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President's Message

President's Message

By Dr. Lisa Esposito

I would like to open my message by expressing gratitude to my fellow members of the VMA for allowing me the honor of being President of the Veterinary Medical Association of New York City.

We should all be proud to be members of this organization, one of the oldest in the country, founded in 1894. Our mission: "to improve and advance the education of veterinarians and the science of veterinary medicine; to foster and maintain high standards of integrity, honor, courtesy, and ethics within the profession; to foster protection of the public health; and enlighten and inform the public in regards to veterinary medicine, science and knowledge and avoidance of cruelty to animals, wherein it affects the public good and welfare."

The current and past executive board's members of the VMA of NYC do an excellent job in carrying out the mission of the VMA. I would like to highlight some of the roles of the executive board members. For example, our strong continuing education curriculum by Dr Mark Peterson, and our public health liaison, Dr Sally Slavinski, who keeps us up to date on public health concerns. Dr John Sangiorgio, our political liaison, puts the VMA's positioning statements forefront at city /state legislation hearings and promotes the VMA's proposed puppy mill legislation (AG& Markets 26A.). Dr Mari Morimoto, social committee, who recently organized the Westminster Show Veterinary Staff with excellence, has organized several successful social events.

NYSAVE, the philanthropic arm of the VMA exemplifies our desire to help the public and relieve any unnecessary suffering of animals due to financial constraints. Several of our board members, past and present, have founded NYSAVE and continue to promote this organization. This is a small representation of the Executive Board of the VMA of 2011. I applaud the acumen of the board and their willingness to volunteer their valuable time to promote the mission of the Veterinary Medical Association of NYC.

Furthermore, this year we are proud to have the former VMA of NYC President and Board Member, Dr Eric Bregman, serve as the New York State Veterinary Medical Society President.

I encourage the members of the VMA to come forth and join one of the VMA's committees and to eventually become active members of the executive board for a very important role in one's life as a dedicated New York City Veterinarian.

Thank you and many good wishes for a healthy and prosperous 2011.

Lisa A. Esposito, DVM

Come Sail and Celebrate at the annual Veterinary Medical Association's Dinner Dance and Award Ceremony, Saturday, April 16th aboard the World Yacht Cruise Line (www.worldyacht.com).

We are proud to announce the honorees for this year:

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| Merit | Mark Salemi DVM and John Sykes DVM |
| Veterinarian of the Year | Eric Bregman DVM |
| Outstanding Service to Veterinary Medicine | Sam Soliman DVM |
| Distinguished Life Service | Alexander Miller DVM |



The night will be elegant and entertaining as we sail around Manhattan, dance, and enjoy merriment with our distinguished colleagues. Furthermore, we will raise money for the VMA's philanthropic arm, NYSAVE. All members are encouraged to attend. Please reserve early this year as capacity is limited.

New York Save Pet Memorial Program

By Effie Cooper

As a veterinarian you probably make contributions to veterinary institutions or humane organizations in memory of your clients' pets. NY SAVE has a similar program to support its mission of funding a percentage of the costs of emergency veterinary care for pets owned by low-income New Yorkers. Some of these pets may be among your clients now, and their owners could one day be unable to pay the cost of your professional services. That's when NY SAVE hopes to be able to step-in with some financial aid.

We believe that the NY SAVE Pet Memorial Program provides a most appropriate way for you to show that you share your clients' grief on the loss of their beloved pets. In a sense, these remembered pets are guardian angels to other pets who need emergency veterinary care.

To send a pet memorial to a client who has recently lost a pet, you may use the sample card printed below. Send it with your check made payable to NY SAVE (minimum gift per pet is just \$10) and we will send you more cards that you may use to have gifts made in memory of pets. We will also see that the pet's name is added to our website pages of Pet Memorials (see www.nysave.org)

Your initial contribution will enroll you in the program. If you have any questions, please feel free to call NY SAVE at (212) 246-0057 during regular business hours (9 AM to 5 PM) Monday thru Thursday.

