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Veterinary Teaching Hospital

Dr. Elaine Caplan (Texas A & M ‘81) started August 1, 1997 as Temporary Assistant Professor of Small Animal Surgery. Dr. Caplan completed a residency in Surgery in 1996 at the Animal Medical Center. She is a Diplomate of the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners and is certified by the International Veterinary Acupuncture Society and American Veterinary Chiropractic Association. Dr. Caplan practiced in Austin, Texas and New York City prior to her surgery residency.

Dr. Lisa Corti (Tufts ‘94) has started a 3 year residency in Small Animal Surgery. She interned at Rowley Memorial Hospital in Springfield, MA and has remained on staff at Rowley.

Dr. Elizabeth Goldman (Cornell ‘94) has started a 3-year residency in Small Animal Internal Medicine. She interned at Oradell Animal Hospital in Oradell, NJ. She has recently completed a 2-year residency in Clinical Pathology at North Carolina State University in Raleigh, N.C. Dr. Goldman has also been a relief veterinarian.

Dr. Chris Riley (University of Melbourne ‘88) joined the Iowa State University staff in September 1997 as Temporary Instructor of Equine Surgery. Dr. Riley has completed a Residency/MS program in Large Animal Surgery and has completed his Ph.D. at the University of Saskatchewan where he has been an Equine Health Research Fellow. Dr. Riley interned in Equine Medicine and Surgery at Murdoch University in Western Australia.

Dr. Patrick Welch (Purdue ‘95) has begun a 3-year residency in Ophthalmology. He interned at VCS South Shore Animal Hospital in South Weymouth, MA and worked at Dedham Veterinary Associates in Dedham, MA before coming to Iowa State.

Department of Veterinary Diagnostic and Production Animal Medicine

Dr. John Thomson (ISU ‘67) has accepted the position of Professor of Beef Production Medicine. Dr. Thomson was Head of the Veterinary Science Department and Director of the South Dakota Animal Disease Research and Diagnostic Laboratory in Brookings, South Dakota. Dr. Thomson was in private practice for 20 years in Clearfield, Iowa prior to his tenure at South Dakota State. Dr. Thomson also earned an MS from Northwest Missouri State University.

Dr. Mark Kirkpatrick (ISU ‘89) has been hired as Large Animal Veterinarian in Laboratory Animal Resources and Veterinary Clinical Sciences. He oversees the clinical health and welfare of the University herds and participates in Production Medicine and Services. Dr. Kirkpatrick had been in mixed practice with Readlyn Veterinary Associates in Readlyn, Iowa since graduation.

Dr. Virginia Fajt (Aub ‘95) started August 1, 1997 as Adjunct Instructor in Beef Production Medicine. Dr. Fajt completed an internship in Agricultural Practices at Kansas State University in 1996 and remained as Clinical Instructor in the Field Services Section at KSU. Dr. Fajt is pursuing graduate studies in Beef Production Medicine.

Dr. Perry Harms (ISU ‘93) joined VDPAM as adjunct instructor/resident in pathology in August, 1997. Dr. Harms previously practiced in Carthage, IL at Carthage Veterinary Service, an intensive management practice with virtually full-time specialization in swine.

Department of Veterinary Pathology

Dr. Bruce Thomasen (MO ‘90) joined the department as an Adjunct Instructor working toward a PhD. Previously in mixed animal practice for seven years in St. Peter, Minnesota, Dr. Thomasen is now involved with a group investigating cellular pathogenesis of Mycobacterium paratuberculosis.

Dr. Denise Wunn (ISU ‘90) joined the department as an Adjunct Instructor working toward a PhD. She recently completed a clinical pathology residency and master's degree at Washington State University. Her interests include hematology, transfusion therapy, hemostasis, cytology, and hemolytic diseases.

Compiled by Cynthia Nelson and Mark Troxel, both third-year veterinary students at the Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine.