



CVM partners with T. Russell Reitz Animal Shelter

Collaboration will enhance animal welfare and provide extra educational opportunities



According to Dr. Brad Crauer, assistant professor of clinical sciences, the shelter medicine program has completed more than 16,000 surgeries for more than 20 partner organizations since its start in 2015.

“Through the partnership at the T. Russell Reitz Animal Shelter, we believe there is significant opportunity to help the shelter save more lives and improve the level

of care provided,” Dr. Crauer said. “Students will get regular, firsthand surgical and medical experience locally.”

Deborah Watkins, director of animal services for the city of Manhattan, said the animal shelter placed 1,398 animals in 2018. She is optimistic that number will grow with increased involvement from the university.

“Our mission at the shelter is to return pets to their owners and rehome homeless pets,” Watkins said. “Partnering with K-State students will increase the level of quality care for homeless animals to be ready for adoption.”

Dr. Bonnie Rush, interim dean, also acknowledges the benefits the partnership.

“Our goal is to enhance the health and adoptability of each animal we encounter through the shelter medicine program,” Rush said. “Occasionally, there are relatively inexpensive interventions — beyond spay/neuter — that will improve the likelihood of adoption. True to our motto, ‘Future Vets Helping Future Pets,’ senior veterinary students appreciate the opportunity to strengthen their skills. Even more so, they appreciate using their skills to improve the lives of unwanted and abandoned pets.”

A new partnership will enhance the care and welfare of shelter animals in Manhattan while providing more educational opportunities for veterinary students. The shelter medicine program at the Kansas State University College of Veterinary Medicine has teamed up to help enhance and expand medical capabilities at the T. Russell Reitz Animal Shelter.

Dr. Cull’s distinguished return to the CVM



Dr. Charley Cull visits with professor emeritus Dr. Harish Minocha after speaking in Frick.

Two Kansas State University graduates — Dr. Charley Cull, Oakland, Nebraska, from the CVM class of 2014, and Kale Monk, PhD, Columbia, Missouri, from the K-State College of Human Ecology — recently visited campus as the recipients of the K-State Alumni Association Student Alumni Board’s 2019 Distinguished Young Alumni Award.

The award recognizes two K-State graduates who are younger than 35 and are using the scholarship, leadership and service experience they acquired at K-State to excel in their professions and contribute to their communities. The Alumni Association and Student Alumni Board honored Dr. Cull and Monk when they returned to campus Feb. 25-27 to give keynote presentations and visit with student groups and university classes.

Dr. Cull, a native of Oakland, Nebraska, is a veterinarian and clinical research associate and director of stocker and grazing cattle operations for Midwest Veterinary Services Inc. and Central States Research Centre Inc. of Oakland, Nebraska, and the satellite facility, Veterinary Biomedical Research Center Inc. of Manhattan, Kansas.

“His leadership and expertise are respected by professional colleagues and industry executives, and his work has tremendous impact on academic programs and the advancement of animal health industries,” said his nominator, Dr. Bonnie Rush, interim dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine at K-State. *Read more at Lifelines online.*

Students amass scholarship awards

While springtime weather has been slow to blossom, the opposite has been true for several veterinary students who have recently been selected for national scholarship awards.

AVMF scholarships

Two second-years and two third-year student were selected for the Auxiliary to the AVMA Legacy Endowed Scholarship Program.

The second-year students are: Katya Luckenbach and Rebecca Tomasek. The third-year students are Katelyn Guill-Sanchez, and Danielle Pickering.

“This scholarship has provided wonderful mentorship opportunities to allow me to expand my large animal experience and has taken off a considerable amount of financial pressure as I approach fourth year,” Katelyn said.



Katya Luckenbach, Rebecca Tomasek, Danielle Pickering and Katelyn Guill-Sanchez represent K-State as recipients of the Auxiliary to the AVMA Legacy Endowed Scholarship.

Walther Leadership Award

Third-year veterinary student Sara Wilkes, Wichita, Kansas, was one of 37 students selected to receive a Dr. Jack Walther Leadership Award at the Western Veterinary Conference, held Feb. 17-20 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

“I am honored to be a recipient of the Jack Walther Leadership Award,” Sara said. “I am deeply indebted to

the wonderful mentors and instructors that I have had here at KSU who have inspired me to go above and beyond the veterinary curriculum. Both meeting other students from veterinary schools around the country and experiencing the Western Veterinary Conference have been invaluable experiences as I consider my future beyond veterinary school.”

