



IVFSA

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WELCOME TO THE

Fall Newsletter



Hello Everyone:

Your IVFSA leadership team and board have been focused on delivering activities and resources to benefit you in your work while keeping our mission & strategic plan at the forefront.

Some exciting developments that I hope you'll check out are the launch of the new website and the announcement about our upcoming annual conference which will be held in Florida in May 2025.

Our strategic plan is divided into four workgroups that are all making steady and exciting progress! Here's a quick update for you:

Increasing membership: The more members we have, the more work we get done and the more networking and expertise our organization has to share. You can help by making certain that your colleagues know about the IVFSA. Send the link to the website to your contacts today! You'll be hearing more about what this group is working on in the coming months.

Delivery of knowledge and information: Watch for the new webinar series and registration for the annual conference to open!

Online presence: We now have an increased reach through social media, the website, and more. Be sure to find us on social media!

Governance and operations: All board positions are filled; Bylaws continue to be updated, and the updated policy and procedures manual is almost complete.

Each day, as I focus my professional efforts on helping with animal cruelty cases where needed and delivering education to the professionals working these situations, I am energized by what the IVFSA has to offer each of us and the potential for continued growth and development of this vital organization.

Please check the website regularly for updates and email any of your officers if you have ideas, questions, or insights about what is needed out there.

Thank you in advance for your membership and helping the IVFSA continue to grow and prosper!

Best regards,
Dr. O



In this newsletter you will find:

2025 Conference updates, IVFSA webinar series, forum opportunities



2025 IVFSA Conference

The 2025 Veterinary Forensics Conference will be held May 14–16 at Clearwater Beach Marriott Suites on Sand Key, in Clearwater, Florida. We are pleased to announce that we are partnering with the FIU Global Forensic and Justice Center to offer two pre-conference workshops to support the diverse membership of IVFSA.

Keynote Speakers

This year's conference will feature keynote addresses from two esteemed experts: Dr. Marty Becker, a leading figure in veterinary medicine and animal behavior, and Dr. Temple Grandin, a renowned authority on animal welfare.



On May 13th, two pre-conference workshops will be held at the FIU Global Justice and Forensic Center.

One will be geared towards law enforcement and animal control officers, while the second will be geared towards veterinary medical professionals and pathologists. Stay tuned!

Accommodations

The conference will be held at the Clearwater Beach Marriott Suites on Sand Key.

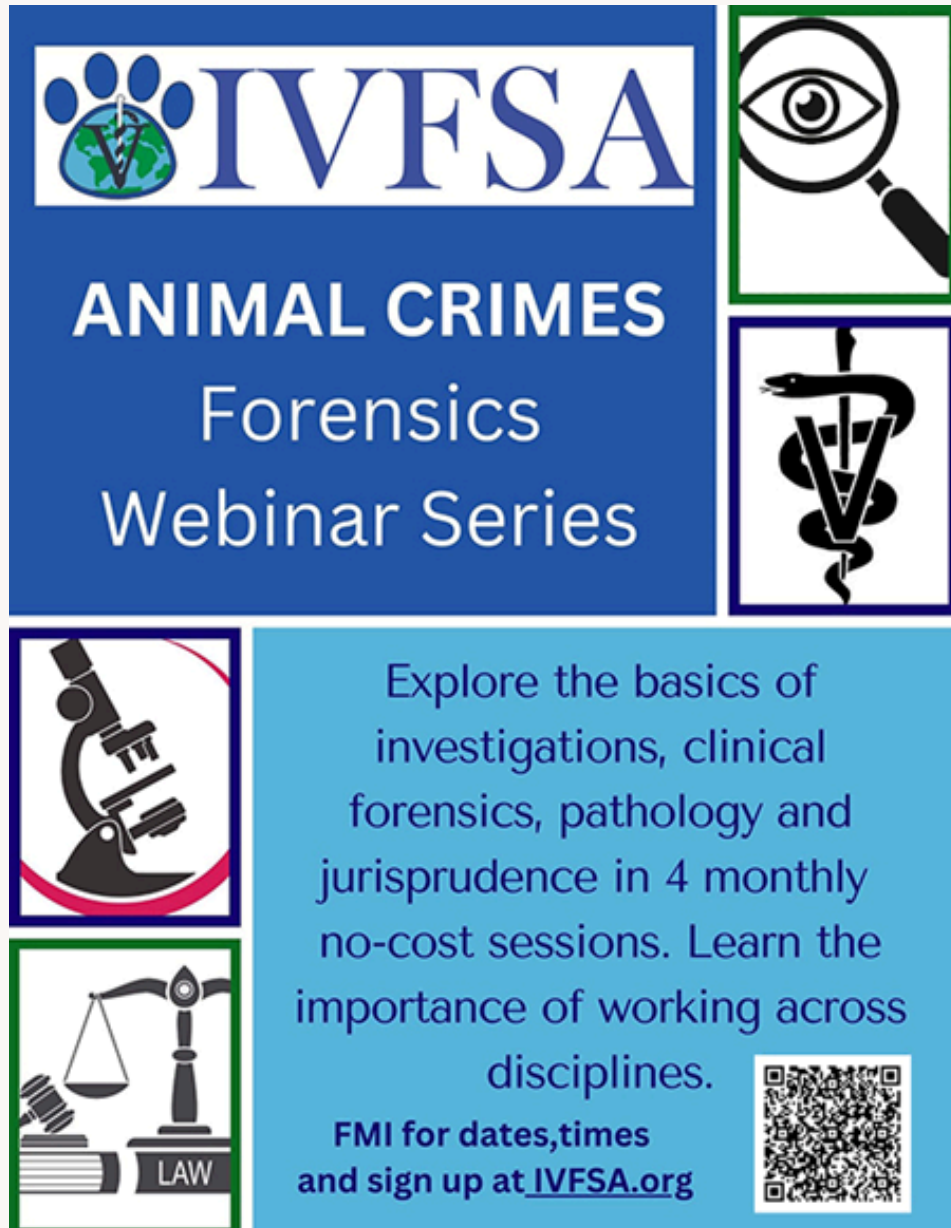
Rooms for May 12–16 can now be booked through the Events Page on the IVFSA website or the QR code above.



