

(February 2, 2010 Stillwater, OK) – The Oklahoma State University Center for Veterinary Health Sciences recently received a generous donation of two microscopes from Alcon Laboratories, Inc. The donation of two Prescott OSM 99 Model operating microscopes comes during a challenging budgetary climate that makes buying equipment like this impossible for the center’s Boren Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital.

“We cannot thank Alcon enough,” smiles Dr. Mark Neer, director of the veterinary hospital. “Each of these surgical microscopes is equipped with OmniPen heads, viewing screens for teaching, and Pinnacle recording devices for video capture. These two scopes will significantly enhance the teaching capabilities of our faculty in zoo, exotic, wildlife, and ophthalmology services.”

According to Neer, these scopes will be used to assist with performing surgery on some of the very small exotic and wildlife patients that the ZEW (zoo, exotic, wildlife) service cares for each day and for use during ophthalmic surgeries, which require a magnifying operating scope for viewing and treating the very delicate eye structures.

A leader in eye care, Alcon Laboratories strives to help patients see better, which includes providing clinicians with useful diagnostic tools whether the patient is human or animal. Headquartered in Fort Worth, Texas, Alcon is pleased to further any endeavor that accomplishes these objectives.

OSU’s Center for Veterinary Health Sciences was one of two veterinary colleges to receive microscopes from Alcon. In addition, two medical schools, two zoos, and several overseas missions received scopes.

The Oklahoma State University Center for Veterinary Health Sciences is one of 28 veterinary colleges in the United States and is fully accredited by the Council on Education of the American Veterinary Medical Association. The center’s Boren Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital is open to the public and provides routine and specialized care for small and large animals. It also offers 24-hour emergency care and is certified by the American Animal Hospital Association. For more information, visit www.cvhs.okstate.edu or call (405) 744-7000.

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