

AVMLA Listserv Protocol

Review the Archives

- The listservs serve as a convenient means of communication among our membership on a wide spectrum of law and veterinary issues. Members who are new to these areas (which we all have been at some point) can tap into the deep well of knowledge and expertise of our more experienced members. In order for all members to get the very most from the listservs and to avoid rehashing certain issues that have either been discussed at length or which can be quickly resolved with minimal research, please do your best to utilize online research tools as well as your own research to ensure that the issue is not one you can resolve quickly with a little independent research.

The List-Serv is not for advertisement and promotion

- Posts that solicit business from other listserv participants are prohibited and are subject to "Corrective Action for Inappropriate Posts" as outlined below. If you have some great ideas on how members can improve their practices, serve clients better, have a better life, etc. and you want to share that information and those resources with others and with no strings attached, by all means, please share. However, if you want to charge for that information, contact admin@avmla.org and learn about advertising opportunities.

Offensive comments, jokes, personal attacks and any other information that does not constitute asking or answering a legal/veterinary related question is strictly prohibited.

- Posting any type of information that, in the sole discretion of AVMLA, constitutes an offensive comment, personal attack, joke or any other information that does not involve asking or answering a legal question is strictly prohibited and may result in removal from the listserv.
- If you have a question about whether a post is appropriate, please contact us at admin@avmla.org

Corrective Action for Inappropriate Posts

- If information that is inappropriate as outlined in the paragraphs above is posted to a listserv managed and operated by AVMLA, a written and/or oral warning will be given to the person who posted the comment, with notice that further inappropriate posts will result in immediate removal from the listserv.
- If inappropriate information is posted a second or subsequent time, the person who posted the email will be removed immediately and no longer able to participate in any listserv managed and operated by AVMLA until such time as AVMLA determines.

Basic email rules you should already know

- Don't assume that your fellow listserv participants know who you are. Make sure that ALL emails you post to a listserv contain a ***full identifying signature*** (name, title, mailing address, and email address) at the bottom.
- TYPING IN ALL CAPS AND WITH REALLY POOR GRAMMATICAL USE AND RUN-ON SENTENCES AND FRAGMENTS is equivalent to yelling and makes for distracting reading. Use traditional capitalization, punctuation, and grammar when possible.
- Don't use active "emoticons" or animated graphics in signatures and avoid including ActiveX controls or Java applets in emails posted to the AVMLA listserv. Similarly, refrain from using signatures containing embedded solicitations, links to "get free emoticons" and similar matters.
- When replying to emails that are not of general interest (such as requests for attorney references, co-counsel opportunities, "thanks for the information," etc.), direct your reply off-list only to the person who posted the message, rather than posting a general reply to the listserv.

Thank you for your cooperation, and for your participation in the AVMLA online community.