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Dr. Allison has served as the Assistant Director for the Division of Animal Resources and as a Clinical Assistant Professor at the College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC) for the past ten years. During this time she has been part of the campus effort to maintain research compliance and to provide medical care for the animals utilized in research and teaching. Prior to her work at UIUC, Dr. Allison completed a combined postdoctoral fellowship and residency program in laboratory animal medicine at the University of Illinois at Chicago and worked at a small animal practice. In 2015, Dr. Allison was one of ten veterinarians selected to serve in the American Veterinary Medical Association's (AVMA) Future Leaders Program. The Future Leaders developed a wellness toolkit available on the AVMA website for This presentation will discuss the components for the toolkit and how to apply them to your practice or organization.

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Before joining the faculty at University of Illinois in 2011, Dr. Austin spent his career in private practice splitting time between referral and ambulatory practice. He was instrumental in creating a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at a large referral hospital and continues to publish on the early recognition and treatment of abnormal foals in an ambulatory setting. He is boarded in large animal internal medicine and currently serves as the equine primary care clinician for the university.

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Byron L. Blagburn holds the appointment of Distinguished University Professor at the Auburn University College of Veterinary Medicine. He received his doctorate in parasitology from the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine, and is an Honorary Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Microbiology (Parasitology). Dr. Blagburn instructs first, third, and fourth-year students of veterinary medicine, directs graduate student research, serves as director of the clinical parasitology diagnostic laboratory and oversees a research program which focuses on parasite-induced diseases of companion animals. He is Past President of the *American Association of Veterinary Parasitologists*, the *Southern Conference on Animal Parasites*, the *Southeastern Society of Parasitologists*, and the *Companion Animal Parasite Council (CAPC)*. He has served as an

Associate Editor for the *Journal of Parasitology* and has served on the editorial boards of *Veterinary Parasitology*, *Veterinary Therapeutics*, *The International Journal of Applied Research in Veterinary Medicine*, and *The Journal of Eukaryotic Microbiology*. He currently serves on the editorial board of the *Journal of the American Animal Hospital Association*. Dr. Blagburn has published over 350 manuscripts in scientific journals and has presented at more than 600 regional, national and international meetings. Dr. Blagburn is a recipient of the American Association of Veterinary Parasitologist's Distinguished Veterinary Parasitologist Award, the Pfizer Award for Research Excellence (1987 and 2010), and the Auburn University Student Government Association "Teacher of the Year" Award.

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Dr. Marcus Brown is a 1986 graduate of the University of Illinois. He was an equine veterinarian for the early part of his career in the Baltimore-Washington-Annapolis area and then worked for Hill's as an account manager in the Baltimore-Delaware and Philadelphia. During that time, Dr. Brown started doing relief work for Dr. Jane Brunt at the Cat Hospital of Towson (CHAT). He opened Capital Cat Clinic in 1998 and renamed the clinic NOVA Cat Clinic in 2012.

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I am married to a vet school classmate, Lissa. We have 3 kids aged 17, 15 and 13. We are 1996 graduates. Following graduation, I worked with the University at Dixon Springs Agricultural Center for a few years and then we returned to my hometown of Dunlap, IL to practice small animal medicine. Lissa and I are both still practicing in Peoria County.

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Dr. Cooper, an Illinois native, is a partner and the board-certified small animal Neurologist at Mission Veterinary Specialists in San Antonio, Texas. She graduated with her DVM from the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine in 2006 and then completed a one-year small animal rotating internship at the University of Missouri. Dr. Cooper completed a three-year Neurology/Neurosurgery residency at Texas A&M and became board-certified in 2012, and was awarded the neurosurgery certificate in 2013. She enjoys spinal surgery and the management of seizures and inflammatory disease of the nervous system.

