Fresh Addition to Diagnostic Tools

A new nuclear scintigraphy system has been added to the imaging area, providing state-of-the-art technology that is the "gold standard" for confirming diagnoses of feline hyperthyroidism and in assessing renal function before I-131 treatment. Operated by skilled technicians and faculty, specially trained in radiopharmaceutical use and handling, the system is particularly useful in identifying occult bony lesions in both equine and small animal patients, including evaluating hard to radiograph skeletal areas such as stifles, pelvis and spine.

CareCredit Payment Option Added

In addition to MasterCard, VISA, Discover, cash and checks, the Lloyd Veterinary Medical Center is now offering CareCredit as a payment option. Additional information can be found at www.carecredit.com.

Board Certification News

We are happy to announce that Dr. Bonnie Hay-Kraus is now board certified in anesthesia. She is also a board-certified surgeon. Third-year resident Dr. William Gross has passed his written examinations for board certification in radiology and will take his oral exam next September.

Information Update

Changed phone numbers, business or e-mail addresses? Added associates? Let us know if there have been changes in your practice. Mail or fax new contact information to: Business Office | Lloyd Veterinary Medical Center | Iowa State University | 1600 S. 16th Street | Ames, IA 50011-1250 | FAX (515)294-8588
Spring is always an exciting time and even more so this year as we complete our move into the new equine and production animal addition to the Dr. W. Eugene and Linda Lloyd Veterinary Medical Center (LVMC). This is a milestone for the college that greatly enhances our services in these key areas.

Equally significant is what spring means for the future… the modernization and expansion of our small animal facility. Planning for Phase II is progressing rapidly and if the Iowa legislature approves funding, we are ready to start construction in July. This project will double the size of our small animal hospital and enable us to expand our expertise and resources to further improve the educational experience for our students and provide you and your referrals with even better service. We will update you with details as this project develops.

From the Director

The LVMC is providing one of the finest equine reproductive services anywhere. Board certified specialists combine their expertise with state-of-the-art equipment to provide an economical and highly successful service for horse breeders. The LVMC maintains a herd of high-quality recipient mares for its Embryo Transfer service, and equine stallion services are also offered. Additional services include:

+ Full service semen collection, evaluation and processing for fresh, chilled/shipped, or frozen/thawed inseminations
+ Novice stallion training for semen collection
+ Infertility evaluations
+ Breeding soundness evaluations
+ Semen longevity testing
+ Stallion Station for owners needing this service

A Computer Assisted Semen Analysis (CASA) system is used to keep unbiased records of each stallion’s performance. Semen freezing (cryogenics) and shipping, teaser and jumper mares, and EBS breeding mount are available. For more information, contact Drs. Bruce Christensen or Larry Evans at (515)294-1500.

Expanded Equine Reproduction Services Aid Breeders

Drs. Jim Noxon and Elizabeth May are the only dermatologists thus far to have been trained in this procedure by the dermatologist who developed and published the technique. Laser ablation offers multiple advantages over other surgical and medical options, and can also be used for removal of ear tumors and cysts, treatment of a variety of skin cancers and precancerous conditions, and removal of cutaneous masses. Additional appointments have been added to the dermatology section to reduce waiting. Please call Dermatology Services at 515-294-4900.

We are happy to welcome an outstanding group of new faculty to the hospital who will be working with you and your clients and patients. As you will see, they bring a wealth of experience and expertise that will complement your abilities in critical areas of diagnostics, treatment and care. We are also providing them with the technology and tools they need to take full advantage of their many talents.

We would like to extend our thanks and appreciation to Dr. Tom Johnson and the members of the Iowa Veterinary Medical Association for their outstanding and ongoing support of the hospital building project and the college. Your value to the profession is immeasurable.

Thank you for your use of the LVMC. It is an exciting time and we hope you will visit our new facilities in the near future. Let us know how we can serve you better.

Dr. Sally Prickett, Director

Today’s semen preservation and artificial insemination (AI) techniques make it possible to match male and female dogs from across the country, across the world, and even across time. Success rates are dependent on fastidious handling of the semen, proper equipment and knowledgeable management of the female. Surgical AI is performed as well as the newer technique of transcervical insemination. ISU was one of the first to offer this technique. The finest equipment, years of experience, and the most advanced semen freezing, storage and shipping technology provide the important success that breeders are seeking. Services include: Breeding soundness examinations, ovulation timing, artificial insemination and infertility evaluations. Our specialists and staff have been involved in reproductive services since the early 1970s and include: Drs. Larry Evans and Bruce Christensen, who are both diplomates, American College of Theriogenology, Dr. Lin Kauffman, who is specialty training in reproduction, and registered veterinary technician Rochelle Panthen. You can contact them by calling (515)294-1500.

