Graduate Seminar – Carl Dahlen, Coordinator

Speaker: Kyle McLean, NDSU ANSC Graduate Student

Topic: Factors That Impact Early Pregnancy

Date/Time: Friday, October 10, 2014; 2:00 p.m.

Location: Hultz Hall 104

Kyle McLean grew up in Miles City, MT, with his parents and younger brother. He received an A.S. degree from Eastern Wyoming College in Torrington (2008) and a B.S. degree from Oklahoma State University (2010). After receiving his B.S. degree, Kyle managed a small feed yard in Morristown, IN. In 2013, Kyle completed his M.S. degree at Oklahoma State University with an emphasis on reproductive physiology under the direction of Dr. Robert Wettemann. His research focused on the effects of supplementation on fall calving cows. Kyle is working on a Ph.D. with an emphasis on nutritional physiology under the direction of Dr. Joel Caton. Kyle plans to stay in academia and conduct research in animal physiology after he completes his degree.

Recent Publications

V1719, Understanding the Veterinary Feed Directive by Gerald Stokka, Charlie Stoltenow, and Neil Dyer. This publication explains the new FDA regulation regarding the use of medicated feeds and specifically related to the Veterinary Feed Directive (VFD).

AS1736, 2014 North Dakota Beef Report (Web Only)
This report contains several papers from North Dakota researchers on current research results related to beef cattle. The report is posted as a complete report as well as individual reports.

Consumption of ground beef obtained from cattle that had received steroidal growth promotants did not trigger early onset of estrus in prepubertal pigs. American Society for Nutrition.
http://jn.nutrition.org/content/early/2014/09/24/jn.114.198127.abstract
Veterinary Technician’s Oath

*Veterinary Technology Week*

The National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America, Inc., a non-profit organization that represents and promotes the veterinary technician profession by providing direction, education, support, and coordination for its members, has proclaimed the week of October 12-18 to be Veterinary Technician Week. This annual event recognizes veterinary technicians for their contributions in the best possible care for all animals.

Governor Dalrymple’s in his proclamation (attached) states, “the state of North Dakota acknowledges the contributions veterinary technicians make to better the health and well-being of all animals.”

**Campus Events Planned for Veterinary Technology Week**

**Monday, October 13**
- Week-long trivia on the history of veterinary technology begins
- Program scavenger hunt begins
- Service Dogs for America representative and her dogs visit the department

**Tuesday, October 14**
- Vet Tech Show-and-Tell Game (students will tell someone about veterinary technology)

**Wednesday, October 15**
- Sweet Treat Potluck

**Thursday, October 16**
- Animal Dress Day (students and faculty will wear a print, pattern, or costume of an animal to vet tech classes)

**Friday, October 17**
- Bison Pride Day (students will wear their Vet Tech scrub tops everywhere they go and tell everyone about veterinary technicians)
- Trip to Chahinkapa Zoo in Wahpeton
Kelcey Hoffmann Joins NDSU Extension Service – Ron Wiederholt, SE District Director
Kelcey (Holm) Hoffman began her position as the Extension Agent, Agriculture and Natural Resources in Cass County on October 1. Kelcey was previously employed by AgCountry Farm Credit Services in Lisbon and Valley City and was the Ag and Natural Resources Agent in Emmons County from July 2012 to July 2013. She brings a wealth of 4-H youth development, livestock production, farm business management, and community vitality experience to her role in Cass County. Kelcey received her B.S. degree in animal science from NDSU in 2012.

On Saturday, September 27, a group of Animal Sciences Graduate Student Organization (ASGSO) members volunteered with the Backpack Buddies program at the Great Plains Food Bank in Fargo. The group packed 800 “backpacks” of food items which will be distributed to needy children across the state of North Dakota on Friday afternoons. The children take the backpacks home so they have food on weekends when they don’t have school food programs available to them. The group consisted of Mike Bjertness, Jena Bjertness, Dani Black, Mellissa Crosswhite, Kyle McLean, Casie Bass, and Faithe Doscher. ASGSO will volunteer again in October and December. (photo from Casie Bass)
Animal Sciences in the News

Eric Berg was featured in this week’s Farmer’s Forum answering questions about hormones in meat – http://www.inforum.com/content/scientist-researches-often-asked-question-about-hormones-meat

Erika Berg will be featured on the Academic Minute on WAMC Northeast Public Radio on Friday, October 10, at 3:56 p.m. EDT. She will discuss equine assisted therapy. Listen online at http://bit.ly/10Gv2BI.

Kim Vonnahme is featured in a video by Certified Angus Beef LLC and the American Angus Association discussing fetal programming, cow nutrition, and the long-term effects of proper nutrition during gestation.

See all of these stories at https://www.facebook.com/NdsuAnimalSciencesDepartment, the Animal Sciences Facebook page.

Wedding in the Woods

Samantha Erdmann and Grant Ridgeway were married September 6, 2014, at the Coneflower Campground, at Buffalo River State Park, Glyndon, MN

Samantha is the daughter of Larry and Holly Erdmann