TOMORROW »

Assuming you open your Friday email, that's Saturday. The college opens at 9:00-4:00 p.m. at the veterinary campus. We welcome the public for indoor and outdoor activities throughout the day. A silent auction raises funds for the Avian, Exotic & Zoo Medicine (AEZ) clinical care service at the Veterinary Medical Hospital in McElroy Hall. We have pottery, orange iron work, um, wine and other exotic finds for bid. Stop in to learn about the veterinary center and its services - check out the event program at http://cvhs.okstate.edu/cvhs-annual-open-house

SCAVMA hosts a booth of CVHS branded apparel items for sale at Open House. Proceeds from the purchase of SCAVMA merchandise supports meetings, wet labs, invitations to educational speakers and veterinary student conference attendance. Get branded with "Healthy Animals-Healthy People"

I ASKED MY MAGIC 8 BALL »

How results get measured for the success of veterinary students, educators and college administration? Well, you can get all techy with this but around here the most enjoyable metrics is giving money away. A whole passel of alumni and friends of veterinary medicine have made it possible to reward academic excellence in ways that are life-changing. Let's thank them, shall we? Spiff up and show up at the Honors & Awards Banquet, Tuesday, April 19, at Wes Watkins Center. A reception for donors begins at 5:15 p.m. with the awards program and dinner following.

LAST CALL »

The CVHS Distinguished Alumni nomination deadline is approaching. If you have not already done so I encourage you to nominate a classmate or colleague for this honor. Three CVHS alumni are honored annually who are exemplary in the areas of Practitioner, Academia and Research. Eligibility requirements and a list of previous recipients is available at http://cvhs.okstate.edu/alumni-affairs/distinguished-alumni-award Nominations remain eligible for three years. Deadline to nominate is June 1.

HOW DO YOU FEEL? BECAUSE YOU LOOK AMAZING »

When we hear about your awesomeness, we don't waste time. We've got some great news for you right over here http://cvhs.okstate.edu/alumni/featured-alumni This is where we collect stories about our amazingly talented alumni. You can submit your story online in a matter of clicks. Scroll down for examples of what CVHS alumni are doing. My studies show that hanging about at the alumni website is stress-reducing and that having friends in great places is as important to a person's health as, well, living longer. You have incredible super-powers. It's OK to share.

PROFAQs. FOR WHEN CLINIC ISSUES ARE DRIVING YOU CRAZY »

Nationwide Pet Insurance invites you to attend a dinner business meeting at OSU CVHS McElroy Hall Auditorium (Room 101) on Thursday, April 21st 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Carol McConnell, DVM, MBA and Nationwide Chief Veterinary Medical Officer will discuss the benefits of pet insurance to the small animal practice. Here's a smattering of what you can expect from Nationwide's sponsored meeting:

- Increase client visits and practice revenue - Pet owners with pet insurance visit their veterinarians more often and spend more on veterinary care.
• **Not like human managed care** - Pet insurance is property insurance and is different from human managed care, protecting veterinarians from the negative aspects of managed care, such as loss of control over treatments and pricing.

• **How it works** - New policies offer flat reimbursement to pet owners, adding transparency and greater acceptance of treatment recommendations.

To attend, RSVP for the dinner headcount to Kaitlyn Belanger, OSU VBMA Co-President kaitlynbelanger14@gmail.com or Elisabeth Giedt, DVM, MBA, OSU CVHS Director of Continuing Education, Extension and Community Engagement giedt@okstate.edu 405-744-7672. *(The presentation provides category two Business Certificate credit for VBMA members.)*

**ANGSTY? WHY, YES »**

Why might that be? You ask. Due to educational funding being at oh, less than nothing and what not, CVHS alumni won’t be represented at an alumni reception during the AAEP conference in Orlando this December. UNLESS, sponsorship funding is discovered in the next 30 days, Orlando will be left to only the orange that grows on trees. Horse people, talk to me.

**Friday**. That means we’ve made it through the week and there might be bacon.

*GIVE and BE change.*

Chat? sworrel@okstate.edu