



**STEVENSON COMPANION  
ANIMAL LIFE-CARE CENTER**  
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## ***A Year of Tails***

The Stevenson Center had a very full and busy 2017-2018. As always, we have had changes in our pet population and some staff. You will be informed of all of the changes in this newsletter. Your friendship and support are treasured by our entire staff. We can provide this extreme level of care for our resident pets thanks to your generosity.



## Former Student Residents



**Melissa Pawlowski** began her fifth year of residency at the center in the fall of 2017. Melissa began her fourth year at the College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences in May of 2018 so she left the center for her final year at the veterinary college. We all miss Melissa terribly. She has been a huge part of the center over the past five years.



**Lauren Schwerdfeger** moved out in May of 2017 to begin her fourth year at the CVMBS. All of us have felt her absence. Lauren lived here at the center for three years and was loved by all of the staff and resident pets. She graduated in May of 2018 with her DVM degree.

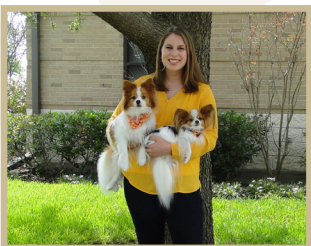


**Hana Huff** also began her fourth year at the CVMBS and moved out in May of 2017. She lived here at the center for 2 years. All of us miss Hana and wish her the best in her future endeavors.



**Sam McDonald** had been a student resident of the center for three years. He began his fourth year at the CVMBS in May of 2018 along with Melissa. Sam moved out at that time. His absence will be felt by the entire staff and resident pets.

## Current Student Residents



**Sierra Key** has been a student worker at the center since January of 2015. Sierra came on as a student resident in May of 2017. She is a delight and we are all so happy that she is here. Our resident pets and staff all love Sierra. The pets have known her for years.



**Tim Turner** began living here in May of 2017. Tim was a second year veterinary student when he moved into the center. He will be staying on with the center through May of 2019 when he becomes a fourth year veterinary student. Our pets and staff all are very fond of Tim.



**Allison Heflin**, another student worker at the center, since 2016, moved into the center as a student resident in May of 2018. She entered the College of Veterinary Medicine in August of 2018. The resident pets are in love with Allison and have known her for a long time. This was an easy transition for them. The entire staff is pleased that Allison is living here.



**Catherine Caprio** began here as a student worker in the fall of 2017. Catherine also became a student resident in May of 2018 and entered the College of Veterinary Medicine in August of 2018. Again, a familiar face is caring for our resident pets. We are all excited that Catherine has come aboard as a student resident.

As always, the center recruits excellent students to take over the role of student residents. These students manage to give serious attention to their scholastic endeavors while performing their caregiving duties at the center in an admirable manner. The student residents gain personal gratification from becoming caretakers of our resident pets as well as learning about the aging process and how to care for certain maladies that can affect companion animals. This knowledge will serve them well when they graduate and begin to practice veterinary medicine. Our resident pets also benefit greatly from the relationships that are formed between the pets and students. We are very grateful for the talented and compassionate student residents who care for the center's resident pets.

In addition to our student residents the center also employs undergraduate student workers that work here a few hours each day. Their duties consist of helping the daytime staff with all of their daily chores and interacting with the resident pets. The student workers are a very important component of the center's success. They are cherished by our resident pets and staff. We are thankful for their help in keeping the center's facility beautiful and for their love and care of our resident pets.

The center is very fortunate to have an incredible daytime staff. Each of them understands the mission and purpose of the Stevenson Center and they are devoted to the care and comfort of all of the resident pets. Our newest team member is Montana Matthews, our Animal Caretaker, who is in her second year at the center. Montana is a natural with our "kids" and we are happy that she is with us. Kim Muth is our other Animal Caretaker. She is in her 14th year at the center. Kim is wonderful and compassionate with everyone. We are so lucky to have her as a member of our team. Janet Broadhead is in her 17th year as our Veterinary Technician. She is excellent at feeling out our resident pets and knowing if they need medical or behavioral attention. It is our incredible good fortune that Janet is here to look out for our "kids". Ellie Greenbaum, the Associate Director, has been with the center for 19 wonderful years. The Director, Dr. Henry "Sonny" Presnal, has been at the helm of this great program for 20 years. The Stevenson Center has a superb staff of people who care deeply for the pets that are entrusted to us and for the continued success of the center. The longevity of these staff members is further proof of the commitment and dedication to this program by all who work at the center.







