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Batenhorst, Lynn A.

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Bayer, Anne E.

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Bembenek, Stasia A. (Bailey)

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Benish, Theresa L. (Benish-Kelliher)

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Berge, Samantha A.

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Boyd, Ronald J.

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Brakenhoff, Jeffrey E.

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Branson, Joann B.

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Brault, Benjamin D.

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Brigden, Glenn M.

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Brockmeier, Tirsten J. (Henrikson)

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Brown, Kim L.

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Burroughs, Sara A.

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Caraway, Nicole D.

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Cheetham, Martha M.

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Costin, Michael L.

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Crist, Dustin J.

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Detweiler, Melissa L.

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DiCarlo, Marc A.

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Dunn, Aaron W.

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Earl, Nathan P.

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Epp, Dalane R.

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Epstein, Steven H.

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Finnegan, Jennifer M.

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***November 7, 2020**

Francis, Jennifer L. (Bucher)

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Franssen, Carin L. (Ramsel)

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Frese, Daniel A.

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Gissler, Shelly A.

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Goldstein, Michael R.

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Gose, Jon E.

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Grady, Jason A.

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Graham, Jeffrey P.

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Grant, Amy J. (Schuman)

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Harrington, Anne M.

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Jensen, Shawn D.

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Jordan, Kelly S.

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Kelley, Kevin M.

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Ketterl, Sarah B. (White)

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Kirkham, Kimberly A.

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Kiser, Jason K.

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Koch, Ryan B.

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Kreissler, Jonathan J.

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Lewis, Christopher M.

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Likins, Michael S.

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Little, William B.

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**Lombardi, Cathleen J.
(Hollingsworth)**

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Martin, Philip L.

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Miller, Jennifer L.

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Moreton, Solene G.

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Morton, Kathryn E. (Krista)

***January 05, 2018**

Newby, David K.

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Norris, Kristine R.

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Olson, John E.

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Peters, Christina (Komara)

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Peterson, Joshua D.

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Phillips, Maureen L. (Longfellow)

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Pineda, Rosalind V. R.

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Porter, Nicole L.

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Rucker, Jason L.

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Dingwell)**

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Shane, Karen A.

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Stoechr, Robin J. (Hill)

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Swist, Shannon L.

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Taylor, Timothy G.

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Tebbe, Sarah M. (Meng)

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Walker, Adina D.

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Wallentine, Kari D.

*

White, Edward J.

*

Wika, Eric F.

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Wilcox, Robin G. (Wilcox-Morris)

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Woods, Denise C. (Woods-Natale)

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Wulf, Keri M. (Fangmeyer)

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Zoryan, Michelle M. (Dan)

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Copper Aitken-Palmer

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

Research Assistant, Giant Panda Breeding Facility, Wolong, China, 2001; Associate Veterinarian, Banfield the Pet Hospital, Germantown, MD, 2004-2005; Associate Veterinarian, College Park Animal Hospital, College Park, MD, 2004-2008; Resident, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL, 2008-2011; Clinical Lecturer, Disney's Animal Kingdom & University of Florida, 2011-2012; Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute 2012-2016 ; Chicago Zoological Society 2016-present

Education:

BS, Biology, Eckerd College, St Petersburg, Florida
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2003
MS, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas
PhD, University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland
Diplomate, American College of Zoological Medicine

Professional Memberships:

AVMA, AAZV, WDA, ACZM

Honors/Civic Involvement:

2013 - Outstanding Young Alumnus, KSU Veterinary Medical Alumni Association

Robert Jason Arbo

Spouse: Traci Arbo

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2003

Scott Bailey

Spouse: Stasia Ann (Bembenek) Bembenek

Education:
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2003

Jamie LeAnne Barclay

Company: Dr Barclay's Relief Services

Spouse: Kaya Aygen

Children: Maya Aygen (02/07/2011)

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

After graduation, I did an internal medicine/emergency animal internship in Virginia Beach. I then accepted an associate veterinary position in Washington, D.C. I worked there for 3 years and decided to move to sunny Florida and am currently practicing at a small animal clinic.

Career News:

I moved to Sarasota, FL, and am doing relief work at various small animal and emergency clinics. I enjoy the flexibility and working with multiple practices.

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2003

Professional Memberships:

FLVMA, AVMA

Family News:

Two years ago my husband and I had a beautiful daughter named Maya. She has no fear when it comes to animals and thinks our cat, Charlotte, is her personal toy.

Advice to Students:

I recommend taking multiple business courses, as the field is becoming more competitive it will help you negotiate and give you an advantage over other new grads.

Class Comments:

Hope everyone is doing well. I miss our wild adventures during school.

Lynn Ann Batenhorst

Company: Rohrig Animal Hospital

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2003

Anne Elizabeth Bayer

Company: Humane Alliance, a Program of the ASPCA

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

I worked at Charlotte Street Animal Hospital after graduation for four years. In 2007, began as Medical Director for the Humane Alliance and am a practicing veterinarian and owner in the 4 Paws Farewell with partner, Dr. Beth Marchitelli. The business is at 25 Woodlawn Avenue, Asheville, NC 28801, 828.707.4231.

Career News:

I am a Senior Director of Medicine at a national spay/neuter training facility.

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2003

Professional Memberships:

NCVMA, AVMA

Stasia Ann Bembenek

Spouse: Christopher Scott Bailey

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2003

Samantha Ann Berge

Company: Veterinary Medical Center of CNY

Spouse: Nestor David Berge

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2003

Ronald James Boyd

Company: VCA Victor Valley Animal Hospital

Spouse: Stephanie Marie (Bracken) Boyd

Children: Ashley Marie Boyd (05/24/2004)
Elizabeth Loraine Boyd (10/22/2006)
Sarah Catherine Boyd (05/19/2009)

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

Practiced general small animal practice in a privately owned clinic in Yucaipa, CA, from May 2003 through August 2004. Lead doctor as Chief of Staff at Banfield, The Pet Hospital in Upland, CA, from August 2004 to September 2008. Lead doctor as Medical Director at VCA Victor Valley Animal Hospital in Hesperia, CA from September 2008 to present. Member of Victorville Rotary club. Active in children's schools including serving on various School Site Councils and as a certified district volunteer.

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2003

Professional Memberships:

CAVMA, AVMA, AAHA, KVMA, So. CA VMA

Jeff Brakenhoff

Company: Oakridge Equine Hospital

Career News:

Internship, Oakridge Equine Hospital; Equine Surgery Residency, Michigan State University.

