: Well established since 1983, small animal practice located in the Northwest Suburbs. Free standing modern building with own parking, and easy access to major highways. Very busy one doctor practice with great opportunity for growth and expansion. Last year gross over 600K. Owner retiring but willing to work with the transition. Land and building available. Contact: barringtonsqah@yahoo.com.

**Kremer Veterinary Services Ltd.:** Portable X-ray unit. Bowie PRX-90T. 5 yrs. old. Only used for small animals. Kept in case. Has stand. New \$5K, asking \$1,500. Call Dr. Kremer, (815) 405-1300. Chicago area.

## Practice Personnel

**Chicago Veterinary Medical Association:** Corporate Headquarters Administrative Assistant needed. Must be able to work independently under the direction of the Administrator. Communicate with all committee volunteers. Prepare and coordinate member newsletter 6 times/year. Help support 7 Continuing Education events/year. Manage day to day operations of the office including filing, telephones, basic computer skills, member requests, etc. Send resume to CVMA@CHICAGOVMA.ORG, Fax to (630) 325-4043, or mail to CVMA, P.O. Box 5017, Oak Brook, IL 60522.

**West Suburban Veterinary Associates:** Seeks Veterinary Technician for busy 4-1/2 doctor practice in Westmont. Outstanding opportunity to work in award-winning hospital alongside excellent doctors & staff. State-of-the-art facility features digital radiology/ultrasound/laser/excellent monitoring equipment/dental work station. Utilize skills in positive work environment. Solid communication/technical skills required. Seeking high energy, hard working individual who truly enjoys their profession. Competitive salary/benefits package. Contact Janet Storjohann, (630) 968-4212, fax resume to (630) 968-4354, or e-mail resume to jstorjohann@westsuburbanvet.com.

## Services Available

**Fred Rothschild:** CLU, RHU, and David Rothschild have advised more than 400 veterinarians. For AVMA Group Life and Health information, underwritten by New York Life Insurance Company, New York, NY, as well as your investment needs, contact us at (847) 673-5040 or rothschild-ins@mcleodusa.net for analysis.

## Veterinarian Positions Available

**Animal Emergency and Referral Center:** AERC is in search of an energetic emergency veterinarian who practices high quality medicine in a fast-paced environment, blending what is in the best interest of both the patient and the client. Applicants must possess a diverse skill set to handle a busy and often complicated emergency case load. Contact Sheri: srothschild@aercenter.com & visit our website: www.aercenter.com.

**Animal Medical Center of Chicago:** Vibrant growing practice in heart of Chicago seeks full or part-time veterinarian to join enthusiastic team. Successful candidate will be energetic, self-motivated, experienced and possess excellent surgical & client communication skills. Attentive, committed, highly skilled staff. Practice quality medicine in spectacular state-of-the-art environment that includes digital radiography/ultrasound/endoscope/vetroscope/full dental suite. Competitive benefits package includes health insurance/vacation pay/CE allowance. Very pleasant working atmosphere. Fax resume to (773) 525-3280 or e-mail Lys Miller, amcdogcat@mindspring.com. EOE.

**Animal Medical Center of Orland Park:** Full time associate for seven-doctor small animal hospital. Pleasant work environment in 10,000 sq. ft. hospital and no emergency duty. Contact Dr. Bryan Lantow (708) 460-6000 and send resume to 16200 S. LaGrange Rd., Orland Park, IL 60467.

Classified Ad Charges: CVMA Bulletin only - Members, \$50/issue; non-members, \$100/issue. CVMA web site only - Members, \$25/month; non-members \$50/month. Payment must accompany ad. Ads are limited to 60 words; those exceeding 60 words will be edited by the CVMA. "To Be Given Away" and "Job Want" ads from students and technicians are free, 40-word limit. Submit ad in writing, on or before the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to month of publication.

