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As freshmen, the class of 1994 was introduced to the world of veterinary medicine and a multitude of clubs and organizations. Although many animal species were represented by one club or another, one was noticeably absent, the canine. The dog is a multi-talented, multi-purpose animal, a loyal friend and in many a household, a family member. The duties and occupations of dogs are too numerous to list, but they may include; guard dog, guide dog, sole companion, and hunting partner.

The diversity of the canine grabbed the interest of several students of the class of 1994, and the ISU Veterinary Medicine Canine Club was born. The Canine Club’s main objectives are to bring out and present information that cannot be presented within the formal realm of veterinary medicine. The club wants to present students interested in any sort of canine work with what is in store for the canine practitioner and canine practice.

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Speakers from all areas of the canine world are invited to present their knowledge, expertise, and opinions at the club’s monthly meetings. So far, speakers have included clinicians from the college and the community, the Ames canine police officer, and the national American Kennel Club. The topics have ranged from artificial insemination, to behavior modification, to simply understanding breeds and breeders. The club is currently working with the IAMS Corporation and the NEADS Foundation to line up future speakers.

The areas of interest yet to be explored are endless, and a myriad of questions have yet to be addressed. The Canine Club hopes to provide an outlet for answering questions that may not be covered in class.

This is the second year for the ISU Veterinary Medicine Canine Club. The club is interested in what canine clubs at other veterinary colleges may have in the works. The ISU club would like to extend an open invitation to those who are willing to share their ideas and thoughts about the canine world. For more information or to share your ideas write to:
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