Education:

BS, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska, 1999

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2003

Internship at Oakridge Equine Hospital, 2003-2004

Equine Surgical Residency, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan, 2004-2007

Joann B Branson

Company: Maple Hill Animal Hospital

Spouse: Paul Branson

Education:
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2003

Benjamin David Brault

Company: Acorn Animal Hospital

Spouse: Leah Susan (Ruth) Brault

Children: Keira Nichole Brault (03/27/2007)

Career News:

Internship, VCA Sacramento Animal Medical Group, 2003-2004; Private Practice, VCA Elk Grove Animal Hospital, 3 years.

Education:

BS, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, 1999

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2003

Professional Memberships:

AVMA

Family News:

Leah is still currently working on PhD in horse genetics at UCDavis (2003-present).

We had our first child, Keira on March 27th, 2007 weighing 8lbs 12.5oz. She was the first grandchild on both sides of the family too.

We spent a two week vacation with Leah's parents, bother, and Keira (only 5 months at the time) in Italy. So young, and already a world traveler. We saw Venice, Sienna/Florence, and Rome.

Advice to Students:

Work hard, but enjoy school. It's the best 4 years of your life that you'll never want to repeat.

Class Comments:

To those I don't see at conferences; I hope you all are well and enjoying veterinary medicine. To everyone else, we'll catch up soon.

Glenn Michael Brigden

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2003

Tirsten Joy Brockmeier

Spouse: Todd Henrikson

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2003

Kim Leigh Brown

Company: Kaufman Veterinary Center

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2003

Jennifer Lynn Bucher

Company: Stanley Veterinary Clinic

Spouse: Jason Randal Bucher

Children: Nora Quinn (03/10/05)
Landon Cole (01/21/07)
Reese Kaelyn (01/21/07)
Molly Gracyn (5/25/11)

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

Volunteered in spay/neuter program at Austin Pets Alive no-kill shelter.

Career News:

Worked for a couple of years in Austin part time and am currently working part time at Stanley Veterinary Clinic again.

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2003

Professional Memberships:

KSVMA, AVMA

Family News:

The general craziness of raising four children who are all very busy in their various activities.

Advice to Students:

Do all electives you feel will be of benefit in your future. Find a good job out of school with excellent mentorship possibilities from your cohorts.

Class Comments:

Hope everyone continues to do what they love and wish them happiness and satisfaction.

Emily Anne Buhr

Company: Urgent Pet Care

Spouse: Peter James Buhr

Children: Anna Emily Buhr (05/25/2005)
Daniel (01/11/2010)
Jesse (04/14/2014)

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

Associate Veterinarian, Hilltop Pet Clinic, Kearney, NE, 2003-2005; Associate Veterinarian, Animal Emergency Clinic, Omaha, NE, 2005-current.

Career News:

I work at an emergency small animal hospital and enjoy the complexity and depth of emergency cases.

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2003

Professional Memberships:

NEVMA, AVMA, IVECCA, Nebraska Veterinary Practitioners

Family News:

Over the last five years my life has been pretty good. My family has grown to five members, we have built our own house next to our family. I have invested in the practice I work at and have enjoyed walking in a deeper faith with my Savior Jesus.

Advice to Students:

Don't take life too seriously. It is ok to make mistakes, nobody is perfect. Strive to be the best you can be by constantly learning and being open to new advice/techniques. Don't forget to put God and family first, then let everything else fall into place.

Class Comments:

I pray you are all doing well. May God bless each of you and your families. I hope you still love the profession and are growing into the well seasoned, wise and respectable veterinarians I knew you would all be.

Sara Anne Burroughs

Company: Family Vet of Lake St. Louis

Spouse: Craig Burroughs

Education:
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2003

Nicole Denise Caraway

Company: VCA Asher Animal Hospital

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

I love the Midwest but a desire to return to California led me to the internship program here at VCA Asher Animal Hospital. After completing the one-year internship program in June 2004, I stayed on staff as a General Practitioner. I enjoy practicing small animal medicine and surgery and have a special interest in veterinary dentistry. I also enjoy working with several exotic species including guinea pigs, rabbits, chinchillas, rats, and birds. My hobbies include horseback riding, piano, violin, and canine agility. My sheltie's name is Diego.

Education:

BS, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS, 2001

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2003

Martha M Cheetham

Company: Bloomsburg Veterinary Hospital

Spouse: James Faus

Education:
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2003

Michael L Costin

Company: AVMA

Spouse: Melinda Suzanne (Vaughan) Costin

Children: Lauren Costin 01/08/03
Ryan Costin 11/19/04

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

After graduating from KSU, I went to work for Athens Veterinary Service in Athens, WI, a 4 doctor, mixed animal practice in north central Wisconsin. I primarily focused on cattle and equine but also did small animal on the weekends and emergencies. This experience taught me how to be a veterinarian.

In 2004, we moved to Waupun, WI where I joined Waupun Veterinary Service, a 6 doctor primarily dairy clinic. In 2006, I made partner and we added two more doctors. We were a progressive clinic, utilizing ultrasound for pregnancy exams and fetal sexing, we had a very busy milk lab, an embryo transfer service, a nutritional service, and we were one of the first clinics to set up our very own Biopryn blood pregnancy labs. I developed my own group of clients which kept me pretty busy. By 2012, my body was feeling the effects of preg checking 300 cows a day and I realized I needed to make a change.

In 2012, I sold my partnership and took a job as a Technical Service Veterinarian with ANIMART, a regional animal health supplier servicing Wisconsin. My territory was eastern Wisconsin which allowed me to work with many large, progressive dairies. On the weekends, I attended the University of Wisconsin Executive MBA program. In 2014, I was awarded my MBA and promoted to Technical Services Director for ANIMART. I still covered a portion of eastern Wisconsin but I also had 4 other Technical Service Veterinarians and two technicians reporting to me. They serviced other areas of Wisconsin as well as Michigan and parts of Minnesota.

In 2015, as opportunity arose at the AVMA where I was hired as an Assistant Director. I staff two of the AVMA's standing committees, the Animal Agriculture Liaison Committee and the Committee on Antimicrobials. I serve as the in house expert on agricultural issues with primary focus on antimicrobials. Working with our committees, we craft the AVMA's policies and develop the AVMA's responses to proposed legislation and regulations at the international, federal, and state levels. In 2021, I was promoted to Associate Director and continue to work with our committees on issues which would impact agriculture.