## Classifieds (continued)

**Banfield, The Pet Hospital:** Interested in practicing quality medicine, while leading a medical team? Banfield, The Pet Hospital, has Lead Doctor/Chief of Staff positions available in Darien, Orland Hills and Naperville!! We practice the highest quality medicine, thorough client education and strong teamwork. Exceptional compensation/benefits and sign on bonuses for certain positions. Contact Dr. Martin, sue.martin@banfield.net, 1- (800) 838-6738 ext. 5709 or visit [www.banfield.net](http://www.banfield.net).

**Bartlett Animal Hospital:** Full or Part-time associate veterinarian sought for established practice in NW suburb of Chicago. Compassionate, personable, self-motivated individual needed to join our hardworking team. Generous CE allowance plus other benefits for full-time. Some evenings and Saturdays. No overnight emergencies. Email resume to [illinoisdvm@gmail.com](mailto:illinoisdvm@gmail.com).

**Country Court Animal Hospital:** AAHA well-equipped small animal/exotic practice seeks easy-going, dedicated full or part-time third associate. Good communication skills essential. Flexible schedule includes some evenings and some Saturdays. No emergencies. Great support staff. Salary and benefits competitive. Long-term association desired. Practice in northwest suburb of Chicago. Contact Dr. Block: fax (847) 520-4124, e-mail [CCAHI3@gmail.com](mailto:CCAHI3@gmail.com).

**Emergency Veterinary Care South:** Veterinarian needed for small animal emergency clinic. Work approx. 13 shifts per month with experienced staff. Emergency experience not required. Guaranteed base salary plus increasing percentage (potential \$110k+) Excellent benefits, employer matched IRA, insurance, CE and vacation. Contact Esther Vandergrift, Emergency Veterinary Care south, Crestwood, IL. Call 708-277-8398; or email [evandergrift@sbcglobal.net](mailto:evandergrift@sbcglobal.net)

**Green Bay Animal Hospital:** Experienced small animal veterinarian wanted for established state-of-the-art 4 doctor practice on the North Shore. Practice top of the line medicine with a great clientele and staff. Equipment includes ultrasound, endoscopy, laser, in-house laboratory and more. No after hours emergency duty. Benefits include pension plan, 401(k), organization dues, health insurance, profit sharing and CE. Contact Dr. Barry Miller, 1221 Green Bay Road, Wilmette, IL 60091, phone 847-251-5900.

**Naperville Animal Hospital:** Associate wanted for a multi-doctor practice in Naperville. Modern facility with modern equipment. Great clientele. Overnight patient monitoring. Large case volume, medical and surgical. Large amount of orthopedic work. Looking for someone to join our team approach to veterinary medicine. Board Certified veterinary practitioner on staff. 4-day work week. Salary starting between \$65,000-\$75,000 plus benefits. Please contact Dr. Tom Staudacher at (630) 355-5300.

**PAWS Chicago:** Spay Neuter Vet—Join PAWS Chicago Lurie Family Spay Neuter Clinic as we expand. Spay/Neuter in high volume, high quality clinic. Must perform 35 S/N per day. Flex hours and days. Open Tues., Wed., Thurs., Sat., Sun. Help us grow, 63,000 S/N and counting! Contact Laura Hinze (773) 475-9430 with questions; e-mail [LHinze@pawschicago.org](mailto:LHinze@pawschicago.org) or fax (773) 521-1082.

**PAWS Chicago No Kill Shelter:** Shelter Medicine Vet—Responsible for ensuring highest quality of care for the cats and dogs that are under PAWS Chicago ownership. This vet is responsible for initial examination, vaccinations, diagnosis and treatment or treatment recommendations for all PAWS Chicago adoption cats and dogs. Will collaborate with Chief Veterinarian and ensure PAWS Chicago Medical Protocols are followed. May assist in clinic with customer surgery check-ins, vaccination clinic or spay/neuter surgery. Position is 4-5 days a week, 4-5 hours per day. Contact Laura Hinze (773) 475-9430 with questions; e-mail [LHinze@pawschicago.org](mailto:LHinze@pawschicago.org) or fax (773) 521-1082.