NY SAVE PET MEMORIAL PROGRAM

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NYC, NY 10019

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The Animal Health Committee

Dr Amy Attas, VMD Chairperson

The Animal Health Committee serves to inform members of the VMA of NYC about health concerns, regulation changes, emerging diseases and other issues regarding animal health that are of interest to our general membership. I invite all members of our organization to provide input to us regarding topical issues. Please contact me by email at dramy@citypetsvets.com to suggest a topic or submit a piece for our next newsletter.

AT HOME SHARPS DISPOSAL

We are all aware of the proper disposal of sharps in our veterinary practices. I was never sure what to do with sharps that had been dispensed for client's use at home. My practice was inundated with bags, boxes and jars of used 19 gauge needles from subcutaneous fluids administration and syringes from diabetic pet use. According to New York City Department of Sanitation regulations, you may instruct your clients on how to dispose of these sharps properly in household garbage so that the sharps don't come back to your practice. Here are some points to follow to have clients contain the used sharps safely in their own homes:

- Use a puncture-resistant, plastic container with a tight-fitting screw top. A plastic soda bottle or bleach bottle will work. (You can also provide small, plastic sharps disposal containers available from your medical supply distributor.) Don't use glass because it can break. Coffee cans are not recommended because the plastic lids come off too easily and may leak.
- Label the container clearly. Write "Contains Sharps" with a waterproof marker directly on the container or on masking tape that is placed on the container.
- Put used syringes, needles or lancets immediately into your container. Screw on the top.
- Don't clip, bend or recap the syringes, needles or lancets because you could injure yourself.
- If you are away from home or there are no sharps containers available, carefully recap all syringes, needles or lancets and place them in a plastic bag to carry home or to a sharps collection site.
- The person who uses the syringes, needles or lancets should place them directly into a container.
- Keep the container away from children!
- When the container is three-quarters full, screw on the cap tightly. Seal it with heavy-duty tape to be extra-safe.
- Bring used sharps to any hospital or nursing home in New York as all NY hospitals and nursing homes are required by law to act as collection centers for the take-back of used household sharps. For more information visit http://www.health.state.ny.us/diseases/aids/harm_reduction/needles_syringes/sharps/directory_sharpscollection.htm
- If that is not an option, New York City law allows disposal of household sharps that are properly packaged and labeled with household trash. http://www.nyc.gov/html/nycwasteless/html/at_home/medical.shtml
- **Do Not Put the Sharps Container out with the Recyclable Plastics; Sharps Are Not Recyclable.**

Website Committee

Alexandra van der Woerd

Please take a moment to check your personal information on the website of the VMA of NYC at www.vmanyc.org. You can find it under "pet owners", then "find a veterinarian"

If you need to make changes to your information, please e-mail me directly at Sandra.vanderwoerd@amcny.org

We are looking for members to help maintain the website and add additional information as needed. If you have interested in helping out with the website, please either E-mail Ms Cooper at VMA-NYC@aol.com, or myself at Sandra.vanderwoerd@amcny.org

Thank you in advance!

Alexandra van der Woerd



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Liaison Committee

Amy I. Attas, V.M.D.

The Liaison Committee serves to inform members of our VMA about continuing education and new and interesting events or changes which affect our community. On a quarterly basis, coinciding with the publication of our newsletter, I reach out to some of the larger referral institutions to inquire if there is anything upcoming which would benefit our membership and/or their clients. I invite you to contact me if your hospital has information that you would like to share with our membership at dramy@citypetsvets.com.

News from the Animal Medical Center (AMC):

Continuing Education

The AMC will be hosting at least five RACE approved continuing education programs in 2011 known as *Partners in Practice*. All will be held at the Animal Medical Center located at 510 East 62nd Street in Manhattan. The next schedule PIP, "Management of Urinary Tract Disease" will be on Sunday, April 10. For information or to reserve space for this free continuing education event contact Dr. Phil Fox at Philip.fox@amcny.org

The AMC has announced three specialist hires. Dr. Avery Bennett, DACVS has joined their surgical staff. Dr. Bennett has a special interest in oncologic and exotic and zoo animal surgery as well as orthopedics. Dr. Jennifer Margaret Good, DACVECC will be joining the Critical Care Department. Dr. Maria Camps, DACVIM (Internal Medicine, Oncology) will join both the internal medicine and oncology departments at AMC. Drs. Mark Havig and Serge Chalhoub have recently left the Animal Medical Center.

