

# THE MONTHLY MULE MEMO

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE OFFICE OF ACADEMIC AND  
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## WORDS FROM THE ASSOCIATE DEAN

### PARACURRICULUM

The curriculum of the CVM is at the heart of everything we do to prepare new 'day one practice ready veterinarians.' But, we also have a very important, often overlooked means of education that I call the paracurriculum. We have a healthy number of CVM interest-based clubs that are led by dedicated student leaders and advised by volunteer faculty advisors. At nearly all of their meetings, a CVM guest is giving a special educational lecture. These opportunities for additional learning are great ways to enhance and reinforce learning. We also have some educational lectures offered by some of the representatives from corporate and private practices. The sum total of these lectures are what I call the paracurriculum. The Office of Academic and Student Affairs maintains some 'guardrails' to ensure that the topics and the content are appropriate and consistent with mainstream veterinary medicine, but we are pleased to know that we have a cooperative landscape to permit these other topics and perspectives. Personally, in academic year 23-24, I learned more about livestock guardian dogs, Texas ocelot conservation, AFAST ultrasound, zoonotic diseases, and many, many other topics. Congratulations and many thanks to officers and advisors of these clubs for enhancing our overall educational program. – Dr. Snider



## WHITE COAT CEREMONY

The White Coat ceremony for VM3 students will be held on October 20th at 1 p.m. in Jesse Auditorium. VM3 students, please keep an eye on your email for information regarding tickets, try-on dates, and a Qualtrics survey. - Lisa McCubbins

## REGULAR FEATURES:

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## MONTHLY NAVLE PREP QUESTION

A horse presents to your clinic after ingesting a large amount of grain. What is your major concern?

- A. Choke
- B. Torsion
- C. Impaction
- D. Laminitis
- E. Acidosis

(ANSWER ON PAGE 7)

## CLUB CORNER: ANESTHESIA & ANALGESIA CLUB (AAC)

### Introducing Mizzou's First Anesthesia & Analgesia Club: A Vital Resource for Every Vet Student

We are excited to introduce the Anesthesia & Analgesia Club, a new addition to the MU CVM community! Our club is dedicated to advancing the knowledge and skills of veterinary students in anesthesia and pain management. By offering hands-on experiences, lectures from industry experts, and engaging discussions, we aim to equip future veterinarians with the tools they need to provide safe and effective anesthesia and analgesia care.



#### Upcoming Events:

**September 3, 5-6 pm, W233:** Dr. Dodam - "Mortality in Anesthesia"

**September 24, 6-7 pm, W233:** Heartland Veterinary Partners, Dr. Farris - "Why You Should Care About Anesthesia Regardless of What Vet Med Road You Head Down"

**October 16, 5-8 pm, W235:** Chi University, Dr. Memon - Acupuncture (lecture and lab)

**December 3, 5:30 pm, Adams:** Equine Anesthesia

We are planning collaborations with other clubs and companies, such as ZEW Club, SVECCS, VBMA, Thrive, HippoVets, Dechra, and Blue Pearl. Additionally, we are organizing labs on darting, aquatic anesthesia, catheterization, and intubation.

Club night was a great success! We had a fantastic time sharing our passion for anesthesia with everyone, and our intubation model was a hit. Many students intubated for the first time! It was exciting to see so much enthusiasm and participation. We hope you all had fun, and we can't wait to bring the same level of engagement and education to our upcoming events!

Join us to enhance your understanding of anesthesia and pain management—crucial aspects of veterinary medicine that benefit all practitioners, no matter their specialty. Membership is open to all students, with dues set at \$10 for VM1/2 and \$5 for VM3/4 students. For more information or to get involved, please contact our club president, Angelina Johnson at [aki8rh@umsystem.edu](mailto:aki8rh@umsystem.edu).

We look forward to seeing you!



