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School Readies for AVMA Accreditation Review

This year we're once again going to undergo a rigorous test to demonstrate our ability to meet all of the standards for accreditation," says Bennie Osburn, dean of the School of Veterinary Medicine.

The school is gearing up for the accreditation review scheduled to take place in December 2004.

On a seven-year cycle, the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) Council on Education conducts an external peer review of the nation's veterinary medical programs according to 11 Standards of Accreditation.

The standards are as follows: Organization, Finances, Physical Facilities and Equipment, Clinical Resources, Library and Information Resources, Students, Admission, Faculty, Curriculum, Research Programs, and Outcomes Assessment.

The school, when last reviewed by the AVMA in 1998, met or exceeded the requirements for 10 of the stan-

dards. Yet, due to deficiencies under the physical facilities standard, the school was awarded "limited accreditation," which provides a period of time for correction of the deficiency and a threat of loss of accreditation unless problems are remedied.

Administrators for the School of Veterinary Medicine, UC Davis campus and University of California began a comprehensive facility planning process that included both detailed

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Spay Day 2004: Record Number of Companion Animals Spayed/Neutered in Coordinated School Effort

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Izumi Toyoda, first-year veterinary student, readies her canine charge for spaying. Three hundred companion animals were spayed or neutered as part of the school's role in Spay Day USA.