News from NYC Veterinary Specialists:

NYCVS will be hosting monthly continuing education seminars. Topics will be repeated at each of the three hospital locations whose addresses are listed below. Dinner and refreshments are served. All seminars are free and begin at 7 PM. To rsvp for any of these evenings, please contact Dr. David Wohlstadter at drwdvm@nycvs.com.

Manhattan
410 West 55th St
(Bet 9th and 10th Avenues)
New York, NY 10019

Queens
107-28 71st Rd
(Bet Austin St and Queens Blvd)
Forest Hills, NY 11375

Brooklyn
32 4th Ave
(at Pacific St)
Brooklyn, NY 11217

The March seminar will be on Critical Care and is entitled "Coagulation Disorders in the Dog and Cat". It will be held on March 15th (Queens), March 16th (Manhattan) and March 24th (Brooklyn). The April subject will be an Internal Medicine topic; although the title was not known at the time of this newsletter the dates are April 19th (Queens), April 20th (Manhattan) and April 21st (Brooklyn). The May dates and subject were not determined at this time. The subject of the continuing education in June will be dermatology-"Management of Head and Neck Pruritus in Cats" and will be held on June 14th (Queens), June 15th (Manhattan) and June 16th (Brooklyn).

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Liaison Committee continued.....

Amy I. Attas, V.M.D.

News from Fifth Avenue Veterinary Specialists:

FAVS will be hosting a continuing education evening on Tuesday May 17th from 7 to 10 pm. Internal Medicine and Surgical topics will be presented by Dr Jessica Chavkin, VMD, DACVIM and Dr. Kate Margalit, DVM (practice limited to surgery). Passed Hors d'oeuvres and non-alcoholic beverages will be served. This event is free and will be held at The Union Square Ballroom, 27 Union Square West in Manhattan. To rsvp, please contact Monica Dunn at Monica.dunn@vcahospitals.com. Additional CE events are scheduled for September 20, 2011 and November 15th, 2011 at the same location, but speakers and topics have not yet been confirmed.

FAVS hosts a weekly grief and bereavement workshop every Tuesday evening at 7:30 pm at the hospital location 1 West 15th Street. This group is complementary and open to anyone who needs it. The workshop is led by Irene Javors, M. Ed. FAVS has partnered with Exclusive Pet Services to provide complimentary car service transportation for your clients and their pets to and from the hospital for first time specialty referral appointments. Clients should speak with one of FAVS' client care specialists at the time the appointment is made to make arrangements for transportation. Their number is 212 924-3311.

News from Veterinary Emergency and Referral Group (VERG):

VERG will be offering mobile ultrasounds and internal medicine consults in Brooklyn starting in March. VERG will also offer mobile echocardiograms and cardiology consults in Manhattan starting in March. For more information contact Dr. Brett Levitzke, Medical Director at blevitzke@verg-brooklyn.com.

The Membership Committee

Alexandra van der Woerd

A total of 28 veterinarians were introduced as new or returning members of the VMA of NYC between September 2010 and February 2011. They are as follows:

September, 2010

Dr Konstantine Barsky
Dr Jodie Poller
Dr Catherine Reid
Dr Roni Yahalom-Golan
Dr Sophie Baron
Dr Cara Bunning
Dr Carly Czuba
Dr Adina Kahn
Dr Andrea Tu
Dr Bonnie Wong
Dr Kim Isabel Barlowe

October, 2010

Dr Maria Camps
Dr Kelley Cummings
Dr. Danielle Hammer
Dr. Jennifer Kingsley
Dr. Kimberly Levine
Dr. Douglas Palma
Dr. Angelo Resado
Dr. Edward von der Schmidt

November, 2010

Dr Nani Cha
Dr Martin Kamen
Dr Carrie Osterman

December, 2010

Dr Laura Parke
Dr Maria Colon-Muldero
Dr Linnia Munro

February, 2011

Dr Kimberly Kahn
Dr Tracy Sane
Dr Judith Schwartz

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Calendar of Events

Committee Report

Program Committee

Dr. Mark E. Peterson, Chairman

The schedule of the VMA of NYC Continuing Education meetings for the 2011-2012 calendar years is listed below, including the speakers and topics. All 2011 meetings will be held at the Pfizer Headquarters Building, 235 E. 42nd Street, NYC, in the Tudor Room located on the 2nd Floor. The meetings will start at 7 PM. Please bring photo ID with you to allow entry into the Pfizer facility. Members of the VMA of NYC are automatically registered to attend the meetings, but guests need to be added to the attendance list in advance of each meeting date.

April 6, 2011

Speaker: Andrea Looney DVM, Dip. ACVA, College of Veterinary Medicine, Cornell University
Topic: Pain Management

May 4, 2011

Speaker: Steve Dale, Chicago Tribune and Winn Feline Foundation
Topics: Dogs Weren't Bred to Be Couch Potatoes: Why We Must Enrich Dogs' Lives
Brain Dead Fat Cats: Why We Must Enrich Our Cats' Lives

June 1, 2011

Speaker: C. Guillermo Couto, DVM, Dip. ACVIM, College of Veterinary Medicine, The Ohio State University
Topic: Coagulopathies

September 7, 2011

Speaker: Candace A. Sousa, DVM, Dip. ACVD, ABVP (Canine & Feline Practice)
Topic: What About Methicillin-Resistant Staph?

October 5, 2011

Speaker: James Flanders, DVM, Dip. ACVS, College of Veterinary Medicine, Cornell University
Topic: Soft tissue Surgery

November 2, 2011

Speaker: Thomas Graves, DVM, PhD, Dip. ACVIM, College of Veterinary Medicine
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Topic: Insulin and Diabetes

December 7, 2011

Speaker: David Twedt, DVM, Dip. ACVIM, College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences
Colorado State University
Topic: Feline Pancreatitis and Hepatic Disease

January 4, 2012

Speaker: Catharine Scott-Moncrieff, DVM, Dip. ACVIM, ECVIM
Department of Veterinary Clinical Sciences Purdue University, Indiana
Topic: Endocrinology (more specific topics TBA later)

February 1, 2012

Speaker: TBA
Topic: Open

March 7, 2012

Speaker: Bonnie G. Cambell, DVM, Dip. ACVS, College of Veterinary Medicine Washington State University
Topic: Soft Tissue Surgery (more specific topics TBA later)

April 4, 2012

Speaker: Margie Scherk DVM, Dip. ABVP, Editor, Journal of Feline Medicine and Surgery Vancouver, BC Canada
Topic: Advances in Feline Medicine

Remember, our Continuing Education program is meant for our VMA of NYC members, so please do not ever hesitate to provide your input and suggestions for great speaker or timely topics to make our C.E. program the best it can be. I can always be contacted via email (mark@animalendocrine.com). Or feel free to call me in my office (212.362.2650) or on my mobile phone (646.415.4131) if you have any suggestions.

2011 Westminster Recap

By Mari Morimoto, DVM WKC Coordinator

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SEGAR / REUTERS

I am happy to report that the 135th Annual Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show went smoothly, both in the ring and behind the scenes. This year, the weather was great (especially Monday), there were no PETA protesters, and Hickory (a.k. a. Grand Champion Foxcliffe Hickory Wind) took the coveted crown, the first ever Scottish Deerhound to do so.



It was a very interesting competition this year, with more than half of the group winners representing breeds that had never won Best in Show, two breeds that had never even won Best in Group (Chinese Sharpei and Portuguese Water Dog), and one breed that had only won BIG once before (Bearded Collie), plus an international Best in Show judge, Paolo Dondina, the first Italian to ever judge BIS. The other six group winners were: Ladybug the Portuguese Water Dog (Working Group), Mister Baggins the Bearded Collie (Herding Group), Malachy the Pekingese (Toy Group), Adam the Smooth Fox Terrier (Terrier Group), Beckham the Black Cocker Spaniel (Sporting Group), and last but not least, Jayne the Chinese Sharpei (Non-Sporting Group).

I would like to thank my almost 30-strong crew of VMA members who volunteered their time to help man the Veterinarian's Office during move-in day and the two days of showing. They absolutely contributed to the show running smoothly, triaging dogs to determine who was truly ill versus those whose owners or handlers were trying to get a quick and easy ticket out of the show after losing in the ring. This year again, we saw a number of folks inquiring about International Health Certificates for travel either back to the dog's home country or to a new home abroad.