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Grew up on a small dairy and hog farm in Woodstock, IL. Undergraduate in College of Agriculture and DVM were both at UIUC. After practicing in a predominantly Amish farm animal practice in Amherst WI I have been an owner/partner at the Harvard Veterinary Clinic in Harvard, IL since 1990 and owner/partner at the Hartland Veterinary Clinic in Woodstock, IL since 2014.

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Dr. Danner is a graduate of University of Missouri in 2013. She then did a small animal rotating internship at Blue Pearl in Tampa, Florida immediately upon graduation. She is now a current 3rd year internal medicine resident with a specific interest in anemia, calcium metabolism and fungal disease.

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Dr. Ernst completed undergraduate course work at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and earned a DVM from the UIUC College of Veterinary Medicine in 1984. From 1984-1989, he was in private mixed-animal clinical practice in central Illinois. In July of 1989, Dr. Ernst accepted a position with the Illinois Department of Agriculture Bureau of Animal Health as a field veterinarian in northern and central Illinois. As a field veterinarian, he was responsible for all regulatory animal health activities in his assigned area. While employed as a field veterinarian, he was further trained as a Foreign Animal Disease Diagnostician (FADD) at the Plum Island Animal Disease Center in New York. As a FADD, Dr. Ernst performed foreign animal disease investigations when suspicious cases were reported to the department. In 2003, he was temporarily assigned to the office as the Acting Assistant Bureau Chief for Animal Health. He held that position until January 2005 when he was appointed State Veterinarian and Bureau Chief for the Bureau of Animal Health and Welfare.

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Originally from the south suburbs of Chicago, Dr. Fleming obtained her veterinary degree from the University of Illinois in 2010. She subsequently completed an internship at Peterson & Smith Equine Hospital in Ocala, Florida. Dr. Fleming then completed a combined ophthalmology residency and PhD program at Oklahoma State University, with a research emphasis on fungal keratitis in the horse. Just recently, she became faculty at the University of Illinois in September 2016.

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Dr. Foss is an assistant professor in Neurology at the University of Illinois and is a diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Medicine in Neurology. She has an interest in all aspects of neurology, but has a special interest in the diagnosis and management of spinal column disorders, including intervertebral disc disease, spinal tumors, and cervical spondylomyelopathy. She has conducted research utilizing various methods to assess the gait in Doberman Pinschers with cervical spondylomyelopathy. This research has led to a continued interest

in gait analysis of patients suffering from spinal cord disease and working to establish improved parameters to assess patient's recovery of mobility.

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Dr. Ryan Fries is a Clinical Assistant Professor of Cardiology in the Department of Veterinary Clinical Medicine. He received his DVM from Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine in 2007 after completing his clinical rotations at Washington State University. Dr. Fries completed a small animal medicine and surgery internship at The Ohio State University and a cardiology residency at Texas A&M University. He became a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (Cardiology) in 2012. Upon completion of his residency, Dr. Fries worked as a staff cardiologist in a private referral practice in Cincinnati, OH. Most recently, Dr. Fries was a Clinical Assistant Professor of Cardiology at Texas A&M University and an Associate Research Scientist for the Texas A&M Institute for Preclinical Studies (TIPS). Dr. Fries' research interests are focused on advanced cardiac imaging, interventional procedures, canine chronic valvular disease, and clinical trials.

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Dr. Garrett is a clinical instructor in the Rural Animal Health & Management Section at the Veterinary Teaching Hospital. Before coming to the U of I in 2006, he completed a Masters degree in Dairy Science at the University of Wisconsin and worked in private practice. His primary duties are clinical service in the Veterinary Teaching Hospital. His academic interests are production-related diseases of dairy and beef cattle.

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Dr. Laura Garrett received her undergraduate and DVM degrees from the University of Illinois. She did a one-year rotating internship at the University of Minnesota and then worked in a private referral practice in the twin cities for two years. She next completed a two-year residency in comparative oncology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, after which she spent 1-1/2 years at a referral practice in New Zealand. She then helped to begin and build an oncology program at Kansas State University from 1998-2006. In June 2006 she joined the faculty here at her alma mater. Dr. Garrett's main interests include teaching and clinical service, with research interests that focus on clinical trials of new anticancer agents.