Education:

University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI - MBA 2014

Seattle University, Seattle, WA - BS Pre Med Studies, 1999

Creighton University, Omaha, NE - BA History with a minor in Sociology, 1995

Professional Memberships:

WIVMA, AVMA, AASV, AABP, OTHER, AAAP

Offices Held:

USAHA Board of Directors representing the AVMA - 2015 - Present

USAHA, Chair, Pharmaceutical Issues Subcommittee - 2017 -2019

Family News:

My daughter, Lauren, is completing her Sophomore year at Creighton University and is a Pre Med student.

My son Ryan, is graduating Lake Forest Academy this year and will be attending Indiana University, Kelley School of Business this coming year.

My wife, Mindy, is Director of Talent Acquisition at Elephus, a biomedical startup based in Madison Wisconsin.

Advice to Students:

Enjoy the ride, it goes quick.

Class Comments:

Where has the time gone?

Ron and Nate, we need to rendezvous in Manhattan for a day of dove hunting and a night of shining.

Colleen Elizabeth Crist

Company: Kiln Creek Animal Care

Spouse: Dustin Crist

Education:
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2003

Dustin Jay Crist

Company: Animal Emergency Center

Spouse: Colleen Crist

Education:
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2003

Melissa Detweiler

Company: Bern-Sabetha Veterinary Clinic

Spouse: Kurt Nathan Detweiler

Education:
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2003

Marc Anthony DiCarlo

Company: Animal Care Wellness Center, Inc

Spouse: Niza Ludvina (Nevarez) DiCarlo

Children: Sofia Francesca DiCarlo (02/09/2003)
Marc Anthony DiCarlo, Jr. (10/05/2004)

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

Completed Masters in Toxicology, May 2003; Intern, Animal Care Veterinary Clinic, June 2003; Associate, Animal Care Veterinary Clinic, June 2004; Vice President, Animal Care Wellness Center, June 2005 President and Chief Medical Officer, Animal Care Wellness Center, January 2005-present.

Education:

BS, University of Redlands, Redlands, California, 1995

BA, University of Redlands, Redlands, California, 1995

MS, Toxicology, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2003

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2003

Professional Memberships:

CAVMA, AVMA, AAHA, Southern California VMA, OBVMA

Honors/Civic Involvement:

SBACC / CA State Senate 2006 Civic Involvement/ Beautification Award.

Native Sons of the Golden West Civic leadership Commendee 2006.

Family News:

Marc Jr. was born, Sofia started preschool.

Advice to Students:

Work hard and when you begin your practice life, a good work environment is WAY more important than an extra few bucks!

Class Comments:

I hope all are well and blessed in all of their endeavors! and if any of you are ever out my way please contact me I'd love to visit!

Megan Leigh DiGiacomo

Company: Gentle Doctor Animal Hospital

Spouse: Dominic DiGiacomo

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2003

Sarah Lynne Dugan

Company: Skaer Veterinary Clinic

Spouse: Ryan Dugan

Education:
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2003

Aaron Wayne Dunn

Spouse: Molly Elizabeth McCue
Children: Abigail Whitney Dunn (12/21/2001)
Career News: Bryan Austin Dunn (12/16/2003)

I am currently pursuing my Pharmacy Doctorate at the University of Minnesota.

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2003

Nathan P Earl

Company: Dakota Large Animal Clinic

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2003

Robyn Marie Eldredge

Company: Deerfield Veterinary Clinic

Spouse: Brian Eldredge

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

Equine internship, Idaho Equine Hospital, 2003-2004; Mixed animal practitioner (predominantly equine), Pembroke Animal Hospital.

Education:

BS, Mary Washington College, Fredericksburg, VA, 1999
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2003

Professional Memberships:

AVMA, AAEP

Family News:

Got married on September 8, 2007! :)

Advice to Students:

Pay attention!

Class Comments:

Hope all is well!

Dalane R Epp

Company: Gloystein Veterinary Clinic

Spouse: Hannah (L) Epp

Children: Adele Elyse Epp (08/10/2004)

Education: Jakin Peter Epp (11/23/2006)
Conlen Epp (02/22/2010)

BA, Anderson University, Anderson, Indiana, 1999
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2003

Professional Memberships:

NEVMA, AVMA

Steven H Epstein

Company: Spay & Neuter Services of Kansas City

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2003

Tara Lynne Fanning

Company: Animal Clinic and Pharmacy

Spouse: Jasper E Fanning

Children: Jaden Patrick (08/14/2005)

Career News: Jacob Merle (03/17/2008)

Began practicing in Ogallala, NE, at a mixed animal practice as an associate and have since become a partner in the same practice.

Education:

BS, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, Nebraska, 1998

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2003

Professional Memberships:

NEVMA, AVMA, AAEP

Jennifer Michelle Finnegan

Company: The Paw Patch Veterinary Hospital

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

Have worked in Emergency, Rural, High Volume, Shelter, relief, and traditional small animal clinics. Educated groomers on common medical issues. Helped vaccinate homeless pets.

Career News:

Formed my own relief veterinary service and housecall practice. Great having schedule freedom. Now going back to full time at a clinic in Indianapolis.

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2003

Professional Memberships:

INVMA, AVMA, CIVMA

Offices Held:

Member At Large (CIVMA) Central Indiana Veterinary Medical Association 2015-2017

Jennifer Lynn Fitzpatrick

Company: North Valley Regional Animal Hospital

Spouse: Thomas F Fitzpatrick

Education:
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2003

Beth Elaine Foster

Company: North Central Kansas Veterinary Services LLC

Spouse: Ben Foster

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

Internship, small animal medicine and emergency, Greenbrier Veterinary Emergency Center, Chesapeake, VA, 1 year; Associate, Saddleback Animal Care Center, Lake Forest, CA, 1 year; Associate, VCA Lost Altos Animal Hospital, Long Beach, CA, 1 year; Associate, Piper Heritage Veterinary Clinic, Kansas City, KS, 1 year; Relief work, North Central Kansas Veterinary Services, Clay Center, KS, June 2007-present.

Education:

BS, Southwestern College, Winfield, Kansas, 1999
BS, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas, 1997
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2003

Professional Memberships:

KSVMA, AVMA, Alberta VMA, Canada VMA

Advice to Students:

Try to get into the clinics as early on as possible!

Class Comments:

Hello everyone!!