**Ridge Animal Clinic:** Part-time or full-time associated needed for companion animal practice SE of Chicago (Lansing, IL). Friendly professional staff. Strong interest in client education is essential. Practice equipped with surgical laser. Competitive salary, benefits and potential ownership. Contact Kerri Katsalas-Panagas, DVM at (708) 474-3100 or fax: (708) 474-2870.

**Winnetka Animal Hospital:** Exciting opportunity to join the new state-of-the-art Winnetka Animal Hospital. Full service practice in beautiful north shore setting. We practice high quality medicine with an emphasis on client education and communication. Would consider both part-time and full-time positions. Please email resume to Dr. Kurt M. Miller at [winnetkaah@att.net](mailto:winnetkaah@att.net).

**Wise Road Animal Hospital:** Veterinarian wanted for a two-doctor small animal hospital in Schaumburg, Illinois. Come join us in a relaxed, friendly environment with great clientele. No Emergency duty. Potential buy-in for the right individual. Contact Dr. Rick DeCraene (847) 895-5911, fax (847) 895-5996 or [rcrdsb@wowway.com](mailto:rcrdsb@wowway.com)

# Continuing Education Spotlight

*Dr. Elizabeth Cutright, Secretary*

Our continuing education is a large part of why many of our members join the CVMA. What many don't realize is that our outstanding local CE is made possible by our volunteer committee with support from our staff. Our committee consists of co-chairs, a sponsorship coordinator, and general membership volunteers assigned to coordinate each speaker. Our chairs orchestrate the yearly plan in February, our Sponsorship coordinator Dr. Natalie Marks initiates solicitation of our sponsors after our speakers are chosen, and finally our general membership volunteers follow up with our speakers making sure they have made travel arrangements and follow through to the lecture. We thanked the committee by name in our last Bulletin, but we would really like to highlight not only the committee but specifically Dr. Andrea Wurzer from Chicago Ridge Animal Hospital who headed this committee for over ten years and is now grooming our next chair of Dr. Donald Sedlacek along with the assistance of fellow co-chair Dr. Andrew Miz. We are ecstatic to have Dr. Sedlacek at the helm and know he is up for the task.

I spoke with Dr. Andreas Wurzer, a former CVMA board member and father of Dr. Andrea Wurzer to get a little more insight on the dedicated member. He obviously got her hooked from the start but he said it didn't take much as her love of education made her a natural fit to volunteer for the committee. He described her as "fully committed and successful, just as she is in her professional life." He was obviously very proud of her accomplishments. He also spoke of her love of nature and wildlife. She is an avid gardener and cares for poultry and waterfowl in her free time. The CVMA would like to extend a heartfelt thank you for her years of service and continued support of the CE committee.

## WINGS CVMA Pet Loss Services

**Pet Loss Support Helpline:  
630-325-1600**

The Wings Pet Loss Support Group meets the first Wednesday of every month at 7:30 pm.

CVMA Office  
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No cost or reservations needed.

Members can also purchase  
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## Get Connected at Fall Conference

By Dean Herb Whiteley, UI College of Veterinary Medicine

### Fall Conference happens September 11 and September 12 in Urbana.

Register today so you don't miss out on these important connections.

**Practice Connection:** You won't find a better value for your CE dollar than our Fall Conference when it comes to world-class speakers delivering practice-relevant, cutting-edge content. This year tracks feature oncology, ophthalmology, minimally invasive surgery, avian/small mammal surgery, equine ultrasound, production animal welfare, and more. Choose from four wet labs, including clinical pathology and developing an infection control plan.

**Recreation Connection:** Balance the learning with fun. Link up with friends at the alumni association golf outing on Wednesday afternoon before the conference starts. Whet your appetite for Illini football action with the Coach Ron Zook Show, broadcast live from Vet Med after the Thursday night barbecue, then catch the game against Louisiana-Lafayette on Saturday.

