



Stevenson Center Newsletter • College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences

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Years

Reveille VIII arrived at the center May 9, 2015 after her retirement from seven years of loyal service to Texas A&M University as the school's mascot. The retired First Lady of Aggieland is enjoying her relaxed lifestyle and loves her housemates and new caregivers. Reveille is a joy and we all adore her. It is a privilege to have Miss Rev in our 'family'.

A Year of Tails

The past year has been very busy at the Stevenson Center. We continue to experience large increases in enrollment. Our pet population and student worker positions have had some minor changes as usual. We will include all of our updates in this newsletter. Thank you to our friends for helping us to continue making the Stevenson Center a wonderful home for our resident pets.

Student Residents and Staff

Shelby Gasson Shelby Gasson resided at the center for three years. In May of 2015 Shelby moved out of the center to begin her fourth year at the College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences. We were all sad to say good-bye to Shelby but we are happy that she is one step closer to graduating and fulfilling her life-long dream of becoming a veterinarian. Shelby will be very successful in whatever area of veterinary medicine she decides to pursue. Our pets are excited whenever they see Shelby at the Small Animal Hospital as are we.

Trevor Tenney Trevor Tenney also began his fourth year of studies in May of 2015. He was a student resident at the center for two years. Trevor will be entering the military after his graduation. We all miss Trevor but we have seen him many times at the Small Animal Hospital. Trevor will also be very successful in the veterinary field. We wish Trevor and Shelby all the best as they near the end of their studies and venture out to utilize all of the knowledge they have amassed over the years.

Melissa Pawlowski Melissa Pawlowski began her third year as a student resident in August of 2015 and also began her first year at the College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences. We are all excited that Melissa has signed on for another year at the center. Our resident pets form close bonds with our student residents and it is always nice for everyone when we retain our student residents.

Lauren Schwerdfeger began her second year at the College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences in the fall of 2015. She also started her second year as a center student resident in the fall. Again, we are all happy that Lauren is still with us.

Hana Huff is one of our new student residents. She moved into the center in May of 2015 and started her second year at the College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences in fall of 2015. Hana is a very welcome addition to our “family”. She loves all of our resident pets and they love her too.

Sam McDonald is another of our new student residents. He moved into the center in May of 2015 and he began his first year at the College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences in August of 2015. Sam has fallen right into the role of “center family member”. He is great with all of our “kids” and they all love each other.

Our student residents take on a large amount of responsibility when they accept this position. In addition to having a full load of studies they are the ones who are taking care of things at the center when the day staff is not here. This includes evenings, weekends and holidays. The student residents do an exemplary job of handling all of their commitments. It is heart-warming to witness the close bonds that are formed between the student residents and our resident pets. We are very

Melissa & Chance



Lauren & Sophia



Hana & Sophia



Sam & Jessie



proud of this devoted group of students. There are also wonderful pre-vet students who help us daily, in between classes, with our housekeeping chores and caretaking chores. They are all in love with our resident pets and are instrumental in the center’s success.

We are fortunate to have an incredible daytime staff at the center who dedicates their time and affection to the well- being of our resident pets. The staff’s longevity speaks volumes to their devotion to providing the best life possible for our resident pets. Travis Dittmar, our second Animal Caretaker, is in his second year at the center. He has been in this position since it was created. Kim Muth is our original Animal Caretaker and this is her twelfth year at the center. Our Veterinary Technician is Janet Broadhead. She has been here for 15 years. Ellie Greenbaum, the Associate Director, has been at the center for 17 years. Our Director, Dr. Henry “Sonny” Presnal, has been at the helm for 18 years. Every one of these people strives to always sustain the unique and loving atmosphere that makes the center so special. This team of wonderful people makes the center a home for all who live and work here.

