Get Ready to Renew Your Veterinary License

Your veterinary license will expire on October 15, 2015. Renewal information will be sent to you on or before August 15, 2015, from the Indiana Professional Licensing Agency (IPLA). All information will be sent to your email. Please make sure that IPLA has your current email and address of record. You should do this as soon as possible. If you need to change your email or address, you can call, email, or send a letter with the changes for your veterinary license to IPLA. If you need to change the address of your Controlled Substances Registration (CSR), you must email or send a letter. CSR address changes must be in writing.

Practitioners will be able to renew online after mid-August, 2015. This is the quickest way to renew your veterinary license and CSR. If you would prefer to have a paper renewal sent to you, please contact the IPLA after August 15, 2015.

Practitioners will be required to have forty (40) hours of continuing education in the practice of veterinary medicine from the period October 15, 2013 to October 15, 2015. Practitioners may complete up to twenty (20) hours of continuing education in self-study. Self-study must pertain to the practice of veterinary medicine and include a written examination or post evaluation.

There are set civil penalties for non-compliance of the continuing education requirement. The Indiana Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners will audit a certain percentage of practitioners and ask for proof of continuing education compliance. If upon audit, you do not meet the requirements, the civil penalties are as follows:

- Short 1-20 hours - $500 civil penalty
- Short over 20 hours - $1000 civil penalty

Plus, you will be required to make up the missed continuing education hours and will receive a conditional license. If you don’t comply with this, your veterinary license will be suspended. The fee for license renewal is $100 and Controlled Substances Registration renewal is $60. There is a $50 late fee in addition to these fees if you renew after October 15, 2015. Additionally, your continuing education records will automatically be audited by the licensing board.

Please make plans now to meet all requirements for licensure and renew on-time to avoid penalties and discipline.

Contact information for Indiana Professional Licensing Agency:
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President’s Message

Blindside: (verb): To catch or take unawares, especially with harmful or detrimental results.

Indiana takes a sort of curious pride in its ability to be neither the first nor last to do much of anything. With the possible exception of Sunday alcohol sales, where we await the verdict from the 49 other states that have “experimented” with it, we Hoosiers are a people who survey the passing scene, dwell on it awhile, and then decide to join when the water seems just about right to jump in. We continue to celebrate learning just which dessert item will be deep fried at our State Fair, we still crown a “Pork Queen” at an annual festival in Tipton County, and sometimes grumble about the work of Congress while being happy that our own Legislature meets for only a few months each year. Visitors generally marvel at the warmth they find from Hoosiers when they visit. Indiana is in a part of the country that is generally considered the “common sense capital of America.” Veterinarians certainly know what it is to be blindsided, over a case that responds entirely differently than expected or the client that writes an excoriating online review because the price of ear medication went up $1.75. For all the hope a leader has about controlling an agenda, the reality of any president’s term (mine included) is that it includes a lot of time responding to unanticipated issues that come up. Continued on Page 5.

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Are You Interested in IVMA’s Power of 10 Leadership Program?

The Power of Ten Leadership (POTL) Program is an IVMA initiative designed to cultivate leadership capacity in recent graduates and provide learning experiences that will enrich the individual and benefit the individual’s practice, community, and profession.

How it works ~

The Power of Ten Leadership Program will provide ten recent graduates (graduated from a college of veterinary medicine with a DVM degree in the years 2009-2015) with six leadership development sessions over a seven-month period. IVMA will provide topic experts and meeting expenses at no charge for participants to attend sessions that not only convey the key learning points about leadership, but also deepen the understanding of class members on a number of related topics. Sessions will include six face-to-face sessions in Indianapolis.

