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WORDS FROM THE ASSOCIATE DEAN

Welcome Back!

Welcome back to campus! It is an exciting time at MU CVM! Many exciting new beginnings and transitions. Earlier this month, we welcomed our new Dean Dr. Sri Sreevatsan. When you see him, extend to him a warm Missouri welcome. We should soon see the opening of our phase 1 Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory, and as that is soon to occur, some of our students might encounter some noise and dust on the first floor of the VMB, as contractors renovate the old EM lab for temporary office space for VMDL personnel. We are also excited to announce and to welcome a new, full class of VM1 students into our Class of 2028. They are completing their Veterinary Enrichment and Teambuilding (VET) as this newsletter is completed. We are also welcoming three transfer veterinary students into the Class of 2027! Along the way, we have many of our faculty and students representing the CVM at the Missouri State Fair in various capacities, providing critical outreach and engagement in identifying key partners and future veterinary students. Our VM2 class returns for their second year. Our VM3 class – fresh off a summer surgery experience – return for their final instructional period before entering clinics in October. Meanwhile, our VM4 students are juggling clinical assignments and studying and preparing for the NAVLE. Regardless of your role and status in our college, welcome back and I wish you much success in this next academic year. - Dr. Snider



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WELCOME TO OUR NEW DEAN!

The CVM extends a warm welcome to our new dean, Dr. Srinand “Sri” Sreevatsan, who joined us August 1. We would also like to thank Dr. Leah Cohn for her tenure as interim dean for the past year.



CLUB CORNER: RAPTOR REHABILITATION CLUB

Tucked away in a nondescript corner of the MU Veterinary Hospital, the Raptor Ward is usually occupied by some of Missouri's most skilled hunters, predatory birds—albeit, those injured or sick found down. Typically, you would not be able to see these magnificent species at their prime, as they fly high beyond our sight or within the trees at dusk. When they do present to us, Raptor Rehabilitation Project combines the abilities of veterinary students, veterinary specialists, volunteers, and community members to care for our feathered patients before they are able to be released back to the wild.

As part of the nonprofit organization, veterinary students tackle the triage, diagnostics, and treatment of birds brought in by community members. Raptors are moved "down the hill" to our longer-term housing facility manned by community volunteers for rehabilitation after stabilization, consultations, and surgeries at the hospital. Finally, following flight testing and recovery in flight cages, raptors can be released back into the wild. It's often never that straightforward, and the road to recovery is long and often unsuccessful or difficult. Nonetheless, the hard work of all those involved is rewarded by the many resilient birds we release each year back to their wild habitat!

Since its inception in 1969, by a medical student, Greg Ivens, and a veterinary student, Gary Weddle, the Raptor Rehabilitation Club has grown immensely, with veterinary students starting in an organized didactic course before training to begin working with raptors for the rest of their vet school education. RRP regularly consults with the many specialty services of the hospital and their amazing doctors, including doctors of Radiology, Neurology, Orthopedic Surgery, Ophthalmology, and Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation in particular. Down the hill, in addition to patients in recovery, resident education birds deemed unreleasable are used to teach the public, like Agnes, shown here being a great public ambassador.



MONTHLY NAVLE PREP QUESTION

You are called out to examine a 4-year old dromedary who was castrated 10-days ago and is now not eating. The groin and preputial area are extremely swollen. The camel is unable to stand and is drooling. His neck is extended and he appears to be unable to swallow. Which of the following is most likely responsible for these symptoms?

- A. Rabies virus
- B. Clostridium tetani
- C. Trypanosoma evansi
- D. Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus

(ANSWER ON PAGE 5)

NOTES FROM FINANCIAL AID

A few notes from our Financial Aid Coordinator, Ms. Manda Riley:

- Billing deadline for Fall is September 10. You must have your balance paid by September 10 or enroll in a monthly billing plan by September 9.
- Parking passes for the Fall semester start on August 1. Opt in to avoid parking tickets if you plan to park on campus!
- Class of 2027 – Your deadline to petition for residency is September 1, 2024

CLUB OFFICER ORIENTATION

August 19, 1:00pm in W235 we will be having a club officers meeting. This meeting will be hosted by me and Lisa McCubbins to go over some important aspects of being club officers to ensure your club is in good standing with both the school and SAVMA. This includes things like the club maintenance forms, grant applications, and room reservations/approval with the CVM. We would like to request that at least one member of your club board is able to attend this meeting, however, everyone on your board is welcome to attend. We will be providing pizza for lunch at this meeting, so if you are planning to attend, please fill out the form that was emailed to you concerning any dietary restrictions and what club you will be representing at the meeting. Everyone attending will need to fill out this form.

PRO PARTNERS NETWORKING EVENT

Stop by the ProPartners Veterinary Networking event on Saturday, September 7 for an opportunity to network with veterinarians and enter their raffle drawing for \$1000 scholarships! For more information and to register, please visit: <https://propartnersteam.com/veterinarynetworkingevent>



The poster for the ProPartners Veterinary Networking Event 2024 features a light blue background. At the top, the text 'ProPartners VETERINARY NETWORKING EVENT' is displayed in a blue, sans-serif font, with a starburst icon to the left of 'VETERINARY'. Below this, the year '2024' is written in large, blue, stylized numbers. To the right of the year is a silhouette of a dog and a cat. In the center, there is a QR code with the text 'SCAN HERE' above it and 'FOR MORE INFO & TO REGISTER' in a blue speech bubble to its right. On the left side, there is a white banner with blue text that reads: 'Come network with clinic owners!', 'WIN scholarship money!!!!', 'Dinner, Live Music, Bar, & Swag!', and 'A FUN evening with friends!!!!'. At the bottom, the event details are listed: 'SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 5-8 PM' followed by two paw prints, and 'MU HEALTHCARE PAVILION AT THE COLUMBIA FARMERS MARKET'.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

