

MidWestVET Specialty Hospital Opens in Omaha



Drs. Nels Buckland, director of the Animal Emergency Clinic, and Roger Fingland greeted veterinarians who attended the open house on Aug. 19.



***Above: MidWestVET's lobby
Left: Dr. Mike Thoesen and CVM senior student Jill Kester interpret radiographs in the treatment area.***



More than 200 people attended the much anticipated open house for MidWest Veterinary Specialty Hospital in Omaha, Neb., on Saturday, Aug. 19. A VIP tour for college administrators was held at 10 a.m.

Dr. Roger Fingland greeted the group in the hospital lobby. "Fifteen years ago, I had a dream of opening a specialty hospital in a metro area. I presented my ideas to the administration, but they did not see the need," he said. "When I approached this administration with the idea, the dream was embraced. They believed in the vision that the future of

clinical training would require a student presence in a city like Omaha. It is because of the students that we built this facility. They are the reason we are standing here today."

Dean Ralph Richardson quickly responded, "Many people present great ideas to me with great enthusiasm. But dreams do not come true without someone stepping forward to make things happen. The reason we are able to celebrate the opening of this teaching facility today is because Roger Fingland took action. He demonstrated true leadership."

Dr. Fingland led the

group on a tour of the 10,400-square-foot hospital.

The lobby's neutral color scheme blends with the tiled flooring in the public areas. Corian countertops in the reception area and exam rooms compliment the natural tones. Muted steel blue rubber flooring covers the expanse of the hospital including the staff lounge, dispensary, treatment area, ICU, radiology, physical therapy, anesthesia induction and the three surgery rooms.

Two days following the open house, two students arrived for the first externship, which includes one week at MidWestVET and

one week at the adjacent Animal Emergency Clinic. They worked alongside MidWest VET staff surgeon Dr. Mike Thoesen, a 2002 K-State CVM graduate originally from Hastings, Neb.

The students stay in a furnished apartment across the street from the hospital while on the rotation.

"This experience will better prepare me for private practice," said Jill Kester, senior student. "It exposed me to the types and range of surgeries commonly referred to specialists," Kester said. "It also gave me an idea of the expected case-load I will experience."

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sept. 4** Labor Day - No 1st, 2nd, and 3rd year class
- Sept. 8** All CVM Faculty Meeting- 301 Trotter

- Sept. 30** CE Conferences - 16th Annual Equine Fall Conference & Progressive Practice Management



Freshman Orientation for the Class of 2010



Dr. Ronnie Elmore spoke to the class of 2010 and their families at the opening of freshman orientation.

Freshman veterinary students spent the week before classes getting acquainted and participating in orientation activities.

Class members and their families filled Frick Auditorium in Mosier Hall for the orientation organized by Dr. Ronnie Elmore, associate dean for academic affairs. Students introduced

themselves and were asked to tell something interesting about themselves.

This year's class was split into two groups that alternated sessions. They observed and followed senior students in the VMTH. "The goal is to get them to want to go back to the clinics on their own to observe and not be intimidated," Dr. Elmore

explained.

The other group took part in a unique team building project facilitated by Dr. Judy Klimek, professor of anatomy and physiology. They were shown a video from the Arctic and asked to rank 12 items they would choose to have to survive conditions. Their scores were compared to those identified by experts on the video. "The point of the whole activity is to show that the team will invariably do better than the individual," Dr. Elmore said.

Students also participated in an exercise administered by Dan Wilcox, assistant director of counseling services, and Dr. Mac Hafen, CVM therapist, to determine their personality types. An interesting finding about this year's class is that they are more extroverted than last year's freshman class. Dr. Elmore said

this test helps the students learn about themselves and their classmates.

A group of about 60 parents, spouses and significant others of veterinary students attended a session held by the Significant Others of Kansas State University College of Veterinary Medicine Students (SOKS). This session was to help them understand the expectations of their loved ones while in veterinary school.

