



UF Veterinary Student Appreciation Day August 28th, 2010

Following the success of past year's outings, the FAEP is once again sponsoring a Student Appreciation Day for veterinary students with an equine interest who are currently attending the University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine. Two private veterinary practices have graciously agreed to provide hands-on experience for the students. In addition, students will be given the opportunity to visit a well-known Ocala Thoroughbred farm (GoldMark) and an equine sports therapy and rehabilitation center (The Sanctuary).

Students will leave the University at 6 AM traveling to **GoldMark Farm** where they will spend approximately 1.5 hrs learning the ins and outs of breaking and training the thoroughbred racehorse. After GoldMark, the students will split up and go to one of three venues (**Equine Medical Center of Ocala, Ocala Equine Hospital or The Sanctuary**). One third of the students involved in UF Student Appreciation Day will be present at each venue during each session. As we have found in the past years this will provide all students with unparalleled hands on opportunities that are invaluable to developing specific skills in many facets of veterinary medicine. The FAEP is very happy to be able to offer this opportunity to UF students again!

GoldMark Farm

GoldMark Farm is a full service, state-of-the-art training facility designed and operated by professional horsemen dedicated to the utmost comfort and safety of each horse. The owner Mr. Paul Bulmahn purchased the original 350 acre property in 2002 which has now grown to 2,500 acres. Mr. Bulmahn along with general manager and trainer Mr. Todd Quast designed and constructed the training center consisting of 5 barns (144 stalls), a 33,000 square foot riding arena, a 12,000 square foot toe ring, 4 fully enclosed custom designed horsewalkers, 2 fully enclosed round pens and 20 wash racks adjacent to a 7 furlong synthetic all weather surface racetrack (Safetrack). On a typical day during the busy season 10 sets of 12 horses each will go to the track and train between 5:30 am and 12 noon. Every year in the fall thoroughbred yearlings are broken, and trained and sent to different trainers and racetracks around the world. During his 10-year tenure with

D. Wayne Lukas, Todd Quast was directly responsible for the initial breaking, training and rehabilitation of three Kentucky Derby winners, three Preakness Stakes winners, four Belmont Stakes winners, six Breeder's Cup winners, nine Eclipse Stakes champions and one Horse of the year. Mr. Todd Quast will be the host for this initial session.

Equine Medical Center of Ocala

This state-of-the-art equine hospital provides board-certified specialist services in surgery, reproduction and internal medicine, in addition to a staff of general veterinary practitioners. The combined efforts of Drs. John Peloso, Corey Miller and Patrick Worden have rapidly grown the practice from 2 to 14 veterinarians. The central theme behind the rapid expansion of the hospital since opening in 2003 is addressing the specialized needs of the equine patient. Time spent at this practice will allow students to develop further skills in performing diagnostic imaging of the abdomen, thorax and reproduction techniques. Drs. Barry David, Liane Puccia and Corey Miller will be the hosts for this session.

Ocala Equine Hospital

This surgical referral center treats elective surgical cases and orthopedic emergencies with a full range of advanced surgical and diagnostic equipment including a pool recovery system for long bone fracture repairs. OEH also provides ambulatory services for emergencies, preventative care, lameness, reproduction, radiography and general medical care. Diagnostic imaging techniques of the lower limb with 2 stations of digital radiography and one station of lower limb tendon/ligament ultrasound will be presented to the students during their time at this practice. Drs. Wes Sutter, Jean White, and Armon Blair will be the hosts for this session.

THE SANCTUARY EQUINE SPORTS THERAPY & REHABILITATION CENTER

Situated on nearly 30 pristine acres adjacent to Highway 27 in northwest Marion County, The Sanctuary Equine Rehabilitation and Sports Therapy Center has been treating world class equine athletes, outstanding breeding stock, and many family's equine friends for over 2 years. The goal of the partners in this project was to develop The Sanctuary into the finest facility in the nation and staff it with the best people available. General Manager Brenda McDuffee was hired and The Sanctuary has been recognized by horsemen and women from all disciplines as the finest, most comprehensive facility of its kind in the world. Services provided by the Sanctuary include Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy, Pegasus Laser Therapy, a cold saltwater leg spa, an Aqua-Pacer water treadmill, Electro-magnetic Pulse Therapy, Respiratory Therapy (Transpirator II), and an equine swimming pool. More recently podiatry services are also available on a monthly basis by farrier/veterinarians from Rood and Riddle Equine Hospital. Students at this session will learn about diagnostic anesthesia (nerve blocks) of the lower limb as well as the diagnostic and therapeutic use of arthrocentesis (joint injections). Drs. Jonathan McLellan, Sarah Plevin, and Jose Ramos will be the hosts for this session.



FAEP UF VETERINARY STUDENT APPRECIATION DAY **ITINERARY**

6 am: Shuttle buses leave UF for GoldMark Farms

7-7:15 am: Breakfast provided at GoldMark Farms

7:15-8:30 am: GoldMark Farms- Breaking and training the thoroughbred race horse.

8:30-9:00 am: Shuttle busses split up and go to rotating venues.

9-10:30 am: First venue site (EMCO, OEH, The Sanctuary)

10:30-11:00 am: Travel to second venue site.

11:00-12:30 pm: Second venue site.

12:30 – 1 pm: Travel to the Sanctuary for lunch sponsored by the Sanctuary.

1:00-2:30 pm: Lunch and tours of the Sanctuary by Brenda McDuffee. Rood and Riddle podiatry veterinarians will be on site working on cases at this time.

2:30 – 3:00 pm: Travel to third venue site.

3:00-4:30 pm: Third and final venue site.

4:30- 5:30 pm: Shuttle busses return to UF.