

Message from Dean Herbert Whiteley

University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine

Meet the New FARMS Team

In January 2003, the two large animal services at our Veterinary Teaching Hospital—the food animal medicine and surgery service and the production medicine/theriogenology/ambulatory service—combined to form the Farm Animal Reproduction, Medicine and Surgery service, or FARMS.

I'd like to take this opportunity to bring you up to date on impressive accomplishments by the FARMS group over the past two years: major renovations have enhanced their medical and teaching facilities; they've hired seven new faculty members; and they've established focus areas to better serve their clients and the agricultural animal industries.

I hope many of you will take the opportunity to see these changes for yourselves at the FARMS Open House, slated for May 21. There will be presentations from many of the clinicians and a chance to meet them, ask questions, and see the facilities.

A key feature of the recent renovations in the food animal ward is the new central animal handling system, which safely moves a large number of cattle from the truck to a sorting tub and then to one of three treatment chutes, weighing them in the process. Stalls have been modernized, with new swing-gate fronts, restraint panels, and automatic watering systems; stalls specifically designed for housing bulls and for smaller animals—sheep, goats, camelids, and deer—have been added, and stalls with rubber or sand flooring are available. The treatment room has also been renovated with new cabinetry, a llama chute, an outpatient surgery area for minor procedures, and a new laboratory for student use.

State-of-the-art digital presentation equipment improves the teaching resources in the ambulatory office as well as in a new FARMS rounds room. The ambulatory area also has renovated faculty workspaces, a new vehicle for farm visits, and four new ultrasound machines.

Kim Kensell, a long-time employee of the Small Animal Clinic, was hired as the first certified veterinary technician to assist with theriogenology and field service activities. Connie Arnold, a section member for over 15 years, still serves as the veterinary technician for the food animal medicine and surgery service.

The most exciting aspect of the new FARMS section is the tremendous depth and breadth of expertise among the faculty. The section's faculty boast a total of seven PhD degrees. Eight hold specialty board certification, including five in theriogenology. Indeed, theriogenology—including routine and advanced reproduction services for ruminants, horses, swine, cervids, and camelids, and a new canine reproduction program—is a key focus area identified by the section. Other focus areas are internal medicine and population health and food safety.

A renewed emphasis on graduate education is also planned, with ample faculty eligible to serve as PhD and master's advisers. Five graduate students and a postdoctoral student are currently participating in research projects. Dr. Jack Herrmann, who has a master's degree in public health, is a key contributor to a new College program that allows students to earn DVM and MPH degrees in 5 years.

Among this large group of faculty, several have considerable administrative appointments. For example, Dr. Peter Constable is currently interim head of the Department of Veterinary Clinical Medicine as well as the department's director of research and graduate studies. Dr. Dawn Morin not only serves as section leader but also as assistant department head for curriculum and instruction. Dr. Morin also holds the position of Attending Veterinarian for Agricultural Animals in the new campus-wide Agricultural Animal Care and Use Program. This program ensures appropriate veterinary care and promotes well-being for agricultural animals used in research and teaching. Five other FARMS faculty members contribute veterinary expertise to this program, which is housed in the Large Animal Clinic.

Whether or not you can join us for the May 21 FARMS Open House, I hope you will familiarize yourself with the roster of top-notch clinicians and researchers who form our FARMS

team. Give them a call for consultations in their areas of expertise, and as always, feel free to contact me at dean@cvm.uiuc.edu.

