

Coming Soon to Our Hospital in Urbana: Heidi Phillips, Stanley Rubin

By Herb Whiteley, dean

The small animal surgery and medicine sections will welcome new faces this spring, according to hospital director Dr. Brendan McKiernan and Dr. Karen Campbell, interim head of the Department of Veterinary Clinical Medicine.

Dr. Heidi Phillips, a board-certified surgeon, earned her veterinary degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 2001. After gaining board certification, she practiced with a referral hospital in the Pittsburgh area for two years and then joined the faculty at the University of Pennsylvania. Her interests include feline kidney and other organ transplants, microvascular surgery, reconstructive surgery, and surgery of the urinary tract.

Dr. Stanley Rubin is boarded in internal medicine, with interests in nephrology/urology, gastroenterology, metabolic disease, and electrolyte and acid-base disorders. A native of Canada, he earned his veterinary degree at the University of Saskatchewan Western College of Veterinary Medicine and later spent 25 years on faculty there. He most recently has been with a private specialty practice in Tucson, Ariz. He completed his residency at Illinois.

Dr. Amber Labelle, a boarded ophthalmologist, and Dr. Michael McFadden, a boarded small animal surgeon, did not wait nearly as long as Dr. Rubin did to return to our hospital after completing residencies here. Both rejoined us as faculty members last fall within a year of finishing their residencies.

You should be hearing from the hospital more frequently when you refer a patient to us now. Dr. McKiernan has implemented procedural changes to improve communications with referring veterinarians. Automated faxes/emails to the referring veterinarian will be generated at admission, and a copy of the discharge instructions will be faxed or emailed as the patient leaves.

Help us reach you by informing us when you move to a new clinic or have a change in your email or fax number. Please contact our Medical Records department with your update at 217-333-5363 (phone) or 217-244-9554 (fax).

As always, you may reach me at dean@vetmed.illinois.edu.