The Foal and Calving Season is Coming!

If you or your clients are anticipating problem deliveries, or just want the births to take place in a clean, warm and well-lighted place with observation, the LVMC offers two programs that will make life a lot easier for everyone.

Foal Watch and Calf Watch provide 24 hour/day monitoring for high risk and healthy pregnant mares and cows. Assisted births and examination and prophylactic treatments of newborn foals and calves are included. Other additional services are available including parturition induction, if appropriate or necessary, and facilitation of dystocias and cesarean section.

Board-certified equine and bovine theriogenologists, surgeons and internists are available to examine and treat pregnant mares and neonatal foals, cows and calves. More details regarding these programs can be found on our website: http://vmc.cvm.iastate.edu/, or contact Dr. David Wong for Foal Watch and Dr. Larry Evans for Calf Watch through the Large Animal Desk at (515)294-1500.

Stallion Station Growing

Five stallions are now standing at the LVMC Stallion Station. Staffed by Drs. Nyomi Galow-Kersh, breeding manager, Larry Evans and Bruce Christensen, and reproductive technician Rochelle Panthen, the station features state-of-the-art Computer Assisted Semen Analysis (CASA) and provides full documentation for each semen shipment. Mares may also be brought to the LVMC for breeding. Stallions for 2010 are:

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For more details, check out the website: http://vetmed.iastate.edu/vmc/stallionstation/.
From the Director

Happy New Year! 2009 was exciting at the Lloyd Veterinary Medical Center. We completed our first year in the new equine and large animal hospital and the planning phase for expanding and renovating the small animal hospital is nearly complete. Thanks to the university, legislature, the IVMA and countless donors, alumni and friends, this major effort is moving forward. We expect to start in April and complete the project in approximately 30 months. This will more than double the size of our current small animal hospital and provide a thoroughly modern environment for clients, patients, staff and students.

As many of you know, we have updated our diagnostic services with new digital radiography equipment and have a new nuclear scintigraphy unit as well. Clinical pathology has purchased a state-of-the-art chemistry analyzer. This equipment allows us to serve you at the highest level.

We have implemented a new Electronic Medical Records system (EMR) that will make our communications with you flow much more efficiently. We have been working on this for over two plus years and feel we have the most advanced EMR of any Veterinary Medical Center.

Exotic Problem? The LVMC Has a Solution

Dr. Bianca Zaffarano is expanding the services of the VMC Small Primary Care clinic. Widely respected for her avian and exotic medicine and surgery expertise, she has the experience and tools necessary to tend to some of the most exotic pets.

Services include: laser and conventional surgery, endoscopy, ultrasonography, bloodworm and viral screening diagnostics, heat support, oxygen, nebulization and tube feeding as well as diet conversions. All are done in an exclusively exotic hospital ward. Typical patients range from ferrets, rabbits, birds and pocket pets, to rarer sugar gliders, hedgehogs, pot-bellied pigs, pet poultry and marsupials.

Dr. Zaffarano is Section Chief of the Small Animal Clinic (formerly Community Practice) and serves as director of the Wildlife Care Clinic.

Change in Radiology Consulting Services

Effective March 1, 2010, you will have two options for submitting radiographic images for interpretation:

1. Veterinary Medical Center board certified radiologists will continue to provide the mail-in radiographic interpretation service for an $85 fee. You will receive a telephone consultation within 48 hours of receipt of materials followed by a full written report. Please include a radiology consultation form with your radiographic images available from us by fax or email.

2. Radiographic images sent for evaluation to a service or veterinarian within the LVMC, other than Radiology, will be assessed a fee of $50.00. You will receive a telephone consultation within 48 hours of receipt of materials. If your client/patient is referred to LVMC, a $30.00 credit will be applied to their charges for services provided.

No charges are incurred for images that accompany a new referral case to us as well as recheck studies of referred patients.

