



# Animal Science News And Announcements

*March, 2007*



1. **EQUINE HEALTH MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE**: Students are invited to attend the 2007 New England Conference on Equine Health and Management being held in the Ratcliffe Hicks Arena on Saturday, March 24, 2007 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. To learn who the featured speakers are and the topics they will discuss visit <http://www.canr.uconn.edu/ansci/equine/cehm.htm>. Contact Dr. Jenifer Nadeau - [jenifer.nadeau@uconn.edu](mailto:jenifer.nadeau@uconn.edu) or (860) 486-4471 for more information.
2. **SUMMER COURSE OFFERED – MOLECULAR AND CELL BIOLOGY**: MCB 214 Experiments in DNA Identification is being offered by the Department of Molecular and Cell Biology during Summer Session 1 – May 29 – June 8. This is an introductory laboratory course in principles and techniques of DNA manipulation and identification. The course simulates independent research, using modern molecular genetics techniques. Pre-requisite is any course in genetics. It is a 2-credit course meeting on Mondays and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. For information and permission numbers, contact Seth Kasowitz at 860-486-3580, or email [seth.kasowitz@uconn.edu](mailto:seth.kasowitz@uconn.edu).
3. **UConn FUN HORSE SHOW**: Everyone is invited to participate in the UConn Fun Horse show to benefit the UConn horse program! The show date is April 15 at 9:00 a.m. The Horse Draw will be on April 2<sup>nd</sup> (see Kathy Pelletier at the horse barn). It's a casual horse show, registration starts at 8:00 a.m. Classes are \$10 each or \$8 for 5 or more classes. Divisions: 4-H/FFA, English/Western, Jumping, Driving, Games, Lead Line, and Green Horse. Any questions, please call Kathy Pelletier at 860-486-2034. **All proceeds go to the UConn Horse Program!!**
4. **INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES – EXOTIC ANIMALS**: Black Pine Animal Park in Albion, IN is seeking spring and summer interns for their exotic animal sanctuary. Interns will gain practical experience working with lions, tigers, leopards, cougars, chimpanzees, camels, reptiles, and more. Interns conduct educational programs and tours for park visitors and travel to area schools and businesses to raise awareness about the sanctuary's mission. Duties include: feeding, cleaning habitats, enrichment, groundskeeping, record keeping, public speaking, assisting with veterinary care, and animal observation. Summer internships start May/June and end in August. **Summer internship applications are due by April 1.** For a description of requirements and how to apply, visit their website at [www.blackpineanimalpark.com/internships.htm](http://www.blackpineanimalpark.com/internships.htm). For more information, call the park at 260-636-7383 or email [jess@blackpineanimalpark.com](mailto:jess@blackpineanimalpark.com).

5. **2007 BATTLE OF THE MAJORS**: The CANR/RHSA Student Council will hold the 2007 Battle of the Majors on Sunday, April 1. This event provides students with a chance to have fun and unwind before the end of the semester. All UConn students are eligible to participate and must register by Friday, March 23. The registration form is available at [www.MYAGNR.uconn.edu](http://www.MYAGNR.uconn.edu). Students compete in teams of 3-4 students in the following events:

- Quiz Bowl (testing their knowledge of all CANR/RHSA majors!)
- Hay Bale Throwing
- Cow Milking
- Milk Chugging
- Tug-of-War
- Egg Toss
- Scavenger Hunt
- Obstacle Course
- Floral Art

If you would like to see photos from the first Battle in 2005, please go to: <http://www.canr.uconn.edu/majorsbattle/>.

6. **JOB OPPORTUNITY – LAB ASSISTANT**: Yale University is looking for a Laboratory Assistant to provide research assistance for a zebrafish genetics lab and aid with the maintenance of a freshwater topical fish (zebrafish) facility. Some duties include feeding fish, maintaining water quality, breeding fish, raising young, and maintaining tank and equipment. For a full list of duties, education, training, skills, and abilities, please stop by the ANSC main office in the George White Bldg., Room 107.

7. **CLUB NEWS**:

**Sigma Alpha** is conducting its **annual cake and pie sale**. Orders are due by March 27. For a price list of items being sold and an order form, please email [uconnea@yahoo.com](mailto:uconnea@yahoo.com).

