Animal Sciences Seminar
Speaker: Leslie Lekatz, NDSU ANSC Grad Student

Topic: An Introduction to Kallikrein and Its Role In Pregnancy

Date: Friday, April 1, 2011
Time: 3:00-4:00 p.m.
Location: Hultz 104

Leslie is originally from Ely, Minnesota. She received a B.S. degree in Biology from Bemidji State University. She received an M.S. in Animal Science with an emphasis in Reproductive Physiology from North Dakota State University, working under Dr. Kim Vonnahme. Leslie is currently working toward her Ph.D. degree under the direction of Dr. Vonnahme. Her research interests are focused on the mechanisms of blood flow to the reproductive tract, how maternal nutrition impacts blood flow to the fetus, and the effects of estrogen on the kallikrein-kinin system. Leslie's interests outside of science are canoe trips, camping, hunting, fishing, reading, and snowshoeing.

Bolgrean Joins Vet Tech Staff
Kari Bolgrean joined the department of Animal Sciences on March 28 as a Lecturer in the Veterinary Technology Program.

Kari grew up in Moorhead, Minnesota. She attended NDSU and graduated in May 2007 with a B.S. degree in Veterinary Technology. She was employed by a small animal veterinary practice in Fargo for the past 4 years as a licensed veterinary technician. Her busy household includes a rowdy golden retriever named Gunner, a chiweenie named Phillip, and 2 DMH cats named Jerzy and Reese. In her spare time, Kari enjoys spending time with family and friends, being outdoors, going to the lakes, and snowmobiling.

Welcome Kari!

3/28 – Summer/Fall Online Registration begins
**NDSU Riders Advance to Semifinal Competition** – Tara Swanson with Ellen Crawford, NDSU Ag Comm

Three members of NDSU's Western equestrian team will advance to semifinal competition at the University of Findlay in Findlay, Ohio, on Saturday and Sunday, March 26-27.

Kelly O'Connell, a senior from Green Bay, Wisconsin qualified for that competition in the reining and open divisions. Senior Shannon Voges of Courtland, Minnesota, qualified to compete in the advanced division. Juliann Zach, a sophomore from Rosholt, South Dakota, will compete in the intermediate division.

They were among 12 members of the team who qualified for post-season regional competition at the University of Minnesota-Crookston on March 6.

"All of the regional riders should be commended for excellent performances at regionals," says Tara Swanson, the team's coach. "Only the top two riders from each division advance from the regional level to semifinals, so it is a big accomplishment to have three individuals competing in four events at semifinals."

O'Connell also was named the Zone 7 Region 3 American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA) Cup Rider at the Crookston event. That means she was the overall high point regional rider for the year. She will travel to national competition in Lexington, Kentucky, in May to compete in the reining and open divisions against the AQHA Cup riders from the other regions throughout the U.S.

"O'Connell has really excelled this season, and her hard work and dedication were rewarded with the honor of being named regional AQHA Cup Rider," Swanson says. "We will be practicing hard the next month to prepare her, and possibly Voges and Zach, for the national competition in May."

Kelly O’Connell, Shannon Voges, Juliann Zach