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A Welcome to Summer

With this short version of our OASA Monthly Mule Newsletter, my central message to our didactic students is “Enjoy Your Summer.” But, I would like to add something specific to that encouragement so it is not merely a platitude. I strongly encourage you to take these seven weeks and live them out purposefully. With that, I recommend you identify some deferred projects and interests and set some short-term goals: travel; visit an old high school friend group; cook; read some books; finish that photo book or scrapbook; volunteer in a service organization; complete those deferred home improvement or auto repair projects; etc. Of course, some of you may be working or doing summer research or both, and that’s great! But take time to do something purposeful that “fills your tank.” For our clinical students, I recognize it is harder to find time to enjoy a respite in the summer, but if you find your schedule with an off block, try to do something more than bingeing a Netflix series. I promise that whether you are a didactic or clinical student, if you take these weeks of break with purpose and intention, you will come back to school more refreshed and ready to go. And Enjoy Your Summer. - Dr. Snider

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PAWSOME AWARD

Please join us in congratulating Brian Nodine as the June 2024 PAWSome Award Winner. Brian is one of our very hard workers at the VMDL. Thanks for all your Pawsome work, Brian!

If you pick up a starving dog and make him prosperous he will not bite you. This is the principal difference between a dog and man.
-Mark Twain

CLUB CORNER: SPORTS MEDICINE & REHABILITATION CLUB

Mizzou's Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation Club was new this year and has had an incredible start. Our main goal for the year was to introduce the new specialty to the students and set a foundation of guest speakers that encompassed a wide variety of what Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation has to offer for both canine and equine patients.

On the canine side of things, we knew from our conversations with Dr. Bess Pierce, one of the club's advisors and a boarded specialist through the American College of Veterinary Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation, that we wanted to expand our knowledge of what the specialty really is. With that in mind, we had Dr. Virginia Huxley join us from the Columbia Canine Sports Center to discuss canine agility in a variety of sports, common injuries, and injury prevention. Then, officers from the Columbia Police Department joined us to discuss the work, training, and veterinary care their working K9s receive. We also had Dr. Kara Amstutz from the Canine Rehabilitation Institute talk about certifications related to the specialty and acupuncture. Finally, we had a tour of the new Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation suite at the VHC where we saw all the different equipment for patient care as well as a water treadmill demonstration.

Dr. Megan McCracken, the other advisor for the club, started our equine meetings with an in-depth discussion of equine sports injuries with an emphasis on podiatry. Dr. Kevin Keegan also spoke to the club about the biomechanics of equine lameness, the Equinosis Lameness Locator, as well as the research that went into creating the system. We also had a wetlab with Dr. Joanne Kramer where we radiographed feet, discussed the various measurements, and attempted to diagnosis a variety of different presentations.

The club accomplished a lot within its first year and we are so excited to watch how the organization continues to grow and progress at Mizzou.



IMPORTANT NOTE TO STUDENT CLUBS:

If your club has elected new officers and you have not already sent their names and respective offices to Lisa McCubbins, please do so at your earliest convenience. She will then update your Teams channel with the new officers and reach out to them to complete the new online banking information. A Zoom orientation will be held as soon as all the new club officers have been elected, or early August, whichever comes first. Be watching your emails for updated information.

MONTHLY MEME

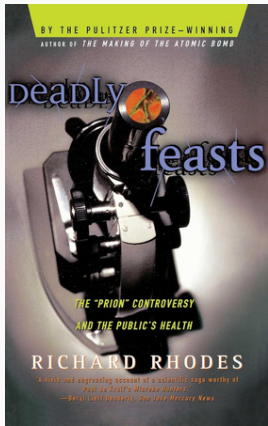


MONTHLY NAVLE PREP QUESTION

Which of the following antiarrhythmic agents is believed to act primarily by blocking cardiac beta-adrenergic receptors?

- (A) Lidocaine
- (B) Procainamide
- (C) Propranolol
- (D) Quinidine
- (E) Verapamil

(ANSWER ON PAGE 3)



A MONTHLY BOOK SUGGESTION FROM DR. SNIDER'S BOOKSHELVES

“Deadly Feasts” tells the story of infectious prions from a historical perspective and discusses the perceived and real impacts upon the safety of meat products. The story begins with anthropologist Carleton Gajusek who studied the Fore people in Southeast Asia. The Fore tribe practiced ritualistic cannibalism and had a notable incidence of an odd neurodegenerative disease. The story moves then to famed veterinary pathologist Dr. Bill Hadlow, whose career unraveled the mysteries of sheep scrapie. It was Hadlow who compared the brain sections of his sheep to the brain sections from some of the tissues studied with the Fore people and had his “Eureka!” moment when he recognized both diseases had identical pathophysiology and lesions. From there, Hadlow shared his ideas with biologist Dr. Stanley Prusiner, who went on to formalize the prion hypothesis, and received the Nobel prize for the work. This book might be a bit sensationalized for its largely unfounded concerns about the safety of the meat supply in Western nations, but it is otherwise a fantastic trip down an interesting pathway of scientific discovery. - Dr. Snider

A LITTLE DAD JOKE HUMOR

What's black, white, and red all over?

A Dalmatian with sunburn!



Answer to this month's NAVLE prep question: (C) Propranolol

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

7/4/24 - 4TH OF JULY HOLIDAY
(MU CAMPUS CLOSED)



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