8/12-14 - VET ORIENTATION FOR VM1 STUDENTS

8/19 - FIRST DAY OF CLASS

8/23 - RADIATION SAFETY TRAINING IN ADAMS (VM3)

9/1 - RESIDENCY PETITION DEADLINE (VM2)

9/2 - LABOR DAY (NO CLASSES, OFFICES CLOSED, VHC PARTIALLY OPEN)

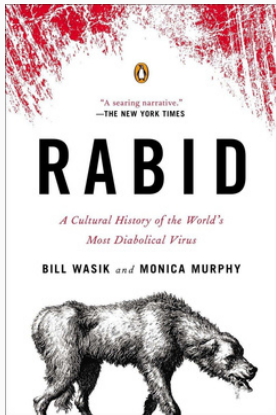
9/5-6 VEA TESTING IN ADAMS (VM3)

VET WELCOME CLASS OF 2028!

We will be welcoming our Class of 2028 students to the CVM campus from August 12 – 14 while they attend VET. The Library, Dogwood, Adams Conference Center, Auditorium, W233 and W235 will be occupied during these three days and unavailable to reserve. The students will be touring the Vet Med Admin Building as well as the VHC on Monday afternoon. Be sure to say hello and welcome them to our college should you see them around.

PAWSOME AWARD

Congratulations to Waleed Atout who was the June Pawsome Award winner!



A MONTHLY BOOK SUGGESTION FROM DR. SNIDER'S BOOKSHELVES

Rabies! The very word invokes fear, concern, myth, and misunderstanding. In Wasik and Murphy's book "Rabid", the authors undertake the interesting task in providing a popular and cultural history of the world's most feared viral disease. Veterinary medicine figures prominently in this history. My favorite section covers the rare survival stories of humans who contracted confirmed rabies, from the intensive hospital care for some to the serendipitous realization that many people with exposure risks have antibodies to rabies yet have never been immunized. I highly recommend this excellent book.
- Dr. Snider

Interested in becoming a

DOG WALKER

For the College of Vet Med ICU??

FUN IN THE SUN FOR OUR FURRY FRIENDS

\$12/hr Mon-Sun 2p-4p & 8p-10p

Are you a vet student that is looking for something to do that doesn't involve studying? Join our ICU dog walking team! We need dog walkers every day of the week, two times a day, sign up for as many or as little amount of shifts you want. Only taking a select amount of people.
Requirements: Vet student, dog lover, and looking to interact with the coolest ICU team ever!

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Veterinarians don't just treat animals, they treat the people who love them.

MONTHLY MEME

	Passing boards, calculating dosages, performing literal brain surgery
	Putting a harness back on

CLASSROOM SPACE IMPROVEMENTS UPDATE

Your Office of Academic and Student Affairs, in partial conjunction with CVM IT, have been busy over the summer with some classroom improvements. First, there have been significant improvements in the audio-visual equipment in our Auditorium. The most significant change is a brand new screen, and while it's the same size, it should now have full functionality. Other changes might be less notable, but aging components were replaced and improved audio/video and switching components should make for an improved lecture environment. Second, and hopefully more noticeable and continuing through the fall, are white board replacements and improvements. The annual 'Fund a Need' initiative at April's Gentle Doctor Benefit was dedicated to white board replacement and improvements. We have initiated a multi-phase plan to replace some white boards, restore some white boards, and add some white boards in key instructional and study spaces. You may immediately notice new double sided mobile boards in the two major classrooms, as well as several, smaller, free-standing white boards that will be distributed throughout the library, W233, and W235. Thus far, we have spent around one-third of our benefit budget, so be on the lookout for additional white board restorations, replacements, and expansions. We hope our student body finds them useful for instruction and group/individual study review. For full utilization, we would continue to encourage students to purchase and maintain their own sets of dry erase markers, as our office finds it logistically and budgetarily difficult to control and maintain inventory of the markers across dozens of boards.



CVM COMMUNITY CHEST

Food insecurity is defined as the condition of not having access to sufficient food, or food of adequate quality, to meet one's basic needs. It is estimated 33% of U.S. college students experience food insecurity every year. To help combat this issue among our vet school community the CVM maintains a Community Chest, the CVM Food and Resource Pantry. The pantry is located on the first floor of the Vet Med building, in the kitchen area next to the Adams conference center and is open to all members of the CVM community.

If you would like to contribute to the pantry, you can do so in two ways:

- 1) Purchase items from our Amazon Wish list, which will be delivered directly to the Vet Med building: <https://tinyurl.com/mr3vz5k4>
- 2) Make a monetary contribution: <https://tinyurl.com/TheCommunityChest>. You can make a one-time donation or set this as a recurring gift. Any amount will make a difference.

The most needed items are: canned chicken and tuna, peanut butter, cereal, boxed macaroni and cheese, canned fruits and vegetables, pasta, rice, and pasta sauce. All donations are greatly appreciated!



Answer to this month's NAVLE prep question: (B) Clostridium tetani

A LITTLE DAD JOKE HUMOR

Dogs can't operate MRI scanners....



but catscan!