Welcome New and Returning Members!

Welcome to the CCSAW Student Chapter for 2012! We are excited to have so many new members and we are really looking forward to the year ahead. We have quite a few things coming up in the near future including a lunchtime seminar, ”What is Animal Welfare?” in early February by Dr. Ian Duncan, followed by a bake sale fundraiser on Valentine's Day at the OVC Cafeteria, and the annual behind-the-scenes zoo tour at the Toronto Zoo in March. We will keep you up-to-date through email reminders as well as the newly instated monthly newsletters. Keep an eye out for them at the start of each month. There are so many new and exciting things going on in the world of Animal Welfare science. We will do our best to keep you informed and we welcome any suggestions and feedback on how to improve the Student Chapter. Thanks for your interest!

Teresa, Jackie, Jess, and Tara

Meet the New Executive Board

Teresa Casey-Trott: President

Teresa is originally from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA. She began her Master’s by thesis in August of 2009 and is hoping to graduate this summer. Her project involves studying humane alternatives for on farm piglet euthanasia with Dr. Tina Widowski. Outside of school Teresa likes to hike with her dogs, go bike riding, and watch the birds at her feeder while having her morning tea.

Jessica Zaffino: co-Event Organizer/Treasurer

Jess is originally from Oakville, Ontario, Canada. She began her Master’s by thesis in 2010 and is hoping to graduate this summer. Her project involves a welfare assessment of dairy farms in Canada with Dr. Derek Haley. She is interested in research with a practical impact on animal welfare. Outside of school Jess likes to play hockey, cuddle her cats and go for long walks on the beach.

Jackie Jacobs: Vice-President

Jackie is originally from Bethel, Connecticut, USA. She recently completed a Master’s degree in Animal Science from Michigan State University. She began her PhD in September of 2011. Her current project involves investigating a potential association between temperament traits and aggression in dogs with Dr. Lee Niel. Outside of school Jackie likes to play with her German Shepherd mix Kuma, cook, and read.

Tara Jones: co-Event Organizer/Treasurer

Tara is originally from Belleville, Ontario, Canada. She began her Master’s by thesis in September, 2011. Her project involves investigating the temperament of beef cattle and the effect this has on production characteristics (e.g., growth and feed efficiency) and meat quality (e.g., tenderness) with Dr. Derek Haley. Outside of school Tara likes to ride her horse, Romeo, and walk her 4 year old beagle cross, Harley.

Dr. Ian Duncan, Professor Emeritus, Applied Ethology

“What is Animal Welfare?”

Dr. Duncan will be providing an introductory seminar on animal welfare to all interested students. In his research, he developed methods of “asking” farm animals what they feel about the condition which they are kept and the procedures to which they are subjected. He has published more than 150 scientific papers. In addition, Dr. Duncan taught an extremely popular 3rd year undergraduate course on farm animal welfare, and remains a coach for the undergraduate welfare judging team each fall.

Seminar will be held in February during lunch, more details to follow
Congrats to Kristi Bovey, who successfully defended her Master’s thesis on December 7th, 2011. The title of her thesis was: “An investigation into the behavioural and physiological effects of routine surgical procedures in swine”. She is currently completing an internship with the Chicken Farmers of Ontario.

Amy Stanton successfully defended her PhD dissertation in July, 2011. The title of her dissertation was: “An evaluation of the impact of management practice on the health and welfare of dairy heifer calves”. On May 1st, 2012, she becomes an Assistant Professor and Extension Specialist in farm animal well-being in the Dept. of Dairy Science at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. A big congrats and best wishes to Amy as she begins her new job!

The Toronto Zoo is Canada’s premier zoo, with more than 5000 animals from various geographical regions throughout the world.

In late March we will be planning a ‘behind-the-scenes’ tour of the zoo with one of the Toronto zoo keepers as our expert guide.

In the weeks prior to the event, we will be holding a special guest seminar to inform us of some of the current zoo animal research being conducted, as well as welfare considerations for zoo animals.

Organization for this event is ongoing. Please check your email and upcoming newsletters for more information on this event.

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**What Are Recent Grads Doing Now?**

Congrats to Rebecca Meagher, who successfully defended her PhD dissertation on December 5th, 2011. The title of her dissertation was: “The welfare significance of inactivity in captive animals, using mink as a model”. She is currently completing an internship under Dr. Georgia Mason’s supervision, investigating “on-farm practical environmental enrichments for mink”.

- Teresa Casey-Trott, President

**Toronto Zoo Trip**

We will be conducting a bake sale on February 14th, outside the OVC cafeteria. Funds acquired from the bake sale will go towards the Toronto Zoo Trip and other activities throughout the year. Please consider making and/or purchasing baked goods for the fundraiser!

More details will follow prior to the event.

Visit website for more details:
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