

## **Veterinary License Renewal Will Soon Be Here**

Your veterinary license will expire on October 15, 2009. Renewal information will be sent to you on or before August 15, 2009, from the Professional Licensing Agency (PLA). All information will be sent to the last address of record. Please make sure that PLA has your current address. You should do this as soon as possible.

If you need to change your address, you can call, email, fax, or send a letter with the change of address for your veterinary license to PLA. 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, 2009. This is the quickest way to renew your veterinary license. If you would prefer to have a paper renewal sent to you, please contact the Professional Licensing Agency after August 15, 2009.

Practitioners will be required to have forty (40) hours of continuing education in the practice of veterinary medicine from the period *October 15, 2007 to October 15, 2009*. 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 fines 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 fines 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 \$1000 and Controlled Substances Registration is \$60. There is a \$50 late fee in addition to these fees if you renew after October 15, 2009. 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 Professional Licensing Agency:

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