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Dr. Gutierrez-Nibeyro graduated with honors from the National University of La Plata (Argentina) in 2001. After graduation, he worked in private practice in Argentina and Indiana. He completed rotating equine internships in private practice (Alamo Pintado Equine Medical Center) from 2003-2004 and in academia (Marion duPont Scott Equine Medical Center) from 2004- 2005. Following the completion of his internships, Dr. Gutierrez-Nibeyro fulfilled an equine surgery residency at Marion duPont Scott Equine Medical Center in 2008. Dr. Gutierrez-Nibeyro also pursued and completed an MS in medical treatment of foot pathologies diagnosed with magnetic resonance imaging at the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine. He earned his board certification in equine surgery in 2009.

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After receiving her veterinary degree from Ohio State, Dr. Hague completed a general internship at VCA Veterinary Referral and Emergency Center in Connecticut. Following this, she completed a neurology specialty internship at Center for Veterinary Specialty Care in Texas. Dr. Hague comes to Illinois after completing her neurology residency at a private practice in Northern Virginia.

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Dr. Lynette Hemker graduated from the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine in 2006. After graduation, she began working at a mixed animal clinic in Greenville, Illinois. In 2012, Dr. Hemker purchased 50% interest in Greenville Veterinary Clinic and tries to implement current strategies to promote the business and change with the times. Today, Dr. Hemker will talk about the "Top 5 things to Promote Business" that have been successful in her rural practice.

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Dr. Jack Herrmann, DVM, MPH, received a BA in biology from Illinois Wesleyan University in 1974 and graduated from the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine in 1978. Upon graduation, he joined a private practice in Freeport, IL, focusing on dairy herd health, small animal medicine, and wildlife rehabilitation. In 1989, he passed clinical specialty Board examinations and became a diplomate of the American College of Theriogenologists, specializing in cattle and canine reproduction. In 2003, he completed his Masters in Public Health from the University of Illinois at Chicago, School of Public Health. Through 2004, he continued in private practice and did contract work for the Stephenson County Health Department, primarily in community health assessment. From 2003-2004, he served as a Science and Technology Policy Fellow in the United States Senate in the offices of Sen. Richard Durbin (D-IL) and worked primarily on public health policy legislation. Dr. Herrmann joined the faculty of the College of Veterinary Medicine in 2004 to further develop and direct the joint degree DVM/MPH program and serves as the Director of that program and of the Center for One Health Illinois. In 2009, Dr. Herrmann was promoted to Clinical Associate Professor at UIUC. Since 2003, he has also served as

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Dr. Hexum received her DVM degree in 1995 from Kansas State University, after which she went into private practice in Oregon where she worked in a mixed & exotic animal practice. She became a Public Health Veterinarian for USDA-FSIS in 2001 where she spent time as an ante-mortem veterinarian and an inspector-in-charge. While employed by FSIS she was asked to be a mentor for the agency. In 2008, she became a field veterinary medical officer for USDA-APHIS, Veterinary Services, where she performs disease surveillance and investigates cases of possible foreign animal disease. She also oversees the National Veterinary Accreditation Program in Illinois. Her close proximity to the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine allows her to operate as a liaison between the veterinary college and USDA. She now collaborates with the University and is the course coordinator for the Regulatory Medicine rotation being offered to second year veterinary students.

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Dr. William L. Hollis is a veterinarian and partner of Carthage Veterinary Service, Ltd. located in Carthage, Illinois. He is one of seven veterinarians dedicated to the swine veterinary practice. Carthage Veterinary Service also has a mixed animal division with a total of five veterinarians.

Carthage Veterinary Service, Ltd. provides health, management, and production consulting to swine farms of all sizes in all regions of the United States and many locations abroad.

