Equine welfare during exercise:
Do we have a 'bit' of a problem?

We are very excited to share with you that leading Animal Welfare expert Dr. David Mellor, Massey University, University of New Zealand, will be joining us in mid-October for a number of anticipated events!

We think you may be particularly interested in Dr. Mellor's lecture on “Equine welfare during exercise: Do we have a 'bit' of a problem?” on Friday, October 13th, from 11:30 - 12:30 in Room 1715, Lifetime Learning Centre, Ontario Veterinary College.

This talk will explore some of the welfare issues experienced by equine athletes in particular. It will give a great foundation on equine welfare issues related to exercise for those planning to attend the keynote lecture on "Breathlessness" at the OVC Animal Welfare Forum.

Other events that may be of interest to you are described below...

**Wednesday, October 11th, 2:15-4:45pm, 141 Animal Science and Nutrition Building**

**Workshop**

The Five Domains Model for Animal Welfare Assessment: History, breadth, adaptability and uses

In this workshop, Dr. Mellor will discuss:

- Development of the Five Domains Model -1994 to 2017
Primary purposes, misapplications and appropriate applications of the Model
Scientific foundations of the Model
Use to assess impacts of research, teaching and testing (RTT) procedures
Assessment of welfare compromise and enhancement using the Model
Forensic use of the Model in preparing Expert Reports for cruelty prosecutions

Please register now, as space is limited!

Wednesday, October 11th, 7:00pm, 1800 Patho/AHL
F.W. Presant Memorial Lecture
Thriving - not merely surviving: New keys for unlocking impediments to the enhancement of animal welfare
Dr. Mellor will provide insight and examples about how we can update our thinking on animal welfare.

Thursday, October 12th, 12:30pm, 1800 Patho/AHL
Animal Behaviour and Welfare Seminar
Development of survival-critical behaviours in newborn animals
This talk will cover the development of survival-critical behaviours in newborn mammals: postnatal onset of behavioural flexibility in groups of young with different levels of brain maturity at birth. The talk will lead into discussion of questions related to fetal and neonatal consciousness and implications for the welfare of various groups of mammals. Pre- and post-hatching consciousness in birds will also be discussed.

Saturday, October 14th, 9:00am - 4:00pm, 1800 Patho/AHL
Ontario Veterinary College Animal Welfare Forum
Breathlessness: An overlooked animal welfare insult
Dr. Mellor will discuss breathlessness as an overlooked negative experience in animals, including breathlessness in equine athletes, in brachycephalic dogs, and with euthanasia methods.