

For Chicago VMA:

Who's Who in Small Animal Surgery at Illinois

By Herb Whiteley, dean, College of Veterinary Medicine

I'd like to introduce the line-up in our small animal surgery service. With the recent retirement of Dr. Cathy Greenfield and the arrival of four new faculty members by the time our fall semester begins, there are many new faces on the team. You can make their acquaintance in Urbana at Fall Conference, September 13 and 14, or feel free to give them a call for a consultation for any surgical need as well as neurology consults and advanced dental or maxillofacial care.

Dr. Sandra Manfra Marretta, who is double-boarded in surgery and dentistry, is our senior team member, part of the Illinois faculty since 1990. Dr. Manfra focuses on dentistry practice and education. Call on her for advanced periodontal surgery, cleft palate repair, endodontic therapy, jaw fracture and oral tumor management, root canal therapy, and treatment of unusual oral lesions.

Dr. Michael McFadden officially joined our faculty last fall, but he had completed a three-year surgical residency and gained board certification here prior to working briefly at VCA Northview Veterinary Specialty Services in Pittsburgh. Dr. McFadden earned a master's degree in biology from Texas State University-San Marcos before, and completed a one-year internship at Louisiana State University after, earning his veterinary degree at Ross University. In addition to general orthopedic and soft tissue surgeries, his interests include minimally invasive surgery (minimally invasive fracture repair, arthroscopy, and laparoscopy), and exotic animal surgery.

Dr. Heidi Phillips earned her veterinary degree and completed a small animal surgery residency at the University of Pennsylvania. Boarded in surgery, she then worked in a private practice surgery clinic and served as an adjunct faculty member at Penn, where she trained in renal transplant medicine and surgery and microvascular surgery. Dr. Phillips is interested in complicated soft tissue cases and urinary tract cases. She also performs oncologic surgeries and plans to offer tracheal and urethral stents this winter.

Dr. Tisha Harper earned a veterinary degree at the University of the West Indies, where she also practiced and taught following graduation. She completed a master's degree and surgical residency at the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine in Blacksburg, gaining board certification and joining the faculty there in 2006. She arrived at Illinois in July and will focus on orthopedic cases. Her interests include total hip replacement, stifle and elbow diseases, arthroscopy and fracture repair. Dr. Harper also has a special interest in rehabilitation therapy.

Dr. Devon Hague will see medical and surgical neurology cases at the Veterinary Teaching Hospital. She earned a veterinary degree at Ohio State University and completed a general internship in Connecticut followed by a neurology internship in the Dallas area. She joins us in August after finishing a three-year neurology residency at Bush Veterinary Neurology Service in Virginia.

Our surgical “who’s who” is not complete without mentioning the supportive services in our hospital from boarded anesthesiologists who provide expert anesthesia and pain management, rehabilitation therapy, round-the-clock intensive care, and state-of-the-art imaging, including fluoroscopic imaging in the surgical suite.

Feel free to contact our surgeons for consultations, follow-up care, and ongoing patient management. The general number for referring veterinarians is 217-333-5311. Phone and email contacts for the services’ clinical coordinators are:

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