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Vet Med Update

Educating the Next Generation of Veterinarians at MU

CVM Dean Neil C. Olson discusses the NRC report examining "Workforce Needs in Veterinary Medicine."

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CVM Alumna Takes a Walk on the Wildlife Side

The website for Hedmark University College advises prospective students and visitors that its Evenstad campus is "in the middle of nowhere." While the nearest town is 20 kilometers away, the online survival guide advertises that there is a canteen on campus that specializes in moose burgers. For students who prefer to prepare their



Upcoming Events

White Coat Ceremony

What: The Class of 2014 will celebrate the beginning of the clinical portion of their veterinary education.

When and Where: 1 p.m. Oct. 14, at the Missouri Theater.

Who: There are 112 students making the transition from classroom to clinics.

About: Students will receive their white laboratory coats from a family member or mentor whom they select to make the presentation.

Veterinary Products Night

own meals, the guide notes that there is a small shop that sells groceries situated close to campus just across the Glomma

River. It can be reached by foot in about 10 minutes, however, in winter students can slip across the frozen river, cutting their trip for supplies in half. When the volume of snow makes walking impractical, the university library stocks not just books, but also skis that students can borrow. According to the website, surrounded by forests, mountains and lakes, Evenstad, in southeast Norway, is "the Place for Wild Hearts."

Andrea Miller, DVM, felt right at home in this wild place for the past year. Miller, who earned a bachelor of science, fisheries and wildlife degree at the University of Missouri in 2005, and a doctor of veterinary medicine from the MU College of Veterinary Medicine in 2009, recently completed a year-long fellowship as a Fulbright Scholar based at the Evenstad campus. While there, she drew blood from wolves and roe deer, helped assess the effects of an anesthetic protocol on moose and tracked a bear that she then performed surgery on in the field.

In her understated manner she admits, "I do have a sense of adventure."

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Dr. Andrea Miller traveled to Norway and Sweden as a Fulbright Scholar to research the effects of stress in Scandinavian brown bears.

Photo by Alina Evans



Dr. Andrea Miller administers oxygen to a moose as part of an experiment to try to counteract the effects of hypoxemia, low blood oxygen, which some combinations of anesthetic drugs can induce.

Photo by Marianne Lian

What: The MU College of Veterinary Medicine's 16th annual Veterinary Products Night

When and Where: 4 to 7 p.m. Oct. 16 in the Adams Conference Center.

About: Provides an opportunity for MU veterinary medicine students to meet with representatives of 21 companies to learn about animal food, medicine and other care products as well as diagnostic equipment that the companies offer. Four scholarships will be given away and food will be provided.

The Niemeyer Lecture

What: Oh, the Places You'll Go

When and Where: Noon to 1 p.m. Oct. 25 in the Adams Conference Center.

About: Speaker Dr. Mark Ackermann will describe how research and pathology service have shaped and enriched his life.

Alumni Tracks

[Thorne is 2012 Alumnus of the Year](#)

Dr. James Thorne, DVM '61, is the University of Missouri College of Veterinary Medicine 2012 Alumnus of the Year. Thorne was honored during the College's Alumni Reunion Weekend held Sept. 14-15.



Veterinarians

Andrea Miller and Krista Jones examine a brown bear's teeth and check its capillary refill time (CRT), which is the rate at which blood refills empty capillaries and can be used to assess whether an animal is dehydrated. CRT can be measured in animals by pressing on their gums.

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Featured News

[Longtime CVM Librarian Takes on New Duties](#)

College of Veterinary Medicine Dean Neil C. Olson recently announced changes in the operation of the College's Zalk Veterinary Medical Library due to the consolidation of the veterinary and health sciences historical collections under way at the MU Libraries.

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A Success Story: Early Diagnosis, Attentive Owner Keep Dog's Disease in Check

Brutus was recovering from knee surgery a few years ago when his owner, Carol Morris of Columbia, took him and his half sibling, Panda, to the local dog park. They returned home on the brisk winter day and Moore noticed that her young dog's eye was swollen. Thinking Brutus may have gotten something in his eye while playing at the park, she brought him to the MU Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital where he was examined by the veterinary ophthalmology service and treated for a severe case of uveitis, or inflammation inside of the eye. While diagnostic tests ruled out an infection or tumor, the cause of the problem was not immediately determined.

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