

Drs. le Jeune and Nieto Now Board Certified in Equine Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation



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Drs. Sarah le Jeune and Jorge Nieto, both members of the equine surgery faculty, are now board-certified specialists in the American College of Veterinary Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation (ACVSMR). Drs. le Jeune and Nieto are also board certified in the American College of Veterinary Surgeons (ACVS) and Dr. le Jeune is certified by the European College of Veterinary Surgeons.

The ACVSMR was approved as a new College by the American Veterinary Medical Association in 2010. The College serves the international veterinary community, with current diplomates from across Europe and North America. It was developed to meet the unique needs of athletic and working animals, and all animals in need of rehabilitation. The ACVSMR establishes and maintains credentialing and certification standards for veterinarians who have a special interest and expertise in sports medicine and rehabilitation.

Congratulations, Drs. le Jeune and Nieto!

New Clinical Trials Center Launched

The Veterinary Center for Clinical Trials (VCCT) has officially been launched at the VMTH. The VCCT facilitates clinical trials being conducted at the School of Veterinary Medicine, serving as a one-stop portal for clinical investigators, animal owners, referring veterinarians, corporate sponsors and donors.

The VCCT facilitates provision of new and innovative diagnostics and therapeutics to companion animals and their owners. Companion animals with naturally-occurring diseases offer a unique opportunity to make future advances in clinical veterinary medical practice. Simultaneously, veterinarians are able to provide advanced options for these patients, beyond the current standard of care.

The VCCT assists veterinary clinicians in initiating clinical trials by providing expertise and administrative support for grants, contracts, intellectual property, material transfers, regulatory approval and compliance, data collection and management, and marketing. In partnership with other campus units, the VCCT also fosters

strategic relationships with other academic institutions, government agencies and private industry to improve the connection between investigators and a variety of great opportunities.

Going forward, the VCCT's primary goal is to become a nationally-recognized center for veterinary clinical trials. Focusing on the following three areas will help the center achieve that goal: accelerating the identification and development of diagnostics and therapeutics to benefit veterinary patients and people; strengthening established ties and forming new ones between health units throughout the UC system; and increasing the visibility and importance of veterinary medicine within the biomedical sciences.

Leading the way at the VCCT is new VMTH hire Chrissy Kapelewski, PhD, who has already made a significant impact in her role as clinical trials analyst. To learn more about the VCCT, visit their new website at www.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/clinicaltrials.



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