Meet the 2018 HSVMA Compassionate Care Scholarship Recipients

We are excited to announce this year’s recipients of our Compassionate Care Scholarship: 1st place: Jacquie Cobb of Auburn University, 2nd place: Kelly Dulli of University of Wisconsin-Madison, and a tie for 3rd place: Montana Diabo of Ross University and Renee Staffeld of Cornell University. Each of these veterinary students has demonstrated an incredible dedication to animal welfare while in school. We received over 40 applications this year from schools in the US, Canada, and the Caribbean. It was a difficult decision as all of the applicants are clearly motivated by their compassion in the veterinary field. You can read more about this year’s scholarship recipients on our webpage. We will be offering the scholarship again in 2019 so watch for the application announcement next year!

1st place winner, Jacquie Cobb

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Fourth Annual HSVMA Animal Welfare Symposium to be Held at Cornell University

Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine will be hosting this year’s Animal Welfare Symposium in the Veterinary Education Center on Saturday, October 13, 2018. Join us for a day of lectures and a RAVS suture lab Saturday evening after the talks. Topics this year will include recognizing and reporting animal cruelty, controversies in wildlife research, global street dog populations, community cat management, and street dog medicine. A light breakfast, lunch and beverages will be provided. Registration is FREE and CE will be available to veterinary professionals. This year’s symposium is sponsored by the New York State Humane Association. Thanks to their generous sponsorship, we are able to provide a limited number of student travel stipends. For more information about the stipends, contact Heather at hschrader@hsvma.org. Get more information and register here. We look forward to seeing you in Ithaca!

Dr. Holly Cheever Speaking at the 2017 AWS at Western University

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Colorado State University's Virtual Anatomy Programs are Available Again!

For more than 15 years, Colorado State University’s Veterinary Education Tools (VET) team has been creating Virtual Animal Anatomy software to help improve educational experiences for students and reduce excess cadaver use in teaching. Virtual Canine Anatomy (VCA) is an innovative anatomy program that has received outstanding accolades from members of the American Association of Veterinary Anatomists, students, and instructors both in the United States and internationally. VCA enhances the students’ dissection experience and helps them learn anatomy efficiently (Linton, Schoenfeld-Tacher, Whalen, 2005). In addition, programs for Virtual Equine Anatomy (VEA), Virtual Bovine Anatomy (VBA), and Virtual Feline Anatomy (VFA) are in development. You can view interactive samples of the suite of Virtual Animal Anatomy programs (VCA, VEA, VFA, VBA) by visiting this link. All of the programs are now for sale as a software download, and your purchase supports continued Virtual Animal Anatomy program development. Visit the VET website to learn more about the Virtual Animal Anatomy programs, making a purchase, or a donation. HSVMA will give away free Virtual Canine...
Anatomy software to the first three HSVMA student members who email hschrader@hsvma.org!

Student Summer Adventures

Every summer our student members participate in exciting welfare activities. We love to share their experiences to spread the word about the opportunities for students and to highlight some of the amazing programs that help animals around the world. This summer we have so many to tell you about that we will have to send out a supplemental newsletter later this fall! Our first student adventure was submitted by Elvina Yau, a third-year vet student at Cornell University. She spent several weeks in Namibia, Africa, working with cheetahs at the AfriCat Foundation. Elvina has chronicled her time on Instagram and we have published her first of two stories on our website. Be sure to check out the amazing pictures on her Instagram blog! Samantha Swartzentruber, one of our HSVMA student representatives at Purdue University, spent two weeks in Malawi, Africa, at the Lilongwe Society for the Protection and Care of Animals. There she assisted with much-needed spay/neuter services, along with farm and village consults. She also spent time doing animal welfare inspections and visiting the Central Veterinary Laboratory in Lilongwe to observe rabies testing. Read more about Samantha’s action-packed time in Malawi on our website. Thanks to these incredible students who spent their summers making the world a better place for animals!