Animal Sciences News

Week of March 13, 2011

Animal Sciences Seminar
The seminar for Richelle Miller scheduled for March 11 was cancelled in concurrence with NDSU classes being cancelled. It will be rescheduled for a later date.

There is no seminar this week due to Spring Break.

Eric Berg Receives Apple Polisher Honor
Dr. Eric Berg has been selected to receive the Apple Polisher award from the NDSU Bison Ambassadors, a student public relations group sponsored by the Alumni Association. Every year, students nominate faculty and staff they feel have impacted their lives in special ways. In addition to the Apple Polisher Award, the students conduct tours for alumni and host alumni during Homecoming. They also plan the Away Game Celebration in the fall and Senior Day in the spring. Eric is one of 29 employees chosen for the award this year. He was nominated by Levi Hall.

Pet Wash Scheduled
The NDSU Veterinary Technology Club is offering a pet wash. Services offered will be dog and cat baths, nail trims, ear cleaning, teeth brushing, and anal gland cleaning. The Pet Wash is schedule for Saturday, April 9, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Robinson Hall. Call Natalie at 701-266-9152 to make an appointment as space is limited!

Spring Break
March 14-18
Business Hours 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

With flooding likely in the Red River Valley this spring, the North Dakota State University Equine Center again will open an emergency shelter for horses.

"Horse owners are encouraged to prepare for the flood by developing an evacuation plan," says Carrie Hammer, NDSU Extension Service equine specialist. "This plan should include where and when the horses will be moved and who will move them when owners do not have access to a truck and/or trailer."

She also recommends owners move feed away from low-lying areas that may not be accessible once water levels rise.

Here are some guidelines for bringing your horses to the NDSU Emergency Horse Shelter:

- The Equine Center will accept horses once the threat of the Red River reaching 35 feet in Fargo becomes imminent. The center will not maintain a waiting list.
- Owners must call (701) 281-1138 before arriving to ensure space is available.
- Horses will be housed in individual 10 - by 10-foot stalls. No turnout space or outdoor housing is available.
- Owners will be charged an initial fee per horse upon arrival and then assessed a daily fee for the duration of the animals' stay.
- Owners should bring a minimum of seven days of feed for their horses. No grain or hay will be available for purchase from NDSU. The emergency shelter will close seven days after the Red River falls below 35 feet. A list of boarding facilities will be available for owners who are unable to return home with their horses at that time.

For more information about the Equine Center's emergency horse shelter, contact Shannon Eck at shannon.eck@ndsu.edu or (701) 281-1138. For general information on flood preparedness for horses, contact Hammer at carrie.hammer@ndsu.edu or (701) 231-5682 or visit NDSU's flood information website at http://www.ag.ndsu.edu/flood.

Stoltenow and Dyer Hosting Visiting Scientist

Drs. Charlie Stoltenow and Neil Dyer are hosting Tserendorj Lkhagvasuren, a veterinarian from Mongolia for four weeks at NDSU. Dr. Lkhagvasuren ("Tsek" for short) is the director of the large animal clinic for Mongolia V.E.T. Net NGO (a non-governmental organization) located on the outskirts of the capitol city of Ulaanbaatar.

During the first two weeks, he will be dividing his time between our livestock units and the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory. His second two weeks will be divided between the Steele Veterinary Clinic and the Central Grasslands Research Extension Center in Streeter.

Tsek is married and has an 18-month-old boy and a 6-month-old girl. This is his first visit to the U.S. He is keenly interested in the applied aspects of animal health and production.