I am also extremely grateful that for the second year straight, there were no incidents or complaints involving either our volunteers or their guests such as had plagued us in previous years. As for next year, the dates for the 136th Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show are tentatively February 12, 13, and 14, 2012!

Dog Import/Export

By Sally Slavinski DVM, MPH, DACVPM

Guidance on Bringing a Dog into the United States

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) regulates the importation of animals and animal products capable of causing human disease. Pets taken out of the United States are subject upon return to the same regulations as those entering for the first time. The rules for bringing domestic dogs into the United States are covered under U.S. regulation [42 CFR 71.51](http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/cfr_2003/octqtr/42cfr71.51.htm) (http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/cfr_2003/octqtr/42cfr71.51.htm).

- A general certificate of health is NOT required by CDC for entry of pet dogs into the United States, although some airlines or states may require them.
- However, pet dogs are subject to inspection at ports of entry and may be denied entry if they have evidence of an infectious disease that can be transmitted to humans.
- Pet dogs are subject to inspection at ports of entry.
- Dogs must have a certificate showing they have been vaccinated against rabies at least 30 days prior to entry into the United States (unless they are coming from a rabies free county, see below). These requirements apply equally to service animals such as Seeing Eye dogs.
 - If they do not have proof of rabies vaccination or are too young to be vaccinated (i.e. less than 3 months of age), they may be admitted if the importer completes a confinement agreement form [CDC 75.37](http://www.cdc.gov/animalimportation/pdf/dog-import.pdf) (<http://www.cdc.gov/animalimportation/pdf/dog-import.pdf>) and confines the animal until it is considered adequately vaccinated against rabies (the vaccine is not considered effective until 30 days after the date of vaccination). Dogs may not be sold or transferred to other owners during this period of confinement, and the person that signs the confinement agreement is responsible for ensuring the conditions of the agreement are met. Importers must provide a contact address where the dog will be kept during the confinement period. If the importer will be housing the dog at several addresses or traveling with the animal, all points of contact must be provided. *Bringing a Dog into the U S cont. on pg 11.....*

Bringing a Dog into the United States continued...

- Puppies too young to be vaccinated (i.e. less than 3 months of age) must be kept in confinement until they are old enough to be vaccinated, and then confined for at least 30 days after the date of vaccination.
- Unvaccinated dogs must be vaccinated within 4 days of arrival at their final U.S. destination and within 10 days of entry into the United States, and must be kept in confinement for at least 30 days after the date of vaccination.
- Unvaccinated dogs may be imported without a requirement for proof of rabies vaccination if they have been located for a minimum of 6 months or more in countries that are free of rabies (<http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/yellowbook/2010/chapter-2/rabies.aspx#785>).
- Following importation, all dogs are subject to state and local vaccination or health certificate requirements. All pet dogs arriving in Hawaii (<http://hawaii.gov/hdoa/ai/aqs/info>) and Guam (<http://ns.gov.gu/pets.html>), even from the U.S. mainland, are subject to locally imposed quarantine requirements. Additional information can be found in the Compendium of Animal Rabies Prevention and Control (<http://www.nyc.gov/html/doh/html/cd/cdrab-faq.shtml#prof>).
- There are no separate CDC regulations for dogs to be used for commercial purposes, rather than as pets. When importing puppies, the importer is responsible for maintaining quarantine according to the vaccination and confinement agreement signed at the time of importation.

Internet Adoption Scams Involving Imported Pets

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has learned that Internet scammers are falsely representing themselves as CDC employees in e-mails to U.S. citizens.

In this scam, victims are asked to send money overseas to adopt a dog. The “importer” tells the victim that a CDC quarantine station is holding the dog and lists numerous conditions that must be met, including payment of fees, before the dog can be released. **This is not accurate as CDC does not quarantine dogs, nor does it require a fee to bring them into the country.**

Typical Animal Adoption Scams

CDC cautions consumers to be aware of the potential for fraud involving the commercial trade of animals. Similar scams have been reported for quite some time, usually involving dogs, cats, or monkeys. In most of these scams, victims respond to newspaper or Internet ads offering animals for adoption in exchange for shipping costs.

