

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

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**IMPORTANT LEGAL CHANGES FOR ALL ALTERNATIVE ANIMAL THERAPISTS
AND OTHER MODALITIES IN ILLINOIS:**

As of January 1, 2004, with the legislative indoctrination of the Veterinary Medicine and Surgical Practice Act of 2004, Senate Bill 386, all practitioners whose practice involves animals who are not licensed professional veterinarians, must present their respective clients with a Disclosure Statement prior to performing any practices. Also, animal trainers, animal groomers, those involved in nutritional advice and other animal related modalities and services involved with animal behavior modification, emotional problems, determining the health and fitness of an animal or other wellness services or therapies or modalities may also need to submit such a disclosure statement to avoid being found in violation of the Veterinary Medicine and Surgery Practice Act.

This Disclosure Statement must publish in writing the nature of the services of the practitioner, state you are not a vet, perform surgery or diagnose and must be signed by the Client/Agent, indicating consent and acknowledgement. For information to obtain a disclosure guideline sample and read the Practice Act plus amendments please go to www.IAAOR.org or email info@iaaor.org

To acquire additional information concerning this and other legislative changes and to learn more about the Alliance, how you can join and support this important organization as an owner or as a practitioner/business provider, please contact the Illinois Alliance for Animal Owners Rights at www.IAAOR.org