**Student Connection:** Rekindle your enthusiasm for veterinary medicine when you share a meal and swap perspectives with students at the Wednesday evening tent party, following the golf outing. Conference sessions will provide the latest details of the new private practice rotation and the revolutionary new veterinary curriculum in the works at Illinois.

Mentors, treat your students to the Saturday morning pre-game tent party. Even if you are not a mentor, come out to get to know our students.

Remember, the call for mentor volunteers went out in June, and mentor-student matches will be made during the fall semester. Contact the Office of Academic and Student Affairs to get on the list:

[asa@vetmed.illinois.edu](mailto:asa@vetmed.illinois.edu) or 217/265-0380.

**Faculty Connection:** Have you looked at our clinical roster lately? Over the past few years more than a dozen clinical specialists have joined our faculty. Many will be speaking, and you can take this opportunity to get to know them and what they can do for you.

**Alumni Connection:** Fall Conference connects you with fellow Illini, from Wednesday's golf outing to Saturday's tent party. In between learn from 14 conference presenters who earned their degree at Illinois and attend the annual College-Alumni Association awards presentation. If this is a reunion year for you, party with classmates at the Friday evening reunion kick-off.

Register online for Fall Conference at [www.vetmed.illinois.edu/ope/fallconf](http://www.vetmed.illinois.edu/ope/fallconf). To reach me, send email to [dean@vetmed.illinois.edu](mailto:dean@vetmed.illinois.edu).

**I hope to see you in Urbana in September!**



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## “Dog Flu,” Human Rabies Vaccine Shortage in the News

The recent spate of media stories on canine influenza sometimes referred to as “dog flu” in Chicagoland has prompted the Illinois State Veterinary Medical Association to urge veterinarians across the state to be on the watch for symptoms and pet histories that might indicate a dog is infected.

Dr. Derrick Landini (The Animal Ark, Chicago) was among the first to suspect an outbreak of canine influenza when he noticed an unusual number of dogs being brought to his clinic with upper respiratory infections. Blood samples taken from several patients and sent to the Animal Health Diagnostic Center at Cornell University came back positive for canine influenza. Illinois is the 27th state to confirm canine influenza cases.

The disease is easily transmitted between dogs in close contact with one another. The growing popularity of doggy day care centers, the summertime opening of Chicago’s dog parks and beaches, and the annual spring/summer increase in the number of shelter animals are all given as possible reasons for the sudden outburst of canine influenza in the area.

Early symptoms include a mild cough and/or nasal discharge. More serious cases may involve high fever, vomiting of phlegm and lethargy. Blood testing is the only sure way to determine if a dog is suffering from canine influenza or kennel cough, which presents similar symptoms. Fortunately, canine influenza is easily treatable with antibiotics if caught early.

On another topic, the Center for Disease Control issued a June 20 alert warning of a temporary shortage of human rabies vaccine. Novartis stopped providing its RabAvert vaccine for both pre-exposure and post-exposure prophylaxis uses in June due to its own limited supplies, although Sanofi Pasteur’s IMOVAX remained available for post-exposure prophylaxis. RabAvert was expected to be available again in July, and pre-exposure priority would be given to individuals at the greatest exposure risk, such as veterinary staff. (The Travelers Immunization Service at Loyola Medical Center in Maywood - general number (708) 216-9000 - can provide vaccinations when vaccine is available.)

CVMA sent members an e-mail alert in June on the above topics. The e-alert included links to American Veterinary Medical Association and University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine Web pages for information on canine influenza and CDC Web pages for rabies info. Any member who did not receive the e-alert may do so by contacting the CVMA office at (630) 325-1231 and providing an e-mail address.

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- Quality continuing education
- Dissemination of information to the public
- Promoting the health and well being of animals

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