Class of 2010 Stats:
Females to Males: 77:28
Average Age: 23.6 (range 20-40)
Avg. Previous College Experience: 4.6 years
Avg. GPA: 3.4
Total States Represented: 25 and Puerto Rico
Top Four States: Kansas 45, Nebraska, 11, California 8, and New York, 8
Students With a Degree: 87

FACULTY PROFILE: DR. EMILY SOIDERER

Dr. Emily Soiderer joined the VMTH faculty in 2005 as an assistant professor of small animal surgery.

A native of Ann Arbor, Mich., Dr. Soiderer earned her bachelor's degree from John Carroll University in Cleveland, Ohio. She received her DVM from Michigan State University in 1999. "I really wanted to become a veterinarian after working for a local veterinarian in Michigan," Dr. Soiderer said.

Dr. Soiderer attended Purdue University where she completed an internship in small animal medicine and surgery in 2000 and her residency in small animal surgery in 2003. After complet-

ing her residency, she stayed on at Purdue as a visiting clinical professor for two years. During that time, Dr. Soiderer became a diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Surgery in 2004.

Her appointment at K-State is 72 percent clinical. Most of her time is spent treating clinical cases and conducting surgery. Her clinical interests include surgical oncology and urinary tract



Dr. Emily Soiderer

surgeries.

Her research interest is in the field of intraluminal trachea stints in dogs to treat collapsed tracheas. She also has researched novel collagen-based biomaterials. These materials, such as small intestinal

mucosal cells, are used to help repair injuries such as hernias. If there is not enough tissue to create a strong repair, these materials are used to make the repair suitable. "I've started successfully using this research

in clinics," Dr. Soiderer said.

During her residency at Purdue she met Dr. Nathan Klocke, a resident in the same program. Dr. Klocke is a 2000 graduate of the K-State CVM and is also an assistant professor of small animal surgery at the VMTH. The two are engaged to be married and are planning a Sept. 9 wedding.

Dr. Soiderer enjoys working at the VMTH. "I like the comradery at K-State," she said. "Everyone is willing to offer valuable input and is open to trying new things to achieve the best care for our patients."

Dr. Soiderer has three cats and a dog.



By Carol Elmore

Since a new school year has begun, I want to introduce, or re-introduce, our library staff.

We use a concept called the “personal librarian” and strive to have one person in the library designated as your librarian.

Check it Out at the Library

Cindy Logan works directly with the students to familiarize and personalize any information needs that they may have.

Mary Girard is the personal librarian for faculty and staff and provides very specific, useful, relevant services that aid in research, teaching or clinical requests.

Stefan Yates is our consumer health librarian who works with members of the general public or anyone else

who needs help with our library collection and specific reference requests. He’s usually the first person that you’ll see when you enter the library.

Gina Scott works in our Digital Information Services Center and welcomes appointments or walk-ins for instruction on using our equipment or software needs. She will also answer your questions via e-mail or phone and checks out all of

our equipment such as cameras, computers, or DVD players.

The director of the VML is Gayle Willard who, among her many roles here in the library, is the library consultant for the Institutional Animal Care & Use Committee and works with faculty across campus.

I am the personal librarian for non-university affiliated people who need library materials and searches. If you haven’t been to the library yet, come up to see us on the fourth floor and introduce yourself to your “personal librarian.”

Students Present Research at National Scholar Symposium



Dr. David Anderson talks with a student about his research poster in Trotter Hall. Students had presented at the Merck/Merial National Veterinary Scholar Symposium in Louisiana.

Students recently traveled to Louisiana State University to present their research projects at the 2006 Merck/Merial National Scholar Symposium.

This symposium, held annually, is an opportunity for veterinary students across the nation, to advance science, exchange ideas and network for collaborators and possible jobs.

“This conference addresses the critical need for veterinarians in biomedical research by becoming a nidus for the development and growth of a community of veterinary students exploring research,” said Dr. Lisa Freeman, associate dean of research and graduate programs. This year’s conference had 212 students and 74 faculty members, from 24 veterinary schools, participate.

After the conference in Louisiana, the K-State students presented their research projects to the CVM in a special gathering on Aug. 8 in the Practice Management Center. “This was an opportunity for the students to share their accomplishments with the K-State community,” Dr. Freeman said.

Chance Meeting Leads to Unique Gift for Dr. Freeman



The wine stopper Dr. Zander made for Dr. Freeman featuring a purple puca shell.