American College of Sports Medicine to present citation award to Dr. Poole

Dr. David C. Poole, university distinguished professor of kinesiology, and anatomy and physiology, was named a Citation Award Winner from the American College of Sports Medicine.

The Citation Award of the American College of Sports Medicine is granted to an individual or group who has made significant and important contributions to sports medicine and/or the exercise sciences. These contributions may include, but are not limited to, research and scholarship; clinical care; and/or administrative or educational services in sports medicine or exercise science.” The American College of Sports Medicine has more than 50,000 members and certified



Dr. David Poole

professionals from 90 countries around the globe.

The Citation Award is one of American College of Sports Medicine’s most prestigious awards. Dr. Poole will be recognized at the organization’s annual meeting in May in Orlando.

Dr. Ganta builds on connections in India



Dr. Roman Ganta, second from left, meets with a team at the College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences at Kerala Veterinary University in India.

Many Kansans are very familiar with the quote, “There’s no place like home.” For Dr. Roman Ganta, this phrase has broader meanings. He recently returned to his home country of India where he was able to build upon connections there for developing partnerships.

Dr. Ganta visited Andhra University (AU), Visakhapatnam in the state of Andhra Pradesh where, as an alumnus of the biochemistry department, he was able to discuss collaborations with the university’s administration. He also participated in an alumni meeting of the Department of Biochemistry to promote graduate education, particularly by taking advantage of contemporary resources and technology. Previously Dr. Ganta had established a memo of understanding between Kansas State University and AU through which several students have visited K-State for graduate education. Additionally two K-State College of Veterinary Medicine students have visited

AU. The MOU also included a faculty exchange program that supported a CVM faculty member visiting AU several years ago.

Dr. Ganta serves on the International Board of Advisors for King’s Ideal School, Anakapalli, Visakhapatnam. He said this school, which is in rural

India, has a mission to serve underprivileged children, while still providing education to those who are defined as privileged [Editor’s note: “privileged” and “underprivileged” are defined as those who can and cannot afford the education].

“This novel concept is implemented to close the gap among all children, independent of their economic status, while promoting higher education,” Dr. Ganta said. “I spent several hours of interaction with students and offered them guidance for ways to succeed in the promising new world we live in. I’m hoping I can help make a difference.”

Another part of Dr. Ganta’s trip home included a visit to the College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences at Kerala Veterinary University located in Pookode, Kozhikode, Kerala (state), to discuss research collaborations related to vector-borne diseases of importance to companion and agricultural animals.

Dr. Ryan Englar publishes new book

Dr. Ryane Englar has just finished a new book called, “Writing Skills for Veterinarians.”

This is the second book Dr. Englar has published within the last few years. In 2017, she published a Wiley-Blackwell textbook titled, “Performing the Small Animal Physical Examination.”

Dr. Englar’s new book focuses on helping veterinarians increase their efficiency in writing professional documents, such as SOAP notes and discharge statements for patients. The book is oriented for both veterinary students and practicing veterinarians, addressing ways to develop and hone veterinary medical and scientific writing techniques.



CVM News Ticker



The Veterinary Health Center was well-represented at EquiFest in Topeka. From left: VHC staffers Alison Brunner, Ashley VanMeter and Jami Maiké with fourth-year student Brian Meyer, undergrad student and equine assistant Lane Bailey and fourth-year student Emily White.

Dr. Beth Davis presented: “The coughing horse”, “Equine infectious respiratory disease” and “Equine immune-mediated diseases” at the Virginia Veterinary Conference on Feb. 22-23 in Roanoke, Virginia.

Dr. Raghavendra Amachawadi attended the Research Coordination Council Meeting at the National Institute of Veterinary Epidemiology and Disease Informatics where he presented, “Antimicrobial resistance research – food animal agriculture” on Feb. 18-19.

Drs. Mike Apley, Emily Reppert and Mike Kleinhenz attended the American Association of Bovine Practitioners Recent Graduate Conference on Feb. 9. Dr. Reppert presented, “Update on Anaplasmosis Diagnosis, Treatment and Control in Beef Cattle.” Dr. Kleinhenz presented, “Pour-Ons, Pills and Injectables: Analgesia and Pain Management in Cattle.”

Chris Omni, MPH student in Public Health Physical Activity, won first place in the K-State “3-minute thesis” competition on Feb. 21. She will travel to St. Louis on March 21 to represent K-State at the Midwestern Association of Graduate Schools competition.

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