



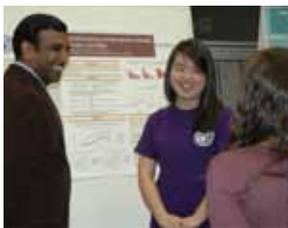
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2012 Alumni Fellow makes her Mark

Shares her experiences learned through Animal Assisted Therapy



Dr. Sara Mark

Dr. Sara Mark, Littleton, Colo., is the 2012 Alumni Fellow for the Kansas State University College of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Mark was on campus Feb. 22 and 23 for a variety of activities, tours and seminars. On Feb. 23, she presented a seminar to the college titled “Dr. Sara Mark: Experiences with Animal Assisted Therapy and Lessons Learned.” In the evening, a reception was held for the Alumni Fellows at the Alumni Center at 6:30 p.m. During the banquet, the K-State Alumni Fellows program, sponsored by the Dean’s Council, the President’s Office and the Alumni Association presented the Alumni Fellows awards to Dr. Mark and the recipients from the other eight academic colleges, graduate school and division of continuing education.

Dr. Mark earned her bachelor’s degree in life science and physical science in 1977 and her DVM in 1983, both from K-State.

After graduation, she worked at the Wingate Veterinary Hospital in Englewood, Colo., for two years. Then Dr. Mark worked at the Alpine Animal Hospital Southwest in Littleton for three years. She then went to work at the Southwest Veterinary Hospital in Littleton, where she has become the owner of the practice.

On top of her busy veterinary practice, Dr. Mark dedicates a great deal of her time and expertise as a volunteer at the Prescription Pet Program in the Children’s Hospital Colorado in Denver. This program consists of dog-assisted therapy and pet visitations with patients, which was the result of collaboration between Children’s Colorado and the Denver Area Veterinary Medical Society. In 1998, she shared one of her profound experiences with the Prescription Pet Program in a story she wrote, entitled “Darlene,” which was published in the book “Chicken Soup for the Pet Lover’s Soul.” Dr. Mark conducts pet screening for the program, and she wrote a protocol that can be used by other hospitals seeking to use pet-visitations. She has worked with the Lutheran Medical Center, Porter Hospital and Littleton Hospital to help each develop and implement its own pet visitation program.

“For an ‘everyday’ practicing veterinarian, receiving this award is an incredible honor,” Dr. Mark said. “Being chosen as the Alumni Fellow is a humbling and overwhelming experience. I hope that the students can use any insights I share with them throughout their careers, and inspire each of them to pursue a personal path of volunteerism.”

Check out the video report at: www.vet.k-state.edu/depts/development/lifelines/1203.htm.

Dr. Carpenter helps organize conference in Peru

Warmly referred to as “The Three Amigos” by the Latin American veterinarians, Drs. James Carpenter, Roberto Aguilar and Kay Backues traveled to Lima, Peru, last November for the International Conference on Zoological Medicine. Dr. Carpenter, professor in zoological medicine, Dr. Aguilar, Cape Wildlife Center veterinarian, Barnstable, Mass., and Dr. Backues, Tulsa Zoo veterinarian, were invited by Fauna Vet-Peru to help organize and put on the conference.

During the conference, Dr. Carpenter gave six presentations on the diagnosis and treatment of diseases of a wide variety of captive and wild animals. In addition the team organized and presented 11 hours of wet labs on radiographic and ultrasound techniques in birds and reptiles.

Drs. Carpenter, Aguilar and Backues have previously organized similar conferences. In 2006, they were invited to Guadalajara, Mexico. After the successful completion of the conference, they were soon receiving invites to organize other conferences, such as: Colombia (2007), Argentina (2008), Chili (2010) and Peru (2011).

“The opportunity to train Latin American veterinarians and veterinary students was incredible,” Dr. Carpenter said. “At the conference in Peru, there were 125 registrants from nine different countries. In addition to building friendships and strengthening the field of zoological medicine, the Three Amigos also get to experience the culture of other countries. A priceless opportunity.”



Dr. James Carpenter instructs a Latin American veterinary student about radiographic techniques used with birds of prey.

BCI offers online youth animal care training



“The goal of the program is to utilize modern technology to reach youth and provide educational videos for those involved or interested in learning more about beef and dairy cattle and equine to improve animal welfare, food safety and environmental stewardship,” said Abby Jones executive director of the Beef Cattle Institute.

The Beef Cattle Institute (BCI) at Kansas State University has launched a Youth Animal Care Training program. The program features free online educational training modules for youth through high school age. Through participation in the training, youth can improve their knowledge of animal handling, animal welfare, antimicrobial residue avoidance and food safety. After a training package is completed, a certificate is available for printing. Through the support of BCI sponsors, the training packages, certification and electronic record of training are offered at no cost to youth.

“Training youth is essential for the future of the agriculture

industry,” said Dr. Dan Thomson, assistant dean for outreach. “It can ensure worker safety, employee retention and production of wholesome products. We are proud to provide these tools through the generous support of our BCI sponsors.”

