I hope you’ve had a wonderful summer and are gearing up for an equally great fall. For this year especially, the Veterinary Medical Center (VMC) has a great deal of “new news” to share! From welcoming new students, interns, residents and faculty – including a new Dean – to our brand new Intensive Care Unit, we are experiencing a renewed energy as we move forward.

In this issue of Update for Veterinarians, we welcome our interns and first-year residents, as well as six new faculty members – most of whom have previously served as interns or residents at the VMC.

Effective September 1, we are also welcoming Dr. Rustin Moore as the new Dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine. We are pleased to announce this well-deserved appointment of one of our own! We look forward to experiencing further growth and success within the college and the VMC under his continuing leadership.

Additional big news: the opening of our new ICU unit. Our team is incredibly excited to be able to provide even greater service and care to your patients who need it most.

As always, we thank you for your continuing partnership and the trust you place in us. We couldn’t do any of this without your support. Please feel free to contact me any time with questions or concerns.

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The biggest feature of the new Intensive Care Unit in the Ohio State Veterinary Medical Center is the centralized monitoring and work station, offering continuous visibility of every animal in the unit.

“We can visually monitor every patient, just by turning around,” said Dr. Edward Cooper, service head of Small Animal Emergency and Critical Care (ECC). “We will even have line-of-sight view of the isolation ward. This will allow us to respond more quickly to our patients’ needs.”

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Effective Sept. 1, Dr. Rustin M. Moore is the 11th dean of the Ohio State College of Veterinary Medicine, following an extensive national search. He succeeds Dr. Lonnie King, who led the college for the past six years. His appointment was announced by Dr. Sheldon Retchin, executive vice president of health sciences and CEO of the Wexner Medical Center, and Dr. Joseph Steinmetz, executive vice president and provost.

Moore, the Bud and Marilyn Jenne Professor, joined Ohio State’s faculty in 2006 as professor and chair of the Department of Veterinary Clinical Sciences. He previously served the college as associate executive dean, associate dean of clinical and outreach programs, executive director of the Veterinary Medical Center, and director of the Alice Lloyd Finley Memorial Veterinary Research Farm.

He has taught at the undergraduate, professional and graduate levels both at Ohio State and Louisiana State University (LSU), where he served on the faculty from 1994 to 2006. He also served as the head of the equine medicine and surgery section and the director of the Equine Health Studies Program from 2000-2006. He has served as adviser to dozens of professional students, interns and residents.

While at LSU, he assumed emergency leadership of a large-scale rescue effort of nearly 500 horses and other animals during the aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. A native of Spencer, West Virginia, Moore earned his D.V.M. and Ph.D. from Ohio State in 1989 and 1994, respectively. In addition to his Ohio State degrees, he earned his B.S. degree from West Virginia University. He is a diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Surgeons.

Moore’s clinical interests include equine lameness, surgery, and colic and its associated complications. He has been a principal or co-investigator on approximately 120 funded grants totaling over $4 million. In addition, he has authored or co-authored more than 15 book chapters, 120 peer- or editor-reviewed manuscripts, and 175 scientific abstracts. His service on editor-reviewed boards includes the journal Veterinary Surgery, and he has served as a manuscript reviewer for several additional prestigious journals. He is also a frequently invited speaker at national and international equine veterinary clinical, research and educational symposia.

Moore has served as president of the American Association of Veterinary Clinicians, on the board of directors of the American Association of Equine Practitioners, on the board of regents of the American College of Veterinary Surgeons and as an equine health advisory board member for the Ohio Department of Agriculture, among other service to professional organizations.

The new ICU is three times larger than the old space. The capacity will remain about the same, with dramatically improved functionality.

“The larger, open space allows easier access with all of the patients on the periphery and work flow around the nurses’ station. This design is much more similar to a neonatal ICU in human medicine” explained Dr. Cooper. “Previously, the patients and staff were separated by a partial wall and at times without line of sight. This space is much more functional.”

While the ICU routinely cares for 20 to 25 patients, total capacity is for up to 40 in the new ICU. The average stay for most animals is about two to three days but some patients stay much longer. “The record so far this year is 25 days, set by a patient named Skye who was severely affected by tetanus,” said Dr. Cooper.

The Emergency and Critical Care team, including Drs. Cooper and Julian Guillaumin (critical care faculty), as well as Ms. Courtney Beiter and Ms. Renee Cahill (technician supervisors for ECC), had a role in planning the layout and design of the new ICU.

“We were able to call upon challenges with our current ICU, as well as experiences from previous hospitals where we have worked, to optimize this opportunity to design a new ICU from the start and provide the highest level of care possible” said Dr. Cooper.
Commitment to Care Challenge Campaign to support the VMC Enhancement and Expansion project

The Enhancement and Expansion (E & E) project to improve the VMC campus location continues! We are excited to soon begin expanding and building a spacious and comfortable new lobby to improve the experience for your clients and their pets. We are fortunate that many alumni, clients and other friends of the college have helped us reach the $22 million mark to date. As we strive to reach our final fundraising goal of $30 million, we were offered an incentivized challenge by two donors to help us get there.