While in Hawaii for the American Veterinary Medical Association Conference in July, Dr. Lisa Freeman, associate dean for research and graduate programs, had a chance meeting with an alumnus with an interesting hobby.

Dr. Freeman was on a tour of a botanical garden, when she spotted a man wearing a ball cap with a powercat. She introduced herself to see who the man was. Ironically, he was an alumnus and a veterinarian from Topeka. Dr. Norbert Zander, who practices at the Auburn Animal Clinic, is a 1969 graduate of the CVM and was also in Hawaii for the conference.

He told Dr. Freeman he was collecting shells for tops to his homemade wine stoppers. After the two talked, Dr. Freeman found an unusual purple shell and gave it to Dr. Zander.

About a month after the conference, Dr. Freeman received an unexpected package. Dr. Zander used the shell she had given him to make her a wine stopper. “I was very touched by the gesture,” Dr. Freeman said. “People like Dr. Zander make me happy to a part of the K-State family.”

Staff Appreciation



The Staff Appreciation Picnic was held on August 10, at 5 p.m. The picnic was held in I-70 due to inclement weather. Door prizes and t-shirts were given away to attendees.

Special Visitors



Toni and Dr. Ed Eames are shown here with their two assistance dogs, Keebler and Littrel. Also present are Dr. M. M. Chengappa, Dr. Ronnie Elmore and Megan Hann, Diagnostic Lab research assistant. The Eames visited the CVM to present a lecture on assistance dogs. They also discussed with Dr. Chengappa rabies titers in assistance dogs. As advocates for the blind, the Eames try to convey to veterinary students what guide dogs can do and to educate the general public on how to treat them. The Eames, from California, are adjunct professors of sociology at California State University at Fresno.

Fall DM/P Seminar Series

- Sept. 7: **Dr. K.C. Chang**, DM/P
- Sept. 14: **Dr. Tonia van Ohlen**, Division of Biology
- Sept. 21: **Dr. Gunjan Gakhar**, DM/P
- Sept. 28: **Dywane Byerly**, DM/P

NEW ARRIVALS

Xiang Liu - DM/P
Ahmer Naweed - A&P
Gregory Peterson - DM/P
Richard Hesse - DM/P
Peying Fong - A&P
David Weinstein - DM/P
Lane Anderson - A&P
Christy Dearden - DM/P
Sarah Schwark - VMTH
Michelle Delco - Clinical Sciences
Maria Ferrer - Clinical Sciences
Matt Miesner - Clinical Sciences

RECENT DEPARTURES

Allison Reisbig, Counseling Office

CVM News Ticker

Congratulations to **Kristen Schweitzer** and **Rolan Davis**, rabies lab, on the arrival of their new baby boy, Keaton. He arrived on Aug. 24 weighing 6 pounds, 4 ounces, and 18 and-a-half inches long. Mom and baby are doing well.

Elliot Stevens, third year student, was selected to compete in the veterinary student paper competition at the American Association of Bovine Practitioners Conference in September. **Robert Rust**, fourth year student, was selected to compete in the graduate student paper competition and **Becky Funk**, fourth year student, will be awarded the AABP Graduate Research Assistantship at the conference.

Gayle Willard, Veterinary Medical Library, and the VML staff were recently featured in an article entitled "Movers and Shakers in Kansas Libraries" in Kansas Libraries magazine.

Dr. Howard Erickson, A&P, gave a presentation on "African-American Pioneers in Veterinary Medicine" at the Charles I. Brown Historical Symposium in Hale Library on August 18. Charles I. Brown was a founder of Phi Beta Sigma, a black fraternity founded in 1914 at Howard University. After graduation from Howard University, Brown moved to Topeka, Kan., to teach. In 1917, he founded Delta Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma at Kansas State Agricultural College, the first chapter established on a racially mixed campus west of the Mississippi River.

Pilar Guntar and **Pam Pace**, Diagnostic Laboratory, passed the proficiency tests for bovine leukosis and bluetongue from the National Veterinary Serology Laboratory. They also passed the proficiency test for equine infectious anemia from the Kansas Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory. These tests are required for the laboratory staff to offer these diagnostics.