



Helping Harvey Victims

Kudos to the members of the Oklahoma Medical Reserve Corps who spent part of Labor Day weekend helping 235 dogs and cats that were in shelters in southeast Texas before Hurricane Harvey hit. The displaced animals came to the Humane Society of Tulsa on Thursday, Aug. 31. Veterinarians, RVTs and other volunteers worked to get the animals housed, cared for, and animals that appeared to be ill examined and treated.

On Saturday, Sept. 2, after cleaning cages for about three hours, **Stephanie Kline** ('20) joined **Drs. Alicia Gorczyca-Southerland** ('07), **Nancy Middleton** ('84) and **Rod Hall** ('77) along with **Sandra Doan, RVT**, and **Becky Norris, RVT**, to help process the animals. All dogs and cats were documented, examined, tested for heartworms, internal parasites, and mange mites, and vaccinated so that they could travel to shelters in other states to hopefully be adopted into good homes. The team worked from 8 a.m. until about 10:30 p.m.

"The entire team worked hard all day Saturday," said Dr. Hall, Oklahoma State Veterinarian. "I was really impressed with Stephanie's attitude, work ethic, and ability. I think it was a very valuable experience for her and I hope more veterinary students join OKMRC and get involved in this way."

Congratulations, Dr. Holt Tripp!

Holt Tripp, DVM/MBA ('15), received the AgriLabs Dr. Bruce Wren Continuing Education Award at the recent 2017 American Association of Bovine Practitioners Annual Conference. Tripp is director of cattle operations for the GK Jim Group of Companies located in Okotoks, Alberta, Canada ([full story](#)).

Publication

Summa, Noémie M. and **João Brandão**. (2017) "Evidence-Based Advances in Rabbit Medicine." *Veterinary Clinics of North America: Exotic Animal Practice* 20.3:749-771.

Getting to Know You

Research on Tap with Dr. Reichard Tonight

Mason Reichard, PhD, professor of Veterinary Pathobiology, will kick off Research on Tap tonight, Sept. 18, at 5:30 p.m. at the Iron Monk Brewery Taproom located at 519 South Husband in Stillwater ([read more](#)).

House Officer Seminar

Maggie McCourt, DVM, will present "Advanced Diagnostic Techniques" on Thursday, Sept. 21, at 8 a.m. in Room 104 at the Veterinary Medical Hospital. McCourt is a senior clinical pathology resident mentored by **Dr. Jim Meinkoth**.

Veterinary Biomedical Sciences Seminar

Kalyani Ektate will present "Salmonella Based Thermobots for Chemoimmunotherapy for Cancer" on Thursday, Sept. 21, at 4 p.m. in Room 259 McElroy Hall.

Ektate is a PhD student and graduate teaching associate in the Department of Physiological Sciences mentored by **Dr. Ashish Ranjan**.

Southwest Veterinary Symposium

Join the Advancement Team in San Antonio, Texas, on Sept. 21-24 for the Southwest Veterinary Symposium. Visit our Exhibit Hall Booth # 4 and come to the Alumni Reception sponsored by Hill's on Friday, Sept. 22, from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Lonesome Dove on the River Level of the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center.

For additional details, please contact **Sharon Worrell**, alumni affairs specialist, at (405) 744-5630 or sworrel@okstate.edu.

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Emily Sharpe, DVM, is an assistant professor of Ophthalmology in the Department of Veterinary Clinical Sciences. Originally from Broken Bow, Okla., she earned her BS and DVM ('13) degrees from Oklahoma State University. Her research focus includes ocular pharmacology, specifically anti-inflammatory therapy.

In her spare time Emily enjoys hiking, traveling, and gardening.



Megan Williams, DVM, is an assistant professor of equine surgery in the Department of Veterinary Clinical Sciences. Originally from Leawood, Kan., she earned her BS and DVM degrees from Kansas State University. Her research focus includes equine lameness, particularly regarding suspensory ligament pathology.

In her spare time, Megan enjoys riding her horses and playing with her twins, a boy and a girl, who will turn two in December.



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