Webinar Series

Starting **September 19th**, the IVFSA will be offering a FREE monthly webinar series on the **Foundations of Forensics**. These introductory sessions will include:

- *The Basics of Animal Cruelty Forensic Investigations*
presented by Linda Fielder and Brad Nichols
- *The Silent Witness: Identifying and Documenting Signs of Animal Abuse in the Clinical Patient*
presented by Martha Smith-Blackmore
- *Introduction to Veterinary Forensic Pathology*
presented by Jason Brooks
- *Jurisprudence*
presented by Diane Balkin



The graphic is a promotional poster for the IVFSA Animal Crimes Forensics Webinar Series. It features a central blue rectangle with the IVFSA logo (a paw print over a globe) and the text 'IVFSA ANIMAL CRIMES Forensics Webinar Series'. To the right of this rectangle are two smaller white squares with green borders: the top one contains a magnifying glass over an eye, and the bottom one contains a caduceus. Below the central rectangle is a light blue rectangle containing text about the series and a QR code. To the left of the light blue rectangle are two smaller white squares with green borders: the top one contains a microscope, and the bottom one contains a scale of justice and a gavel. The text in the light blue rectangle describes the series as exploring the basics of investigations, clinical forensics, pathology, and jurisprudence in 4 monthly no-cost sessions, and provides information on how to sign up at IVFSA.org.

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ANIMAL CRIMES
Forensics
Webinar Series

Explore the basics of investigations, clinical forensics, pathology and jurisprudence in 4 monthly no-cost sessions. Learn the importance of working across disciplines.

FMI for dates, times and sign up at IVFSA.org

Space is limited to the first 100 people who register!

Website Forum Updates

The IVFSA's website now features an exclusive members-only forum designed to enhance our members' abilities to collaborate and engage:

- Case consultations and support
- News on relevant developments in the field
- Grant and career opportunities

We encourage you all to actively explore and participate in discussions. Our vision is to make the forum a key resource and encourage our organization's collective growth.

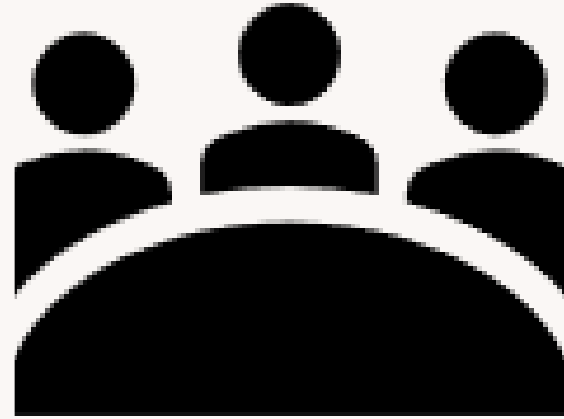
As of publication, these are the most recent forum postings:

"Jobs, Trainings, and Volunteer Opportunities"

- Equine veterinarian needed
- Free 2-day Dogfighting Investigation and Response Workshop in North Carolina

"Grant Opportunities"

- ASPCA equipment grant for cruelty casework



Trouble logging into the IVFSA website or updating your profile?

If you have not logged in before:

- Go to IVFSA.org and click on "Member Login" at the top right corner of the page.
- Click on "Forgot My Username/Password" and enter the email address you signed up with (it will be where this newsletter was sent to) and your first name.
- Check your inbox for an email that will allow you to "reset" (i.e., create) your password. Now you have an account!

If you have an account but need to update information:

Use the pulldown menu under your logged-in name at the top right corner of the page and click on "Profile." Go to "Basic Member Information" to update your name and address, then check the information under "Additional Member Data." Go to "Standard Member Directory" to choose which information (if any) you would like to be visible to other members in the Membership Directory.

A Sneak Peak Into What's Ahead

**The 2025 Conference
Planning Committee is
looking for volunteers to
assist with the following
subcommittees:**

>>> Sponsorship

>>> Registration



Community Hub

We are thrilled to announce the latest addition to the IVFSA newsletter: The Community Hub! This new section is a vibrant space for members to foster meaningful connections, exchange ideas, and collaborate on content with fellow members. Submit your suggestions and make the Hub into the space you want to see!

Community Hub

Discover new friendships and opportunities; provide the content and experiences that you want.



Do you have an upcoming training session, webinar, or other material relevant to our mission that you would like us to share with our members?

Email: communications@ivfso.org

Website Polls

Results are in:

Newsletter is the most preferred way to obtain information and news about the IVFSA.

**Be sure to check out the bottom banner on
IVFSA.org to participate in web polls!**

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