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### Students Explore Opportunities, Veterinary Products

Many domestic and foreign U.S. military installations have veterinary clinics on the post to provide care for soldiers' pets, working dogs, horses and local livestock. Those clinics need veterinarians to staff them, and that need brought U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Marcus Bates to the MU College of Veterinary Medicine's 18th annual Veterinary Products Day on Oct. 21.

"We're hoping to provide scholarship opportunities to students who are still looking for funding opportunities," Bates said of the Army's presence at the event.

Veterinary Products Day once again proved a big draw with approximately 375 veterinary students attending. In addition to the Army booth, 19 other vendors came to the College to display their products, offer samples and answer student questions.

As Bates and two of his fellow servicemen discussed benefits, such as tuition, books and a monthly stipend of more than \$2,000, veterinary students could earn by joining the Army's Veterinary Corps, Josh Norsworthy talked about the animal health care products his company has to offer.

Norsworthy, who was attending his first



The 18th annual Veterinary Products Day brought together 375 students with 20 representatives of animal health products, food, professional insurance and government services.



Virginia and Joe Shetler, representing AVMA GHLIT, discuss available insurance products with fourth-year veterinary student Sarah Hover.

Veterinary Products Day, was present to represent Ceva Animal Health, headquartered in Lenexa, Kansas. The seventh-largest animal health company in the world, Ceva produces a wide variety of products, including Vectra 3D, an anti-parasitic for dogs, a line of dermatological treatments and synthetic pheromones to help pet owners when their dogs and cats are experiencing periods of stress. Norsworthy hoped to expand the company's future clientele by explaining the available products to future veterinarians.



*At the U.S. Army table students were able to make dog tags for themselves or their pets. Sgt. 1st Class Paul Walter holds up a dog tag for student Angela Garcia to inspect.*

"We're here because we want to partner with veterinarians," he said.

Students who attended the event learned about the products and services offered by a variety of animal health and food companies, including Addison Biological Laboratories, Banfield, Boehringer-Ingelheim, Dechra Veterinary Products, Elanco, Hill's Pet, iVet, Merial, MWI Veterinary Supply, Norbrook Inc., Nutramax Labs, Pet King Brands, Platinum Performance, Purina, Royal Canin and Zoetis. ProPartners Wealth - AVMA GHLIT, which provides insurance for veterinarians, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Food Safety and Inspection Service also sponsored the event and had representatives on hand.

A buffet-style dinner was provided, and drawings were held for several prizes including a stethoscope, with Sarah Wilken as the winner, a Roku player, which Stacie Stilinovic won, a tailgating gift basket, which went to Liz Farnan, and three \$50 Visa gift cards, won by William Meyers, Nicole Freeman and Jacqueline Burrell.

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