



Animal Science News And Announcements

February, 2007



1. **STUDENTS ADMITTED TO VET SCHOOL**: The list keeps growing. Congratulations to the following students: Kim Neiderwerfer has been accepted to Iowa State; Samantha Mazzucola has been accepted at Edinburgh Veterinarian School; Nelson Bricker has been accepted to Prince Edward Island as well as Edinburgh Veterinarian School; Catriona Love has been accepted into vet school at Kansas State University.

If you are an animal science student who has been accepted to veterinary school or to a graduate program, we want to hear from you. Contact Jen Simoniello with your good news either by email Jennifer.Simoniello@uconn.edu or phone 860-486-1088.

2. **CLUB NEWS**:

UConn Dairy Club

The Dairy Club will be hosting their annual **Dairy Calf Sale** on Saturday, March 10 in the Ratcliffe Hicks arena. Viewing starts at 11:00 a.m., and bidding begins at 1:00 p.m. Club members who would like to help out the week of spring break please contact Heather Lord at Heather.Lord@uconn.edu. Any questions regarding the Calf Sale contact Rachael Garland at Rachael.Garland@uconn.edu.

The Dairy Club will host a **Calf Draw** for the Annual Dairy Show on March 1, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the George White Bldg., Room 10. Any UConn student is welcome to participate, no dairy cattle experience is necessary. The calf list is available at the Cattle Resource Unit located on Horsebarn Hill Rd. The show will take place on Sunday, April 22, followed by the club's annual banquet. Anyone who has questions can contact Corey Pryor at Corey.Pryor@uconn.edu.

3. **FALL 2007 REGISTRATION**: Fall 2007 course registration begins the week of March 19. Students should contact their advisor to make an appointment.

4. **GRADUATE STUDIES – EQUINE REPRODUCTION**: The Equine Reproduction Laboratory at Colorado State University is looking for well-qualified, talented students for their graduate degree programs. Three types of educational programs are available: Master's degree program, Doctoral degree program, Postdoctoral program. Accepted students receive support from a variety of sources and have the opportunity to conduct

original research with highly qualified faculty in world class research facilities. For more information and application procedures, visit http://www.cvmbs.colostate.edu/bms/ERL/erl_gradprog.htm.

5. **SCHOLARSHIPS**: First Pioneer Farm Credit offers up to twenty-one \$1,500 scholarships in total to be awarded across First Pioneer's Local Service Area. To apply, students must demonstrate, through their experience, academic program of study, extracurricular activities and career interest statement, significant progress toward and a clear intention for a career in production agriculture, agribusiness, forestry, or commercial fishing at a college within First Pioneer's six-state service area .

An associate's, bachelor's, or graduate degree qualifies as post-high school education. Additionally, applicants pursuing a course of study in **LEAD New York, New Jersey Agricultural Leadership Development Program, Lead New England, or The Executive Program for Agricultural Producers** are also eligible for scholarships. Deadline for applications is **April 20, 2007**, but don't wait until the deadline. The judges are most impressed when the "date received" stamp on your application is well before April 20. For more information and application procedures visit <http://www.firstpioneer.com/about/L3/investing.htm>, or stop by the ANSC main office, room 107 in the George White Bldg.

6. **SUMMER RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES - NEBRASKA**: The University of Nebraska – Lincoln seeks talented undergraduate students for their 2007 Summer Research Program. The program runs 10 weeks from June 4 to August 10. Students will master important research skills and contribute to projects vital to the academic experience and a foundation for advanced study, as they prepare for future graduate work. Participants will receive the following benefits:

- Stipend ranging from \$4,000 - \$5,000
- Travel expenses to and from Lincoln
- Room and board for ten weeks
- The opportunity to present their research

Applications are due no later than **March 1, 2007**. For more information and application procedures, visit <http://www.unl.edu/summerprogram/>.

7. **NOMINATE YOURSELF OR ANOTHER STUDENT**: Applications and nominations are being accepted for the **2007 University of Connecticut Student Life Awards**. There are over a dozen awards available to recognize student contributions to and leadership of the University community during the past year. Students and student organizations may be nominated for one or more award. Visit www.leadership.uconn.edu and select Student Life Awards on the left menu to nominate and find out more about the University Life Awards including award descriptions, nomination procedures and past winners. Nominations must be received by **March 16, 2007**. Some honors will include a monetary award and all winners will be recognized during Student Leadership Recognition Week in April.

