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Tucked away in the bowels of Iowa State University's Department of Veterinary Clinical Sciences is the office of Dr. Michael Apley, one of the new faculty members. From his office he has unleashed new ideas and opportunities benefiting the veterinary students, such as new concepts in antimicrobial therapy for juniors, beef production medicine for seniors and presentations for veterinary clubs and organizations.

Dr. Apley, an assistant professor in beef production medicine, was employed under the Healthy Livestock Initiative, an effort by the veterinary college to enhance the large animal production medicine program.

"I enjoy teaching," he said. "Where better to teach than at the veterinary school that produces the highest number of large animal practitioners in the United States?"

By conveying his experiences in the intricate aspects of production medicine, he hopes students will retain information better.

He is planning to develop a senior pharmacology class that will include research in the pharmacologic aspects of respiratory disease in beef cattle. Another goal is developing a practice-based masters program in beef production medicine.

Dr. Apley has earned his BS, DVM and PhD in clinical pharmacology from Kansas State University. He is also licensed in seven states. Dr. Apley is a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Pharmacology and belongs to the Academy of Veterinary Consultants and the American Association of Bovine Practitioners.

Before his employment at Iowa State, he worked in a private practice at Greely, Colorado, as a feedlot consultant with an emphasis on pharmaceutical and biologic research. Before his Colorado practice, he was a temporary instructor at Kansas State attaining his PhD.

Dr. Apley offers himself to Iowa veterinarians as a resource for practical consultations in clinical pharmacology relating to beef production. He encourages regional veterinarians serving beef producers to call and set up field consultations and program critiques. His telephone number at the veterinary college is (515) 294-6462. V

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