Daniel A Frese

Spouse: Julie Elaine (Jeppesen) Frese

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2003

PhD, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2005

Professional Memberships:

AVMA, AABP, AVC

Shelly Ann Gissler

Company: Tender Care Animal Hospital

Spouse: Aaron Andrew Gissler

Children: Megan Ann Gissler (02/02/2005)

Career News:

I began practice at All City Pet Care in Sioux Falls, SD, an exclusively small animal practice. I stayed at All City for 2 1/2 years. Our family then moved to Lincoln, NE. After our move I was employed at Best Care Pet Hospital in Omaha, NE. After a year with Best Care Pet Hospital, I began practicing at Antelope Creek Veterinary Healthcare Center in Lincoln, NE. I also work part time doing health checks and surgeries for the Capital Humane society in Lincoln, NE.

Education:

Prerequisites, University of Nebraska, Kearney, Nebraska, 1995-1999
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2003

Professional Memberships:

NEVMA, AVMA

Family News:

Aaron has been employed as a Juvenile Probation officer in Lincoln, NE. We had a baby girl named Megan 2 years after graduation.

Advice to Students:

Study hard but be sure to have fun while you are in school. Get as much experience with cases as you can while in your clinical rotations.

Class Comments:

I had so much fun with everyone during school and made a lot of great friends. I miss everyone and wish I had a chance to see you more often.

Michael Robert Goldstein

Company: Central Toronto Veterinary Referral Clinic

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2003

Jon Eric Gose

Company: Abiline Animal Hospital PA

Spouse: Mitzi Gose

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2003

Jason A Grady

Company: Kansas State University
Spouse: Wendee D (Burch) Grady
Children: Reese
Education: Maryn
Sawyer

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2003
MS, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2008
BS, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1999

Professional Memberships:

KSVMA, Society for Theriogenology, American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine, American Association of Equine Practitioners

Jeffery Paul Graham

Spouse: Robyn Joan Graham

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2003

Amy Jo Grant

Company: Bellevue Animal Hospital

Spouse: Matt F Schuman

Children: Abby Schuman (02/08/2008)

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2003

Professional Memberships:

AVMA, AAHA

Family News:

We have 2 cats, Squidward and Mr. Krabs, 2 bulldogs, Matilda and Agnes, and most recently our daughter, Abby.

Class Comments:

Hello!!!! Hope all are doing well.

Anne M Harrington

Company: Washington Park Veterinary Clinic

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2003

Lisa Marie Hess

Company: Loomis Basin Veterinary Clinic

Home Address: 617 Lakeridge Dr
Auburn, CA 95603-6067

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

I joined Loomis Basin in 2003 to first complete an internship program then became a staff veterinarian. In February 2006, became the "Vet Expert" for the KXTV News 10 weekday morning show "Sac & Co." Look out for Lisa's segments which air on the first Monday of each month between 9:00 - 10:00 am.

I enjoy running, cycling and hiking.

Education:

BS, Biology, Sacramento State University, Sacramento, California, 1997
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2003

Robin June Hill

Company: Plattsmouth Animal Hospital

Spouse: Charles Hill

Education:

BS, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1998

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2003

Gena Marie Holthaus

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2003

Shawn David Jensen

Company: Bluff Country Equine

Spouse: Bobbi Jo Jensen

Children: Bailey (01/02/1993)
Tanner (10/26/1994)
Macy (09/02/1998)
Eli (10/11/2006)

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

Aspen Grove Vet Clinic, Ogden, VT, 2 years; Town and Country Vet Hospital, a large animal practice with a large reproduction center, Winona, MN, 2.5 years.

Education:

BS, South Dakota State University, Brookings, SD, 1994
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2003

Professional Memberships:

MNVMA, AVMA, AAEP, Wisconsin VMA, SFT

Family News:

Bobbi Jo finished her physician assistant (PA) degree and has worked in GI surgery and is now employed at Mayo Hospital in Rochester, MN, in cardiovascular surgery. We had our fourth child Eli Karten Jensen, on October 11th, 2006.

Kelly Spring Jordan

Company: Wachal Pet Health Center

Career News:

Started at Brown County Animal Clinic right after graduation. It is a two doctor mixed animal practice with 24/7 emergency services in a town of 3500.

Education:

BS, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska, 1999
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2003

Professional Memberships:

KSVMA

Kevin Mark Kelley

Spouse: Sharit Kelley

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2003

Theresa Lynn Kelliher

Company: Animal Emergency Clinic

Spouse: Michael Edward Kelliher

Children: Savannah May (09/20/2008)
Seamus Michael (07/09/2010)
Liam Jacob (09/07/2012)
Holly Marie (09/07/2012)

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

After graduation, I spent two years in a small private practice while relieving at large and small animal clinics and treating small ruminants and horses on the side. I took on a fourth job filling in at the only emergency clinic in Omaha, NE, and liked the fast pace. It is my only full time job now, although I do volunteer my services to the new shelter in town, the Kearny Area Humane Society. The work is fulfilling and I'm very proud of what my work at the shelter has accomplished.

Career News:

The recent five years, I've focused on mixed animal relief work in Iowa and Nebraska. I particularly enjoy bovine reproduction, small animal emergency, and soft tissue surgery. I present as a guest lecturer to VM1 students at University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2003

Professional Memberships:

NEVMA, AVMA, VECCS, Nebraska Academy of Veterinary Medicine, ASV, HSVMA

Offices Held:

District 5 president of the NVMA from 2014 & 2015. NMVA board member 2016-2017.

Family News:

This year marks the first year all four kids are in school, all day, and at the same location. The kids are into scouting, sports, 4H, and open livestock shows. We enjoyed a real vacation (google it they do exist) this year. We took the family to explore Mexico after our 10 year anniversary.

Advice to Students:

Be open minded about where you may end up and which discipline you may follow. Learn it all, commit it to memory, because it is not as easy to learn it the second go around.

Kimberly Ann Kirkham

Company: USDA APHIS, Veterinary Services

Spouse: Kelly L Kirkham

Children: Kassidy Raye Kirkham (09/29/2007)
Kamryn Rose Kirkham (04/07/2009)
Kori Ann Kirkham (01/27/2015)
Kole William Kirkham (12/16/2016)

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

I have served as a veterinarian for the United States Department of Agriculture since graduating in 2003. I was based out of Nashville, TN, for two years and am now in the Topeka, KS, area office. I have done a fair amount of traveling for my job and have worked closely with the Scrapie and BSE disease programs, as well as international import and export of animals and animal products.