Enrollment Update

There are currently 256 owners enrolled from 31 states and 2 countries with 647 pets. These pets are comprised of 24 birds, 2 donkeys, 14 horses, 300 cats, 298 dogs, 5 rabbits, and 4 pocket pets. At this time, there are 12 dogs and 14 cats residing at the center.

We currently have a moratorium on large animal enrollment as we work toward securing new facilities for large animals. This is a temporary situation.



Resident Pets' Medical Care

Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital provides all health care for our resident pets. We have access to experts in all fields of veterinary medicine right next door and they are able to care for any needs that may arise for our resident pets. The VMTH is a state of the art facility and is capable of handling all aspects of medical care, from routine preventive health care to after-hours emergencies. Our resident pets have medical exams annually along with their vaccinations. The geriatric resident pets go in for medical exams at least twice yearly depending on their individual needs. We are fortunate to have the teaching hospital right next door for our visits, day or night.





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. They are briefed at each meeting on all the activity of the center. Additionally, they are given a very detailed financial report. Their input has been invaluable to the staff over the past 20 years since the Dean first appointed it. The Dean upon the recommendation of the Director appoints six members to three-year terms. The remaining three are permanent members by virtue of their position with the college.

### Currently the members of the Stevenson Center Advisory Board are:

**Mr. Bo Connell**, Assistant Dean for Hospital Operations

**Dr. Bert Dodd**, Clinical Professor, Department of Small Animal Clinical Services

**Dr. Stacy Eckman**, Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Small Animal Clinical Services

**Mrs. Susie Geppert**, SCALC Donor/Friend, San Antonio, TX

**Mr. Tim Geppert**, SCALC Donor/Friend, San Antonio, TX

**Dr. Sharman Hoppes**, Clinical Assoc. Professor, Department of Small Animal Clinical Services

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

**Dr. Kevin Washburn**, Professor, Department of Large Animal Clinical Sciences

**Dr. O. J. "Bubba" Woytek**, Asst. VP of Development & Alumni Relations, CVM

**Dr. Henry L. "Sonny" Presnal**, Director, SCALC, Chairman of Advisory Board

**Mrs. Ellie Greenbaum**, Associate Director, SCALC



## We Appreciate Your Support

### Wish List

Because of the generosity of our donors, the center is not in need of any major items at this time. We are so grateful for the assistance we receive from the friends of the center. As always, we welcome gift cards to Walmart, Target, PetSmart, and Petco. We are able to replenish bedding, toys, and pet furniture with these gift cards. Also, monetary donations are always very much appreciated and put to good use. Thank you from all of us at the Stevenson Center for your continued thoughtfulness and friendship.

### Web Site

The center's web site is [vetmed.tamu.edu/stevenson-center](http://vetmed.tamu.edu/stevenson-center). We update it regularly. Please visit it periodically to find out any new happenings at the center. If you would like to make a gift in memory or in honor of a pet or person there is a gift form under the "Support" tab on the top bar of our web site. In addition, on the "Support" page, there is a link to "Online Giving" where you can make your gift with a credit card. The center will send a letter of gratitude to all donors and a letter of notification to persons designated by donors. Our entire staff and resident pets would like to thank you for your support of our unique program.

### Gift Giving Form

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**Thank you for your generosity.**





## In memory of Reveille VIII

Reveille VIII, a 12-year-old Collie and the retired mascot for Texas A&M University, stole our hearts when she arrived at the center in 2015. Miss Reveille left us in June of 2018 after 3 years in residence at the center.



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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