Typically, the person offering the animal for adoption lives in another country and claims to be looking for a good home for the animal. Victims pay shipping fees up front but never receive the animal. In many cases, they learn that the animal never existed and/or that it is illegal to import certain animals (such as nonhuman primates) as pets.

Tips for Avoiding Animal Adoption Scams to Share with Clients

- Be extremely cautious of offers for animal adoptions from overseas.
- Check all references the importer provides.
- Independently verify each piece of information given to you about a potential international pet adoption. For example, if the importer gives you the telephone number of the airline they will be using to send the animal, look up the telephone number for that airline yourself through the telephone directory or the internet and call the airline to verify the shipping information provided by the importer.
- Avoid situations in which money is requested before shipment.
- Learn about federal requirements for shipping animals
- Report scams to the Internet site or newspaper posting the classified advertisement, and consider reporting [Internet Fraud](#) to federal authorities.
- If a deal sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

Guidance on Bringing a Dog to Another Country

Understanding the requirements and paperwork needed for a pet to travel to another country can be confusing. Each country has its own import regulations but the USDA-APHIS is available to provide assistance regarding country specific requirements and documents.

- First, find out what the country requirements are. You have three ways to do this; you can visit the USDA website which has general information as well as a list of countries and their individual requirements at www.aphis.usda.gov/regulations/vs/iregs/animals/; in addition, you can contact the country's consulate or embassy whose contact information can be found on the US State Department Website at www.state.gov/s/cpr/rls/fco/springsummer/index.htm or <http://embassy.org/embassies/>; and lastly you can call the USDA APHIS Area Veterinarian-in-Charge (VIC) who may have updated requirements that are not reflected on the website. The VIC office contact information for the New York is (518) 218-7540.
- Second, make sure the pet owner contacts the airline the pet will be traveling on to inquire about airline specific requirements.
- Many, but not all, countries require the **APHIS Form 7001 US Interstate and International Certificate of Health Examination of Small Animals**. This form is available online at www.aphis.usda.gov/library/forms/pdf/APHIS7001.pdf Other countries may have their own country specific certificate, this is usually the case with many of the European Union countries, and may be available on the USDA website under the country specific information.
- Some countries, but not all, also require that the health certificate is filled out by a USDA accredited veterinarian. If you are not accredited but would like to be, see below. If you need to find an accredited veterinarian to issue a certificate for a client, contact the VIC office listed above.
- If the country requires that the certificate is endorsed by the USDA, you must send the certificate to the USDA Area Office in Albany with a return self-addressed stamped envelope. In addition, the NY USDA Area Office suggested that the USDA office located at JFK airport can also provide a stamp in person during normal business hours. For mailing addresses, phone numbers and business hours visit www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/area_offices/states/newyork_info.html#userfees
- Give yourself time as it may require days to weeks to complete the process. Another thing to consider is advance notification. Some countries require advance notification that an animal will be arriving. For example Japan must receive notice 40 days prior to the animal arriving.
- In addition to a health certificate, there may be other requirements such as rabies testing, proof of rabies and other vaccination, proof of identification, or age restrictions, etc., or possibly quarantine of the pet upon arrival into the country.
- As a reminder, USDA accreditation orientations will be held this year at the Cornell College of Veterinary Medicine in March, June, September and December. For more information visit

*Copy of the **APHIS Form 7001 US Interstate and International Certificate of Health Examination of Small Animals***

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| USDA License/Registration Number (if applicable) | | 5. PERTINENT VACCINATION, TREATMENT, AND TESTING HISTORY | | | |
| 7. ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION | | 8. RABIES VACCINATION | | | |
| NAME AND/OR TATTOO NUMBER OR OTHER IDENTIFICATION | BREED - COMMON OR SCIENTIFIC NAME | AGE | SEX | COLOR OR DISTINCTIVE MARKS OR MICROCHIP | 1 YEAR <input type="checkbox"/> 2 YEARS <input type="checkbox"/> 3 YEARS <input type="checkbox"/> Vaccination Date _____ Product _____ |
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