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Our goal is to strengthen relationships between faculty, staff, and industry professionals by providing CSU Equine Sciences students a collection of information pertaining to the industry and undergraduate program.

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Roger Daly Horses Internship

By Dixie Crowe



Texas sunset at Daly Horses. Photo by Amy Morgan.

While many students headed for home after fall final exams, Amy Morgan headed for an internship in Aubrey, Texas with Roger Daly Horses.

She broadened her experiences in sale preparation and horse training, which culminated in an auction in Oklahoma.

“We prepare horses specifically for Bobby Cox or Cox Ranch and they do a lot of quarter racing horses, and other clients,” Morgan said. “We prepare them for sale, and then we start a lot of horses under saddle for other clients. People bring their horses that have poor behaviors and we try and repair those behaviors and send them home.”

While many internships in the equine program already have relationships with industry partners, Morgan was inspired to create her own internship after a visit to Roger Daly's ranch during the spring

ranches trip with colt training instructor John Snyder.

“Just having completed the colt training class, I said ‘oh this is where I want to be, this sounds great,’”

Morgan said. “So I introduced myself to him and said ‘are you interested in having an intern? Because if you are, I want to be that intern.’”

In August she sent him her resume and schedule and she said she'd like to come down over the four to five weeks of winter break.

“I want to see everything you do, I want to know all about it. So, he did his best to put me everywhere.”

A typical day on her internship started at 7:30 a.m. She trained four 2-year-old horses, two cutters and two reiners. She lunged them in a round pen until they were tired. Then she put them on a walker.

“They learned a lot from the walker,” Morgan said. “They learn to respond to pressure from their halter, learn patience, to be polite around other horses, and they also cool down.”

Next they return to their stall where they stand tied for about an hour while she groomed them, made sure they were show sheened slicking out for the sale.

After that, she worked with her four riding horses. These included, an eight-year-old Warmblood eventer with a fear of water and things on the ground, and a four-year-old Warmblood just started under saddle that will go on to be a jumper in the next phase of training.

Then she had an hour-long lunch break before resuming with a yearling Thoroughbred who had just been started under saddle and getting him prepared for the track. Finally, she worked with an aged quarter horse that came in with bucking issues.

“He got to the point where we were working on some basic reining moves,

good stops and good turn-arounds,” Morgan said. “So that was a lot of fun for me, because it was just a new project.”

She also helped out wherever Mr. Daly needed her.

The last week of her internship, she went to the sale in Oklahoma and helped prepare the horses with final clippings and making sure they were groomed right for the sale ring.

“When I talked to him about doing the internship, he said ‘well, what would you like to do?’” Morgan said. “I want to see everything you do, I want to know all about it. So, he did his best to put me everywhere.”

“The first place to go is look and see if there’s an internship in place that does what you want to do.”

Before coming into the Equine Sciences program, Morgan came from a strong jumping background and had been riding English since she was four, but said that western riding was newer to her as well as the colt starting. Although, she had worked with green horses that had been started before.

The internship was a trial run for Morgan to see if training was what she wanted to do day-in and day-out.

“My plan is to do as many internships and

as many work-studies or volunteer work as I possibly can in as many places as I can possibly get to,” Morgan said. “Just because I really have no idea what I want to do, yet.”

In terms of other areas in equine science she’d like to try, she said was interested in pedigree histories like Robin Glenn puts together for sale catalogs as well as teaching. For other students thinking about their internship requirement she has this advice:

“The first place to go is look and see if there’s an internship in place that does what you want to do,” Morgan said. “And if there’s not, or if it’s just not going to work for you, go and find the person you want to work for. If there’s a person you want to work for and if there’s a thing you want to be good at, go and find it because it’s not coming to you. You have to go to it.”

In terms of networking with the faculty in the equine program, Morgan said it’s been incredible experience.

“They’re our connection to the world,” Morgan said. “I’ve done a lot on my own at this point, but my networking really started with the faculty here. If you kind of want to know about somebody or you hear about them and you want to find a way to talk to them but you don’t know them, the faculty is there for you, and they’re invaluable.”

AT THE TROT

Vet School Admissions: A Student Perspective

By Amanda Summers

Any student with the dream of going to vet school has heard countless pieces of advice: you must have a 4.0 GPA, get involved in *absolutely everything* on campus, and most importantly, “are you sure you want to do this? It takes a lot of work...”

I can tell you that as a pre-vet student at CSU, I have been told countless times how hard it is to get into vet school, asked why

I would want to put myself through that, and scrutinized for being willing to spend \$200,000+ on an education, most of which comments have come from veterinarians themselves. I understand how hard it is to be a student and told your dreams are out of reach, or having hypocritical comments thrown at you to make you question your career path. Well I am here to tell you that it is possible to



achieve your goals, and I have some tips for you from students who have recently been accepted to vet school!

