



Animal Science News And Announcements *March / April, 2008*

1. **ANSC STUDENTS ADMITTED TO VETERINARY SCHOOL AND GRADUATE PROGRAMS:** Congratulations to two ANSC graduates who have been accepted to vet school: Jessica Wolf has been accepted at Mississippi State Vet School. And Sarah Roberts has been accepted to Tufts Vet School.
2. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** C.A.T.S (Cats Assisted Through Spay/Neuter) Northeast, a Mansfield nonprofit organization, seeks volunteers for a feline spay/neuter clinic in Willimantic. This is a great opportunity to get experience in surgical prep and recovery. For more information, please call 429-7899 between 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. ONLY, or email info@catsnortheast.org.
3. **INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:**
 - a. River Rock Farm in Brimfield, Massachusetts is offering two internships on their all natural beef farm. Some duties will include daily maintenance of livestock, farm maintenance, developing new sales and marketing strategies, distributing products to restaurants and wholesale customers. Weekly pay will be \$200+. Housing is provided. Interns are expected to work a 40 – 45 hour, six-day week. To apply, send a cover letter along with your resume or CV to riverrockfarm@juno.com or mail it to Tom Moriarty, River Rock Farm, 81 Five Bridge Road, Brimfield, MA 01010. For more information, visit www.riverrockfarm.com, or call Tom Moriarty at 413-245-0249.
 - b. The Equine Reproduction Laboratory, Colorado State University, is offering a Breeding Farm Internship beginning July 1, 2008. The goal of the program is to provide advanced training in equine breeding farm procedures and management. Applicants should have recently completed a BS degree in Equine Sciences, Animal Science or a related discipline. Deadline for applications is **April 15th**. For more information about the program and application procedures, visit their website at http://www.cvmb.colostate.edu/bms/erl/erl_internships.htm or call (970) 491-5621.

c. Professional Dairy Producers of Wisconsin (PDPW) is accepting applications for the Enhanced Internship Program, which connects students with dairy producers for an on-farm internship. Complete details are available online at www.pdpw.org. To go directly to the Enhanced Internship Program information, visit <http://www.pdpw.org/internship.htm>. Students can view available internships on this website, using the password PDPW2008. Please note that this is case-sensitive. If you find an internship that fits your interests, please contact the producer directly. New this year, they are collecting applications from students and sharing their application with interested dairy producers from around the country. The student application is available online, by emailing sorth@pdpw.org or calling 800.947.7379.

d. Arabian Race Horse Farm – Israel - Dr. Darre received an email from a former ANSC student, Deby Gottfried, who is in Israel now. The farm where she works has internship opportunities. The farm is located in the middle of one of the few intact sand dunes left on the Mediterranean Sea. There are about 10 houses surrounded by nothing but sand and sea. They are in need of someone who really loves horses. The farm is primarily an Arabian horse racing and breeding farm, but has a few horses being trained for halter shows. The horses are trained in the sand dunes and on the beach. Anyone who is an advanced rider can help with this type of training. Otherwise, there are more than enough horses to learn more on or just take a trip to the beach. They also need someone who can work on the farm cleaning stalls etc., as well as working with the horses. Interns will be given a place to live as well as enough money to cover living expenses. The internship can be one semester or two, or a year, whatever you want! Anyone interested can email Deby at deby91884@yahoo.com.

e. Valley Dream Farm in Cambridge, Vermont has 6 internships for students interested in organic farming. The internships will run for approximately 14 weeks from May 15th through October 31st. Interns will receive a stipend of \$700/month, and share on farm housing. If interested, please send a cover letter explaining why you want to work on the farm, what you like to do in your free time, at least 2 references and an optional farm project of particular interest to valleydream@wildblue.net or Attn: Anne Tisbert or Wendy Hall, Valley Dream Farm LLC, 5901 Pleasant Valley Rd., Cambridge, VT 05444.