Canine Reproduction

Veterinary acupuncture has been used in humans for over 3,000 years and within the past 10 years has gained popularity in animal treatment. It is considered a valid modality by the AVMA and a safe therapy if practiced by a competent certified acupuncturist. Presence of a certified acupuncturist at ISU exposes students to an alternative treatment in a professional setting where they can observe the proper use of this practice and gain insight that will help them properly evaluate its application in practice. Dr. Nyomi Galow-Kersh is offering all acupuncture services for large and small animals at the Lloyd Veterinary Medical Center. If you would like to discuss acupuncture for a particular case, you can contact her by calling (515)294-4900.

Dermatology Services Include Unique Laser Treatment

Getting to the Point
**The VMC Welcomes…**

**Dr. Rodney Bagley, Chair, Veterinary Clinical Science (VCS)**

Dr. Bagley is the new chair of the VCS department. He is recognized nationally and internationally in his clinical specialties of neurology and neurosurgery. He is board certified in both neurology and internal medicine and will be assuming his position full time in July. Until then, he is splitting time between here and Washington State University where he is a professor in the department of veterinary medicine and surgery, and has served as interim chair. He is an internationally respected neurologist and speaker, and his publications include two books, one recently co-authored on magnetic resonance imaging. He received his DVM from the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine.

**Dr. Dave Whitley – Section Head, Ophthalmology**

Dr. Whitley, DVM, MS, is a board certified veterinary ophthalmologist who has joined the LVMC as section head. He is the second board certified ophthalmologist on staff and has extensive experience providing medical and surgical ocular care to small animals and horses. He joins veterinary ophthalmologists Dr. Daniel Betts and Dr. Sinisa Grozdanic. Dr. Whitley received his DVM from Auburn University and prior to coming to Iowa State, was professor and chief of ophthalmology at Auburn.

**Dr. Michael Curtis – Section Head, Small Animal Intensive Care Unit**

Dr. Curtis is a graduate of Colorado State University and is board certified in anesthesiology. He has a PhD in cardiovascular physiology and has taught emergency medicine, critical care, cardiology and anesthesiology. He has 12 years experience in academic practice, and 13 years of experience in small animal private practice and practice management. His area of special interest and research is cardiorespiratory disease and medicine. Five rotating interns and five dedicated veterinary technicians also staff the ICU.

**Dr. Bruce Christensen – Theriogenology**

Dr. Christensen is a diplomate, American College of Theriogenology, and received his DVM from Cornell University. He is specializing in clinical reproduction in all domestic species with special interest in equine and canine theriogenology. He completed his residency in theriogenology at the University of Florida, served as senior veterinarian at one of the largest equine hospitals in Australia, and is a visiting professor at Szt. Istvan University in Budapest, Hungary, teaching equine and canine reproduction.

**Dr. Kevin Kersh – Equine Surgery**

Dr. Kersh is board certified in Large Animal Surgery and received his DVM from Oklahoma State. He has extensive experience in equine surgery, working in equine hospitals in Oklahoma before returning to Iowa State where he previously served an equine surgery residency and worked as an equine emergency surgeon. Dr. Kersh also performs lameness diagnosis and throat surgery.
Dr. Nyomi Galow-Kersh – Theriogenology/Field Service

Dr. Galow-Kersh joined the VMC in July and will be working in the theriogenology and field service departments. She is certified in veterinary acupuncture and will be performing acupuncture services at the VMC. She received her DVM from Iowa State, had an internship in equine theriogenology at Iowa State, and most recently worked as an associate in a private equine practice in Oklahoma.

Dr. Krysta Deitz – Internal Medicine

Dr. Deitz joined the LVMC following a residency at Iowa State, specializing in small animal internal medicine. Her research area is thyroid neoplasia in the dog. She received a master’s degree in veterinary clinical sciences from ISU and her DVM from the University of Florida.

Dr. MeLissa Ciprich – Shelter Medicine

Dr. Ciprich received her DVM from the University of Florida and has an interest in shelter medicine, aquatic animal medicine, and public health veterinary medicine.

Dr. Brenda Mulherin – Community Practice

Dr. Mulherin is serving in VMC Community Practice small animal medicine. She received her DVM from Iowa State and has been a small animal practitioner in Illinois and Iowa, and practiced emergency medicine as a relief veterinarian. Her professional emphasis is on dentistry and she is working to become board certified in small animal dentistry.

Dr. Bianca Zaffarano – Community Practice and Exotic Animal Medicine

Dr. Zaffarano is a widely respected authority on avian and exotic animal medicine and surgery and recently sold her practice in Lexington, Kentucky. She will be developing a program for students in exotic animal medicine and providing a referral service for exotic animals. She received her DVM from Iowa State and is a member of avian, reptile and amphibian, and exotic mammal veterinary associations.