Education:

BS, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2001
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2003

Professional Memberships:

KSVMA

Jason Kier Kiser

Company: Equine Surgery & Medicine

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2003

Ryan Benjamin Koch

Company: York Animal Clinic
Spouse: Jill Nicole (Hoffschneider) Koch
Children: Cooper (03/14/2003)
Education: Chloe (10/26/2006)
Claire (06/06/2008)

BS, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska, 1999
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2003

Professional Memberships:

NEVMA, AVMA, NEVMA

Jonathan Jackson Kreissler

Children: Jade Kreissler (01/27/1992)
Dexter Kreissler (11/10/2008)
Jasper Kreissler (02/28/2011)
Cora Kreissler (08/10/2013)

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

Internship, Small Animal Medicine and Surgery, VCA Veterinary Specialists of Northern Colorado, Loveland, CO, 2004; Residency, Small Animal Internal Medicine, Animal Medical Center, New York, NY, 2006; Veterinary Internist, Miami Veterinary Specialists, Miami, FL, 2008-2014; Veterinary Internist, Veterinary Specialty Hospital, Hong Kong, 2015; Veterinary Internist, CityU PAVC, Hong Kong, 2016 to present

Education:

BS, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1998
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2003
MBA, University of Miami, Miami, Florida, 2011
Diplomate, ACVIM

Board Certifications:

ACVIM, Six Sigma Champion Certification

Christopher Michael Lewis

Company: Vetoquinol USA

Spouse: Tara Christine (Strothman) Lewis

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2003

Kansas State University - Bachelor of Veterinary Science 2001

Kansas State University - Master of Public Health 2015

Professional Memberships:

AVMA

Kelly Leigh Lightfoot

Company: Basehor Veterinary Clinic

Spouse: Bradley M Lightfoot

Children: Georgia Leigh (04/08/08)
Ella Jay (11/13/12)

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

Upon graduating from vet school in 2003, I worked in Kansas City at Noah's Ark Animal Clinic for 6 years before purchasing Basehor Veterinary Clinic in 2009.

Career News:

The last 5 years have been spent growing and expanding the solo practice I purchased 9 years ago.

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2003

Professional Memberships:

AVMA, KCVMA, K-State Alumni Association, KSU CVM Alumni Association, Basehor Chamber of Commerce

Family News:

My husband, Brad, recently celebrated his 25th year on the Kansas City Kansas Police Department. He is now the School Resource Officer for the Piper School District. We built our dream house in 2016 and are busy raising our 2 daughters in the town we grew up in.

Advice to Students:

The first few years out of school might be the most difficult. It does get much better when you hone your skills and expand your knowledge base. Try to join a practice where you'll have excellent mentorship.

Class Comments:

Where in the heck did the last 15 years go? You've done amazing things; I'm proud of our class!

Michael Scott Likins

Company: Wisdom Animal Clinic

Spouse: Susan J (Dennis) Dennis

Education:
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2003

William Brady Little

Spouse: Erika (Simon) Little

Education:

BS, Animal Science, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE, 1999

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2003

Professional Memberships:

NVVMA, AVMA

Cathleen Joy Lombardi

Company: Dept of Large Animal Surgery

Spouse: Jay Hollingsworth

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2003

Maureen Lauren Longfellow

Company: Grassland Veterinary Hospital

Spouse: Todd Laren Longfellow

Education:

BS, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, 1999

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2003

Professional Memberships:

WIVMA, AVMA

Todd Laren Longfellow

Spouse: Maureen (Phillps) Longfellow

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2003

Philip Lloyd Martin

Company: National Cancer Institute

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2003

Brian George McLaughlin

Company: Vetoquinol USA

Spouse: Beth Ann (Gersbach) McLaughlin

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

Employed at Lone Mountain Animal Hospital after graduation (small animal/exotics), then Community Animal Hospital in Reno, NV. Recently moved to industry and now work at Vetoquinol USA.

Education:

BS, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1999

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2003

Professional Memberships:

NVVMA, AVMA, Kansas VMA

Sarah Marie Meng

Spouse: Lawrence M Meng
Children: Amelia Marie Meng (08/30/2006)
Quentin Michael Meng (10/22/2011)

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

Mixed animal associate in two doctor practice, Pratt, KS, 1 1/2 years; Relief Veterinarian, south central Kansas, 1 year; Base veterinarian, McConnell Air Force Base, 7 years.

Career News:

Staying at home to take care of my children and being my husband's personal veterinarian for our cow-calf operation and our pets (dogs, cats, fish).

Education:

BS, Nebraska University, Lincoln, Nebraska, 1999
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2003

Professional Memberships:

AVMA, Wichita VMA, Newton VMA

Family News:

Traveling around Kansas and checking off the "Seven Wonders" of various categories.

Advice to Students:

Don't be afraid to say, "You're fired!" to a client.

Class Comments:

Your lives are half over, don't lose sight of your "bucket list" and what's really important to you.

Jennifer Catherine Mignone

Company: Woodbury Animal Hospital

Spouse: Keith Michael Mignone

Children: Emma Genevieve Mignone (06/02/2006)

Career News:

I completed a 1 year rotating internship and then entered private practice.

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2003

Professional Memberships:

NYVMA, AVMA, AAHA

Jennifer Leah Miller

Company: Poncha Springs Animal Clinic

Spouse: Jake Miller

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

'Internship, equine medicine/surgery, 2003-2004; Equine ambulatory, 2004-2016, Small animal practice from 2016-present.

Education:

BS, Baker University, Baldwin, Kansas, 1997

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2003

Professional Memberships:

AVMA, AAEP

Monica Moore

Company: Hendron Veterinary Clinic

Spouse: Kyle Hugh Moore

Children: Katelyn (05/17/2001)

Career News: Andrew (02/21/2004)

Kyler (08/28/2006)

Madison (10/24/2007)

I started part-time at Belton Veterinary Center in Belton, MO, post graduation. After 2 years the opportunity to run a new practice in Raymore, MO, opened. I worked there for 2 years full-time. As of June 2007, I have taken some time off to be with my family- which has grown.

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2003

Professional Memberships:

KSVMA, AVMA

Family News:

We have been very busy. We have four beautiful children that keep us on our toes. They are Katelyn (6), Andrew (3). Kyler (15 months) and Madison (3 weeks). We have moved to Douglas, KS (Wichita area).

Advice to Students:

No matter how much experience you think you have someone knows more then you- be willing to listen to other ideas.

Class Comments:

Vet school was a lot of fun and I have some great memories but I am sure glad it is over. I definitely miss the friendships.