f. The National Pork Producers Council (NPPC) is currently recruiting for its fall 2008 internship program. NPPC is seeking four interns, one for each of the following groups: communications, environmental law and policy, international trade, and science and technology. Applications must be postmarked by **June 1st**. For more information and application requirements, visit www.nppc.org.

g. The Kentucky Equine Management Internship (KEMI) Program located in Lexington, KY is a non-profit organization that provides paid internship opportunities for college students or recent college graduates on Central Kentucky Thoroughbred horse farms. Application deadline for Fall sessions is **April 30th**. More information about the KEMI program can be found on their website at www.kemi.org. We have had a few ANSC students participate. Contact Jen Simoniello at Jennifer.Simoniello@uconn.edu or 486-1088 for more information.

4. **UCONN HORSE AUCTION:** The Department of Animal Science will hold its Annual Horse Auction on April 26, 2008. Any student who would like to volunteer on that day, please contact Caitlin.Lewis@uconn.edu. If you would like to see pictures from the auction that was held last year, visit www.canr.uconn.edu/ansci/equine/hsgallery07.

5. **CLUB NEWS:**

Pre-vet Club: The Pre-vet Club will hold its annual **Dog Wash on Sunday, May 4th** from 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Kellogg Dairy Center. Baths for dogs of all sizes (cash only). All proceeds support the Pre-vet Club.

The pre-vet club has invited a representative from **Oklahoma State University** to speak to students about their vet school program on **April 17th, 2008** from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in classroom 209 of the George White Building. Also, on **May 1, 2008, Dr. Joe Dowd, D.V.M., PhD** will speak about his career as a Racehorse Veterinarian and demonstrate with UConn horses in the Ratcliffe Hicks Arena from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Poultry Club: ANSC students, faculty, staff, family, and Poultry Club alumni are invited to the **Poultry Club's Annual Potluck Chicken Barbeque to be held on Friday, May 2, 2008** at 5:30 PM in the Ratcliffe Hicks Arena. Each individual or family is asked to bring a potluck item (cold salad, appetizer, chips, beverage, dessert, main dish). The Poultry Club will provide the barbequed chicken and paper goods. Don't forget to come prepared for the undergraduate versus graduate student volleyball game. Please sign-up in the Animal Science Main Office room 107 to let the club know what you are bringing and how many people will be attending.

Dairy Club: The Dairy Club will hold its **Annual Dairy Show on April 20, 2008**. The show starts at 11:45 a.m. in the Horsebarn Hill Arena. Everyone is welcome. The club's banquet will be held following the show at the Alumni Center on the Storrs campus. Tickets are \$10 a person. If interested in attending, please contact Rachel.Leone@uconn.edu by **Wednesday, April 9th**.

Block and Bridle Club: The Block and Bridle Club will host NESAs (Northeast Student Affiliates) next year from February 27–28, 2009. NESAs are an **annual competition** held in the spring that includes livestock judging, quizbowl competition, and paper presentations. Approximately 12 schools will participate from the north east region of the United States. The UConn Block and Bridle club is looking for members of other **animal science related clubs** that might be interested in helping out with the organization of the event. If anyone is **interested in being a chair person** or helping out with any aspect of NESAs, feel free to contact NESAs Co-Coordinators Jessica.Hopkins@uconn.edu or Nicole.Borrelli@uconn.edu.

6. **JOB OPPORTUNITIES:**

a. FarmTek (also Engineering Services & Products) in South Windsor, CT has positions for **National Account Managers**. FarmTek's multiple catalog companies serve the agricultural, horticultural, equine and building communities, both nationally and worldwide. The positions involve providing prospective and existing customers with complete solutions to their needs. For more information visit www.FarmTek.com. To apply, send resume and cover letter to: FarmTek, Attn: HR Dept., 1395 John Fitch Blvd., South Windsor, CT 06074 or by email to hrdept@farmtek.com.

b. Dr. Nadeau is looking for an **Assistant for her Fall Trail Practicum**, which will most likely be on Tuesdays. Those interested should have taken the Methods of Equitation Instruction Class and ride at the Intermediate I or higher level. Please email jenifer.nadeau@uconn.edu if interested.