Farm Animal Reproduction, Medicine, and Surgery Faculty

Large Animal Clinic, 217/333-2000

- **James P. Brendemuehl:** DVM, University of Florida; PhD, Auburn University; Dipl., American College of Theriogenologists (ACT); *primary interest:* equine reproduction
- **Sherrie G. Clark:** DVM, VA-MD Regional College of Veterinary Medicine; MS and PhD, University of Illinois; Dipl., ACT; *primary interest:* swine reproduction
- **Peter D. Constable:** BVSc, University of Melbourne, Australia; MS and PhD, Ohio State University; Dipl., American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (ACVIM) ; *primary interests:* cardiovascular physiology, ruminant gastrointestinal physiology and internal medicine
- **John A. Herrmann:** DVM, University of Illinois; MPH, University of Illinois at Chicago; Dipl., ACT; *primary interests:* dairy reproduction, public health
- **Yvette J. Johnson:** DVM and MS, University of Illinois; PhD, Michigan State University; *primary interest:* veterinary clinical epidemiology and infectious disease outbreak investigation
- **Tessa Marshall:** BVSc, Massey University, New Zealand; MS, University of Illinois; *primary interest:* ruminant medicine
- **Dawn E. Morin:** DVM, Ohio State University; MS, University of Illinois; Dipl., ACVIM; *primary interest:* ruminant medicine and mastitis
- **Debra S. Sauberli:** DVM, University of Illinois; Dipl., ACT; *primary interest:* canine and equine reproduction

- **Clifford F. Shipley:** DVM, University of Iowa; Dipl., ACT; *primary interest:* ruminant and cervid reproduction
- **Arthur M. Siegel:** DVM and PhD, University of Illinois; MS, Colorado State University; *primary interests:* epidemiology and informatics
- **Manoel A. Tamassia:** DVM, Universidade Estadual de Londrina-Paraná, Brazil; MS, University of Missouri-Columbia; PhD, Institute National Agronomique Paris-Grignon; *primary interest:* bovine reproduction
- **H. Fred Troutt:** VMD, University of Pennsylvania; MS, Purdue University; PhD, University of Missouri; Dipl., American College of Veterinary Nutrition, American Board of Veterinary Practitioners (Honorary); *primary interests:* food safety, production medicine epidemiology, clinical nutrition
- **Richard L. Wallace:** DVM and MS, Ohio State University; *primary interest:* dairy production medicine

You may also have the opportunity to work with one of the seven house officers (residents and interns) who provide clinical service in the FARMS section.

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Handy Contact Reference list for the Veterinary Teaching Hospital

To make it easier to reach the experts at the Veterinary Teaching Hospital, we're listing the names of the lead clinicians in each section, along with the names of the veterinary technicians who serve as coordinators to provide referring veterinarians with estimates, procedural questions, or other technical issues. We encourage your calls for consultations or to refer cases.

Anesthesiology

Dr. William J. Tranquilli

Equine Medicine

Dr. Thomas E. Goetz

Farm Animal Reproduction Medicine Surgery

Dr. Dawn E. Morin

Imaging/Radiation Therapy

Dr. Stephen K. Kneller

Small Animal Medicine

Dr. Steven L. Marks; Misty Ewing, coordinator

Small Animal Surgery

Dr. Sandra Manfra Marretta; Jackie Fitzgerald, coordinator, soft tissue surgery; Jeanne Vitoux, coordinator, dentistry; Kim Knap, coordinator, companion animal rehabilitation; Carrie Bubb, coordinator, orthopedics

Specialty Medicine

Dr. Karen L. Campbell (section head, dermatology), Sandy Grable, coordinator

Dr. Timothy M. Fan (oncology), Nancy George, coordinator

Dr. Ralph E. Hamor (ophthalmology), Shari Poruba, coordinator

Dr. Mark A. Oyama (cardiology), Robyn Ostapkowicz, coordinator

Hospital hours are weekdays from 8:30 am to 5 pm.

Large Animal Clinic, 217/333-2000 (to make appointments or to reach LAC clinicians)

Small Animal Clinic Appointment Hotline, 217/265-5163 (till 4:30 pm)

Small Animal Clinic Referring Veterinarian Line, 217/333-5311 (to reach section coordinators or any clinician)

Medical record fax numbers: SAC, 217/244-9554; LAC, 217/333-9796.