The Office of Annual Giving is helping us kickoff a “Commitment to Care” fundraising campaign beginning in October and running through December. We need your assistance to help us raise an unprecedented $2 million during the last three months of 2015! Would you please allow us to display a poster in your clinic lobby about the “Commitment to Care” fundraising project? If you are able to help, we can also provide small note cards explaining this fundraising campaign to your clients.

Buckeye football advertising campaign returns. Plus Best Buckeye Pet Photo contest!

The Veterinary Medical Center will once again be advertising on the Ohio Stadium scoreboard during the majority of the Buckeye home games, thanks to the continued support of a generous donor. The campaign also includes local radio and television, as well as a social media promotion. Between September 15 and 27, we will promote a “Best Buckeye Pet Photo Contest,” that will be hosted on the official Buckeye Football Facebook page (www.facebook.com/buckeyes)! We will also promote via the college and VMC web sites and Facebook pages, as well as on Twitter (#BuckeyePets).

Pet owners can submit a photo of their Buckeye pet to a special web page and invite family, friends and fans to vote for the Best Buckeye Pet. A prize package will be offered to the first and second place vote-getters, as well as to one lucky voter chosen at random. Feel free to share the post to your practice Facebook page to provide your clients, your team and yourselves with the opportunity to share your Buckeye pet photos and enter for a chance to win!

Clinical Trials

We always have a need for participants in veterinary clinical trials. If you have a patient that might be eligible, please contact the Ohio State Veterinary Clinical Trials Office at cvm-clinicaltrials@osu.edu or 614-292-4559.

For a list of current trials, please visit: vet.osu.edu/vmc/clinical-trials.
Welcome Dr. Jordan

Dr. Tyler Jordan, DVM
Emergency Medicine Faculty
VMC–Dublin

Originally from Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, Dr. Jordan completed a Bachelor of Science Honours degree in Marine Biology at Dalhousie University (Halifax, Nova Scotia). Prior to starting veterinary school at the Ontario Veterinary College (Guelph, Ontario), he worked in wildlife rehabilitation, primarily with wild seals, in Ireland and British Columbia. Throughout veterinary school, Dr. Jordan volunteered extensively with a charity providing pro bono preventive care to the animals of those who are homeless, and spent a summer volunteering at various animal rescues throughout Thailand. He most recently finished an intensive clinical internship in small animal medicine and surgery at the Ohio State Veterinary Medical Center’s main campus and is thrilled to now be part of the emergency medicine team at VMC–Dublin. Dr. Jordan’s primary interests include emergency medicine, pain management, community and social outreach, and dermatology.

Welcome our new VMC Instructors-Practice

Dr. Megan E. Brown
BA, DVM, MS, DACVIM
Medical Oncology

Dr. Alison Gardner
DVM, MS
Equine Surgery

Dr. Stephen C. Jones
MVB, MS
Small Animal Surgery

Dr. Adam J. Rudinsky
DVM, MS, DACVIM
Internal Medicine

Dr. Audrey Wanstrath
DVM, MS
Small Animal Surgery

Online CE program

The Nephrology Series

Upcoming sessions:

- September 15: Polycystic Kidney Disease and Other Cystic Kidney Conditions
- October 20: Anemia of CKD
- November 17: Managing Proteinuria

For more detailed information, please go to vet.osu.edu/vet-expert-express-nephrology

Transitions and Departures

Drs. Amy Habing (Diagnostic Imaging) and Karen Tefft (Internal Medicine) have left the VMC–Dublin to pursue other interests.
Welcome 2015 Residents

Stephanie Abrams
Dermatology

Sara Brewington
Equine Medicine

Justin Breitbart
Clinical Pathology

John Burnett
Theriogenology
Internal Medicine

Heidi Fink
Small Animal Internal Medicine

Katherine Gerken
Small Animal Emergency and Critical Care

Michaela Gruenheid
Small Animal Surgery

Timothy Helms
Anatomic Pathology

Kristin Holland
Radiology

James Howard
Small Animal Surgery

Tiffany Jenkins
Anatomic Pathology

Austin Kerns
Neurology

Allison Kilborne
Equine Surgery

Rachel Kovac
Oncology

Joseph Lozier
Farm Animal Medicine and Surgery

Michael Martinez
Anatomic Pathology

Kyle Renaldo
Oncology

Hsiao-Hui (Joyce) Wang
Ophthalmology
Welcome 2015 Interns

Katherine Bibi
Small Animal Medicine and Surgery Rotating Intern

Claudia Davila
Small Animal Medicine and Surgery Rotating Intern

Margaret Gabour
Equine Field Services

Melissa Gettinger
Small Animal Medicine and Surgery Rotating Intern

Brittney Johnson
Small Animal Medicine and Surgery Rotating Intern

Saki Kadotani
Small Animal Medicine and Surgery Rotating Intern

Evelyn MacKay
Farm Animal Medicine and Surgery

Christian Nettune
Small Animal Medicine and Surgery Rotating Intern

Maureen Oldach
Small Animal Medicine and Surgery Rotating Intern

Brianna Potter
Small Animal Medicine and Surgery Rotating Intern

Elizabeth Schuh
Oncology/ Clinical Trials

Grace VanHoy
Farm Animal Medicine and Surgery