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FROM THE DESK OF DR. BASSERT

New Office, New Horses, New Humans

The Program of Veterinary Technology has certainly had its share of changes during the past several months. In May, shortly after classes ended, Brandy Terry, Dr. Komurek and I packed our office possessions and left the Allied Health Division office. Our new office is located on the second floor of the Academic Building above the Small Animal Clinical Lab. It is more private and commands an excellent view of the maple tree that grows by the back door. Be sure to stop by and visit us if you are in the neighborhood. We would be delighted to see you!

In addition to a new office, we are pleased to have acquired three new horses this summer: Peter, Cornerbrook and Titan. All are thoroughbred geldings, though Titan is partly Quarterhorse. They are young, playful well-behaved and have adapted well to being teaching horses. Redds, who is 30 years old this year, is taking the new additions to the herd in stride. He is arthritic and graying, but is doing well and continues to pal-around with his friend Feather.

Finally, I am pleased to announce the appointments of Dr. Kathianne Komurek and Beverly Bisaccia, CVT to the Veterinary Technology full-time faculty team. Dr. Komurek is the first Program Coordinator, a new position developed to address both academic and administrative aspects of the Program. Dr. Komurek, a graduate of Colorado State University and a feline specialist, has been busy this fall organizing (VT217) Small Animal Clinical Procedure Laboratories at the Philadelphia Animal Care and Control Association (PACCA). Under Dr. Komurek's direction, students have taken several laboratories at the shelter where they have concentrated on physical exam, venipuncture and immunization techniques. In addition, Dr. Komurek has arranged for many PACCA animals to come to Manor where they are the focus of VT217 labs and are subsequently neutered by her before returning to the shelter.

Beverly Bisaccia is our new Education Coordinator. She is a graduate of Manor College's Pro-



Dr. Komurek, Dr. Bassert and Beverly Bisaccia, CVT

gram of Veterinary Technology and holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Delaware. Beverly practiced companion animal nursing for many years at the Old Marple Veterinary Hospital before coming to Manor. She is the faculty advisor to the student Vet Tech Club, teaches radiology labs and is the go-to person for all Program equipment and supplies. In addition, Bev has arranged for the Penn Blood Mobile to visit the College for the first time.

We are indeed growing and changing as we commence yet another academic year. I continue to be amazed and proud of the many accomplishments of Manor's Veterinary Technology students, faculty and graduates.



Peter



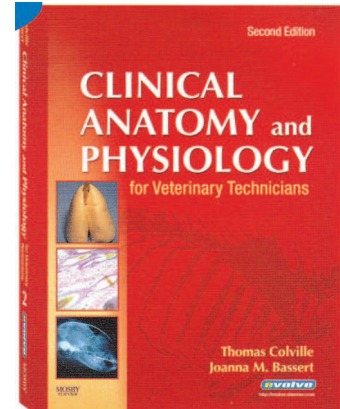
Cornerbrook, Titan and Redds

FACULTY IN THE NEWS

Clinical Anatomy and Physiology for Veterinary Technicians, 2nd Edition

Thomas Colville, DVM, MSc; and Joanna Bassert, VMD
December 2007 Approx. 592 pages., 666 illustrations
Elsevier ISBN: 978-0-323-04685-5

Clear and concise, this comprehensive text helps veterinary technicians learn and apply essential anatomical and physiological principles. Hundreds of full-color illustrations and diagrams are used to clarify concepts. Each chapter integrates information on dogs, cats, horses and cattle. A separate chapter is devoted to birds, and a new one features reptiles and amphibians. Useful learning aids include key terms, clinical examples, review questions and more.



Clinical Anatomy and Physiology Laboratory Manual for Veterinary Technicians, 2nd Edition

Thomas Colville, DVM, MSc; and Joanna Bassert, VMD
April 2008 Approx. 512 pages, 700 illustrations
Elsevier ISBN: 978-0-323-04684-8

Designed to accompany *Clinical Anatomy and Physiology for Veterinary Technicians, 2nd Edition*, this lab manual focuses on relating material to the clinical setting. It includes full-color photos of prosected specimens, and color line art helps to clarify structures and functions. Package this lab manual with the textbook, and there's no better way for students to learn A&P!

CONTINUING EDUCATION

PAIN AND THE STRESS RESPONSE

Speaker: **Donna M. Sisak CVT, VTS (Anesthesia)**

Veterinary Anesthetist
Matthew J. Ryan Veterinary Hospital
University of Pennsylvania

Place: Manor College, Basilian Spirituality Center

Date: Tuesday, February 12, 2008

Time: 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Fee: \$45.00

This lecture examines the patient's biological responses and the disruption of homeostasis during a painful or stressful event. Participants will gain understanding of the physiological process that enables the perception of pain and its wide-reaching affects on the animal as a whole.

CREDITS: 2 CONTINUING EDUCATION HOURS

HEAT INDUCED EMERGENCIES IN CANINES & MONITORING THE RESPIRATORY SYSTEM

Speaker: **Elisa A. Petrollini, CVT, VTS (ECC)**

Assistant Nursing Supervisor/Emergency Services
Matthew J. Ryan Veterinary Hospital
University of Pennsylvania

Place: Manor College, Basilian Spirituality Center

Date: Tuesday, March 18, 2008

Time: 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Fee: \$45.00

- The heat induced emergency session will be case-based, discussing the recognition, treatment and nursing care of heat affected patients.
- The respiratory session will discuss basic anatomy of the respiratory system as well as recognition of respiratory disease processes, appropriate treatments and monitoring techniques.