Faye Orzech was recently admitted to Colorado State University to pursue her Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine. Faye graduated with a degree in Equine Science from CSU, and she definitely showed great determination in her admission process. Even though Faye was not admitted on her first try, she kept trying and never gave up on achieving her dream. Here are some of her tips:

Find a supportive mentor who understands the admission process and can help you build a strong application. However, take advice from as many people as you can to get diverse experiences.

Volunteer with different types of animals and get involved with clubs on campus. You never know when those experiences will come in handy or what connections you will make. Use the University to your advantage – figure out which clubs you enjoy and push yourself to take different classes and join different clubs to expand your horizons.

Wherever there is a will, there is a way!



Take chances, love what you do, and continue to have dedication until you achieve your goals.

Emily Tripp graduated last year with a biology degree from CSU and is a first year veterinary student at her dream school, Auburn University. Emily was admitted on her first try, and has some tips for helping to be admitted to your dream school:

Look into the schools where you want to apply. Make sure you know all of the admission requirements and that your classes qualify. Also, when you get the interview, knowing everything you can about the school and their programs will impress your interviewers, setting you

apart from other applicants.

Vet school is not as bad as everyone says it is (at least during your freshmen year!). Professors want you to succeed and there is time for you to have a life. Just prioritize!

It is okay to question what you are doing. Whether you bombed your first chemistry exam or got your first rejection letter from a vet school, questioning yourself means you are making an educated life decision. Weigh all of your options and know it is okay if you decide to take another path, or increase the fire of determination on your veterinary career path.

All in all, it is important to stay motivated, try your best, and even though you've heard this quote from professors before, I challenge you to find your true meaning in it: "The goal is not just getting into vet school."

As a student recently admitted to veterinary school and making some of the hardest decisions in my life, I would be happy to talk to any students looking for advice on this challenging career path! You can always reach me by email: amanda_summers10@yahoo.com.

Photo on page 2: Faye Orzech receives her acceptance into CSU's vet program in person. Photo courtesy F. Orzech. Photo at top: Emily Tripp got into Auburn's vet school. Photo courtesy E. Tripp.

CLUB CORNER

Collegiate Horsemen's Association

By Taylor Randall

The Collegiate Horsemen's Association (CHA) is gearing up for some exciting events this semester! On February 28 we will be hosting a horse handling day where members can come practice horse handling and care. Over spring break, six of our members will be attending the annual ACHA National Convention, this year hosted by Texas A&M and Sam Houston State University. Convention always includes a variety of activities from farm tours to industry events and networking.

Finally, on Sunday, March 29, CHA will be putting on our annual Spring Fling Hunter/Jumper schooling show at the equine center. This will be a great setting to practice with your horse, or to learn the ins-and-outs of running a show if you are interested in volunteering!

CHA meets every other Monday at 6:30 p.m. in Shepardson 102, and new members are welcome any time! If you are interested, just send us an email at colostateCHA@gmail.com. You can also like us, CSU Collegiate Horsemen's Association, on Facebook.

Ranch Horse Versatility

By Ashley Reisenauer

The Colorado State University Versatility Ranch Horse Team is a club consisting both riders and non-riders wishing to learn about the versatility of the working ranch horse.

We have roughly 50 members and the privilege of having four coaches to help us reach our individual and team goals with our horses. We practice twice a week for the entire school year and compete at various shows locally and travel to other shows in Nebraska, Texas, Oklahoma, and Wyoming.

This semester our team will facilitate and manage our annual spring show here at the CSU Equine Center on March 7-8. Colleges from the surrounding areas will come and compete for various prizes. In each competition there are four classes that make up a versatility show, including Ranch Riding, Trail, Reining, and Working Cow Horse. Among the different classes there are different divisions in which students ride under including novice, limited non-pro, and non-pro.

At the end of each school year we compete at the national competition where all of the colleges come and compete at. Last year this show was held in Loveland, Colo. where our team placed well and had a lot of fun. Our team has become more popular and successful and we look forward to see where we go next.

Photo above: Ranch Horse Versatility Team and coaches. Photo courtesy of Ashly Reisenauer.



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SAVE THE DATE

Equine Center Calendar of Events

February

14-15: CSU Polo Women vs. University of Wisconsin-Madison

Student ticket \$3 at the door

20-21: CSU Polo Women vs. Skidmore College

Student ticket \$3 at the door

22: CSU Rodeo Spring Open Barrel Race 1 p.m.