Key Benefits ~
Through the Power of Ten, participants will:

- Develop fundamental understanding of leadership skills, personal branding, and emotional intelligence
- Deepen comprehension of communication styles and skills
- Gain the competency to utilize these skills within one’s life, practice, and community
- Experience a supportive environment that fosters meaningful interpersonal relationships and collaborative, lifelong interactions

Curriculum ~

- Personality assessments – understanding yourself and others to develop effective strategies to deal with different or difficult people/colleagues – our kick-off session is set for Wednesday, August 19, 2015, at Elanco Headquarters in Greenfield, IN
- Communication within the practice setting and with staff - Wednesday, September 23, 2015, at IVMA offices in downtown Indianapolis
- Helping you be the best you can be - understanding the principles of emotional intelligence - Thursday, October 29, 2015, Indianapolis
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- Regulatory Medicine and the Legislative Process - December 2015 - IN State Board of Animal Health Offices, Indianapolis
- Potpourri Day - a full day of key opinion leaders who will engage in time management, goal-setting, legal issues, and financial matters - an interactive day - January, 2016, IVMA offices in downtown Indianapolis

How do you sign up?
Fill out the Power of 10 application form online at www.invma.org and wait to hear from the selection committee. It is a tremendous opportunity. Don’t miss out!
On a Friday afternoon last July while on my way to pick up my daughter from daycare, I was enjoying my weekly geek-out time of Science Friday on NPR. The discussion with Dr. Hasam Alam addressed the use of swine in biomedical research, specifically models of uncontrolled hemorrhage and induced hypothermia to revive trauma patients (http://www.sciencefriday.com/segment/07/11/2014/could-inducing-hypothermia-help-revive-trauma-patients.html). The medical success (both in research and clinical settings) that has been documented with the fine-tuning of this technique was mind-boggling and encouraging – no one really plans for life-threatening, traumatic hemorrhage events in their day, but it is good to know that you have a fighting chance in the hands of a trauma team. I also found the tenderness with which Dr. Alam spoke of the study animals, pigs, equally inspiring. It is this attitude of appreciation and gratitude towards research animals that is often missed by critics of the use of animals in research.

Simply put, we must use live animals in research for a variety of reasons. Federal regulations (9CFR, FD&C A) require it for the approval of new drugs, treatments and medical devices. It would be highly unethical to test anything with unknown safety, efficacy, toxicity, etc. directly in humans. Enter purpose-bred research animals, the vast majority of which are rats and mice accounting for 95% of the vertebrates used in research. (Fessenden 2014) Other species utilized range from rabbits and guinea pigs to agricultural animals to a few non-human primates. (Kehinde 2013) Depending on the species involved, the purpose of the research (biomedical vs. agricultural), and the source of funding (ex: NIH vs. private), there are a host of laws, regulations and expectations that govern everything from animal procurement to housing to humane euthanasia. (USDA Animal Welfare Act, The ILAR Guide, Ag Guide, AVMA) The goal of this article is not to summarize the regulatory aspects of in vivo research, (i.e. the listed citations provide those resources) but to challenge some views and common (mis)perceptions surrounding the use of animals in research. Additionally, I do not support the use of research animals to test cosmetics, and there is no further discussion on this topic here – if vanity is that important to you, you can use your own eyes and skin to maximize the volume of your eyelashes and reduce the appearance of fine lines, wrinkles and age spots.

There is a global movement within the realm of in vivo research to incorporate the 3Rs – reduce, refine, replace. (http://www.nc3rs.org.uk/, Festing and Wilkinson 2007) Reduce the numbers of animals used in studies to the minimum needed to obtain statistically significant results. Refine experimental techniques to minimize pain and distress. Replace in vivo experiments with in vitro or in silico methods wherever possible and appropriate. Current research surrounding the 3Rs is astounding! However, implementation of the 3Rs is not enforced by the regulatory agencies; it is voluntary. The traction this movement has gained is due in large part to the increase in the validity of results obtained – because better welfare decreases variability and because it’s the right thing to do for the study animals both ethically and scientifically.

