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## Puppy in Training

The yellow labrador at right, Maize, is a Kansas Specialty Dog Service (KSDS) puppy in training. She will be coming to work this fall with **Dr. Patricia Payne**, DM&P, to be taught obedience, house/public manners and socialization with the help of the K-9 Dog Club and others here at the College. "These specialty dogs need specialty training in order to be successful as guide or service dogs after placement," says Dr. Payne. "We will learn a lot about how specialty training differs from the norm." For more information about being a foster puppy raiser, a 12-18 month commitment, visit the KSDS web site at: [www.ksds.org](http://www.ksds.org).



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## Orders being taken for *A Century of Excellence* Limited Edition

For information on reserving a copy of this unique, leather bound, foil stamped and embossed history book, pick up an order form in either the Dean's or Development office. The edition will not be reprinted, is a tax deductible purchase and comes with your name, graduating year or business name, foil stamped on the cover. **Dr. Elmore** and **Dr. Erickson** are working to finish the editorial end and are anticipating a spring 2005 delivery date.



## New Assistant Dean for Career Development Announced



**Dr. Bonnie Rush** begins a 25% appointment as Assistant Dean for Career Development in the CVM as announced in the last CVM Faculty Meeting. She will

take on administrative responsibilities for the following areas:

- Early Admissions Program for Veterinary Scholars
- Evaluation of Admissions Criteria vs. Academic/Career Success
- Coordination of an initiative to Develop Skills in Practice
- Coordination of a Career Opportunities Initiative
- Spearheading a Clinical Investigator (Residency/PhD) Training Program

This effort will allow the College of Veterinary Medicine to take a national leadership role in assuring that the profession becomes more valuable in meeting society's needs. Veterinary careers relating to practice, public health, comparative biomedicine, food safety, biosecurity and more have never been more important to our state, the nation and the world.

## Employee Recognition Awards at Dean's Luncheon

### Departmental Employees of the Year



Receiving Employee of the Year Awards at the Dean's Luncheon on June 13th were L to R:

**Sue Chavey**, DM&P (unclassified); **Staci Murray**, Clinical Sciences; and **Ryan Carlin**, A&P.

Not pictured are **Karyl Brandon**, VMTH and **James Flemming**, DM&P (classified).

Employees Recognized for Years of Service on June 13th were top row

L to R: **Susan Rose**, ARF, 15 yr, **Michelle Musser**, VMTH, 5 yr. Bottom, L to R: **Donna Rogers**, DM&P, 15 yr, **Michelle Keating**, DM&P, 5 yr and **Cindy Logan**, VML, 15 yr.

Not pictured 5 yr: **Dennis Caffrey**, VMTH, **Amanda Counts**, DM&P, **Teresa Fleckenstein**, VMTH, **Candace Ortega**, VMTH and **Barbara Self**, VMTH. Not pictured 15 yr: **Karyl Brandon**, VMTH, **Sheila Howard**, DM&P, **Robert Lynch**, ITC, **Glenda Riffel**, VMTH, **Scott Ruthstrom**, ARF and **Paul Wagoner**, VMTH. Not pictured 25 yr: **Pam Davis**, A&P and **Mary Girard**, VML.

### Years of Service Awards



## Development Totals for Fiscal Year Announced

Fundraising efforts in the Development Office for the fiscal year include dollar amounts in the following areas:

\$1,876,372, in deferred commitments;  
\$3,108,205 in cash commitments; and  
\$86,725 in pledge commitments.

The total for the fiscal year fundraising as of June 26 is \$5,071,302.00.

## July Calendar of Events

4	University Holiday, 4th of July, Independence Day
14-15	Orientation of new residents
19-23	140th AVMA Annual Convention, Denver, Colorado
31-Aug 2	4th Annual Merck-Merial Veterinary Scholars Symposium, K-State hosting symposium.

## New Interns at VMTH



New interns at VMTH, L to R: **Dr. Laura Waitt**, Equine; **Dr. Anne Harrington**, Equine; **Dr. Susan Fielder**, Small animal medicine and surgery; **Dr. Jessica Siegal-Willott**, Exotics; **Dr. Daniel D'Amato**, **Dr. Lorin Hillman** and **Dr. Kathy Snyder**, Small animal medicine and surgery.