## WHAT I DID LAST SUMMER: STUDENT EXPERIENCES OVER THE SUMMER OF 2024

### Howard County Veterinary Services by Natalie Scott

I spent 4 weeks of my summer in a mixed animal practice in Fayette, MO. I reached out to this clinic because I wanted to get more experience in a mixed-animal practice. I was not disappointed! Some days we would see a horse, cow, cat, dog, and a goat! It was so much fun to be able to learn how to care for all of these different animals. My favorite part of this experience was getting to participate in all of the surgeries. I was fresh out of my didactic surgery course and ready to put my training to practice and it was a blast! I completed a total of 12 spay/neuters, 1 tail amputation, and a c-section delivering 8 healthy pups. Now, I'm definitely looking forward to starting clinics this October!



## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

10/1-14 - COMMUNITY CHEST FOOD DRIVE

10/11 - END OF IP 1, 6, 11

10/14 - START OF IP 2, 7

10/20 - WHITE COAT CEREMONY (VM3)

10/20 - END OF CLINICAL BLOCK 8

10/21 - START OF CLINICAL BLOCK 1 & 9

## PAWSOME AWARD

Congratulations to Karen Clifford as the September 2024 PAWsome Award Winner. Thank you for all your Pawsome work Karen!

“Until one has loved an animal,  
a part of one’s soul remains  
unawakened”.

– Anatole France



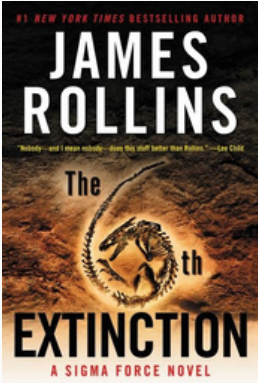
Iris with Golden Sixty, aka the most expensive horse in HK with earnings of HK\$165,850,600

### Hong Kong Jockey Club (HKJC) by Jincan “Iris” Xing

“This summer, I had the incredible opportunity to shadow nearly every attending and regulatory vet at the Hong Kong Jockey Club (HKJC) at Sha Tin. They have one of the world’s most advanced equine hospitals and conduct super cool research with their racehorses. I was exposed to an insanely high caseload, unique veterinarian-client-patient relationships, and a fast-paced work environment that’s also chill and fun. The daily advanced lameness exams (x-rays, ultrasounds, CTs, bone scans, joint injections) sharpened my skill through repetition and deepened my clinical understanding of the equine limb. I also attended two races and partook in each post-race exam that assessed selected horses for lameness, cardiovascular abnormality, and upper respiratory function. But the best part was making friends with students and vets worldwide, learning from our differences. I will forever cherish this eye-opening experience and the connections I made there.”



**A MONTHLY BOOK SUGGESTION  
FROM DR. SNIDER'S BOOKSHELVES**



This month's book recommendation is more about the author James Rollins than the specific title highlighted. The author James Rollins is a veterinarian! Not only is he a veterinarian, but he is a Missouri trained veterinarian from the Class of 1985. He was a California based practitioner who then transitioned into authoring popular and successful science fiction novels. His most popular series is the Sigma Force series, of which "The Sixth Extinction" is a part. His stories are based in cutting edge science and are always exceptionally well researched and detailed.

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**A LITTLE DAD JOKE HUMOR**



Q: Where does a polar bear vote?

A: The north poll

**2024 GENERAL ELECTION DATES**

Last Day to Register to Vote: October 9

Last Day to Request an Absentee Ballot: October 23

All Boone County voters can absentee vote at the Boone County Government Center between: October 22 - November 4

Saturday Hours (9:00 AM to 1:00 PM): November 2

Election Day: November 5

for more info visit:  
<https://www.showmeboone.com/clerk/elections>

**MONTHLY MEME**



**CVM COMMUNITY CHEST FOOD DRIVE**

As the halls fill up with the return of students, we will be conducting a food drive October 1-14 to help ensure we can meet the needs of our CVM community. Keep an eye on your mailbox for an email with details.

Answer to this month's NAVLE prep question: D) Laminitis