Solene Moreton

Company: Animal Internal Medicine & Specialty Services

Career News:

I left K-State for an internship in San Diego (in emergency medicine of course!) and have stayed at the same hospital ever since! I love the fact we have an internship program through which other K-state grads have come through so I can keep track of my alma mater!

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2003

Professional Memberships:

CAVMA, AVMA, VECCS

Class Comments:

Not sure if I will be able to make the reunion but I think back to our senior rotations and memories often! I hope everyone is doing great and enjoying all that life has to offer!

Kristine Renee Mulloy

Company: Bannister Veterinary Clinic

Children: Elizabeth (01/16/1990)

Education: Morgan (07/02/1996)

BS, University of Central Missouri, Warrensburg, Missouri, 1999

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2003

Professional Memberships:

KCVMA, AVMA

David K Newby

Company: Regional Veterinary Service

Spouse: DeRhonda (Alexander) Newby

Children: Cecillia (09/17/2004)
Cooper (02/21/2008)
Colleen (07/23/2013)

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

Practiced in Plattsburg, MO, for 2 years following graduation at a mixed animal practice. In 2005, we moved to Oswego, KS to be closer to our parents. I began working at Regional Veterinary Service in 2005. I became a partner in 2009 and sole owner in 2014.

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2003

Professional Memberships:

KSVMA, AVMA, AVC

John Elmer Olson

Company: Family Vet Care of Phoenix

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2003

Christina Peters

Company: Ski Town Veterinary Services

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

Small Animal Medicine and Surgery Internship, Oklahoma State University, 2003-2004; Pet Kare Clinic, Steamboat Springs, 2004-2011; District Representative, Colorado Veterinary Medical Association, 2005-2011; Ski Town Veterinary Services, 2011-present, Steamboat Springs.

Education:

BS, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas, 1999

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2003

Professional Memberships:

COVMA, AVMA, Colorado Veterinary Medical Association

Advice to Students:

Enjoy the experience, learn from both specialists and private practitioners. An internship following graduation is one of the best ways to solidify what you have just learned.

Class Comments:

I sincerely wish everyone the best.

Joshua Daniel Peterson

Company: Fairway Animal Hospital

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2003

Tracey Cris Peterson

Company: Pittsburgh Veterinay Speciality and Emergency Center

Spouse: Gregg Martin Peterson

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2003

Professional Memberships:

AVMA

Board Certifications:

ACVIM

Rosalind V R Pineda

Spouse: Marcos Pineda

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2003

Nicole L Porter

Company: Blue River Veterinary Clinic
Spouse: Bryce David Porter
Children: Brooke Madison (09/27/2005)
Krista Anne (11/09/2007)

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

Active member of Waterville UMC, Bell Choir Director, Sunday School Co-Coordinator & Teacher, Sing in the Chancel Choir and Current Admin Board Chair. Also one of 3 community leaders for the local 4-H Club "Wide Awake" which has close to 70 members.

Career News:

After 15 years of working as an associate at Prairie Valley Vet Clinic, I have decided to embark on a new phase of becoming a practice owner. New clinic Blue River Veterinary Clinic, should be open the 1st part of July 2018.

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2003

Professional Memberships:

KSVMA, AVMA

Family News:

Brooke is 12 years old and in the 6th grade. She loves sports, especially basketball, riding horses & showing cattle. Krista is 10 years old and in the 4th grade, she loves to sing, play with her dog and play sports. Both girls are very active in 4-H and church.

Advice to Students:

Experience is a great teacher. Always continue to grow and learn.

Class Comments:

Time flies by so fast, I hope everyone is enjoying the ride.

Heather D. Putnam Dingwell

Company: Holdrege Veterinary Clinic, P.C.

Spouse: Randy T. Dingwell

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2003

Professional Memberships:

AVMA, AABP

Carin L Ramsel

Company: Cook Veterinary Hospital

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

Internship, Michigan Veterinary Specialists; since then have worked in small animal practice and occasionally do relief work.

Career News:

I purchased Cook Veterinary Hospital in 2010. We have continued to grow and have expanded from a 1-veterinarian practice to a 3-veterinarian practice. I am currently finishing my Master's degrees in both Traditional Chinese Veterinary Medicine and Business Administration as well as becoming certified in Veterinary Medical Manipulation.

Education:

BS, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska, 1999
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2003

Professional Memberships:

COVMA, AVMA, AAHA

Advice to Students:

'Learn to do everything you can and see as much as you can while you're in school. Take advantage of getting into the clinic and seeing cases even before your senior year.

Jason Lyle Rucker

Company: Broadview Animal Clinic
Spouse: Stefanie Erin (Shoup) Rucker
Children: Cailyn Rucker (04/11/2006)
Career News: Adlai Rucker (01/31/2009)

Did mixed animal practice until 2011, now doing exclusively small animal.

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2003

Professional Memberships:

COVMA, AVMA

Advice to Students:

Figure out how to pay off your loans; live like a hermit while in school.

Class Comments:

Do you still get nervous doing spays?

Kielyn Catherine Scott

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2003

Amanda M Seyb

Company: Ulysses Veterinary Hospital
Spouse: Rhett C Seyb
Children: Madison Emma Seyb (11/29/2005)
Carter Seyb (01/26/09)
Elizabeth Seyb (02/20/13)
Olivia Seyb (02/20/13)

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

Ulysses Veterinary Hospital, June 2003-present. Full time associate veterinarian at a practice with 3 veterinarians. Switched to part-time after birth of my daughter.

Career News:

I currently work part-time at the same clinic I started at after graduation. I also help manage my family's beef cow/calf herd.

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2003

Professional Memberships:

KSVMA, AVMA

Honors/Civic Involvement:

Member of the Johnson United Methodist Church, Stanton County Elementary School PTO Vice President, Junior Girl Scout Troop Leader

Family News:

My husband and I as well as our two older children welcomed identical twin girls on February 20th, 2013. They suffered from TTTS and IUGR in utero, but since birth, one month early, they have grown and developed normally

Advice to Students:

Utilize all the knowledge of the professors and clinicians while at K-State because once you graduate it's harder to find out that information on your own.

Class Comments:

Hello to everyone and I hope this finds you well. As we recently learned, life can be cut short so cherish the good things in life and show love to those around you.

