

Student Chapter Progress Report – UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine

Chapter Name: University of California – Davis School of Veterinary Medicine Student Chapter of the Wildlife Disease Association

Established in (if known): 2016

Number of chapter members: 98

Number of chapter members that are WDA members: 6

Faculty Advisor

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Current board members

Presidents (3)

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Secretary

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How frequently does your chapter hold elections?

Elections are held annually in April. Any chapter positions not filled in April are filled in the fall at the beginning of the school year (often by incoming first year students).

Board members 2018-2019

Elections for our student chapter were just held this month so the names above are the new officers which will hold their positions until April 2019 (with the exception of the WDA representative, which will change in the fall of 2018, but has not been elected yet). Currently, the previous officers hold WDA memberships, and the new officers will establish WDA membership.

Description of Chapter Activities

PR & Fundraising

PR:

Online presence:

- Chapter website – our student chapter goes by the name Wildlife and Aquatic Animal Medicine Club (WAAM) on campus: <http://www.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/clubs/waam/>
- Chapter facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/UCDSVMWAAM/>
- Does your chapter have a newsletter - yes

Member recruitment & Club outreach

- How does your chapter announce and advertises your events?
 - Membership is advertised to incoming veterinary students at the beginning of the school year through email announcements and presence at the Club's Barbecue where students can interact with chapter officers and become a chapter member.
 - Events throughout the year are advertised by emails that go to all chapter members

WDA-representation:

- How did your chapter promote the WDA?
 - A monthly newsletter and all pertinent information regarding the benefits of WDA membership and student opportunities is sent to student chapter members by email.

Fundraising:

- Does your chapter have a membership fee, if so what are the fees?
 - Yes, \$15
- Did your chapter host a fundraiser (i.e. cookie sale, gear sale)?
 - Fundraising is conducted through bake sales, T-shirt sales, and "candy gram" sales for Valentines day and Halloween. Additional money is raised through student member fees, grant applications, and money raised from our annual symposium from attendee fees and raffle sales.
- Did your chapter apply for grants and awards (i.e. WDA student chapter grants, university support)?

- WDA student chapter grants
- University grants and grants from the Dean's office

EVENTS

Seminars/Lunch Talks/Symposium:

- Dr. Doug Mader – “Climate Change – One Veterinarian’s Perspective”
 - 5/2/2017
- Mr. LD Van Essen – “EcoLife Expeditions, Wildlife & Conservation, and Vets in the Wild study abroad programs”
 - 10/11/2017
- Dr. Christine Richey, Fish Hatchery Veterinarian - “Not Your Typical Food Animal Vet”
 - 11/18/2017
- Dr. Barbara Shor, California Department of Fish and Wildlife – “Cultivating Intuition and Empathy as Powerful Allies”
 - 11/13/2017
- Wildlife and Exotic Animal Symposium
 - Two day event with many talks including, “Sedation in Birds, Reptiles, and Small Mammals”, “Koi Radiographs and Ultrasounds”, a Careers in Wildlife Panel, Marine Mammal Medicine, and several others.
 - Full Schedule can be found here < http://www.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/CE/symposia_and_events/wildlife/weas_2018.cfm>
- Dr. Leslie Woods – “Adenovirus Hemorrhagic Disease of Deer”
 - 3/1/18
- Dr. Barbara Heidenreich – “Addressing Biting and Aggressive Behavior in Companion Parrots”
 - 3/6/2018
- Dr. Loudon Wright – UC Davis Resident in Zoological Medicine – sharing experience, advice, and interesting zoo cases
 - 3/7/2018
- Dr. Jason Watters form the San Francisco Zoo – “Studies on Enrichment and Behavior at the SF Zoo”
 - 3/9/2018
- Dr. Wack and third year veterinary students – Talk on tracking in vet school, the Zoo Block, and Externships
 - 4/5/2018
- Dr. Natalie Noll and Technician Joy Middleton – “The Life of Marine Mammal Vets and Techs”
 - 4/19/2018
- Dr. Peyton – “Integrative Approaches to Wildlife Rehab, Tilapia Fish Skin Approach to Wound Healing after Wildfires”
 - 4/24/2018

Wet Labs:

- Darting Wet Lab – 4/30/2017
- Cougar Necropsy Wet Lab – 9/12/2017
- Darting Wet Lab – 11/12/2017
- Marine Mammal Necropsy – 3/30/2018
- Oiled Wildlife Care Network Wet Lab on Oiled Wildlife Response – 4/28/2018

Field Trips:

- California Academy of Sciences – 10/7/2017
- San Francisco Zoo – 10/14/2017
- Six Flags Discovery Kingdom – 11/19/2-17
- Sacramento Zoo – 12/2/2017
- Safari West – 2/4/2018
- Lindsay Wildlife Experience – 2/19/2018
- Monterey Bay Aquarium – 4/14/2018
- Oakland Zoo – Date to be determined in May