Vet Med Retains Bragging Rights

Kudos to the Veterinary Biomedical Sciences Graduate Program! For the second year in a row, our graduate students have won the right to display a traveling trophy (see full article with photo) for having the highest percentage of students participating in the Three Minute competitions combined. Our students compete in a veterinary Three Minute Thesis (3MT™) competition and the winner then competes at the university level. Winners of that competition compete against winners of the Three Minute Presentation competition for students in a non-thesis degree program. The top finishers then compete for the ultimate Three Minute Challenge winner.

Operation Catnip Recognized

Congratulations to Operation Catnip Stillwater on receiving the Outstanding New Community Service Project by Students award!

Pictured front (left to right): Chloe Bradway ('21), Nicole Turvey, MPH, Stephanie Kline ('20), Monique Randhawa (pre-vet) and back (left to right): Hannah Tomlinson (pre-vet), Alex Whittah (pre-vet), Dr. Kimberly Carter, Megan Sitzman ('20), Alexis Hawton (pre-vet), and Courtney Longhouse (pre-vet).

Operation Catnip is a volunteer organization that holds spay/neuter clinics for feral community cats. The goal is to reduce the number of unwanted free-roaming cats in and around Stillwater. Each clinic is run by veterinarians, veterinary students, pre-veterinary students and other community volunteers.

Thank you, Hill’s!

A very special thank you to Dr. Beth Myers, our Hill’s representative, and Hill’s Pet Nutrition for their continued support of our veterinary program.

Pictured above (left to right) are: Lauren Foley ('19), Zach Croslin ('19), Dr. Laura Nafe, Dr. Beth Myers, Ellen Clupper ('20) and Kendra Latta ('21).

Hill’s Pet Nutrition recently sponsored the first House System Social and generously contributed toward equipment upgrades for the client communication segment of the curriculum.

Oklahoma Center for Respiratory and Infectious Diseases Seminar

Michaela Gack, PhD, will present “Innate Immune Sensing Mechanisms and Viral Restriction” on Wednesday, May 2, at 12:15 p.m. in Room 259 McElroy Hall. Gack is an associate professor in the Department of Microbiology at the University of Chicago.

House Officer Seminar

Amanda Plunkett, DVM, will present “Cases From My Residency” on Thursday, May 3, at 8 a.m. in Room 104 at the Veterinary Medical Hospital. Plunkett is an equine surgery resident mentored by Dr. Michael Schoonover.

OSU/OVMA Summer Seminar

Remember to take advantage of early bird rates and register now for the OSU/OVMA Summer Seminar on Friday and Saturday, June 8 and 9. For more details, please visit 2018 OSU/OVMA Summer Seminar.
A team of veterinarians led by Dr. Ashish Ranjan, Laboratory of Nanomedicine and Targeted Therapy, is making headway in the use of focused ultrasound to treat cancer in companion animals. In one study, his team is exploring the use of focused ultrasound for soft tissue tumors in dogs and cats. One of their patients, Oreo, is cancer free thanks to this treatment. Read more at Oreo's story.

In a second study, Ranjan and Dr. Danielle Dugat are working with companion animals suffering from hard-to-heal wounds. They are investigating focused ultrasound's ability to speed wound healing.

Read more about both clinical trials at Advantages of Focused Ultrasound in Veterinary Medicine.

Dr. Furr and EPM in Horses

Dr. Martin Furr, head of the Department of Physiological Sciences and interim head of the Veterinary Medical Hospital, is featured in a new equine protozoal myeloencephalitis piece launched recently on TheHorse.com. Furr, one of the leading equine researchers in the country, is quoted in the article and featured in a short video. For the full article, visit EPM in Horses.