Grant makes research painless for Dr. Coetzee

This is one grant that could perhaps be described as a cash cow, and Dr. Hans Coetzee couldn’t be more pleased. Over the summer, he led a research team on the initial phase of a project that investigated the pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics of drugs used to alleviate pain in cattle. This research project was funded by a $325,000 grant from the Animal Well-being section of the USDA-National Research Initiative.

According to Dr. Coetzee, “The primary focus of this research is to understand the relationship between analgesic drug administration and alleviation of pain in cattle. Pain is unavoidably associated with dehorning and castration in farm animals; yet, remarkably there are no drugs specifically approved for pain relief in livestock in the United States. To facilitate these approvals, scientific measures of pain are needed.”

Studies of this magnitude require a great deal of planning and organization. “The most significant challenge we encountered was the intensive blood sampling and measurement of behavioral changes over a very short period of time,” Dr. Coetzee said. “This was necessary because the effects of pain relieving drugs can be very brief and transient.”

To help on the project, Dr. Coetzee had a team of 14 students. He also collaborated with other Ag Practices faculty, including Drs. Anderson, Apley, Gehring and White.

“We believe the veterinary profession and livestock producers must be proactive in terms of developing and utilizing techniques that are shown to alleviate pain in cattle,” Dr. Coetzee said. “Our group is committed to developing science-based pain relief methods that are cost-effective, convenient and user-friendly.”

CE Conference: Enhancing Patient Care through Nutrition

This conference will provide up-to-date information on how to incorporate nutrition into the optimal care of small animal patients. Included will be practical issues of pet nutrition that will help veterinarians and veterinary technicians answer common questions from owners, and learn the latest information on optimizing nutrition for healthy animals. See Linda or Marci at VMCE, 1 Trotter Hall to register.

Information and Registration Form: http://ww2.vet.k-state.edu/Intranet/ce/pdf/2008/Emerg_med.pdf

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Development office welcomes Megan Kilgore

Please stop by 103 Trotter and say hello to Megan Kilgore. She was recently named as the new development officer for the College of Veterinary Medicine, employed through the Kansas State University Foundation. She takes the place of Marty Kramer who is now the director of development for the K-State College of Education.

Prior to joining the CVM, Megan was the marketing/business development manager for Kansas State University Federal Credit Union in Manhattan, where she developed key marketing strategies to increase membership and product usage. Megan’s additional experience includes serving as the executive director of Hillsboro Management Board in Hillsboro, Kan., and as an economic development representative for the Kansas Department of Commerce, Agriculture Division, in Topeka, Kan.

Megan, a native of Lyndon, Kan., and earned her bachelor’s degree in animal science and industry in 2000 from the College of Agriculture at K-State.

She will be responsible for assisting with the direction and implementation of a comprehensive development program for raising private support for the College of Veterinary Medicine at K-State.

Megan’s husband is Tim. They have an English setter named Scout.

Staff appreciation picnic draws a crowd

The CVM held its annual staff appreciation picnic Aug. 14. Attendees were treated to hamburgers, hot dogs, lemonade, CVM T-shirts and a drawing for several door prizes.

Megan Kilgore is the new development officer for the CVM. She replaces Marty Kramer who is now with the College of Education.
Congratulations to student worker, Amy Jo Wright, who is now Mrs. Amy Jo Coltrane. She and her husband Caleb were married Aug. 9 in Ottawa, Kan. The bride and groom are shown displaying a gift of beads from Amy Jo’s colleagues in the Development Office, who brought the beads back from New Orleans during the AVMA Convention.

Dr. Anuradha Ghosh has joined Dr. Zurek’s lab as a postdoctoral research associate and will be working on the ecology of antibiotic resistant enterococci in companion animals.

Dr. Judy Klimek spoke July 27-31 at the WVC in Vancouver, on BVDV in North American Beef Cow Herds; Assessing the Economic Impact of BVDV in North America; and BVDV Control Programs in North America.

Dr. James W. Carpenter was the past-president/conference chair at the 29th Annual Conference of the Association of Avian Veterinarians and the Association of Exotic Mammal Veterinarians in Savannah, Ga., Aug. 9-14. He also presented a paper, “Pharmacokinetics of Piperacillin/Tazobactam in the Hispaniolan Parrot” (co-authored with Dr. Ronette Gehring).

Dr. Maria Ferrer presented at the Society for Theriogenology meeting Aug. 12.

ABC News Ticker
new arrivals
Welcome
Takayuki Kudo - A&P
Carl Myers - DM/P
Eugene DeDonder - VMTH
LiQiong Lan - A&P
Maite S. Torres-Irizarry - VMTH
Don Peterson - DM/P
Kevin Skarbek - VDL
Danielle Miller - DM/P

recent departures
Thanks
Manuel Chamorro Ortega - VMTH
Debra Blanding - VMTH
Justin Rombeck - VMTH
Joshua Hahn - VMTH