

# PENN VET VISITOR NEWSLETTER

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Penn Vet’s visitor newsletter keeps you abreast of CE opportunities in the coming months, and introduces you to the members of the team. Whether you are looking to keep your knowledge up to date, develop new skills, or explore fresh areas of veterinary medicine, Penn Vet can help. The visitor program is on hold temporarily, but look out for events over the coming months which you can join from the safety and comfort of home. We hope to welcome you here again in the latter part of 2021.



## From the Chair



As we enter 2021 with a mixture of eager anticipation and – let’s be honest – just a little trepidation, I wanted to extend to you all my very best wishes for the New Year.

The challenges imposed on us all by COVID-19 and other stressors cannot be ignored and have undoubtedly taken their toll, yet as a community we have shown resilience, fortitude, and ingenuity as we have pivoted to new ways of seeing patients, a frenetic caseload, and an increasingly virtual learning environment almost overnight.

Our Continuing Education (CE) Program is no exception, rising to the challenge with aplomb, with huge credit to the staff and faculty who have contributed to sessions over the past 10 months. We have embraced your feedback and are putting together a vibrant program for 2021 that blends an online experience – live and on-demand – with in-person events later in the year. Moreover, we are adapting our program to a bite-size, modular format to fit in with your increasingly busy lifestyles.

I hope that you find this latest issue of our Visitor Newsletter both informative and engaging, and extend my heartfelt thanks for your support and collegiality. As always, we welcome your feedback and comments, which help us to improve our offerings.

With my warmest wishes for 2021,

*Oliver*

## Faculty Spotlight

### Brian Sutherland, DVM, DACVS

Penn Vet’s new Assistant Professor of Surgery is well placed to give a seminar on Heart Surgery: he studied veterinary medicine at North Carolina State, did a residency at University of Wisconsin-Madison, and obtained a fellowship in cardiac surgery at Colorado State University. His specialties are: minimally invasive and thoracic surgery, and degenerative and congenital heart disease.



When he's not in surgery, this former gymnast may be sighted mountain biking, rock climbing, and flying!

## Continuing Education Opportunities

*Join us online:*

- **Heart Surgery in Veterinary Medicine Past, Present, and Future** Seminar with Dr. Brian Sutherland  
Wednesday, January 20, 6:00PM–7:00 PM ET  
(1.5 CE Credits, Complimentary)
- **Advanced Urinary Care** Penn Vet Faculty  
Thursday, February 18, 6:00PM–7:00PM ET  
(1.5 CE Credits, Complimentary)

Seminars are fresh and diverse, delivered by highly skilled and experienced practitioners and educators. If there's a topic you would like to see covered, please let us know. For more information or to register for a session please email us at [docsam@vet.upenn.edu](mailto:docsam@vet.upenn.edu).

*Please note: we shall also be recording these sessions, and making them available to view on demand later.*

## A Day at the Zoo



Dr. Holt, who leads Penn Vet’s Ophthalmology team, spent a day at the Zoo in December, examining exotic species: a penguin with blepharitis, a gecko with a cataract, and Pete the meerkat (pictured) with a third eyelid problem. Once the visitor program is underway again, if you're planning to join us to observe the specialists at work, don't forget to allow yourself some time off to see the sights of the lovely city of Philadelphia. Perhaps you'll visit Pete and his friends at the [Philadelphia Zoo](#).



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