Areas of focus for Dr. Hollis include project development and implementation of producer networks; on-farm employee training; marketing for all phases of production from weaned pigs and sows to grow-finisher pigs; and development of tools for gilt scheduling and production projections.

Dr. Hollis attended the University of Illinois, College of Agriculture, receiving a bachelor's degree in Animal Science, continuing on to the College of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Hollis also deferred college for two years to serve as a state and national officer in the National FFA Organization.

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Doug Hutchens, DVM, MS, PhD has worked in practice, academia and industry over his career. After receiving his DVM, he worked a short time in practice in both small animal emergency and large animal ambulatory practice. Next, he completed a masters and PhD while working for and with Dr. Allan Paul. During this time he became a clinical assistant professor focused mainly on pharmaceutical development of parasiticides teaching parasitology along side Dr. Paul at the College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Illinois. Since leaving academia, he has had ascending roles and responsibilities within the animal health industry in both research and development. He currently leads the development group globally for Bayer Animal Health focused on bringing innovative customer focused products to animal health. His presentation today will be focused on the process and requirements to discover and bring both safe and effective drugs to veterinarians and their patients. The title of the presentation is : The Drug Discovery Process in Search of a New Parasiticide.

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Yvette has conducted several training and response exercises for public health professionals in association with the Illinois Department of Public Health, the Champaign-Urbana Public Health District, and the Center for One Health Illinois. She serves as the principal investigator for a USDA funded project entitled "Flu at the Zoo- A tabletop Exercise of Avian Influenza Outbreak Response in Zoos and Aquariums" and is a member of the University of Illinois-Urbana Infectious Disease Working Group that is charged with development and coordination of the UIUC campus response to an infectious disease outbreak.

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Dr. Stephanie Keating is a board-certified specialist in veterinary anesthesia and pain management. She received both her veterinary degree and doctorate of veterinary science in anesthesiology from the Ontario Veterinary College, as well as certification in laboratory animal medicine from the University of Guelph. She has always had a strong interest in different pain management strategies and has taught local anesthetic techniques to many veterinary students, technicians and veterinarians over the years.

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Dr. Katie Kling is pleased to be a part of the Dentistry Service since January 2014. She spent her first 7 years of her career in general practice in Cincinnati and College Station Texas. She is a clinical instructor and is also pursuing her residency through the part-time residency program with Dr. Manfra as her mentor.

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Mr. Linn began researching cannabis and its prohibition in the late 1990s and by the early 2000s was actively protesting the illegality of this plant. His volunteer career began by learning about how other states were approving the medical use of cannabis and how this plant was beneficial medically, spiritually and industrially. Upon learning of the lack of political mobilization in the state he took it upon himself to engage the lawmakers to change these policies. From 2004-2008 he was a personal assistant to a c6/c7 spinal cord injury quadriplegic friend who used medical cannabis illegally to treat his muscle spasms and in 2005 Linn was arrested and later plead no contest for a misdemeanor cannabis offense that was purchased for his quadriplegic friend. He is a registered lobbyist and has been working as a cannabis activist for well over ten years. He has testified before committees at the Capitol in Springfield, Illinois, been published and quoted in numerous newspapers and news broadcasts in Illinois, is a co-author of the book *The Cannabis Papers* and is has been a leading voice for ending cannabis prohibition in Illinois. He has publicly debated the former head of the DEA on television, and spoke on a panel "Sex, Drugs & Taxes" for the 2012 American Bar Association's conference detailing different regulatory and tax models for legal cannabis markets. In June of 2014 he spoke at the first ever National Cannabis Industry Association's Business Summit in Denver Colorado about the market potential for medical and recreational cannabis in Illinois. In the fall of 2014 he spoke at the National Law Journal's Chicago Regulatory Summit detailing the impact that cannabis legalization has on the legal field and employers' rights. He is the National

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Dr. Lowe completed the Executive Veterinary Program at the University of Illinois in 2000 and returned to campus in 2002 while continuing to practice full-time. In 2005, he received a Master of Science degree in infectious disease management. He has maintained an active research program since completing his masters focusing on the management of viral respiratory disease in swine production systems. In 2012, he became board certified in food animal practice by the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners.

