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• **Bird suet extends peanut product recall again**

The Scotts Company LLC announced on March 23 an expansion of the voluntary wild bird food suet recall. The expanded voluntary recall will include an additional seven varieties of wild bird food suet products and additional manufacturing date codes of the five varieties previously recalled. These additional products may contain peanut meal from the Peanut Corporation of America's facilities in either Texas or Virginia, and have the potential to be contaminated with Salmonella.

More than 2,100 products have been recalled so far by more than 200 companies in response to the *Salmonella typhimurium* outbreak at Georgia and Texas plants owned by the Peanut Corp. of America.

[For more on the suet recall click here.](#)

[Click here for a full list of recalled items and more information.](#)

• **Federal omnibus bill to aid**

Building the Dental Wellness Team

Two day lecture and lab for veterinarians, technicians and other team members

April 4-5, 2009

Atlanta Marriott NW

Atlanta, GA

14 CE Hours

Registration deadline: March 25

Presenters

Curt Coffman, DVM AVDC

Andrew J Rosenfeld, DVM ABVP

Seats are extremely limited and registration will be on a first come - first serve basis. Lunch is included.

Course Descriptions

Day 1: Veterinary Dentistry and Dental

Radiography for the medical team

Dental anatomy and pathology

Dental cleaning, charting and instrument care

Dental radiology

WET LAB

Day 2: Building the Dental Team

Equipment and maintenance requirement for building a dental Program

Building dental cleaning - components of excellent dental care

Evaluating the hospital dental program and identifying need for growth

Implementing dental wellness

Evaluating the dental wellness program

Transferring success into culture

veterinary profession

The veterinary profession has reason to cheer the \$410 billion spending bill President Barack Obama signed March 11. Included in the fiscal 2009 omnibus legislation are millions of dollars for programs such as the National Veterinary Medical Service Act and Food Animal Residue Avoidance Databank, as well as expenditures for veterinary education and several animal health initiatives.

[For more click here.](#)

• Ophthalmologists to give free eye exam to service dogs

The American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists is hosting its 2nd ACVO National Service Dog Eye Exam Day, May 4-8, 2009. In 2008 the event provided free eye screening examinations to more than 1,500 service dogs.

Veterinary ophthalmologists across the US and Canada will be participating in the program. Dogs that qualify include: handicapped assistance dogs, detection dogs, police dogs, search and rescue dogs, and therapy dogs that are Delta Society certified. Dogs must be active 'working dogs' that were certified by a formal training program or organization or currently enrolled in a formal training program. Those that were examined in the 2008 event are welcome to participate again in 2009. Registration for the event begins April 1, 2009.

[For more information click here.](#)

• Georgia stallion part of nationwide CEM outbreak

A Georgia stallion has tested positive for the

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Taylorella equigenetalis. In Georgia, three potentially exposed stallions and eight potentially exposed mares have been identified and are in varying stages of completion of testing and treatment. All positive horses, and all exposed horses that have been located, are currently under quarantine or hold order.

Nationwide, there are 19 states known to have CEM exposed or positive stallions and 44 states known to have exposed or positive mares. None of the positive horses have yet been identified as the source of the outbreak, as the epidemiologic investigation continues.

[More information is available here.](#)

• Gwinnett Tech to host ninth annual veterinary technology career day

Gwinnett Technical College would like to invite all veterinarians to their 9th annual veterinary technology program Career Day. The event will be held at the technical college in Lawrenceville on **Wednesday, April 1, from 12:30 - 3:30 pm** in Building 100, Room 401.

Career Day gives the veterinary community a chance to meet with the program students including those graduating in June, to discuss employment opportunities.

If you would like to reserve a table for the event please notify Dr. Bonnie Ballard by March 26th at 678-226-6347 or at bballard@gwinnettech.edu.

[Download more information from Gwinnett Tech here.](#)

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