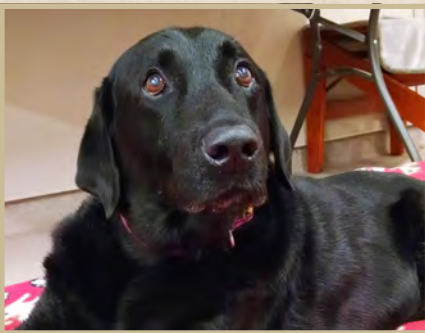
New Pet Residents

We have had many new additions to our center family in the last year. In April of 2015 a beautiful cat, Angel, came to the center from Carrollton, TX. She is a sweet girl who loves attention. The retired mascot for Texas A&M University, Miss Reveille VIII, joined our family in May of 2015. It is certainly an honor for us to be Miss Rev’s caretakers. She is enjoying her retirement immensely. Also in May of 2015 Jessie, a Labrador Retriever from Lufkin, TX, came into our lives. Jessie is a wonderful girl and we enjoy every moment with her. Two more kitties, Arjun and Princess, entered the center in June of 2015 from Carrollton, TX. They are both lovely cats who bring us plenty of love and joy. Then in July of 2015 two cats from Dallas, Tiger and Rufus, came to the center. These boys are siblings and they are very handsome and affectionate. All of these recent arrivals are precious to us and we are privileged to take care of them in their new “family”.



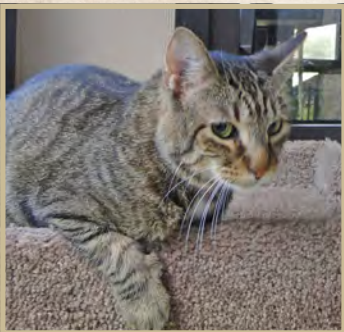
Angel

Reveille



Jessie

Arjun



Princess



Tiger



Rufus



Pet Losses This Year

This is the sad part of our newsletter, letting you all know who we said good-bye to this year. We lost seven of our pets since the beginning of the year. In January we lost our little 13 year old Chihuahua, Philo. Then we lost our sweet 15 year old Labrador, Silky, in February. Our dear cat, Muffin, left us in March. Noah, our beloved 15 year old Border Collie, passed away in July. Also in July we lost our lovable cat, Bubba. In August we said good-bye to our precious 13 year old cat, Lucy and our petite 15 year old Australian Terrier, Olivia. The loss of these beautiful souls always affects us deeply. We are thankful that they were a part of our lives.



Enrollment Update

At this time there are 202 owners enrolled with 537 pets. These 537 pets consist of 1 rabbit, 3 pocket pets, 6 donkeys, 18 birds, 20 horses, 252 cats and 237 dogs. We currently have 19 cats, 19 dogs, and 1 llama residing at the Stevenson Center.



Halloween 2015

Resident Pets’ Medical Care

Dr. Stacy Eckman is head of the Primary Care Service at the Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital and serves the center also as a member of the Advisory Board. Dr. Eckman and her team see all of the center pets for their primary care and have all of the specialists available for referral and consultation when needed. Our resident pets continue to receive the very best veterinary care at our Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital. We are very fortunate to have this level of care next door to the center and available around the clock.

On many visits to the VMTH our pets will be seen by a former student resident on clinical duty. This is always a special event for both the pet and the student.



Janet and Kim walking the dogs.



Playtime for Tiger

Enjoying Life.



Enjoying Friends.



Stevenson Center Advisory Board

The center is very fortunate to have 9 dedicated individuals that serve on the Stevenson Center Advisory Board. These dedicated individuals serve as a sounding board to the Director and Associate Director to render their advice on major decisions for the center. The board meets at the center three times annually and are briefed at each meeting on all the activity of the center as well as a very detailed financial report. Their input has been invaluable to the staff over the past 15 years since it was first appointed by the Dean. Six members are appointed to three-year terms by the Dean upon the recommendation of the Director. The remaining three are permanent members by virtue of their position with the college.