Karen A Shane

Company: Shane Veterinary Medical Center

Spouse: Christopher Shane

Education:
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2003

Jessica Elaine Shorey-Dionne

Company: Homemaker

Spouse: Christopher John Dionne

Children: Grace Elaine Dionne (07/05/2006)

Career News:

Worked for 2-and-a-half years in small animal practice in La Crescenta, CA; took time off to stay at home with our daughter for about a year-and-a-half; began working in small animal practice again part-time in December, 2007.

Education:

BA, Saint Joseph's College of Maine, Standish, Maine, 1998

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2003

Professional Memberships:

AVMA

Family News:

We have been enjoying our daughter, Gracie, and watching her grow up extremely fast!

Advice to Students:

Try to find a practice where you feel comfortable once you get out there; as you gain more experience, you'll have a better idea of what you're looking for in a practice; try not to be afraid to make a change if you need to.

Class Comments:

I hope everyone is well...I can't believe it has been five years!

Shannon Lee Swist

Company: State of New Jersey

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2003

Timothy Guy Taylor

Company: D&T Cattle Co
Spouse: Lindsey (Kaiser) Taylor
Children: Keira Meadow (04/24/2006)
Education: Reece Natalie (07/04/2008)
Tripp Guy (06/16/2010)
Cooke Jae (11/06/2014)

BS, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 2001
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2003

Professional Memberships:

NEVMA, AVMA, AABP, NVMA

Michele S Toomoth

Company: Relief Veterinarian

Spouse: Brian Toomoth

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

Research Associate, H.T.I. Bio-Services, Inc., San Diego, CA, 1995-1997; Professional/research associate, Allergan Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Irvine, CA, 1997-1999; Professional, Allergan Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Irvine, CA, May 2001-August 2001; Staff Veterinarian, VCA Central Animal Hospital, Upland, CA, 2003-2006; Relief Clinical Veterinarian, Independent Contractor, Riverside, CA, 2006-2007; Veterinary Surgeon, Riverside County Dept. of Animal Services, Riverside, CA, 2007-present.

Career News:

Right out of school I worked for VCA Central Animal Hospital, which is a 24 hour clinic that saw emergencies, walk-ins, and scheduled appointments. I was there for 3 years and learned a great deal. Then I did relief work for 8 months as an independent contractor. Currently I work for county of Riverside, Department of Animal Services, but I am starting to look into opening my own practice.

Education:

BS, UC Riverside, Riverside, California, 1993

Masters of Laboratory Animal Science, Hahnemann University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1995

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2003

Professional Memberships:

CAVMA, AVMA, AALAS

Family News:

My husband, Brian, and I bought our first home and trying to start a family.

Advice to Students:

Try to develop a good 'bedside' manner with clients. It goes a long way.

Class Comments:

I hope you all have found what you were looking for in your veterinary career. I wish you happiness.

Ingrid C Trevino-Garrison

Company: Department of Health & Environment

Spouse: Kyle Garrison

Children: Kyle Dean
Kahlan
Kiera

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

Training:

Epidemic Intelligence Service, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta, Georgia, 2006-2008
Public Health Officer, United States Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine, Brooks AFB, TX, 2004

Military Service:

Lieutenant Colonel (retired), United States Air Force, 1994-2017
AB-SSgt., Avionics Communication/Navigation Systems (1994-2003)
Capt-LtCol., Public Health Officer, (2003-2017)

Career News:

My most important news is that I retired from the military in September 2017 with over 23 years of service! It was truly an honor to serve both my country and the state of Kansas. I owe my career in veterinary medicine and, most importantly my family (I met my husband in the service), to the United States Air Force and the Kansas Air National Guard. Thank you to my friends and professors at KSU CVM for your support!

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2003
MPH, University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa, 2005

Professional Memberships:

KSVMA, AVMA, American College of Veterinary Preventive Medicine, Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists, Epidemic Intelligence Service Alumni Association, National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians, National Guard Association of the United States, Veterinary Medical Alumni Association, Kansas State University College of Vet Med

Offices Held:

Vice President, Kansas State Animal Response Team, 2017-present

Board Certifications:

ACVPM, Epidemic Intelligence Service, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta, Georgia, 2006-2008
Public Health Officer, United States Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine, Brooks AFB, TX, 2004

Honors/Civic Involvement:

Air Force Meritorious Service Medal, 2017
Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, 2017
Award of Excellence, Public Health Epidemiology and Laboratory Research,
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Acanthamoeba keratitis Outbreak Research Team, 2008
Air Force Achievement Medal, First Oak Leaf Cluster, 2007
Air National Guard Outstanding Public Health Officer of the Year, 2005
Center for International Rural and Environmental Health Graduate Global Health Research Fellowship, 2005
Air Force Commendation Medal, 2003

Donna Jean Troyer

Company: Acupuncture for Pets

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2003

Adina Dawn Walker

Company: Fort Morgan Veterinary Clinic

Children: Alysha Walker (01/23/1995)

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2003

Professional Memberships:

COVMA, AVMA

Advice to Students:

It is just as important to learn client communication skills as it is to learn the veterinary medicine skills.

Kari Wallentine

Company: Wildcat Vet

Spouse: Todd Wallentine

Children: Sophia Wallentine, 08/26/2014

Career News:

After several years of being in the academic sector and stay-at-home momming, I started in private practice at Wildcat Vet in Manhattan, KS in the fall of 2021. I work part time so I can still enjoy time with family. I absolutely love my job; it never feels like I'm going to work because I love what I do.

Education:

BS, K-State, Manhattan, KS, 1999

DVM, K-State, Manhattan, KS, 2003

MS, K-State, Manhattan, KS, 2008

Professional Memberships:

AVMA, OTHER, AVSAB

Honors/Civic Involvement:

Serving as Office Manager for Eagles Landing South HOA; Secretary for Oliver Brown Elementary PTO; member of Oliver Brown Elementary Site Council.

Family News:

We live in Manhattan, KS with our daughter, Sophia (8 yrs). She wants to be a vet just like mom. She is active in 4-H (visual arts, STEM, and pets projects). She has a leopard gecko named Leo Banana. Todd works remotely for a company called Anthology. His team develops evaluation software for higher education (think TEVALs, only much better).

Advice to Students:

Take advantage of all the extra opportunities to learn/engage in hands-on learning as a student. Don't get bogged down with grades; learning and applying your knowledge is more important than scores on tests.

Class Comments:

How has it been 20 years already!? I don't know about you all, but I'm still 25 and holding... ;)

Sarah Ketterl White

Company: Norton Animal Health Center, Ltd.