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Several veterinary groups will be holding major meetings in Indiana in the next few years. The need to defend Indiana as the friendly place we know it is became a big issue in March, one that blindsided many of us, and some of those groups needed reassurance. It is not my desire to stir up fresh discussion about an issue that showed us that even Indiana is not immune to the polarization that has gripped the rest of the country. But it grieved me to see my state turn into an “object lesson” overnight, and to need to reinforce that Hoosier hospitality is alive and well. Those who visit these national meetings in Indiana will see that. All I can say is that for me, someone who loves consensus, it was hard to see people in my state so divided.

Against that backdrop, I have been reminded why I love being a veterinarian and being a part of IVMA. After the worst had passed of the firestorm, I relished even more the chances to visit a district gathering and attend committee meetings where people enjoy such comradery and share productive ideas of how we can make our profession, and your association, work better. The review of the 2015 annual meeting, and vision-casting for ways to make Continuing Education opportunities better for Indiana veterinarians, was filled with fresh ideas from veterinarians that have been in practice less than two years and more than forty. As I looked around at those in attendance, it made me so happy to realize that, in a room where no two of us would begin to agree on all issues political, philosophical, or theological (or even the best place for lunch), we could work together to reach common goals.

The numbers for the annual meeting have been tallied, by the way, and it was a great success on the basis of several metrics. Attendance for veterinarians, technicians and assistants was the highest in years, financials were solid, and the speakers drew praise for the quality and practicality of their presentations. The Annual Meeting committee, under Dr. Tony Rumschlag’s diligent leadership, continues to look at ways to make our IVMA meeting an even greater value for our members.

Similarly, in addition to finding excellent, nationally-recognized speakers to fill the program at the annual meeting, the Continuing Education committee, under the leadership of the terrific Dr. Kristi Graham, is exploring new options for delivery of educational resources to veterinarians. Our members continue to say that quality continuing education is one of the most important things IVMA can provide. It is true that the landscape has changed for CE in recent years, with numerous opportunities available that didn’t exist a while back. But the need to have a group like the IVMA provide options that others cannot is still great. As a state association, we can offer learning opportunities for subjects, give variety, and gather speakers that rival the big national meetings, but in our own backyard and at a lower cost. One option for members to receive a no-cost CE credit is available on the IVMA website, where our own Dr. Sandi Norman’s module on Rabies is still available. The committee is also looking at options like “Destination CE” and other good opportunities for the future.

The IVMA Board of Directors met in early March to set strategic plans in place and identified objectives to achieve the goals we have set. While I will share more about those objectives, and how we are progressing toward completing them, in future messages, I will mention a couple, especially since they relate to issues of our annual meeting and address some of the concerns about new challenges to the business side of veterinary practice.

In one, we have asked the Ethics committee, chaired by Dr. Jerry Rodenbarger, to investigate the ways we can establish strong ethical guidelines for our interactions with veterinary industry groups. We have long had a great partnership with many of these businesses, and we want to be sure that our public face reflects the ethical nature of those partnerships and eliminates potential conflicts, particularly in our meetings and continuing educational offerings. Dr. Rodenbarger has led this committee at a high level in the past, and I know he and its members will shepherd this issue likewise.

President-elect James Stepusin will convene a “Brain Trust” (how I love that description!) to investigate the laws associated with practice ownership in Indiana, especially as they relate to those in other states, and offer recommendations if they find that changes may be warranted. Much of this is based on the changing landscape of veterinary practices in Indiana, their ownership, and federal tax status. We expect to hear from this group before the end of 2015.

That’s just some of what people are busy doing as I write this message. I can’t fully express my appreciation for their work. Springtime is full of promise, with everything in bloom, high school and college (and veterinary school!) graduations, and a sense of all things coming back to life. Maybe that forms some of my optimism, but I do see a profession where new technologies make life for us and our patients better, and where new graduates and seasoned practitioners collaborate on ways to make the veterinary profession a career that still ranks as a “dream job” for so many. We will indeed be blindsided by unanticipated events, but I am so thankful that my colleagues in the IVMA, out of diverse experience and opinion, continue to work together so effectively.