After three years in mixed practice, from 1997 until 2003 he was a co-owner of Professional Swine Management, LLC, and Carthage Veterinary Service, Ltd., in Carthage, Illinois. In 2003, Dr. Lowe joined The Maschhoffs, Inc. in Carlyle, Illinois, as its Director of Health and Production Services. The Maschhoffs, Inc., is one of the ten largest pork producers in North America and Dr. Lowe led its breed-to-wean business and the health services group while the company expanded from 25,000 to 110,000 sows.

Dr. Lowe returned to private practice in 2007 while continuing to work with the Maschhoffs, LLC. In 2009, Dr. Lowe accepted a part-time appointment to the faculty of the College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Illinois where he teaches veterinary students production medicine. In 2011, he founded Lowe Consulting, Ltd., to focus on assisting livestock producers with strategic decision making and process improvement. He has served on the American Association of Swine Veterinarians Board of Directors, was the recipient of the 2007 Allen D. Leman Science in Practice Award, and presented the 2010 Howard Dunne Memorial Lecture.

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Dr. Jason Pieper obtained his DVM from Iowa State University in 2009. From there he pursued his future in Dermatology with a rotating internship in the Greater Chicago area followed by a dermatology internship in Phoenix. He arrived at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign to start working on his MS in 2011 and started his Dermatology Residency in 2013. He became a Diplomate of the American College of Dermatology in 2015 and has been a Clinical Assistant Professor since July 2015. His areas of specialty and research interest include ear diseases, allergic dermatitis, dermatophytosis, and dermatohistopathology.

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Dr. Probst Miller is President and Creative Director of AgCreate Solutions, Inc. She did her pre-veterinary work at Eastern Illinois University on basketball scholarship and served as Captain of the squad her junior and senior years. Sarah graduated from the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine in 2001 and also attended the Executive Veterinary Program at the University of Illinois in 2009. Dr. Probst Miller has served as an on-farm pig vet for over 15 years. Besides offering veterinary services for clientele, AgCreate Solutions specializes in developing creative and immersive educational and marketing experiences for the ag and veterinary industry. AgCreate currently employs 9 techie creatives with a variety of skills ranging from graphical design to instructional technology to videography to editorial skills.

Sarah and her husband, Matt, have 3 children aged 11, 9 and 4, two girls and a boy. Matt and Sarah are currently working to open a brewery and restaurant in Monticello, IL, Monarch Brewing Company. Sarah enjoys reading, writing and playing the piano; she is a volunteer musician and director for two local choirs at St. Philomena, The Folk Group and the Kid's Choir. Dr. Sarah grew up on a pig farm in Sigel, IL, population 400 (more pigs than people).

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Dr. Stan Rubin received his D.V.M. with Distinction from the University of Saskatchewan in 1980. He went on to complete an internship in Small Animal Medicine and Surgery at the University of Minnesota and a clinical residency and graduate program in Small Animal Internal Medicine at the University of Illinois. He returned to Canada to assume a faculty position at the University of Saskatchewan in 1984. Current interests include nephrology/urology, gastroenterology, diagnosis and treatment of systemic fungal infections, metabolic disease and electrolyte and acid-base disorders. Dr. Rubin is a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine.

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Dr. Amy Somrak, Clinical Instructor in Dentistry at the University of Illinois, graduated with honors in 2010 from the University of Illinois's College of Veterinary Medicine. As a veterinary student she received the Dr. Albert S. Dorn Award for Excellence in Small Animal Dentistry and Oral Surgery. Dr. Somrak continued her association with the college to complete a rotating small animal internship, followed by a Dentistry residency under the supervision of Dr. Sandra Manfra. Dr. Somrak took on the role of Dentistry Service Head at the Veterinary Teaching Hospital after Dr. Manfra's retirement.