**Sigma Alpha** will be participating in **Ag Days** throughout the community this Spring. Ag Days are Sigma Alpha National Events that occur every year. Their focus will be broken down into three events: Reading “Beatrice’s Goat” to an elementary school classroom, working with Girl Scout Troops to help them earn wildlife, environmental and agricultural badges, and finally having a sequence of agriculturally related activities that will be presented to first grade classes in a local school. Rush for this semester has concluded, but if anyone is interested in rushing next semester, please contact [Alyson.Bishop@uconn.edu](mailto:Alyson.Bishop@uconn.edu).

The **Block and Bridle Club** brought 6 teams to compete in **NESA** last month at Penn State which included quiz bowl, livestock judging and a paper presentation. Congratulations to the “B” Team: Jen Elman, Jess Hopkins, Kat Houk, and Sarah Larose. They placed 10<sup>th</sup> in quiz bowl and 8<sup>th</sup> overall. Sarah Larose placed 4<sup>th</sup> overall in paper presentations.

The **Block and Bridle Club** is holding their annual **Easter Ham Sale** fundraiser. Hams cost \$3.50/lb.

8. **JOB OPPORTUNITY – LIFE SCIENCE:** The Kent Group is recruiting research scientists, study directors, veterinary technicians, and surgical technicians for a Massachusetts-based Contract Research Organization. This CRO is completing a new, state-of-the-art lab facility and needs to hire 40 – 60 scientists and technicians by early summer 2007. Biology majors with animal science backgrounds who will be graduating this Spring with either BS/MS/PhD degrees are encouraged to apply. Interested students should email a resume (MS Word document) with contact information, date available and US citizenship or visa status to Trudy Michaud, Director, Biotech Recruiting at [trudymichaud@hotmail.com](mailto:trudymichaud@hotmail.com).
9. **TACK FOR SALE:** Harry Dabbs English Saddle Package – 17” True Brit by Harry Dabbs. Dark Havana leather, excellent condition, wide tree. Close contact. Matching bridle, reins & girth included. \$500 or best offer. Contact Keri Dallas at [Keri.Dallas@uconn.edu](mailto:Keri.Dallas@uconn.edu).
10. **ANSC STUDENTS ADMITTED TO VET SCHOOL:** Congratulations to Jeanne Larson who has been accepted at Tufts Veterinary School and Anna Brandin who has decided to attend Tufts Veterinary School after being accepted at UPenn, Purdue, and Ohio State. Also, congratulations to Isa Ehr, a former animal science student who has been accepted at the University of Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Washington State and Purdue and is waiting to hear from Minnesota before making his final decision.
11. **JOB OPPORTUNITY – EQUINE:** The Strawberry Park RV Resort, Inc, located in Preston, CT is looking to hire individuals for summer 2007 to assist with their trail riding program. The resort owns eight wonderful horses. Weekend hours are available in May and early June. Position will begin about June 20 and will end after Labor Day. Approximately 24 – 40 hours per week. Starting wage is \$9.00/hour. Contact Marlene Aulten, Human Resources Coordinator at 860-892-2088 for further information or submit your resume via fax to 860-892-2088. Resumes can also be mailed to Strawberry Park RV Resort, Inc., Attn: Human Resources, 42 Pierce Road, Preston, CT 06235.
12. **LECTURE & WORKSHOP – CANINE BEHAVIOR:** Sue Sternberg, head of Rondout Valley Animals for Adoption in New York, will lecture and conduct a workshop on Canine Behavior, Understanding Body Language and Facial Expressions in Dogs on May 12 – 14 at Doggone U at Bancroft School of Massage Therapy in Worcester, Massachusetts. Saturday, May 12 lecture: “Behavior Evaluation (9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)”. Seminar Fee is \$95. Sunday – May 13 & Monday – May 14 workshop: “Bite-O-Meter” (9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. each day). Course fee is \$250. Register online at [www.puppyworks.com](http://www.puppyworks.com). Click on “our events” then select this conference, then Fees & Registration.
13. **JOB OPPORTUNITY – EQUINE:** Pony Farm Summer Camp in Temple, NH still has positions available for staff this summer. This is a great internship opportunity for teaching, training, stable management, and therapeutic riding. Campers are girls 8 – 14 years of age and they attend 1 & 2 week sessions. For more information about Pony Farm Camp visit [www.ponyfarm.com](http://www.ponyfarm.com). Interested students can contact Kris Young, Co-Director at (603) 654-6308.

