New DVM Rotation at the Ontario Veterinary College: DAIRY CATTLE WELFARE

The Campbell Centre for the Study of Animal Welfare (CCSAW) and Saputo Inc. have partnered to create The Saputo Dairy Care Program in the Ontario Veterinary College at the University of Guelph.

As part of the program Associated Faculty from the Centre have created a brand new Phase IV rotation for DVM students in their final year of study.

Dairy Cattle Welfare will be a week-long rotation at the Ontario Veterinary College, offered twice during the academic year – once in each of the Fall and Winter semesters. For the 2016-17 academic year the rotation will take place during weeks F13 (November 28, 2016 to December 4, 2016) and W24 (February 13, 2017 to February 19, 2017). This elective experience is aimed at final year veterinary students intending to go into dairy practice.

With financial support from Saputo Inc., space has been set-aside for DVM students from other veterinary colleges in Canada to participate in this rotation. Some funding is available to help defer the cost of their attendance.

We ask you to please circulate this announcement widely to your colleagues and DVM students. Space is limited depending on the collective interest across our veterinary colleges. It is up to individual colleges to rank their students for attendance at the rotation if there is more interest than available space.

The rotation will provide experiences, practice & structured learning opportunities in the context of dairy cattle welfare. It aims, in particular, to provide hands-on experience in practical welfare assessment and communication. Students will:

1. Recall existing dairy welfare standards based on the Code of Practice for the Care and Handling of Dairy Cattle, and recognize contraventions.
2. Carry out practical dairy cattle welfare assessments.
3. Practice communicating with clients and colleagues about animal welfare.

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