Putting the Bite on Dental Health

Dr. Brenda Mulherin is a recent addition in Small Animal Primary Care who is developing the small animal dentistry program. Current dental services include digital radiographs evaluated by radiologists and development of treatment plans for diseased teeth. Many of the referral dental cases received at the LVMC are at increased anesthetic risk due to concerns over cardiac, metabolic and other organ and system disorders. Other common referrals include total mouth extractions due to stomatitis and resorptive lesions within the oral cavity. Dental cleaning is available for all Small Animal Primary Care patients and routine dental care and cleaning can be performed for referral clients.

The dental program soon hopes to offer endodontic therapy, including root canals, pulp capping, and crowns, as well as orthodontic procedures for malocclusions and tooth malalignment.

New Orthopedic Surgeon Added

More than 1,150 orthopedic cases come to the LVMC annually and they are coming to the right place. Dr. Mary Sarah Bergh, board-certified small animal orthopedic surgeon, has joined the LVMC team that includes Drs. Karl Kraus, Jim Toombs and Bill Hoeffe. Her clinical interests include joint replacement, arthroscopy, cranial cruciate ligament disease, racing/athletic injuries and canine rehabilitation, providing state-of-the-art care for challenging and complicated cases.

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Dr. Sally Pickett

We welcomed a number of new faculty and staff members last year, including Dr. Rod Bagley, chair of the Veterinary Clinical Sciences department and neurosurgeon, Dr. Bianca Zaffarano, exotic medicine, Dr. Mary Bergh, orthopedic surgeon, Dr. Brenda Mulherin, who is working toward dental certification, and Jamey Carsel, certified journeyman farrier. Watch for further good news!

In our last Update, we introduced our faculty and house officers. This time we are introducing the people who often remain behind the scenes in taking care of your clients. We hope it helps to put a face with the names.

It is now time to share a difficult decision. I will be taking a year’s “leave of absence without pay,” due to personal reasons, starting February 1.

For the past three years, it has been an honor and privilege to serve the veterinary medical family as Director of the LVMC. I look forward to continuing with you the journey this profession offers.

Sincerely,

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Meet the Support Team

In the last edition of Update, we introduced our faculty, intern and resident team. Now we’d like you to meet the rest of the LVMC team:

Surgery Technicians

- Cindy Wooledge
- Amelia Ehler
- Diane Perry
- Jane Wengert
- Rachel Bodkins
- Joanna Hildreth

Primary Care Technician

- Sarah Ledvina
- Mike Ridgway
- Amanda Jirak
- Lisa Smith
- Mollie Jacobs
- Abby Amenson

Oncology Technician

- Theriogenology Technician

- Tessa South
- Stacy Madsen
- Amy Hodnefield

Anesthesia Technicians

- Andrea Dorschner
- Tessa South
- Stacy Madsen

Pharmacy Technician

- Primary Care Technician

- Jamie Carsel
- Victor Sosa
- Marla Crum
- Kristine Hackett
- Verlin Potts
- Megan Anderson

Farrier

- Farrier

- LA Facility Managers

Visit our exhibit at the IVMA Winter Conference and register for a door prize!
EMR Live!
The Lloyd VMC's Electronic Medical Record (EMR) system is in full operation! The new system was phased in through the end of 2009 and as of January 4, new visit records are being generated and stored electronically. This will provide important benefits, including record accuracy, legibility, searchability, safety, and the promptness with which we can communicate with you and your clients. In addition to the normal channels of communication, you can use our system directly to access records on patients you refer to us. For more information see http://rdvm.cvm.iastate.edu/intro.

Participants Sought for pH1N1 Study
Following the discovery of the pandemic H1N1 influenza virus in several pet cats and ferrets, the college's Lloyd Veterinary Medical Center and a new center, the Center of Advanced Host Defenses, Immunobiotics, and Translational Comparative Medicine (CAHDIT) are undertaking a study to better understand and assess the risk and mitigate transmission of the virus from humans to animals. This will be the largest study of its kind to-date. If you discover suspect pH1N1 flu cases in cats and other companion animals following flu-like symptoms in humans within the household, please email Dr. Jessie Trujillo, jtrujill@iastate.edu, (509) 432-9683, or Dr. Brett Sponseller, baspon@iastate.edu, (515) 291-5243.