Currently the members of the Stevenson Center Advisory Board are:

Dr. John August, Professor, Department of Small Animal Clinical Services

Dr. Marvin Cannon, SCALC Donor/Friend, College Station, TX

Dr. Stacy Eckman, Primary Care Service Head, Department of Small Animal Clinical Services

Mrs. Lucy Lee Hale, SCALC Donor/Friend, Houston, TX

Mrs. Mattie Stevenson, SCALC Donor/Friend, Houston, TX

Dr. David Nelson, Interim Director, Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital

Dr. Kevin Washburn, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Large Animal Clinical Sciences

Dr. O J. “Bubba” Woytek, Asst. VP of Development & Alumni Relations, CVM

Dr. Deb Zoran, Professor, Dept. Small Animal Clinical Services

Dr. Henry L. “Sonny” Presnal, Director, SCALC, Chairman of Advisory Board

Mrs. Ellie Greenbaum, Associate Director, SCALC





We Appreciate Your Support

Wish List

The Stevenson Center is fortunate to have wonderful friends whose gifts have helped us maintain a comfortable and luxurious lifestyle for our resident pets. Our entire staff and resident pets are very appreciative of your generosity. At this time we are not in need of any major large items. We always welcome gift cards to Walmart, Target, Petco and PetSmart. Gift cards help us renew our worn out toys, pet furniture, and bedding. All of us at the Stevenson Center thank you for your thoughtfulness.

Web Site

Please visit our web site at <http://vetmed.tamu.edu/stevenson-center>. We try to update it regularly to keep everyone informed of the center’s happenings. If you would like to make a gift in memory or honor of a pet or person please click the “Support” tab on our web site to print out a gift form. There is also an option on this page to make a gift with a credit card by clicking on the link to “Online Giving”. Notification of these gifts will be sent to whoever is designated and a thank you letter will be sent to the donor. We are all grateful for past and future gifts to the center. All gifts allow us to continue to take first-rate care of all of our residents. Also, we have a new video on our web site. It is on our Home Page. Please click on the arrow and watch it. We think you will enjoy it.

Gift Giving Form

Donor’s Name: _____
Address: _____

Amount:\$ _____

If in Memory or Honor of a pet or person (please circle):
Name: _____

Send Acknowledgment (if in memory or honor) to:
Name: _____
Address: _____

This gift is to support:
___ Stevenson Center Building Fund
___ Miscellaneous (as needed)

Please make checks payable to: Stevenson Companion Animal Life-Care Center

Please mail to: Stevenson Companion Animal Life-Care Center
College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences
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College Station, TX 77843-4461

Thank you for your generosity.

Testimonial of Enrolled Owner

The Stevenson Companion Animal Life-Care Center is the perfect solution for the care of our pets when we and family can no longer do so. From our first meeting with Dr. Sonny Presnal and Ellie Greenbaum we knew they were committed to the animals under their care. A tour of the facility showed us a bunch of happy dogs, cats, birds and a llama! The environment was clean and friendly and the staff seemed to genuinely care for their residents...how fortunate those residents are—living the life of Riley! The icing on the cake for us was that it is a Texas A&M facility run by Aggies. After we committed to support the Center we adopted our Border Collie, Cole. We saw the entire breadth of what the Center brings to the table when Cole developed a need for neurological specialty care. With the help of Dr. Presnal such care has been professionally provided by the Texas A&M Small Animal Clinic under the excellent leadership of Dr. Jonathan Levine. When the time comes we are confident that our pets will be in good hands at the Stevenson Center and the Texas A&M Vet School...what a team! Gig 'em!

Jim '74 and Debra Parchman Swaim



Jim and Debra Parchman Swaim with their Border Collie, Cole.

The Stevenson Companion Animal Life-Care Center is a privately funded program of the College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences at Texas A&M University, and as such is a resource for friends of the college to provide a home-like environment for their pets when they can no longer care for them.

The center fosters educational experiences for professional students by providing opportunities in which they can attend to the care and needs of companion animals.



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