Thriving - not merely surviving: New keys for unlocking impediments to the enhancement of animal welfare

Please join us for the F.W. Presant Memorial Lecture, on Wednesday October 11th at 7:00pm in 1800 Pathobiology/AHL.

Dr. David Mellor, Professor, Institute of Vet, Animal and Biomedical Sciences, Massey University, will be giving a lecture on “Thriving, not merely surviving: New keys for unlocking impediments to the enhancement of animal welfare.” In this talk, Dr. Mellor will provide some insight and examples about how we can update our thinking on animal welfare.

*The F.W. Presant Memorial Lecture honors Fred Presant, a 1923 graduate of OAC who was involved in the formation of the OAC Alumni Foundation in the 1930s. He played a significant role in establishment of the University of Guelph in the early sixties. This special event is organized biannually by CCSAW with the goal of providing opportunities for students, local scientists and members of the food animal industries to engage in discussion with world leaders in farm animal welfare. All are welcome! Coffee and tea will be served.

Other events that may be of interest 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!

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.

Friday, October 13th, 11:30am, 1715 Lifetime Learning Centre, Ontario Veterinary College
Equine Lecture
Equine Welfare During Exercise: Do we have a 'bit' of a problem?
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.

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.