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“ONE WELFARE” - Continued

So now on to the ‘elephant in the room’….euthanasia of study animals. Yes, the majority of research animals are euthanized. While one could argue that “most of these are rodents so who cares?” I tell you that I care, anyone who took the veterinarian’s oath cares, and the public cares. Luckily, we have a wealth of information and resources available to prevent unnecessary suffering and guide us in providing timely and humane euthanasia. Humane euthanasia is an important part of in vivo research; clinical signs can only tell you so much about safety, efficacy, toxicity, etc. We need tissue samples and necropsy findings to complete the picture for new drugs, therapies and devices.

The good news is that when death is not required by study design, other options exist such as adoption, transfer of ownership, sale (ex: livestock), or return to colony. What is important to remember when considering these options is that no one alternative is appropriate for every research animal. Genetically engineered animals (ex: GEM mice) should remain in research settings. Animals with treatable/contagious/infectious diseases must be confirmed disease-free before leaving the research environment (ex: heartworm positive dogs). If the condition cannot be resolved or managed, then the animal is not a good candidate for placement elsewhere. Even for healthy cats and dogs, not every potentially adoptable animal is a good candidate for adoption. It can be really difficult for some people to reconcile with this idea. There are, for example, research beagles that are exceptionally timid, have never been exposed to normal household noises, children, stairs, etc. and are near impossible to house train. The adoptability of that dog versus one who is gregarious with a more adaptable personality is clear. If there is the possibility for a successful adoption, research facilities should work to socialize and habituate the animals to life outside of a research setting. Another variable when considering adoption is the person/group adopting the animals. Every adoption of a research animal places that research organization at risk for negative publicity and slandering if the wrong people have the animal. The Beagle Freedom Project is a prime example of this – it is led by animal rights extremists who see the dogs as instruments to use to gain media exposure for their anti-research messages. But this is not a reason to not permit adoption of research animals, just a constant reminder to be diligent and cautious. Dr. Larry Carbone said it best in an AWIC Newsletter, “If we defend animal research by claiming that we only use, harm, or kill research animals when necessary, then it follows that we will want to do our best to ensure good lives for those animals whose sacrifice is not required by our science.” (Carbone 1996)

In the end, research involving live animals is required by law. Additionally, humane treatment of the animals and ensuring good welfare is required by law, by public demand and by the policies of research organizations. For as long as we have unmet medical needs, there will be a need for responsible use of animals in research. The following are some of the reputable organizations supporting the responsible use of animals in research:

AAALAC International – Association for assessment and accreditation of laboratory animal care http://aaalac.org/
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Since the introduction of the eCVI, BOAH staff members have trained close to 200 veterinarians from more than 100 veterinary clinics to use the computer-based tools. Over the past year, BOAH has seen significant growth in the use of electronic CVIs and the number submitted each month.

Electronic CVIs may be used for all species, whether the animal is going to an exhibition or moving to another state. In 2014, more than 3,700 eCVIs were issued in Indiana. The majority were issued for swine, cattle, dogs and equine. In 2014, 84% of the eCVIs were for 110,000-plus head of swine, 11% for more than 14,000 head of cattle, 2% for 3,000 dogs and 2% for 2,320 equine.

Types of Electronic CVIs

BOAH accepts three different types of electronic CVIs. All of which may be signed and submitted electronically, eliminating the need to mail a paper copy to BOAH. Using eCVIs saves clinics money on postage and ensures faster delivery than paper CVIs.

Indiana’s eCVI is a free, fillable PDF provided to any interested practitioner who is licensed and accredited in Indiana. All you need to complete an IN eCVI is a computer and a copy of Adobe’s free Adobe Reader software. You do not have to be connected to the internet to create, sign, and print an IN eCVI, but you will need internet access to submit the IN eCVI to BOAH via e-mail.