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Jamie is currently a resident at the University of Illinois specializing in Theriogenology with an emphasis on both large and small ruminants. After completing her DVM at Illinois in 2013, she stayed for a food animal internship and acquired a Master's degree prior to beginning her residency. Her previous research has included the effects

of pyrethroid insecticides on breeding soundness in bulls and a comparison of different extenders for semen cryopreservation in white-tailed deer. Currently, in addition to performing routine clinical duties, Jamie is also studying the effects of seminal plasma proteins on the female reproductive tract after breeding; and hopes to soon begin another project evaluating the effects of seasonality on breeding soundness parameters and semen cryopreservation in white-tailed deer. Her lecture “Updates on Breeding Soundness Exams in Male Ruminants” is a compilation of her experiences in both the clinic and research setting with clinically relevant references to current literature.

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Dr. Matt Stewart received his Bachelor of Veterinary Science from the University of Sydney in 1985, and stayed on at Sydney to complete a Clinical Internship and Residency in Equine Medicine and Surgery. He became a Fellow of the Australian College of Veterinary Scientists, with specialist certification in Equine Surgery, in 1994. Matthew completed a PhD in the cellular and molecular biology of cartilage at Cornell University in 1998 and, after a four-year stint on faculty in the Department of Orthopaedics at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, joined the veterinary faculty at the University of Illinois in 2003. Matthew has continued his clinical and research interests in equine musculoskeletal diseases and his recent research has been focused on stem cell and regenerative therapies in equine practice.

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Dr. Dan U. Thomson is a third generation bovine veterinarian from Clearfield, IA. Dr. Thomson received his BS in Animal Science in 1990 and DVM from Iowa State University 2000. Dr. Thomson completed a MS in Ruminant Nutrition from South Dakota State University and a PhD in Ruminant Nutrition from Texas Tech University.

Dr. Thomson was an associate veterinarian with Veterinary Research and Consulting Services in Greeley, CO. He then served as the Director of Animal Health and Well-being for Cactus Feeders in Amarillo, TX. Dr. Thomson was the veterinary consultant for their 10 commercial feedlots that fed 1.2 million head of cattle per year and directed their animal health research at the Cactus research facility. Dr. Thomson still practices feedlot medicine in Nebraska and Texas.

Dr. Thomson is The Jones Professor of Production Medicine and Epidemiology at Kansas State University's College of Veterinary Medicine. He serves as the Global Co-leader for McDonald's Beef Health and Welfare Committee and serves on the Animal Welfare Advisory Board of the Food Marketing Institute, the Beef Quality Assurance Committee of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association and the Animal Welfare committees of the American Association of Bovine Practitioners and the Academy of Veterinary Consultants.

Dr. Thomson is recognized internationally as a leader in animal welfare, beef cattle production and cattle health management. Dr. Thomson has published 91 peer-reviewed papers, 5 book chapters, 246 abstracts, 74 proceedings and 45 progress reports at professional meetings and delivered 647 invited talks internationally on his research and field experience on the interactions between production management, environment and nutrition on the health and well-being of beef cattle. Dr. Thomson's research program has been granted over \$34.7 million with \$15.4 million of those funds coming with him as the primary investigator.

Thomson's research and outreach has been reported in many media outlets including CBS Evening news, USA Today, Los Angeles Times, the New York Times, and many others. He hosts a nationally aired veterinary television show on RFD TV entitled "Doc Talk" that reaches over 45 million homes world-wide.

Dr. Thomson is married to his wife Cindy. They have 4 daughters, Kelly, Katelyn, Tory and Sarah. Dr. Thomson's hobbies are his daughters' activities and a little hunting or fishing in Southwest Iowa when time allows.

