CONGRATULATIONS, Dr Brigitte Brisson, on the new addition in your family! Eloise (Ella) Grace was born April 16th at 12:05 pm. Exactly 3 weeks early! Sister Julia is so happy, and all are doing great.

WELCOME TO OUR LOCUMS:
- Dr Tamara MacDonald will be back in Small Animal Surgery starting April 9th.
- Dr James Schachtel, Dr Sheila Etue and Dr Cyrielle Finck will be working in Diagnostic Imaging in April.
- Dr David Vail will be working in Oncology in late April.

1. Our next DEPARTMENTAL FACULTY MEETING is scheduled for April 20, 2018 at 8:30-9:30 am in Room 2106 ANCC Bldg 49, CS Lounge. Calendar invitations have been sent.

2. TEACHING INSTRUCTOR EVALUATIONS Faculty are encouraged to remind students to complete their evaluations for this academic year. All remaining Phase 1-3 Clinical Studies CEVAL surveys are now available to students and will remain open until the day before each final exam. Phase 4 evaluations are available from the Phase 4 Handbook, through Courselink, at each of the drop boxes (Rms 1502 & 1220) or by request from Linda Wing at ovcsas.clin@uoguelph.ca. Phase 4 evaluations for F17 & W18 will be accepted up to April 27, 2018.

3. GRAND ROUNDS! FINALE this season will be held from 8:30 – 9:30 am on April 18, 2018 in Rm 2106 ANCC Bldg 49, CS Lounge (NOT 1714 as was announced).

   Dr. Dorothee Bienzle
   “Optimizing Sample Submission to Clinical Pathology Laboratory”

   Recommended attendance for all clinicians

4. KITCHEN & WASHROOM RENOVATIONS UPDATE The renovations in the washrooms on the 2nd floor and the kitchen, Rm 2139 ANCC Bldg 49, are now complete. An additional fridge and microwave have been added. Enjoy our new space!
5. **GRADUATE COURSE OFFERINGS FOR F18** Graduate course offerings for F18 are due in Linda Wing’s office by **April 30, 2018**. Details on the attached form with a course outline are required. Please remember to include your course outline with your request.

6. **SEARCH COMMITTEES UPDATES - Ongoing Searches**
   - Ophthalmology Assistant/Associate Professor – in progress
   - Small Animal Surgery 3 yr CL Assistant Professor – in progress
   - Diagnostic Imaging Tenure Track Assistant or Associate Professor – in progress
   - Emergency & Critical Care 1 yr CL Assistant Professor – in progress
   - Canine & Feline Nutrition 1 yr CL Assistant Professor – in progress
   - Radiation Oncology 3 yr CL Assistant Professor – posted, open for applications
   - Medical Oncology Tenure Track Assistant or Associate Professor – in progress
   - Cardiology Tenure Track Assistant or Associate Professor – in progress

7. **GRADUATE STUDENT MEETING** Bruno Mancini will be held on **April 25, 2018** in Rm 1714 LLC from 12:00 – 1:00 pm. Please send an RSVP to csgrad@uoguelph.ca as the Department will be ordering pizza for the meeting and we need an approximate head count. Please let me know if you would like vegan or gluten free pizza. Ariah Easley

8. **UPCOMING DEADLINES, EVENTS & SEMINARS**

   8a. **Intercultural Competencies Workshop** As the University invests further to enable growth in our International graduate student complement, it is important that we also invest further in resources for our international students and the faculty and staff that teach, advise and support them. To that end, I am pleased to be able to draw your attention to an intercultural competencies workshop scheduled for 10:00 - 12:00, **April 25, 2018**, hosted by Dr. Lynne Mitchell. As the workshop entails, in part, an assessment of a survey that you, the workshop attendees, complete in advance, we ask that you register by midnight on **April 16, 2018**. For information and to register, see [http://reg.opened.uoguelph.ca/?event_id=2541](http://reg.opened.uoguelph.ca/?event_id=2541) (or the below). For those interested in the academic basis of the Intercultural Development Inventory survey, please see the attached article.


   **Renewing:** You do not need to contact Parking Services. Your permit will be automatically processed and distributed to you by your Admin.

