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Dr. Carolyn Henry Appointed CVM Associate Dean

University of Missouri College of Veterinary Medicine Dean Neil C. Olson recently named Carolyn Henry, DVM, MS, associate dean for the Office of Research and Graduate Studies. Henry has served as the interim associate dean since Sept. 1, 2013, replacing Ron Terjung, PhD, who retired.

Henry said her interest in seeking the position stemmed from her commitment to animal health and agriculture and the advancement of biomedical discovery.

"Veterinary medical researchers and educators play an essential role in everything from leading advances in companion animal health to ensuring a safe and sustainable food supply and solving complex global health problems," she noted in her application to the search committee tasked with filling the position.

Henry said that in addition to ensuring MU researchers operate on the leading edge of scientific discovery, she also plans to enhance the college's graduate and postdoctoral programs. "I believe we need to train students in ways that have not before been attempted and for jobs that

may not yet exist. Our educational opportunities must be responsive to the needs of the marketplace and provide our students with the greatest chance for career satisfaction and professional growth."

Henry received a bachelor of science degree in animal science and biology with a minor in chemistry, graduating magna cum laude from Eastern Kentucky University. She went on to earn a doctor of veterinary medicine cum laude and master's degree in small animal surgery and medicine at Auburn University.

She began her career working in an animal clinic in Alabama and then worked as an emergency care veterinarian in Alabama and Georgia before pursuing a residency in veterinary oncology at Auburn. In 1993 she became an assistant professor in the Department of Veterinary Clinical Sciences at Washington State University. She joined the faculty of the University of Missouri in 1997 as an assistant professor of oncology. In 2001, she received a dual appointment with the MU School of Medicine. Henry became the first American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine board-certified oncologist at MU.

In 2002 she became the director of the Tom and Betty Scott Endowed Program in Veterinary Oncology. She was appointed a professor of oncology in both the College of Veterinary Medicine and the School of Medicine in 2008.



Henry has worked to advance collaborations in human and animal medicine at Mizzou. She serves as the faculty facilitator for the One Health/One Medicine Mizzou Advantage for the MU Office of the Provost, a position she has held since 2010, and as the associate director of research at Ellis Fischel Cancer Center since 2012.

"It is now second nature for me to recognize linkages between departments and colleges that were once seemingly unrelated," she said.

Henry is the mother to five step children, three biological children and two adopted sons. She and her husband, Tim Schild, have three dogs. She enjoys travel, sporting events, concerts and running. In addition to many professional memberships, Henry is a Kentucky Colonel, appointed by the governor of Kentucky, an honor she shares with actor George Clooney, and she is a member of Mensa.

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