

Net Vet Weekly

Week in Review:

Dogs of Lexington

Thank you, **Dr. John Otto** (OSU CVM '90) for bringing the Friends for Folks program to McElroy Hall! Students, faculty and staff attended the presentation of this amazing program that pairs dogs with inmates who train the dogs to become service dogs. Dr. Otto makes sure the dogs are healthy and that the inmates understand the importance of the dogs' wellness.

The presentation was hosted by the student club of the Association of Shelter Veterinarians and live streamed by O State TV. Special thanks to **Dr. Greg Campbell** (OSU Vet Med '85) with **Merial** for providing the meal.

Congratulations 2014 Distinguished Alumni Award Recipients!

Congratulations to **Drs. Harry James** ('60), **Robert Bahr** ('70) and **Mary Ballenger** ('81) on being selected as a 2014 Distinguished Alumni Award recipient!

All three will be honored at the Distinguished Alumni Award Luncheon to be held on Friday, Nov. 14, at 11:30 a.m. in the Click Hall East at the ConocoPhillips OSU Alumni Center. Tickets for the event are \$30 and can be purchased online at [2014 Fall Conference Website](#). You do not have to register for the conference to attend the luncheon.

Veterinary Technician of the Year!



Congratulations to **Blake Higgins** on being selected the 2014 Veterinary Technician of the Year! Originally from Hominy, Okla., Higgins earned her Associates degree in Applied Science as part of the veterinary technician program at Tulsa Community College in Tulsa, Okla.

Dr. Fulton Presents at Joint Symposium

Dr. Robert W. Fulton, Regents Professor and McCasland Endowed Chair, presented "Impact of Species and Subgenotypes of BVDV on Control by Vaccination" at the Joint U.S. Bovine Viral Diarrhea Virus and European Society of Veterinary Virology Pestivirus Symposium. The symposium was held in Kansas City, Mo., on October 14-15.

Getting to Know You



Zachary Bahm is the Necropsy Laboratory Manager at the Oklahoma Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory. Originally from Minot, N.D., he earned his BS degree in Animal Science from OSU.

Zachary had the pleasure of riding Bullet during the 2011-2012 football season. He and his wife, Ashley, own Touch of Bronze Tanning Salon located in the Lakeview Pointe Shopping Center in Stillwater.

In his spare time Zachary enjoys showing and training cutting horses, skiing, and spending time with Ashley and their son Conway.

Week Ahead:

Last Day to Register

Today, Oct. 20, is the last day to register for the 2014 Walk 'n' Wag 5K on Saturday, Nov. 1, at Stillwater's Boomer Lake. Check in is at 3:30 p.m. The race starts at 4 p.m. A \$10 registration fee includes a T-Shirt. Everyone is invited to participate. All proceeds benefit the Stillwater Humane Society. Dogs must be current on vaccines and be on a leash. Contact **Rebekah Hartfield** ('16) at

"I was so shocked and very excited. It is such an honor to receive this award," says Higgins. "I really enjoy working at OSU's Veterinary Medical Hospital and the people that I work with. Thank you so much to everyone!"

Blake joined the CVHS in May 2013 and serves as an equine surgery veterinary technician. Higgins was one of three technicians nominated by faculty and residents to receive this prestigious award.

Getting to Know You



Jessica (Jessie) Patterson, RVT, is a Large Animal ICU Overnight Registered Veterinary Technician. Originally from Knob Noster, Mo., she earned an AA degree in General Education from State Fair Community College in Sedalia, Mo., followed by an AA degree in Veterinary Technology from Crowder College in Neosho, Mo.

Before entering college, Jessie showed horses at open and 4-H/FFA shows. She hopes to start roping and plans to earn a bachelor's degree while working at OSU. In her spare time, Jessie enjoys riding horses, reading, dancing, a few TV shows she is addicted to, cooking and constantly learning new things.

Favorite Quote: "Life is like a box of chocolates; you never know what you're gonna get."

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Veterinary Biomedical Sciences Seminar

Li Zhang will present "MicroRNA-29a-Engineered Mesenchymal Stem Cells and COPD" on Thursday, Oct. 23, at 4 p.m. in Room 259 McElroy Hall. Zhang is a PhD candidate and Graduate Research Associate in the Department of Physiological Sciences. Her thesis advisor is **Dr. Lin Liu**.

Homecoming Parade on Saturday!

Bring your Scottie, OSU tartan and above all, your Orange Pride for the 3rd Annual Scottie Brigade to represent the best veterinary college in the nation at "America's Greatest Homecoming Celebration" Sea of Orange Parade on Saturday, Oct. 25.

Participants need to be at the staging area, 11th and Lowry, before 8:30 a.m. for a 9 a.m. start. Parade officials will not allow access after 8:30 a.m. The Center for Veterinary Health Sciences is parade entry number 20.

The veterinary center's 1953 Museum on Wheels ambulatory truck, piloted by Drs. Bill Clay, Class of 1970 representative, and Chris Ross, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, will lead the Scottie Brigade. The vintage truck is a gift to the veterinary college from CVHS Class of 1970 and is sporting new CVHS vintage branding.

Remember, all animals are welcome to participate on a leash or halter and must be current on vaccines. For additional information, please contact **Sharon Worrell**, Alumni Affairs Specialist, at 405-744-5630 or sworrel@okstate.edu. See you at "The Experience" OSU Homecoming 2014.

Auction Items Still Needed

Please consider donating items to be auctioned during the SCAVMA Live and Silent Auctions held at the Cowboy Roundup on Thursday evening, Nov. 13, at our Annual Fall Conference. All proceeds benefit veterinary student scholarships.

If you have something you would like to donate (remember, it's tax deductible), please contact **Sharon Worrell**, Alumni Affairs Specialist, at (405) 744-5630 or sworrel@okstate.edu.