Indiana’s iCVI is a free app available for iPads only, through the Apple App Store. The iCVI app is not currently available for iPhones or Android tablets. Indiana’s iCVI is currently in the pilot phase of its development and BOAH is seeking veterinarians interested in testing the app and providing feedback. The iCVI may be created, signed and printed without access to the internet. The app will automatically submit signed CVIs to BOAH the next time the iPad connects to the internet via WiFi.

Global VetLINK’s electronic CVI is an online fee-based service that requires access to the internet to create, manage and submit eCVIs. This system, which does require a fee to use, includes additional features that allow more flexibility and access for the client and the practitioner.

Training on Electronic CVIs

If you and your clinic staff are interested in learning how to use the Indiana eCVI or iCVI, contact Kara Hammes at (317)544-2394 or kahammes@boah.in.gov. A BOAH representative will come to your clinic to train you and your staff.

For more information on eCVIs/iCVIs visit BOAH’s website at: www.in.gov/boah/2522.htm.

Names in the News

Dr. Megan Inskeep (NC State ‘10), Rensselaer, recently received the Young Swine Veterinarian of the Year Award from the American Association of Swine Veterinarians. This award is given to an AASV member who graduated within the preceding five years and has provided exemplary service and proficiency.
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The IVMA Leadership Committee is seeking applicants for IVMA Vice President, Treasurer, and AVMA Delegate.

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New this year! The Dog Jog is partnering with Almost Home Humane Society to have adoptable dogs running in our race! There will be a booth at the finish line to provide additional information about Almost Home as well as representatives there to fill out adoption paper work. Come run with us and find your new furry friend! All these dogs are looking for forever homes!
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Congratulations Purdue Veterinary Medicine Class of 2015

On Sunday, May 17, 2015, the Purdue College of Veterinary Medicine graduated the following students listed below. On behalf of the IVMA, we welcome them to the profession and send along our best wishes for a fulfilling and successful career!

Michelle Ahmann
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Kathryn turnbull
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Courtney Wasson
Kimberly Wiers
Justine Yatski
David Zimmer
Glad You Asked That!

Below are a few questions that have been asked by IVMA members over the last few weeks. Answers are provided below. As always, though, consult your own legal counsel for specific legal advice.

Question: I believe I may have a client who is abusing their pet’s Tramadol medicine. What should I do?

Answer: One option in this situation, if you suspect abuse, is to terminate the relationship. It would be best to do this in writing. Another option might be to administer the drug directly to the animal. Indiana law does not require the veterinarian to report this to the authorities. I would caution you to be wary about reporting unless you have specific, first-hand knowledge. If the client is wrongfully taking advantage of the prescription, the pharmacist should have a duty to report.

Question: How long do I have to keep animal health records?

Answer: You must keep animal health records for three (3) years after the last encounter with the animal.

Question: What must be contained in an animal health record?

Answer: Below is the part of the Indiana statute relative to animal health records.

IC 25-38.1-4-5.5 Maintenance of veterinary medical records; copies; confidentiality

Sec. 5.5. (a) Each person who provides veterinary medical services shall maintain medical records, as defined by rules adopted by the board.

(b) Veterinary medical records include the following:

1. Written records and notes, radiographs, sonographic images, video recordings, photographs or other images, and laboratory reports.

2. Other information received as the result of consultation.

3. Identification of any designated agent of the owner for the purpose of authorizing veterinary medical or animal health care decisions.

4. Any authorizations, releases, waivers, or other related documents.

(c) The client is entitled to a copy or summary of the veterinary medical records. A veterinarian may charge a reasonable fee for copying or summarizing the requested veterinary medical record. The veterinarian may require that the request be in writing.

Note that it is important to document, document, document. Further, it is appropriate to include in the animal health record communication you have with the client regarding treatment options and if diagnostics were offered or recommended, if referral was offered or recommended, and if the client refused the recommended diagnostics, treatment plan, or referral.
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