Week in Review:

Dr. Denney to serve as Speaker Pro Tem-Elect

Congratulations to Rep. Lee Denney, DVM, from Cushing, Okla. Dr. Denney (’78) will serve as second-in-command when House members return for the legislative session that begins in February 2015. She has been serving her constituents for the past ten years (read more here: http://tinyurl.com/lszjfv2).

First Double Fusion Case Goes Home

In case you haven’t heard about a groundbreaking equine case at the Veterinary Medical Hospital, here is a link to this amazing story http://www.osteate.tv/play/U6mknWPwmJ7UK31yOqdQDA4RHcrfJMPLe. Dr. Michael Schoonover and his team treated Spirit, a rescue horse, using an innovative approach. He first fused the horse’s knee and then on the same leg, the horse’s ankle. Earlier this week Spirit was able to return home to Ranch Hand Rescue, a nonprofit organization in Texas.

Getting to Know You

The Avian, Exotic and Zoo Medicine service is up and running with an infusion of new talent and equipment. Joao Brandao, LMV, MS, joins the faculty as an assistant professor of Avian, Exotic and Zoological Medicine at the Veterinary Medical Hospital. Originally from Oporto, Portugal, he earned his veterinary degree from the University of Tras-os-Montes e Alto Douro in Vila Real, Portugal. As part of a European student OADDL is hosting its first pet donation drive, “Pillows for Puppies.” Donations of clean, new or slightly used blankets, towels, food, treats, leashes and collars will be collected until December 19. In addition to the donation boxes by the Angel Trees, a box is located in OADDL’s lobby. Gifts will benefit Payne County animal shelters.

Please help us make the holidays a little special for our furry friends who are looking for a forever home and for those who care for these animals at the shelters.

Week Ahead:

AAEP Alumni Reception Tonight

Alumni, faculty, staff and students attending the American Association of Equine Practitioners Annual Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah, are invited to attend a reception tonight, December 8, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Dr. Jean Sander, CVHS Dean, and Sharon Worrell, Alumni Affairs Specialist, will host the event in the Waldorf Suite #1620 at the Hilton Salt Lake City Center located at 255 South West Temple. Be sure to stop by for complimentary food, drinks and door prizes!

For additional information, please contact Sharon Worrell at sworrel@okstate.edu or (405) 612-5359.

Oklahoma Center for Respiratory and Infectious Diseases Seminar

Theodore Standiford, M.D., will present “Novel IL-1 Family Members in Lung Innate Immunity” on Wednesday, Dec. 10, at 12:15 p.m. in Room 259 McElroy Hall via telecommunications.

Dr. Standiford is the Henry Sewall Professor and Chief, Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine in the School of Medicine at the University of Michigan. The seminar is co-sponsored by the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences at the OU Health Sciences Center.

House Officer Seminar

Dr. Paige Mackey (’13) will present “Pythiosis, Lagenidiosis and Zygomycosis” on Thursday, Dec. 11, at 8 a.m. in Room 104 at the Veterinary Medical Hospital. Dr. Mackey is a Small Animal Internal Medicine Resident mentored by Dr. Shane Lyon.

The McFarlanes to Compete in AKC Agility Invitational

Dr. Dianne McFarlane and her 2-year-old bullmastiff, Natty, have been invited to compete in the American Kennel Club®
exchange program, he studied for one year at the University of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine in Cluj Napoca, Romania, and one year at the University of Environmental and Life Sciences in Wroclaw, Poland.

Since graduating from veterinary college, Dr. Brandao has completed a one year internship in avian and exotic animals at the Great Western Referrals in Swindon, United Kingdom, followed by a one year internship in zoological medicine at Tufts University in North Grafton, Mass., and the University of Georgia in Athens, Ga. After his internships, Dr. Brandao completed a three year zoological medicine residency and Master of Science degree in Veterinary Clinical Sciences at the Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, La.

Dr. Brandao’s research interests focus on endocrinology of exotic animals, in particular avian species and rabbits. He is also interested in anesthesia and analgesia of zoological species.

In his spare time, Joao enjoys bird watching, cooking and music concerts. During the last decade, he has lived in five different countries and five different states in the U.S.A.

### Time for Giving to our Furry Friends

Alpha Psi and the Oklahoma Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory (OADDL) invite you to support local animal shelters by giving to one or both of these causes.

Pick a card from an Alpha Psi Angel Tree in the Veterinary Medical Hospital small animal reception area or in McElroy Hall lobby. Bring back the gift listed or any supply that will help dogs and cats at the Stillwater Humane Society.

Agility Invitational being held this weekend in Orlando, Fla. The pair will compete against the swiftest, most agile dogs in the country for the top spot in the 20” class.

Natty McFarlane running an agility course earlier this year. The top-five ranked agility dogs in each of the 180 AKC recognized breeds, as well as All-American dogs and international agility competitors, are invited to this prestigious event. This year, 163 breeds from 41 states and five countries will be represented at the Invitational.

Dogs and handlers will negotiate a challenging obstacle course that includes tunnels, weave poles, jumps and seesaws, all while racing against the clock. Best of luck, Dr. McFarlane and Natty!