FREE

28-Mar. 1: CSU Polo Men vs. SMU

Student ticket \$3 at the door

March

7-8: Versatility Ranch Horse Collegiate Show

(see page 4 for more details) - FREE

14: Ranch Sorting National Championships

FREE

21: Colorado Regulators Mounted Shooting— FREE

27-28: CSU Polo JV Game

Student ticket \$3 at the door

29: Collegiate Horsemen's Association Spring Fling Schooling

Show (see page 3 for more details) - FREE

April

10-11: CSU Rodeo—Skyline Stampede

Student ticket \$5, general admission \$8, 10 & under free

13-17: CSU Polo JV Tournament

Student ticket \$3 at the door

18: Wagonhound Land and Livestock Student Competition

FREE

25: 10th Annual Legends of Ranching Performance Horse Sale

FREE

Zuma Rescue Ranch

By Jordyn DeCarlo

Zuma's Rescue Ranch is a large-scale horse rescue in Littleton, Colo. owned and operated by Jodi and Paul Messenich that routinely houses around 50- to 60-horses at a time.

The rescue is a retired AAA show facility that sits on over 50-acres. Their mission is to rescue, rehabilitate and rehome the horses that come in as well as help the at-risk youth in the community by giving both horse and child a sanctuary.

When I first drove through the gates of Zuma's Rescue Ranch, the view took my breath away in the best way. There were happy horses that were saved from a troubled past, brought to Zuma in hopes of finding a forever home. The facility included an indoor and outdoor arena, five pastures, 14 paddocks, and 26 stalls. They take pride in being able to provide the best care for their rescues that includes catering to their diets, giving them chiropractic, dental exams, veterinary care, and any other special needs that they may have.

Most recently, Zuma took on the enormous task of rescuing 23 horses that were owner surrendered. These horses came into the rescue scared, emaciated, and in need of training.

Currently, Zuma's trainer, Katie Dixon, is working on getting all of the horses evaluated, well fed, and rehomed so that the rescue can continue their mission of helping horses in need. With the help of their supporters, Zuma will continue to rescue, rehabilitate, and rehome the horses that may come across the path of these rescuers with huge hearts.



My rescue mare Spice, who came from Zuma in 2012. Photo by Charolote Selke.

FROM THE ARENA

Equine Logo Gear Available at ERTC

By Mary Misgen

Everyone knows the CSU bookstore located in Lory Student Center full of clothing items to help show our school pride.

If you haven't yet don't forget to check out the clothing items located in the Equine Center offices at the Equine Teaching and Research Center on Overland.

We've got tons of items from every price range, size, styles and colors. Whether you might be looking for a last few items to keep you warm before summer or wanting to get a jump start with the warm weather you don't need to look any further.

The office carries unique items just for the Equine Sciences program from ¾ zips, hoodies, baseball caps, t-shirts, vests, long sleeves and much more. Also available are a collection of mugs, stickers for your car

as well as ones for your computer or other school items.

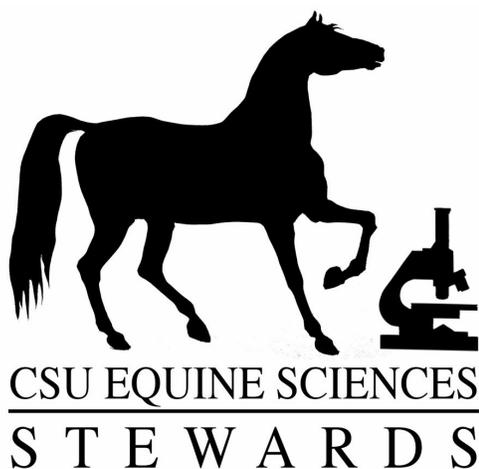
Stop on by Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m. and ask the front desk for a peek at the items. Happy shopping!



Equine Sciences Stewards Accepting Applications

By Dixie Crowe

Have you wondered what your Equine Sciences Stewards are doing? We're promoting the program at events, giving tours of the equine center to prospective students, mentoring incoming freshmen and transfer students, interacting with our faculty, meeting industry leaders, improving leadership skills, acquiring professional development, and preparing for our careers.



Do you want to be a part of Equine Sciences Stewards?

Every spring, applications for ESS are accepted through March 14. The program is competitive and is limited to 25 students. To be considered for admittance, students must submit **both** a current resume and a complete application by March 14th. Applications will be reviewed by Equine Sciences faculty and endorsement of your application must be granted by at least one faculty member. Those not accepted may be considered the following year.

You must be sophomore, junior or senior status upon entering program (i.e. can apply for the program during second semester freshman year for admittance as a sophomore). You must maintain a minimum of a 3.0 GPA, professionally represent CSU Equine Sciences at all times, attend at least 90% of formal meetings, and maintain a current resume with program director.

The application form and all the details are available online at www.csuess.com. If you want to ask a current steward for more information about the program, please feel free talk to any of us.



From L to R : Dixie Crowe, Jordyn DeCarlo, Rachel Grasso, Ian Kersch, Stephay Lunn.



From L to R: Jillian Magie, Taylor Randall, Ashley Reisenauer, Charlotte Selke, Amanda Summers..

"A horse is a projection of people's dreams about themselves-strong, powerful, and beautiful- and it has the capability of giving us an escape from our mundane existence."

-Pam Brown