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WORDS FROM THE ASSOCIATE DEAN

For our didactic veterinary students, you're in your glide-path to a well-deserved summer break. While most of you have firm plans, some of you may not or some of you may feel your summer plans are deficient compared to someone else's. Don't do that! To quote one of my favorite presidents: "Comparison is the thief of joy." Does anyone care to guess what I did my first summer of vet school? I served as an intern in the US Senate and spent my summer in Washington DC. While I loved it, I had significant doubts; most of my classmates were working at clinics, learning skills, and getting experience. I feared getting behind. I didn't and I wasn't.

If you want to immerse in vet med in your summers, you should! With my full endorsement! If you want to hike and water ski during your summer, you should! Demographically, most of you are early to mid-20s; you have the next 40 years to perfect your careers, and if you want to play this summer, rest assured that you will not be behind your classmates when you return.

For our clinical VM4 veterinary students, you're now in the groove at the VHC. You might experience an uptick in busyness with the departure of the class of 2024, but just this week we onboarded 23 newly arrived Visiting Scholars. They are excited to join Tiger Vet Med and each of them starts their rotations next Monday. I hope they provide an influx of talent, enthusiasm, fresh ideas, and new acquaintances and friendships. Please give them a warm Mizzou welcome. And while your schedules are more regimented, you too need to be reminded to take some time to renew and to recharge. Good luck through your summer.

-Associate Dean Snider



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NOTES FROM FINANCIAL AID

For VM2-3 students, the last day to borrow summer loans is June 26. You will not be able to receive additional funds until mid-August after this deadline.

For VM4 students, the last day to borrow summer loans is July 24. The summer term has funding available to borrow for your NAVLE exam fee (\$760).

-Manda Riley

Good veterinarians talk to animals.
Great veterinarians hear them talk back.

CLUB CORNER: PRIDE + ALLIES

We are Pride + Allies, a club committed to making sure our fellow students feel safe, welcome, and accepted by fostering a safe space and promoting mental wellness. In the past, we have been focused solely on mental wellness and we have decided to make some changes to better serve our community. We are relaunching our club with a new set of goals! Our club wants to focus on YOU and what YOU want! Our official relaunch this month starts Thursday, June 6, with a meet and greet. Stop by and pick up some Jimmy John sandwiches between noon and 1 PM and come say hi! Our club executives and faculty advisors would love to meet each of you and talk about what you would like to see from our club to help make you feel safe, welcome, and accepted. Our fun doesn't stop there, though! We also invite you to join us at ITAP for trivia on 7 PM, June 12, to band together and conquer some trivia! But don't worry, if you would rather sing your heart out with karaoke, we have you covered! Join us June 22 at Arch and Column Pub as we sing the song of our people – husky style! We also have t-shirts available to order so check your email and secure yours today!

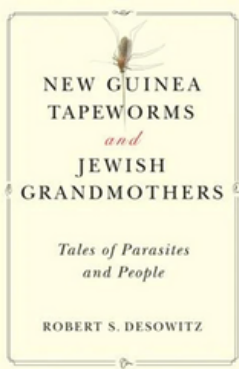


MONTHLY NAVLE PREP QUESTION

An 8-year-old spayed female Chihuahua dog is evaluated because of a six-month history of cough. The client reports that the dog's tongue occasionally turns blue during a coughing episode. Body condition score is 8/9. Heart rate is 150 beats/min and respiratory rate is 28 breaths/min. Palpation of the trachea elicits a dry, honking cough with a gag noted at the end of the coughing episode. Thoracic auscultation discloses mildly increased bronchovesicular sounds. A lateral radiograph is shown. Treatment with prednisone, theophylline, and hydrocodone fails to improve the clinical signs. Which of the following is the most appropriate next step in management?

(ANSWER ON PAGE 3)





A MONTHLY BOOK SUGGESTION FROM DR. SNIDER'S BOOKSHELVES

This is a wonderful little book to scratch the itch (pun intended) of the parasitologist in all of us. Stories are included – foreign and domestic – of the interesting and, at times, dangerous relationships we have with parasites. A great read. Let me know if you read it. – Dr. Snider

PAWSOME AWARD

Please join us in congratulating Lauren Delaney as the May 2024 PAWsome Award Winner. Lauren is one of our very hard workers at the VMDL.

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.

A LITTLE DAD JOKE HUMOR MONTHLY MEME



Q: What is a cat tantrum?
A: A hissy fit



Credit: Scott Miller, VM2

Answer to this month's NAVLE prep question: (B) Intraluminal stenting

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

6/19/24 - JUNETEENTH HOLIDAY (MU CAMPUS CLOSED)

6/24 - LAST DAY TO BORROW SUMMER LOANS (VM4)

6/26 - LAST DAY TO BORROW SUMMER LOANS (VM2-3)

6/28/24 - IP 5, 10 ENDS



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