   **Cancelling:** If you **DO NOT** wish to re-register for payroll deduction, please email questions@parking.uoguelph.ca no later than **April 23, 2018**. Please email questions@parking.uoguelph.ca to update your account if your vehicle information or address has changed.

   For more information please check out the Parking website: [www.parking.uoguelph.ca](http://www.parking.uoguelph.ca)
10. **DVM DEFERRED EXAM PERIOD** in May 2018 is when OVC conduct exams for students that missed the originally scheduled exam(s) for medical and compassionate reasons. In addition, students that have not met the course requirements based on their performance on the April exams will also be scheduled to re-write those specific exams. The dates in May for these deferred exams for Phases 1 - 3 will be between May 14 and 25, 2018 and the Phase 4 re-writes will be held on Wednesday, May 9, 2018.

Phase 3 students cannot start their Externships or 4th year rotations until all Phase 3 course requirements are completed and Phase 4 students are not eligible to graduate until all course components have been successfully completed.

Every year, there will be a small proportion of each class that will be required to write one or more exams in the deferred examination period. Unexpected things happen; therefore no one knows for certain that they will all be finished at the end of April. As such, students have been advised to not make any travel plans that cannot be undone in case they are required to write an exam in May.

11. **Alan H. Meek Prize for Leadership Convocation Award** Faculty are invited to vote for a student in the graduating DVM class for the Alan H. Meek Prize for Leadership. The Terms & Conditions of the award are:

“Chosen by OVC faculty by a vote as the graduating student having best demonstrated the quality of leadership during the four years of the DVM program, and that is expected to be a leader throughout his or her professional career. Nominations will be solicited from all OVC faculty and the three students gaining the most nominations will be voted on by all faculty members. The three final nominees must have achieved a program average of at least 80%. In the event of a tie vote, the student with the highest program average will receive the award.” Please vote by May 1, 2018 through the link.

https://uoguelph.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8uFC2A2p5Uk2Mkt

12. **11th Annual Institute for Comparative Cancer Investigation Symposium** Registration is now open! This all-day event will be held on Wednesday May 30, 2018 at OVC and is free to attend, though registration is mandatory. The registration deadline is Friday May 18th. Space is limited and registration could fill up before the deadline, so register soon! The deadline for poster abstract submission is Monday April 30th. We especially encourage trainees to consider submitting their research findings. A limited number of abstracts may be selected for short presentations.

Symposium details, and forms for registration and abstract submission are on the website: http://ovc.uoguelph.ca/icci/2018-symposium

13. **Wellness@Work** details are now linked through the Heath & Safety Forms & Links tab on the CS Website. Check the website for updates.

14. **Funding Opportunities, Scholarships & Awards** Check the CS website often as the website is updated frequently and includes April & May deadlines!
15. **The Campbell Centre for the Study of Animal Welfare: The 11th Annual Animal Welfare Research Symposium** Wednesday, May 9, from 9am-5pm in Room 1800 Pathobiology/AHL, OVC. Everyone is welcome! [Poster]

16. **Volunteer Pets for New Microchip Technology Needed!**

A regional entrepreneur is trying hard to disrupt the current microchip marketplace with some revolutionary technology that will allow lost pets to find their way home as fast as possible using technology built into most modern smartphones. The new chips use nearfield radio frequency identification (the same technology that allows tap payments) to allow smartphones to read information on the chip and activate a web browser to bring up the lost pet’s owner information and allow the finder to text, dial, or email the owner directly with no need for a scanner or a trip to a vet or a shelter.

We are looking for pet volunteers who want to help us to test the technology in live animals. Unfortunately the technology is not backwards compatible, so all pets, even if they currently have a microchip are eligible. If you have questions, please don’t hesitate to contact either of us. If your pets might be interested in helping this worthy venture then please reach out to me or to the owner of MyPetCode Scott Jutras (scott@mypetcode.ca; 905-327-9955) and we will schedule an appointment for you. If you have a pet that is willing to be volunteered, then please contact Scott to book an appointment. All participants will be granted free lifetime SmartChip services for participating.

We sincerely value your participation in this project, and I hope you are willing to help us bring this new technology to the marketplace. Shane Bateman