c. The UConn Dairy Bar is currently hiring students to work this summer. Job duties include, but are not limited to: scooping ice cream, using cash register, handling money, taking orders, making and decorating cakes, milk pick-up, ice cream production, cheese production, sweeping, mopping, and cleaning restrooms. This is a customer service based job with emphasis on cleaning. Students must be reliable and available to work all holidays, mornings, nights, and weekends. Normal working hours for the summer are between 8:30am -10:00pm. Students must be available for special events and 3 weekend days per month. It is preferred that students have experience and their own transportation. Students are needed for 10 to 40 hours per week, \$7.65/hour, depending on experience. Please contact Jackie Patry at Jacqueline.Patry@uconn.edu, or 860-486-2634.

d. The Animal Science Department still has opportunities available to work in some of the barns and other facilities this summer. Please contact the following individuals if you are interested:

Dr. Tian's Lab – Dr. Cindy Tian, 486-9087 (work study students only)

Horse Barn – John Bennett or Kathy Pelletier, 486-2034

Kellogg Dairy Center – Mary Margaret Cole, 486-2023

7. **UPCOMING HORSE EVENTS – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**

April 19 – Draft Horse Plow Match at the UConn "W" lot starting at 9:30 AM. Spectators welcome.

April 26 – 4-H Horse Hippology Contest to be held at Ratcliffe Hicks and Young Buildings. **Student volunteers are needed** to help with scoring and judging of contest. Contact Dr. Nadeau at jenifer.nadeau@uconn.edu if interested.

April 27 – 4-H Horse Judging Contest to be held at the Horsebarn Hill Arena, Ratcliffe Hicks, George White, and Young Buildings. **Student volunteers are needed** to help with scoring and judging of contest. Contact Dr. Nadeau at jenifer.nadeau@uconn.edu if interested.

8. **CAMP HORSEMANSHIP SAFETY CLINIC:** The 2008 Riding Camp Instructor's Safety Certification Clinic will be held at the Horsebarn Hill Arena foyer at the University of Connecticut in Storrs on Saturday, June 7, 2008 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. This clinic is sanctioned by the Youth Camp Licensing Board and is for individuals instructing campers in any phase of horsemanship. Camp staff who

work with horses need to be aware of safety. This will also be a good review for any person interested in improving their safety skills and/or knowledge. Information discussed will include helmet safety, fire safety, tack selection, care and problems, selection of horses, equine first aid, liability, horse handling safety, and mounted instruction by clinicians Dr. Jenifer Nadeau and Lorraine Day. Certificates, valid for three years from date of issue, will be awarded to all participants that successfully complete the clinic. Cost of the daylong clinic is \$25. For more information email jenifer.nadeau@uconn.edu, or call (860) 486-4471.

9. **RIDING INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATION PROGRAM**: The American Riding Instructor Certification Program is a nationally recognized and respected program offered by the American Riding Instructors Association (ARIA) to recognize and certify outstanding teachers of horseback riding who instruct their students in a safe, knowledgeable and professional way. The program is meant for serious, above-average instructors who teach safely and with high standards of honesty and integrity. The testing is conducted at one-day ARIA Test Centers held throughout the year at different locations around the country. Ask for a current list or check our website: www.riding-instructor.com. The fee is \$595.00. It is recommended that you register 30 days in advance. You may register online at the aforementioned website or by calling 239-948-3232.
10. **SENIOR EXIT INTERVIEWS**: If you are a senior graduating in May, you will receive an email in April inviting you to attend a casual senior exit interview with Dr. Daniel Fletcher, Department Head. Interviews are conducted to receive feedback from students as to the ANSC programs strengths and weaknesses.
11. **GRADUATING STUDENTS**: Students who are graduating this May, please remember to return any department/lab keys that you may have signed out to Ms. Tina Burnham in the George White Bldg., Room 109.