

Celebrating New Endowed Chair

K. Gary Magdesian, chief of Neonatology and Critical Care at the William R. Pritchard Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital, has been appointed to the Roberta A. and Carla Henry Endowed Chair in Emergency Medicine and Critical Care. Magdesian is the first to hold this honor, which was made possible by a generous gift from the estates of the two sisters for whom the endowment is named.

“The endowed chair will contribute to the advancement of veterinary emergency and critical care by furthering teaching, clinical developments and research,” Magdesian says. “It is a tremendous opportunity to both learn and teach new things, to be creative and broaden our thought processes, and to better veterinary emergency and critical care medicine in the process.”

Magdesian earned his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree in 1993 at the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine, where he later completed a residency in large animal internal medicine. He is board certified in three specialties, veterinary internal medicine, emergency and critical care, and pharmacology.

A faculty member since 1997, Magdesian developed the first residency in the nation to emphasize large animal critical care. Magdesian investigates *Clostridium difficile*, the most common infection of critically ill horses being treated with antibiotics. He is also developing new methods for early diagnosis of infections in foals. Magdesian teaches veterinary students in the classroom and the clinic, and he provides advanced training of veterinary specialists.



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