14. **POULTRY CLUB ANNUAL BBQ**: Mark your calendars! ANSC students, faculty and staff are invited to the Poultry Club's Annual Potluck Chicken Barbeque to be held on Friday, April 27, 2007 at 5:30 PM in the Ratcliffe Hicks Arena. Information on how to sign-up will be circulated soon.
15. **JOB OPPORTUNITY – GRADUATING STUDENTS**: The Department of Agriculture at Fort Hays State University has an opening for a Livestock Judging Team Coach/Agriculture Program Specialist. The position is a full-time, nine-month, non-tenure track position. A B.S. Degree in Animal Science or a closely related field is required. For a description of the position and application procedures please stop by the ANSC main office in the George White Building, Room 107.
16. **JOB OPPORTUNITY – EQUINE**: Bradford Woods, Indiana University's Outdoor Center in Martinsville, Indiana is hiring staff at their summer camp for people with disabilities and chronic illnesses. Bradford Woods has proven to be an excellent opportunity for students in the field of Therapeutic Recreation, Special Education, Pre-Med, Nursing, Allied Health, Speech Therapy, Outdoor Education, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, **Therapeutic Riding and other Equine Assisted Activities**, as well as many other areas of study. Bradford Woods has also served as an **internship** and **practicum** site for many students. Visit their website at [www.bradwoods.org](http://www.bradwoods.org) for job descriptions or to download a job application. For more information, please contact Shay Dawson M.A., CTRS – coordinator of camping and therapeutic programs at 765-342-2915 or [sldawson@indiana.edu](mailto:sldawson@indiana.edu).
17. **JOB OPPORTUNITY – FARM**: Rainbeau Ridge Farm located in Bedford Hills, NY is looking for summer teachers for their educational programs for children and adults. The farm provides an exciting learning environment -- where adults can learn about seasonal and healthy cooking from renowned local chefs or how to raise their own livestock and poultry, and children can participate in hands-on activities ranging from caring for farm animals to tapping maple syrup to growing their own produce. For more information, visit [www.rainbeauridge.com](http://www.rainbeauridge.com).
18. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – GUIDE DOGS**: Guiding Eyes for the Blind relies on volunteers to raise puppies that may eventually become guide dogs. These guide dogs give their blind partner the gift of greater personal freedom and independence. It's a great way to learn the value of volunteerism and contributing something special. No previous puppy raising experience is necessary so this is a project that anyone can do. The prerequisite is a love of dogs and the time to devote to raising a puppy for 14-16 months. They offer excellent support for puppy raisers. If this sounds of interest to you, please contact Linda Damato, Regional Marketing Manager at Guiding Eyes for the Blind Canine Development Center: 845-230-6405 – Direct, 866-GEB-LABS - Toll Free, or email: [LDamato@GuidingEyes.org](mailto:LDamato@GuidingEyes.org). She will forward you their class schedule.
19. **CAREER OPPORTUNITY – DAIRY/LIVESTOCK NUTRITION**: Renaissance Nutrition in Roaring Springs, PA is look for graduating students to join their team of agri-professionals. Renaissance consultants deliver state-of-the-art technology to dairy and livestock producers. They recommend sound nutrition and management practices; formulate balanced, cost-effective rations based on available forages; develop and maintain business in their area; deliver high-quality products; monitor cows and production records; and much more! For a complete listing of positions and application procedures, please stop by the ANSC main office in the George White Building, Room 107.

20. **SCHOLARSHIP – GRADUATE STUDIES**: The Animal Science Department at Oregon State University offers the Chester M. Wilcox Memorial Scholarships in Poultry for graduate study in Poultry Science. The scholarship will be available October 1, 2007 for the ensuing 12-month period. The scholarship provides stipends of \$9,200 for the M.S. or \$10,200 for the Ph.D. per year. Applications for this scholarship must be received by April 4, 2007. More information and application forms are available by contacting: Dr. Thomas F. Savage, Animal Sciences Department, Oregon State University, 114 Withycombe Hall, Corvallis, OR 97331-6702; Phone: 541-737-5066, Email: [Thomas.Savage@oregonstate.edu](mailto:Thomas.Savage@oregonstate.edu).