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A 1985 graduate of The Ohio State University, **Dr. Wallace** started his own mixed-animal veterinary practice in Centerburg, Ohio upon graduation. Desiring more work with dairy cattle, he sold his practice in 1987 and joined a three person dairy practice in Door County, Wisconsin. After completing a Master's degree in Veterinary Preventive Medicine in 1995, he joined the faculty at the University of Illinois as the Dairy Extension Veterinarian. Dr. Wallace taught several dairy production medicine courses and continues to be the lead instructor for two online continuing education courses (Milk Quality and Udder Health and Advanced Cattle Reproduction) that are integral for the Online Dairy Certificate Program offered by Academic Outreach at the University of Illinois.

In a cooperative role with the Department of Animal Sciences, Dr. Wallace served as the faculty coordinator and dairy farm manager for the Dairy Cattle Research Unit at the University of Illinois for six years. His own research interests included dairy cattle health and wellbeing, milk quality and mastitis control, lameness and digital dermatitis, transition cow health and selenium status, management of calf scours, use of dairy records for herd management and cow behavior as it affects health and productivity.

Dr. Wallace is a past president of the American Association of Bovine Practitioners and the American Association of Extension Veterinarians. He has also been involved with the Board of the NMC and served on numerous NMC committees.

In July 2010, Dr. Wallace joined Zoetis as a Cattle Technical Service veterinarian focusing on dairy operations. He conducts activities alongside 13 other veterinarians covering dairy topics. Dr. Wallace covers most of Wisconsin and northern Illinois.

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Since 2008, Dr. Weedon has served on the Board of Directors of the Alliance for Contraception in Cats & Dogs, an organization dedicated to developing and implementing non-surgical methods of animal population control. His passion for addressing the problem of animal over-population involves non-surgical sterilization, high quality high volume spay/neuter methods, and pediatric sterilization techniques.

Dr. Weedon attended Purdue University, where he received his BS in Animal Science in 1977 and his DVM in 1981. He received his MPH in 2005 from the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill.

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Dr. Wilkins is a 1986 graduate of Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine. Between 1986 and 1989 she served as the originator and clinician for the equine neonatal intensive unit at Cornell, completing a Master's degree in equine medicine and surgery simultaneously. Dr. Wilkins was in private practice from 1989 until 1991, when she began residency training in large animal internal medicine at New Bolton Center spanning 1991-1993. Between 1993 and 1998 Dr. Wilkins completed a PhD in cardiorespiratory physiology at Cornell University where she spent 5 years studying the effects of maximal exercise on the heart, pulmonary circulation and gas exchange in horses with and without furosemide administration. She joined the faculty at New Bolton Center in 1998 where she remained until accepting her current position at the University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana in 2008. Dr. Wilkins is board certified in the specialties of Large Animal Internal Medicine and Emergency and Critical Care and has lectured extensively throughout the US, South American and Europe. She has authored or co-authored over 370 research manuscripts, abstracts, proceedings, book chapters and invited manuscripts and participated in the training of 70 interns, residents and graduate students. Her particular areas of interest are perinatology, critical care, emergency medicine, cardiorespiratory physiology and models of biomarkers of disease severity.

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Dr. Wilson joined the dermatology faculty at SIU in 2010, where he practices clinical dermatology and dermatopathology in humans, and teach in the medical school and dermatology residency programs. He is grateful to veterinary school classmates Mike Bailey and Earl Annable, who accommodate his sporadic appearances at their Effingham practice, and have been helping me to learn more about small animal medicine.

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Dr. Witsberger is board-certified in small animal surgery. He graduated summa cum laude from the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine with a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine in 2006. After graduation, Dr. Witsberger completed a one-year small animal rotating internship at the University of Missouri. He then completed his three-year small animal surgical residency at Texas A&M University in 2010. Dr. Witsberger stayed on at Texas A&M as a small animal surgery faculty member where he taught and performed orthopedic, soft tissue and neurologic surgery.

Dr. Witsberger has special interest in minimally invasive surgery including arthroscopy, laparoscopy and thoracoscopy as well as minimally invasive fracture repair. He also has interest in intervertebral disc disease and neurosurgery.