New Urbana Experts Will Help You Breathe a Little Easier

I’m pleased to tell you about a few of the clinical and diagnostic experts who recently joined the University of Illinois staff. They are here to assist you and your patients. Feel free to contact any of these individuals for consultations or referrals. And of course, you can always get in touch with me through email at dean@vetmed.illinois.edu. -- Herb

At the Teaching Hospital (a full directory at vetmed.illinois.edu/4dvms/; 217-333-5311)

- **Dr. Amber Labelle** has also made a return to Urbana just one year after completing her ophthalmology residency here. Her interests include ocular manifestations of systemic disease, equine ophthalmology and treatment of equine glaucoma, novel ocular imaging techniques, and infectious keratitis. She invites you to call her with questions and to follow the progress of her long-term study of pigmented keratitis in pugs at pigmentarykeratitis.blogspot.com/.

- **Dr. Michael McFadden** also completed his residency at Illinois and has returned to join the faculty. This boarded small animal surgeon will perform both soft tissue and orthopedic surgery. He has a special interest in surgery in exotic animals, a nice complement to the exotics service, which has doubled with the recent additions of Dr. Kenneth Welle and Dr. Matt Allender. Dr. McFadden also oversees the rehabilitation program.

- **Dr. Brendan McKiernan**, an internationally renowned specialist in respiratory diseases of dogs and cats, this past July became director of the hospital that had been his academic home from 1974 to 1998. After spending the past 13 years at private specialty practices, first in Denver, Colo., and later in Medford, Ore., Dr. McKiernan is pleased to return full-time to an academic setting. Dr. McKiernan was founder and first president of the Veterinary Comparative Respiratory Society. In addition to serving as the chief administrator for the hospital, he will be involved in training residents and provide his expertise as part of the team approach to care for patients with severe respiratory problems. His interests encompass evaluation and surgical repair of airways in brachycephalic breeds; pulmonary diseases including chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, asthma, pulmonary fibrosis, and chronic bronchitis; and diagnosis and treatment of nasal, pharyngeal, and laryngeal disease, including placement of tracheal stents for severe tracheal collapse cases. In partnership with Dr. Bob O’Brien in imaging, Dr. McKiernan will be researching ways to assess pulmonary function without using anesthesia.
• **Dr. Heidi Phillips**, a board-certified surgeon, will be joining us in 2012 from the University of Pennsylvania. Her interests include feline kidney and other organ transplants, microvascular surgery, and reconstructive surgery.

At the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory (online at vetmed.illinois.edu/vdl/; 217-333-1620)

• **Dr. Elizabeth Driskell** joined the faculty in August as a boarded anatomic pathologist. Dr. Driskell has an interest in dermatopathology, ocular pathology, and diagnostic electron microscopy.

• **Dr. Stephane Lezmi** came from France to join the diagnostic faculty in October. He will be reading biopsies and assisting in the training of residents. His interests include neuropathology, toxicology, infectious diseases and comparative pathology. He.