8. **JOB OPPORTUNITY – KENNEL**: The Town of Mansfield Animal Control Facility is recruiting one kennel cleaner. Kennel Cleaners assist in the maintenance and care of impounded animals, as well maintaining and cleaning the animal control facility. Work schedule will be Saturday-Monday, occasional Thursdays, 2-3 hours per day in the mornings. \$10.00 per hour. Applicants may submit an official application online at www.mansfieldct.org or to Town Manager's Office, 4 South Eagleville Rd., Mansfield, CT

9. **LEARNING OPPORTUNITY – SOUTH AFRICA:** EcoLife Expeditions offers students the opportunity to travel to South Africa and experience hands-on, behind-the-scenes training in their unique wildlife sector. Academic credits will be awarded to students who complete the programs successfully. They offer programs in the following areas: Wildlife Management, Vets-In-The-Wild, Vet-Nurses-In-The-Wild. For more information on these programs, visit www.ecolife.co.za and the UConn Study Abroad Program at 486-5022.

10. **CONGRATULATIONS! AWARD NOMINEE:** Carolyn Allen, Animal Science Senior, has been nominated by the Block & Bridle Club for the NESAs Outstanding Senior Award. She is competing nationally for the award with nominees from all schools represented at NESAs this year. Good Luck Carolyn!

11. **SCHOLARSHIP – COMPANION ANIMAL FIELD:** Oxbow Academy Scholarship Program is offering scholarships to students interested in working in the pet industry. More than \$4000 in scholarships will be awarded to individuals who are passionate about animals and actively pursuing degrees in veterinary sciences, animal sciences and other associated fields. Applicants must be currently working on their undergraduate degree, and must be enrolled as a full-time student for the semester the scholarship is to be used. Applicants must have completed a minimum of 12 credit hours the semester before applying. Deadline for applications is **March 15, 2007**. For more information on requirements and application procedures, visit www.oxbowhay.com, or stop by the ANSC main office room 107 in the George White Bldg.

12. **INTERNSHIPS – AVIAN & MARINE MAMMAL:** Island Wildlife Natural Care Centre on Salt Spring Island, British Columbia (a small island off the coast of southern Vancouver Island) is offering 8 week internships May through October, 2007. Interns chosen have an education in animal sciences, a veterinary or vet tech background, or past wildlife experience. Students will gain hands-on experience of basic rehab techniques such as handling and restraint, diet preparation, feeding methods, natural history, charting, cleaning and maintenance. Interns may also take part in rescues and releases and may assist with some technical work such as administering meds, x-rays and microscopic exams. Deadline for applications is **March 1, 2007** and all applications must be received through postal mail, not the internet. **For more information and an application, visit www.sealrescue.org.**

13. **OPPORTUNITY FOR GRADUATING ANSC STUDENT:** Iowa State University is offering a unique opportunity for a student to be employed as a Graduate Student Shepherd while working on either a Master's or PhD degree. Responsibilities include managing 275 breeding ewes and their offspring. Qualifications for this position include experience in various aspects of sheep production, proficiency in written and oral communications skills, along with meeting the standards for acceptance to graduate school. Compensation is based on a ¾ time assistantship paying \$26,016 annual salary for Master's degree student and \$28,050 for a PhD degree student. Additional compensation includes a 50% tuition cost reduction for a Master's degree student and 100% tuition cost reduction for Doctoral degree student. For more information, contact Dr. Dan Morrical, Farm Coordinator, Animal Science Dept., Iowa State University (515)294-2904 or morrical@iastate.edu, or Joan Aiton, Administrative Asst. (515)294-7620 or jaiton@iastate.edu.

14. **NEW! ANSC LIBRARY SUBSCRIPTIONS - EQUINE**: The Animal Science Department has subscribed to two new magazines for students to use as resources for their equine studies. They are *Eventing USA* and *The Chronicle of the Horse*. They can be found in the ANSC Library located in the George White Building – Room 110. Students can forward suggestions for additional magazine to Vickie Reiser at Victoria.Reiser@uconn.edu.

15. **EQUINE HERPES QUARANTINE – WEBSITE**: Students who want to learn more about the EHV-1 outbreak in the UConn herd and view the latest press release can visit <http://www.canr.uconn.edu/ansci/ehv.htm>. Another press release will be released at the beginning of March.

16. **UCONN HORSE AUCTION**: The Department of Animal Science expects to hold its Annual Horse Auction on April 21, 2007. Any student who would like to volunteer on that day, please contact Jen Simoniello at 486-1088 or Jennifer.Simoniello@uconn.edu.

17. **NEED ACADEMIC FORMS?**: Students will find quite a selection of academic forms (WORD and PDF formats) and procedure information at www.myagmr.uconn.edu/current_forms.html. Students will find a variety of forms such as Excess Credit Authorization, Petition for a Late Drop, and “How to find the Appropriate Plan of Study.”