Spouse: Aaron R White

Children: Gideon Ritchey White (10/29/2007)
Isaiah David White (11/24/2010)
Genesis Sterling White (02/24/2013)
Solomon Arrow White (03/17/2015)
Hadassah Grace White (08/19/2017)

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

My husband and I are both veterinarians receiving our degrees from KSU CVM. We bought a practice in Norton, KS, in January 2005- Norton Animal Health Center, Ltd. The practice is a growing mixed animal practice.

Education:

BS, Sterling College, Sterling, Kansas, 2000
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2003

Professional Memberships:

KSVMA, AVMA

Family News:

My husband and I have five children. We are blessed to be able to raise them in a rural community bringing them to work with us every day. We home school and enjoy seeing them learn more and more each day.

Advice to Students:

Patience, perserverance, and hard work will pay off. Remember to make family your priority.

Ted J White

Company: Greenwich Valley Veterinary Clinic

Spouse: Lisa A White

Children: Sam White (09/08/2000)

Career News: Sophie White (01/13/2005)
Ben White (12/12/2006)

Have worked as an associate veterinarian at Wood River Animal Hospital since graduation in 2003. I just took a new position at Greenwich Valley Veterinary Clinic in February of 2013. Served as RI VMA president in 2010.

Education:

BA, University of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI, 1990

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2003

Eric F Wika

Company: Bayer Corporation

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2003

Robin Gail Wilcox-Morris

Company: Stolley Park Veterinary Hospital

Spouse: Jeffrey Morris

Children: Shawn Michael (08/21/2009)
Owen Frederick (07/18/2012)

Career History, Community Service, Etc.:

Augusta Animal Clinic, Kansas, 2003-2005; Cambrian Animal Hospital, California, 2005-2007; Stolley Park Veterinary Hospital, Nebraska, 2007-present

Career News:

I have worked as an associate at Stolley Park Vet Hospital for over 10 years. We are currently building a new practice and will become North Park Veterinary Hospital.

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2003

Professional Memberships:

AVMA, AAHA, NVMA

Family News:

We have moved to my hometown: had 2 boys, Shawn and Owen.

Class Comments:

Was it all you thought it would be? I hope so and more. It has been for me.

Denise Christine Woods-Natale

Company: VCA Antech-Pacific Avenue Animal Hospital

Spouse: Peter Natale

Children: Stepdaughter Noelle (11/18/1997)

Education: Son Elliott (10/23/2012)

BS, Organismal Biology, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas, 1998

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2003

Family News:

After a three year stint out in Alexandria, VA, I moved out to practice in the Pacific Northwest. This is where I met my husband, Peter. We currently reside in a great coastal village, Gig Harbor, WA, and have no plans of leaving this beautiful area.

Class Comments:

I hope the last ten years have been great to everyone, and that everyone is happy and healthy! Where has the time gone?

Keri Marie Wulf

Company: Red Cloud Animal Health, LLC

Spouse: Casey Fangmeyer

Children: Avery (05/24/2006)

Career News: Camrie (08/02/2009)

Purchased Red Cloud Animal Health in August 2010.

Education:

DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2003

Professional Memberships:

NEVMA, AVMA, AABP

Michelle Maral Zoryan

Company: Animal Speciality Group Inc

Spouse: Gil Dan

Education:
DVM, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 2003

In Memoriam

Jeffrie T Fox DVM

Jeff passed away on Saturday, November 7, 2020 at Franciscan Healthcare in West Point, NE.

Jeffrie Thomas Fox was born on October 27, 1971 in Hays, KS to Chester and Glenda (Watt) Fox. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Andrew Catholic Church in Wright, KS. Jeff graduated high school from Dodge City High School in Dodge City, KS. He attended Kansas State University obtaining a B.S. Degree in Animal Science, became a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, and later obtained his Masters Degree in Feedlot Management

On September 7, 1996, he was united in marriage to Rhonda Hollrah at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Enid, OK. In October of that year he was confirmed as an adult at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. The couple resided in Enid, OK, Manhattan, KS, then in Guymon, OK for six years before moving to Beemer, NE in 2010. He started and operated Bovine Veterinary Management Resources.

Jeff has always taken an active role in the cattle industry, where he served or belonged to many organizations. He was currently a member of the Nebraska Cattlemen serving as Committee Chairman for the Animal Health and Nutrition Committee. He was a member of American Veterinary Consultants(AVC), where he served on the Board of Directors and also served on the Beef Cattle Health and Well Being Committee. Jeff went to Washington, DC multiple times to represent AVC at the National Cattlemen's Beef Association Legislative Forums. Jeff was also a member of the Bovine Practitioners.

Jeff was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in West Point and had formerly served as an Elder at Immanuel Lutheran Church, rural Beemer. He also served as a Board Member at the Indian Trails Country Club, rural Beemer, NE.

Jeff was profound in his faith with God. He loved to golf, hunt pheasants, ducks and quail, and train hunting dogs. He took pride in sharing these passions with his children. Jeff had an innate ability to build friendships with everyone he met. He loved his K-State Football. Jeff's moral compass was always pointing due North.

Survivors include his wife-Rhonda, children-Lacie, Owen, and Chad, mother-Glenda and Harold Flax of Dodge City, KS, his parents-in-law-Gene (Hoot) and Christine Hollrah of Enid, OK, brother-Adam and Jessica Flax of Topeka, KS, sister-in-law-Donna and Mike Hutchison of Cibolo, TX, and brother-in-law-Patrick and Kristy Hollrah of Edmund, OK. He is also survived by numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Jeff was preceded in death by his father-Chester Fox, grandparents-Kenneth and Anna Mae (Meem) Watt, Paul Junior and Bernice Shrum, and Albert and Frances Flax, and a niece-Kylie Marie Hollrah.

Kathryn E Morton (Krista) DVM CVA

Dr. Katy Morton Krista, DVM, MS, CVA, 41, an equine veterinarian with the Piedmont Equine Practice, Inc., of The Plains, Va., was a victim of a fatal car accident on Friday, Jan. 5, 2018. Katy is the daughter of former USD 465 superintendent John Morton and his wife, Pat.

Katy was born on Nov. 17, 1976, in Wichita. She attended public schools in Wichita and graduated from the international baccalaureate program at Wichita High School East. She earned her bachelor's degree from Kansas State University and her doctorate in veterinary medicine from the Kansas State University College of Veterinary Medicine. She received an additional master's degree from Virginia Tech. Recently, she had become a certified veterinary acupuncturist.