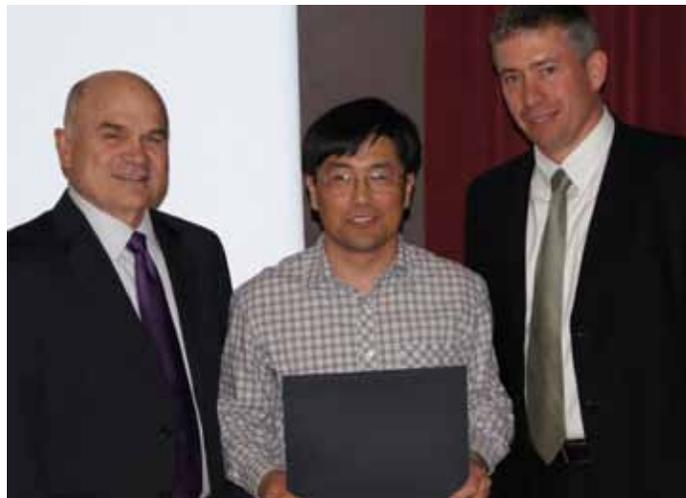
Youth can work through the multimedia training modules at any time. Once all the modules within a package are completed and the quizzes are passed with 80 percent accuracy or higher, a certificate is available. There is no time limit or deadline to complete the modules and quizzes.

Phi Zeta day celebrates research accomplishments

The annual Phi Zeta Day was held March 6. It featured various posters and presentations. The day concluded with an awards ceremony which recognized research and scholarship accomplishments and the organization also initiated new members.



Dr. Kevin Stafford, professor of veterinary ethology at Massey University in Palmerston North, New Zealand gives the guest lecture. He has worked with production animal veterinary practice in several different countries.



Dr. Kyeong-Ok Chang, associate professor, receives the 2012 Pfizer Award for Research Excellence from Drs. Frank Blecha and Dan Thomson.

Check it out at the Library

"Library Book Sale brings new technology"

By Carol Elmore

Once again, we have had a very successful book sale at the Veterinary Medical Library. Thanks goes out to all the people who donated books, all the folks who purchased books and all the library staff who worked hard to make this sale a success. Jeff Gauss, Scott Jackson, Mary Girard and our student employees contributed time and expertise to make the sale a successful and profitable event.

It is always fun to see the excitement on people's faces when they locate a bargain or find a special book. I heard lots of students say that they really liked the old veterinary books that are often hard to find. We had shoppers who came back multiple times just to see if the prices had been reduced. We made a total of \$1,719 on our book sales which included the always popular silent auction. This was \$400 more than our previous book sale.

I'd like to remind everyone that we don't

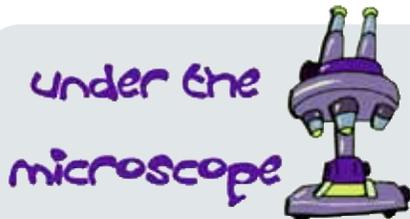
keep the profits from the sale, but reinvest the amount in technology items. Many of you have requested that we purchase another professional quality camera. We plan to get a Canon T3 (1100D) which will be very similar to our other professional camera, the Nikon D3100. Both of these cameras have a very fast shutter speed of 1/4000 and a resolution of 1280 x 720 for movie recording. This means most videos can be recorded with an appropriate memory card. The capabilities on these two cameras are much better than any of the point and shoot cameras that we have to loan. One of the features on both cameras is that the camera can be plugged into a high-definition television (HDTV) and the movies and pictures can be viewed on the HDTV's large screen.

The new Canon T3 will cost about \$1,200. In addition, we plan to purchase

a set of high powered binoculars. This should enable a person to view close-ups on any football or baseball field. If you are planning a cruise to Alaska or are going on some other fabulous vacation, consider borrowing our new binoculars to view the spectacular scenery up-close. Then with one of our professional cameras, you'll be able to re-experience your trip by viewing the still shots and video that you took on the trip.

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Wrenn Pacheco

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Hometown: Henderson, Texas



Family Information: Have been married to my best friend for almost five years now with no kiddos yet!

Pets: We have four dogs: one old, sweet black lab, Max, and three working border collies, Poncho, Spook and Chico. We also have a litter of 11 border collie puppies!

What is a favorite memory you have of your pets? There is not one single memory that sticks out, but I guess what makes me smile the most is when our pups get so excited to go for a ride and our black lab hangs his head out the side of the truck and the wind makes his ears and jaws flap. This makes him one happy dog!

What is your favorite spring time activity? I enjoy gardening and tagging baby calves with my husband.

What are your spring break plans? Headed to Texas to see my mom and sister!

CVM NEWS TICKER

Bailey Starns, DM/P Grant Specialist, and her husband, Taylor, welcome new daughter Ellie Jo Starns. Ellie was born on Feb. 22 and weighed 7 lbs, 15 oz and measured 20.5 inches.



Dr. Norman Merriweather, DVM 1955, was recognized with a posthumous alumni recognition award at the Western Veterinary Conference, which was held Feb. 20 in Las Vegas.



The VMTH hosted an Equine Section Open House on Feb. 25. There were presentations given by VMTH faculty members. **Dr. Chris Blevins** had a session on geriatric horse dentistry and **Dr. Maria Ferrer** hosted a section on pregnant mare issues. Tours of the equine facilities were also offered to visitors.

Students help at Wichita's EquiFest



Fourth-year students Tiffany Lee and Theresa Lamontagne traveled with Dr. Chris Blevins to EquiFest 2012 held in Wichita on Feb. 9-12. Dr. Blevins and the students checked the health of the horses and handled equine emergencies at the event. About 150 horses attended EquiFest including Clydesdale horses and miniature horses.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr. 6 - Kind Hearts Caring Hands Day
Apr. 21 - K-State Open House
Apr. 29 - Frank W. Jordan Seminar*
May 11 - Commencement

*Continuing Education Events, visit:
<http://www.vet.ksu.edu/CE/Conference.htm>

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