(April 10, 2009 Stillwater, OK) – Oklahoma State University's Center for Veterinary Health Sciences opened its doors to approximately 700 visitors on Saturday, April 4, 2009, during its annual Open House.

Students, staff and faculty created displays about veterinary student organizations, the Oklahoma Veterinary Medical Association, toxicology, parasitology, equine healthcare, food animal medicine, small animal healthcare, exotic animals, anatomy, necropsy and more. Guided tours of the OSU Boren Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital were provided throughout the day along with several short lectures on key topics.

Open House 2009 Photo Gallery

Guests were also treated to a dog agility demonstration, face painting, a K-9 unit demonstration, goats, miniature horses, draft horses, a cat show and a dog show. Teddy Bear Surgery was a big hit where 37 younger visitors gowned up and assisted in "surgery" to repair their own stuffed animal or one provided by the veterinary students.

The veterinary center's Open House was organized by a committee of students led by advisor Dr. Katrina Meinkoth, Recruitment Manager: Brad Youngblood (2010), Chairman; with Ashley Sewell (2010), Technical; Leslie Lovett (2010), Tours; and Alicia Davis (2011), Entertainment. Many other students, staff and faculty members were on hand to ensure that the visit to OSU's Center for Veterinary Health Sciences was a memorable one for all.

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 Medial 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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