## Development Officer Rachel Averbuck Leaving CVM

Rachel Averbuck's hearty laugh, sincerity and enthusiasm will be missed in the fundraising and management functions of the Pet Trust and Perpetual Pet Care Programs. She will be leaving CVM July 9th.

"We will be focusing our time and energy on starting our family. Over the next year, we intend to flyfish in the Rockies, visit my 90 year-old grandma in California and watch many sunrises and sunsets. Eventually, we will set sail on the high seas," says Rachel.

## College News

**Dr. Steve Stockham**, Diagnostic Medicine/Pathobiology, led a contingent of five K-State faculty members to the 2003 Wakonse Conference on College Teaching at Camp Miniwanca, Michigan. During the conference, Dr. Stockham presented "Teaching using problem-based learning strategies" and he was inducted into *Owaglake Ptah Wakon* for his activities in the Wakonse Foundation during the past 12 years.

**Dr. Stockham** also traveled to Fort Collins, Colorado, to help prepare the 2003 certifying examination of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists that will be given in September.

**Two 2nd year veterinary students** from Tuskegee University are spending a month (June 23 – July 18) at the College, as part of a mentoring program where they "shadow" and work with clinicians. The students, **Vanessa Hansacker** and **Jaqueline Manning**, are working with Clinical Sciences faculty, **Dr Peter Chenoweth** and **Dr Earl Gaughan**, respectively. Please extend the students some K-State hospitality.

**Notice:** Recently, KVMA members received a survey concerning the role and influence of mentors in their chosen

career path. This represents a combined project between the Colleges of Veterinary Medicine and Business Administration at K-State, and the KVMA. It recognizes that good mentorship is a key factor in recruiting and retaining the best students and new graduates. A similar exercise is planned with the Nebraska VMA.

The ultimate aim is to use this information to improve our knowledge and resources in mentorship, so we can ensure that in the future, the Veterinary Profession is in the best possible hands. Please take a few minutes to complete this survey and send it in.

If you need a copy of the survey, or have any questions, please contact Dr. Peter Chenoweth (peter@vet.k-state.edu, or 785 532 5700).

**Dr Peter Chenoweth**, Clinical Sciences, addressed the Nebraska VMA on aspects of bulls assessment and management at their Summer AGM (June 10-12, 2003) which was held in Nebraska City.

**Dr. Kathy Mitchell** and **Dr. Frank Blecha**, Anatomy and Physiology, spoke at the American Academy of Veterinary Pharmacology and Therapeutics meeting in Charlotte, NC on June 3rd. Dr. Mitchell's talk was on Computer-aided Drug Design: Impact on Veterinary Drug Discovery in the 21st Century and Dr. Blecha spoke on Antimicrobial Peptides.

**Dr. M.M. Chengappa**, Diagnostic Medicine/Pathobiology, has been elected to serve on the American College of Veterinary Microbiologists (ACVM) Board of Governors. Dr. Chengappa is one of six board members elected by the membership to serve a three-year term.

**Dr. Kathy Mitchell**, Anatomy and Physiology, received a Faculty Research Award from the Terry C. Johnson Center for Basic Research for her research on the role of Oct-1 in non-embryonic stem cells.

**Graduate students** in the Anatomy and Physiology Department, **Bryan Helwig**, who works for Dr. Mitchell and **Jeremy Traas**, who works for Dr. Troyer, each received Graduate Student Travel Awards from the Terry C. Johnson Center for Basic Research.

**Kenda Preston** and **Angie Marchant** recently joined the VMTH staff as Veterinary Technicians in the Anesthesiology Section.

**Congratulations** to **Amy** and **Randy Juracek** on the birth of their son, Ryan Randell. Ryan was born on June 10th, weighed 5 pounds, 11 ounces and was 18 inches long. Amy is a Veterinary Technician in the Oncology service and Randy is the Veterinary Technician for Radiation Therapy.