We are pleased to announce a special seminar in preparation of the Toronto zoo trip. Dr. Esther Finegan will be providing a seminar on zoo animal research and welfare to all interested students. Her current research focuses on the thermoregulation (process of regulating body temperature) of zoo animals. Dr. Finegan and her students are pioneering thermoregulation studies in zoo and animal parks, notably at the Toronto zoo. Information on thermoregulation is essential for zookeepers and staff to properly care for and design appropriate enclosures for zoo animals. Please plan on joining us for this special talk.

The annual Toronto zoo trip provides a unique opportunity for students to learn ‘behind-the-scenes’ information about several species of animals housed at the zoo. This year’s ‘behind-the-scenes’ tour of the Toronto zoo will take place on March 28th, and will be an all day event.

Tickets are $20. This price includes transportation and admission to the zoo tour. Lunch is not included.

We have room for the first 12 students that purchase tickets from Teresa Casey (Anim. & Poultry Sci., rm. 103). If there is substantial interest in the trip, we may be able to organize a second trip this summer.

Dr. Esther Finegan, Adj. Graduate Faculty Member, Animal and Poultry Science.

Seminar Date & Time: March 20th, 12:30pm
LLC room 1713

Synopsis: Dr. Temple Grandin
We were very privileged to have Dr. Temple Grandin (Colorado State University) on campus last week for a seminar on the topic of ‘Autism, Animals, and Sensory Based Thinking’. Her talk focused on how different minds can understand the same situation in very different ways. She explained how her perspective focuses on pictures and associations, similar to how an animal may perceive a situation. Touching on her own experiences and realizations, Dr. Grandin provided insight into how she learned her mind was different from the average person and how she could use that to better understand animals. Dr. Grandin was awarded an honorary degree at the Ontario Veterinary College/Ontario Agricultural College winter convocation ceremony. If you missed this talk, she will be returning to Guelph in June 2012. Details on her schedule will be announced when available.

Bake Sale Success
The CCSAW executive board would to sincerely thank all those who donated baked goods to the Valentine’s Day bake sale or helped make it successful by purchasing some yummy treats. Your support and generosity helped make the event very successful. The money we raised will help to fund activities and welfare awareness programs throughout the year.

Grad Positions
University of Guelph
Animal Behavior and Welfare:
MSc position
Stall modifications on cow comfort and performance in tie-stall farms
Contact Dr. Elsa Vasseur for further information
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Eastern Kentucky University
Animal Behavior: MSc position
Mate choice, parental care, and aggression in cichlid fish
Visit www.animalbehavior.org for further information