Dr. Jones teaches camelid medicine in Mongolia

In September, Dr. Meredyth Jones spent two weeks teaching in Mongolia with V.E.T. Mongolia, a subsidiary of Christian Veterinary Mission. She co-taught a camel medicine shortcourse with Dr. Jim Jensen, a zoo medicine specialist from Texas. After completing the shortcourse, Dr. Jones traveled with a group of five Mongolians to towns throughout the desert, meeting with veterinarians and providing medical and business training.

“We were invited into the homes of countryside people and given solid camel milk yogurt to eat and fermented mare’s milk to drink,” Dr. Jones said. “I taught them horse limb anatomy and discussed race horse injuries with them. Veterinary training in Mongolia is extremely basic and they are taught very little clinical case and management skills. They recognize and appreciate the skills of veterinarians from the West and are eager to improve their ability to manage cases.”

Above: Dr. Jones presents her Mongolian travel companions.

Left: Dr. Jones and Dr. Jensen show how to pass a stomach tube.

Left: Dr. Jones describes horse anatomy to a Mongolian veterinarian.

Right: Dr. Jones goes for a camel ride!
DISC says ‘hello’ with food!

In a “get to know us” effort during the week of Sept. 17th - 21st, the Digital Information Services Center (DISC) staff roved the halls of the Veterinary Medicine Complex with a snack cart and Open House invitations. DISC held their Open House in the VM Library. At the conclusion, there was a drawing for a tailgating basket. The winner was Hannah Coleman, administrative specialist with Dr. David Anderson in Clinical Sciences. Congratulations!

By Carol Elmore

Several weeks ago you may have observed a cart traveling around the veterinary college with members of the Digital Information Services Center (DISC) group from the Veterinary Medical Library tempting you with treats and information. The group was promoting the recently expanded areas of DISC which now include print graphics, medical illustration and photography, as well as the existing instructional elements. DISC now has four staff members. Cindy Logan, Assistant Professor, is the coordinator of DISC.

DISC will have a grand opening later this fall or early next year to celebrate its new and existing programs. Lots of changes are occurring in the Veterinary Medical Library to accommodate the space for the DISC staff and the collaborative areas of the library. Once finished, the DISC area will allow users to able to complete individual or group projects, or receive instruction on software programs and various forms of technology.

Although the space for DISC is in transition, the staff is ready to assist with any learning and instructional needs that you may have. A helpline is available for faculty, staff and students who need assistance with technology, instruction or don’t know which service or support area to call. The caller will be connected to the correct person to fulfill the need.

Call the helpline at 532-2327 or send an e-mail to disc@vet.k-state.edu to begin your request. The helpline is answered all hours the library is open. New developments in the progress of DISC will be announced as they are completed. Come by the library and see what is happening with DISC and its newly expanded role in our college.

Dr. Richardson to come to K-State

Dr. Dan Richardson, class of 1977, a nationally known expert in biosciences and animal health, will become chief executive officer of K-State’s Olathe Innovation Campus in January. Brother of Dean Ralph

Richardson, Dr. Richardson earned his bachelor's and DVM degrees at K-State. He is a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Surgeons, and has spent time teaching at Purdue and North Carolina State Universities.

Dr. Richardson has worked for Hill’s Pet Nutrition Inc. since 1991 and is currently vice president of the Pet Nutrition Center in Topeka, Kan.

In his new position, Dr. Richardson will work with area education leaders to develop opportunities for students to learn about animal health careers.

Changing Lives All-University Campaign

To date, 35 percent of CVM faculty and staff have contributed to the All-University Campaign. The KSU foundation encourages high participation rather than high dollar amounts. If you haven’t participated yet, please consider joining the 1,517 K-State faculty and staff who have shown their commitment and pride in our university by making a gift to the 2007 All-University Campaign.

Check it Out at the Library

DISC services

Photos by Mai Hoover and Dave Adams

Dr. Dan Richardson

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RCHS relies on help from many CVM volunteers
by Mylissia Stukey, RCHS president

Gomer is one of many special needs cases being cared for by the Riley County Humane Society (RCHS). Gomer, a 4-month-old orange tabby, has been diagnosed with a congenital cyst twice the size of his heart. Gomer will undergo a thoracotomy in hopes of removing the cyst. At such a young age, Gomer faces other medical conditions as well, including bilateral cataracts. Although Gomer has a long road ahead of him, you would never know it by looking into his eyes. The beautiful orange tabby shows no distress and appears quite content, purring constantly and wanting to be held.

