

# Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine Pre-Vet Newsletter

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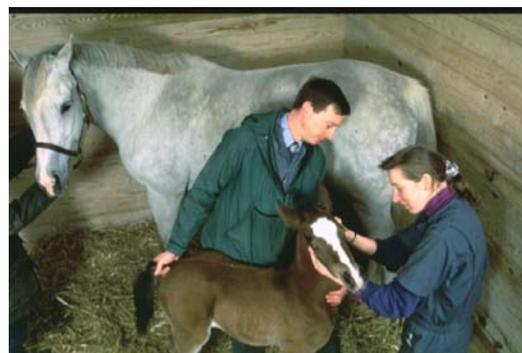


## Important Information for Fall 2011

### Applicants: GRE® Deadline Change

Those applying this upcoming year (2011) for the Class of 2016 should take the GRE® **by the end of July, 2011.** GRE's® taken August 1, 2011 and after will not have their scores available to colleges until November. Since our deadline is in October, this will be too late. Please make sure to take the GRE's **BEFORE** the end of July 31, 2011.

Please visit the Educational Testing Service for more information about the new Graduate Record Exam and test dates prior to the end of July 2011 at [www.ets.org](http://www.ets.org).



## Early Acceptance Program

The Early Acceptance Program gives exceptionally qualified applicants the opportunity to obtain admission after their sophomore year. With a seat secured in a future class the student has the opportunity to explore experiences in areas of personal interest. The Early Acceptance Program application is available on our web site at [http://www.vet.cornell.edu/admissions/OA\\_EarlyAcceptance.cfm](http://www.vet.cornell.edu/admissions/OA_EarlyAcceptance.cfm). In addition to the application and supporting documents (transcripts, GRE scores, evaluations) you will need to submit a written plan describing how the time between acceptance and matriculation will be used.

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### ***Animal Hospital cares for its own-***

#### ***Brain surgery on barn cat highlights hospital's emergency mettle***

When a Good Samaritan brought a cat hit by a car to the Cornell University Hospital for Animals, no one knew the cat was one of our own. But everyone knew he needed help. Bleeding and shocky from a powerful blow, the cat began a journey through some of the most advanced emergency techniques and intensive care the Hospital has to offer.

"We had no idea who he was but we had to act fast," said Dr. Jennifer Stillion, resident in the Emergency and Critical Care service (ECC). "He had severe head trauma and a ruptured lung leaking air into his chest cavity, making it difficult to breathe. We stabilized him and tapped his chest periodically to remove the air around the lungs."

The next morning they discovered the cat was Cooper, the Large Animal Hospital's resident barn cat. "When we learned this cat was found on Route 366 near our hospital, we asked Large Animal staff if they were missing any barn cats. They came over and quickly identified him," Stillion said.

Cooper was worsening; air continued leaking into his chest and he was growing less responsive, indicating a significant ongoing brain injury. The ECC doctors eased his breathing with a chest tube and took a CT scan of his head. "We found an upper jaw fracture, blood in his nasal passages, evidence of a skull fracture, and several areas where he was bleeding into his brain," said Dr. Gretchen Schoeffler, ECC specialist. "With injuries that had the only way to relieve increasing intracranial pressure and stop ongoing damage is intensive surgery to the skull," said Schoeffler.

Brain surgery is no light task, but neurosurgeon Dr. Curtis Dewey from Clinical Sciences was up to the challenge. On Friday evening, February 11<sup>th</sup>, he performed a successful craniotomy, removing part of Cooper's skull. The ECC team and Intensive Care Unit technicians are managing Cooper through recovery.

"He's shown improvement every day. It's amazing how cats can recover," said Stillion, with Cooper purring happily in her lap. "He responds to bright lights and sounds, and purrs or chirps when he's handled. He can even walk around a little. It will take time to know if he'll return to normal kitty life, but his chances are strong. With months of therapy, many head trauma survivors make full recoveries."

Survival is unusual for animals with trauma as bad as Cooper's. "Many owners decide not to operate on cases with head injuries this severe," said Schoeffler. "It's invasive and requires a big commitment to helping an animal through recovery. Knowing we have the resources to do that, we decided to go forward."

"We need to care for our own," said Hospital Director Dr. Bill Horne, who made that call. "This cat is a pet of the hospital, and it is our obligation to care for him."

Back in the barn, the Large Animal staff feel Cooper's absence. "He was a useful mouser and a good friend," said Wendy English, Client Service Manager for CUHA, whom Cooper greeted every morning.

Stillion recalled a story in which Cooper befriended a recovering horse that had to be walked every day. "Cooper would run ahead and wait, the horse would walk toward him. They would sniff, and Cooper would run ahead again, encouraging the horse to follow."

Cooper won't be returning to the barn while on the mend, but in the meantime he has found a good home. Large animal surgery technician Katie Howard agreed to take Cooper as a foster kitty. He spends evenings with her and returns to the Intensive Care Unit during the day for nursing care.

*By Carly Elizabeth Hodes*

**College of Veterinary Medicine  
45<sup>th</sup> Annual Open House  
Saturday, April 9, 2011  
10:00-4:00**

This annual event is a wonderful time to visit Cornell and learn more about the College of Veterinary Medicine, the veterinary profession, and enjoy different activities throughout the day. Admissions presentations will be held at 10:30, 12:30, and 2:30.

For more information and a schedule of activities please visit  
<http://www.vet.cornell.edu/openhouse/>.

***This is also a great day to get your Pre-Vet  
Club together and come as a group!***



***Cornell on the Road***

**AAVMC Veterinary Medicine-  
Career Fair**

*(Association of American Veterinary Medical  
Colleges)*

Sunday, March 13, 2011; 2:30-5:00  
The Alexandria Westin Hotel  
Alexandria, VA

**NEAAHP Regional Meeting-  
Meet the Dean's**

*(Northeast Association for Advisors of the  
Health Professions)*

(for advisors)  
Saturday, April 2, 2011  
Newport, RI

**MANRRS 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference- Career  
Fair**

*(Minorities in Agriculture Natural Resources  
and Related Sciences)* <http://manrs.org/>

Friday, April 1, 2011  
Sheraton Overland Park Convention Center  
Overland Park, KS

**UMass Amherst**

Tuesday, March 29, 2011

**SUNY Binghamton**

Monday, April 11, 2011

**Rutgers University**

Tuesday, April 12, 2011

**Columbia University**

Tuesday, April 26, 2011

**New York University**

Wednesday, April 27, 2011

**CUNY City College**

Thursday, April 28, 2011

**CUNY Hunter College**

Thursday, April 28, 2011

*Contact [vet\\_admissions@cornell.edu](mailto:vet_admissions@cornell.edu)  
for more information.*

# *Admissions Presentations & Tours*



## *Spring and Summer 2011*

- *Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-5:00*
- *Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> (Open House) at 10:30, 12:30, and 2:30*
- *Friday May 6<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-5:00*
- *Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-4:00*
- *Friday, July 8<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-4:00*
- *Friday, July 17<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-4:00*
- *Friday, August 5<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-4:00*

*Register for the Admissions Presentations & Tours on our web site~*

<http://www.vet.cornell.edu/admissions/PresandTours.cfm>