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Getting to Know You



Daniel Burba, DVM, DACVS, joins the CVHS as a Professor of Equine Surgery. Originally from Punxsutawney, Pa., he has lived in Baton Rouge, La., for the last 24 years. Dr. Burba earned his BS degree in Biology at Morehead State University in Morehead, Ky., and his DVM degree from Auburn University in Auburn, Ala. He completed his large animal internship and equine surgical residency here at OSU.

His research interests focus on orthopedics and laser surgery, specifically cribbing in horses. Dr. Burba has been involved in equine rescue efforts during hurricane Katrina in south Louisiana in 2005. He is a recipient of the Norden Student Teaching Award as he loves teaching and team building.

In his spare time, Daniel enjoys competitive horseback riding, specifically Team Penning and Ranch Sorting.

Favorite Quote: "Don't take for granted the things closest to your heart. Cling to them as you would your life, for without them, life is meaningless."

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Dr. Fernando Najera is an Avian, Exotic and Zoo Medicine Intern. Originally from Spain, he earned his Licentiate Degree in Veterinary Medicine and his MS degree in Veterinary Clinical Ethology and Animal Welfare from Complutense University. He is currently enrolled in a Ph.D. program in Madrid where he is developing his thesis in "Veterinary Aspects of Conservation Programs in Southeast Asian Felids."

Dr. Najera's research interests focus on physiological response of free-ranging wildlife (mainly carnivores) during capture events and wildlife anesthesia. He has worked towards conservation of endangered species in several counties around the world including wolves in the U.S., jaguars in Costa Rica and different species of wildcats (with a special focus in clouded leopards) in Malaysia, Indonesia or Thailand.

In his spare time, Fernando enjoys anything outdoors, wildlife watching, surfing, snowboarding and especially soccer.

Net Vet Weekly Has a New Look!

As we begin 2015 with a recently revamped website (<u>www.cvhs.okstate.edu</u>), our weekly newsletter has a fresh look, too. We hope you find the information useful and the format easy to navigate. Best wishes for a successful year in 2015!

2014 Issue of *Vet Cetera* Available Online

The 2014 issue of the annual magazine for the CVHS, *Vet Cetera*, is now available online (<u>http://cvhs.okstate.edu/vet-cetera</u>). Hard copies of the magazine should be in your mailboxes soon. If you would like additional copies for your veterinary practice, please contact **Derinda Blakeney, APR**, at (405) 744-6740 or <u>derinda@okstate.edu</u>.





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