Legalized and incorporated in 1975, RCHS is a nonprofit 501 3(c) class organization located in Manhattan and dedicated to the welfare of animals. RCHS does not have a facility and therefore relies on state-licensed volunteers to foster animals like Gomer in their homes. RCHS is 100 percent volunteer work and is solely supported by public donations. RCHS programs include, but are not limited to: cruelty investigations, humane education, and the fostering and adoption of animals.

Many of the talented RCHS volunteers are students, staff and faculty of the CVM. Volunteers give the animals a second chance at life, as well as impacting the community in a positive way. Volunteers provide a second chance for abused, abandoned and neglected companion animals, as well as educating the public on what it means to be a responsible pet owner.

Volunteers from the CVM serve as a part of RCHS’ executive board, board of directors, foster families, fundraising chairs and animal transporters. They work to help create an environment of respect, responsibility and compassion toward animals. They not only improve the lives of the animals, but they play a part in keeping the animals social and healthy. Most importantly, they keep the organization intact.

As president of the Riley County Humane Society I cannot thank these volunteers enough for their time and dedication. The number of animals that RCHS can save each year depends entirely on the generosity and dedication of our volunteers. RCHS offers a number of opportunities for volunteer involvement. To learn more about RCHS contact us at 785-776-8433 or rchshumane@yahoo.com.
CVM News Ticker

Bryant Blank, third-year student, has been elected an executive committee officer of the Student American Veterinary Medicine Association.

Dr. Warren Beard spoke Oct. 4 at the IntraState Veterinary meeting in South Sioux City, Neb, on the topic of wound care.

Dr. Greg Gauer spoke Oct. 9 at the Alaska State VMA meeting.

Dean Richardson and Dr. Lisa Freeman traveled to Brazil and Paraguay Oct. 17-24 to learn what K-State can do to help eliminate FMD from the Western Hemisphere by 2010.

Dr. Greg Gauer spoke Oct. 19 and 20 at the Southern European Veterinary Conference in Barcelona, Spain, on Chronic Kidney Disease.

Dr. Brad White gave a presentation on educational efforts associated with the control and management of BVD at the Applied Animal and Public Health Research and Extension Conference at the United States Animal Health Association on Oct. 20 in Reno, Nev.

Drs. Laura Armbrust and Mike Apley spoke at the CVC West in San Diego Oct. 20-23.

Dr. Mike Apley spoke Oct. 26 at Ohio State University.

There will be an International Symposium on Beef Cattle Welfare event May 29-30, 2008. This event is sponsored by BCI, AVMA, NCBA and AABP. Watch for more information in Lifelines.

Under the microscope: Rhonda Stadel
Accountant II
Dean’s Business Office

Place of birth: Concordia, Kan.

Family Information: Married to Tim with two adorable boys — Eric, 12 and Jason, 9

Pets: Otis, a very spoiled rat terrier and two bottle calves, Lucy and Willie

Life theme song: “Awful, Beautiful Life” by Darryl Worley

Of all the books you were assigned to read in school, what was your favorite? Any of the “Little House on the Prairie” books

Favorite way to spend an hour of free time: Crafts, spending time with the boys.

Favorite Ice Cream Flavor: Mint chocolate chip

Person who has had the greatest influence on your life: My husband, because he is dedicated in everything he does.

Veterinary career opportunities workshop

Who: Students, Practitioners, CVM faculty and staff

What: Matching students and mixed animal practitioners

When: Friday and Saturday, Nov. 2-3, 2007

Where: Holiday Inn, 17th and Anderson


Hodgson fundraising update

$1,045

has been raised for Dr. Hodgson’s cause in Afghanistan. These funds will be used to purchase dental equipment and cordless clippers.

new arrivals

Merla K. Brookman - A&P
Jennifer A. Sands - DM/P-VDL
Bradley I. Galgut - DM/P
Dharmendra Maurya - A&P
Sajid Mahmood - DM/P
Megan J. Kaltinger - DM/P
Yvonne Bachura - DM/P
Debra Wilcox - DM/P
Tanya Grondin DeWitt - DM/P
Lainen Sommers - VMTH
Trevor Scholl - VMTH

recent departures

Debra Webb - DM/P
James B. Hackworth - DM/P