CREDITS: 2 CONTINUING EDUCATION HOURS

SCNAVTA brings the VHUP Canine Bloodmobile to Manor

This year the student chapter of National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America (SCNAVTA) is proud to announce that the Penn Animal Blood Bank (PABB) Canine Bloodmobile will be coming to Manor College. The Bloodmobile will be in the Manor parking lot Monday, February 4th between the hours of 4 and 8pm.

Each year the need for canine blood products rise. The Matthew J. Ryan Veterinary Hospital at the University of Pennsylvania has the largest canine blood bank in the area and is the primary provider of canine blood products to the veterinary community. With the growth of veterinary specialty services and the continual increase of quality of veterinary care, PABB consistently experiences the need for new donors.

SCNAVTA feels that it is important for the Manor community to support this program. As future leaders of Veterinary Technology the members of SCNAVTA feel it is their responsibility to advocate this cause and ask for assistance from all alumni and friends.

Canine blood donors must have a good temperament, be between 1 and 6 years of age, greater than 55 pounds, current on all vaccines, not currently taking any medications other than heartworm preventative and be in general good health. Donors will receive a yearly health screen, including comprehensive blood work, and a bag or case of Hill's Science Diet maintenance food. *Chemical sedation is never used on donors.*

The Bloodmobile is a self-contained unit and all procedures will occur within the vehicle.

You will be given an appointment time to visit the bloodmobile that will be located in the parking lot of Manor College. During this appointment your dog will first be given a physical examination and specific blood tests. If your dog qualifies as a donor, 1 unit of blood will be pulled. As a donor you are expected to make more than a one time commitment to this program. Donors are expected to donate 1 unit every 6-8 weeks or at least 6 times a year. This is well within the limits of what is considered a safe number of times to donate per year.

If you are interested in helping SCNAVTA and PABB provide necessary blood products to dogs in our community, please contact Beverly Bisaccia at bbisaccia@manor.edu or (215) 885-2360 ext. 227. Thank you for your commitment to the welfare of all animals. We look forward to working together with you and your beloved canine friends to help dogs in need.



SCNAVTA DOG WASH A SUCCESS

On Saturday October 13, great fun was had by all at the Vet Tech Dog Wash event. The student chapter of the National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America (SCNAVTA) held its first fundraiser of the year down at the barn, and we could not have asked for more perfect dog-washing weather! In addition to clean dogs and happy owners, the student chapter raised over \$300. Thank you to all who participated!

2007 - 2008 PROGRAM EVENTS CALENDAR

Dec 7	6:00 - 9:00 pm	"Get to Know You" Holiday Party
Dec 19	6:30 - 8:30 pm	Veterinary Technology Phone-a-Thon
Jan 10	11:00 am - 3:00 pm	Veterinary Technology Advisory Committee Meeting
Feb 4	4:00 - 8:00 pm	SCNAVTA and PABB Canine Blood Drive
June 19	11:00 am - 3:00 pm	Veterinary Technology Advisory Committee Meeting



HOOF PRINTS - VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM

TEACHING POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Spring 2008 (starts this January)

1. Adjunct Professor of Comparative Anatomy and Physiology

The Program seeks veterinarians and qualified certified veterinary technicians to teach lectures and laboratories in VT110 Anatomy and Physiology I and in VT111 Anatomy and Physiology II. Classes are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays at various times. Current times are as follows but can be adjusted:

VT111A Lecture Tuesday and Thursday 8:30 to 10 AM
VT110A Lecture Tuesday and Thursday 12:30 to 2 PM
VT111B Lecture Tuesday and Thursday 10 to 11:30 AM
VT110LA Lab Tuesday 2:30 to 5 PM

2. Adjunct Professor of Clinical Chemistry Lecture

The Program seeks a veterinarian to teach a weekly one and a half hour lecture in clinical chemistry. Scheduling of day and time is flexible. Evening times are also available for this lecture.

3. Surgical Assistant for Small Animal Surgery and Anesthesia Laboratory

The Program of Veterinary Technology seeks a certified veterinary technician to assist with the sophomore surgery laboratories, which are held each spring semester. Candidate must have at least one year clinical experience, possess excellent communication skills and be confident with instructing students in IV catheter placement, anesthesia induction and patient monitoring under general anesthesia. Procedures performed in this lab include feline castration, feline ovariohysterectomy, canine castrations and feline dental prophylaxis. There are typically 4 - 5 lab sessions per week and we generally see 60 - 80 patients during the eight weeks of the semester devoted to surgery and dentistry. The lab sections are scheduled as follows:

Lab A: Monday 9 to Noon
Lab C: Wednesday 9 to Noon
Lab B: Monday 1 to 4 PM
Lab D: Wednesday 1 to 4 PM

Fall 2008

4. Adjunct Professor of Radiology Lecture only

The program seeks a veterinarian to teach a 1.5 hour lecture in VT212 Radiology during the fall 2008 semester. Scheduling of the lecture is flexible.

Candidates for clinical positions must be licensed in the state of Pennsylvania. Resumes and inquiries may be addressed to:

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