(June 25, 2009 Stillwater, OK) – Each year Oklahoma State University (OSU) invites OSU legacies, ages 7 to 14, and their grandparents to campus for a learning experience called Grandparent University. One of 13 majors offered, OSU's Center for Veterinary Health Sciences welcomed 18 grandchildren and 17 grandparents on June 18 and 19, 2009. Among those guests were the grandchildren of alumni Drs. John Kirkpatrick ('65), Harold Miller ('60), and D. C. Smith ('70) and the daughters of Dr. Craig Jones ('89).

Participants visited the Boren Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital to learn basic health care in small animals from Drs. Jill Brunker, Cornelia Ketz-Riley and Carolynn MacAllister assisted by technicians Patti Anderson, Natalie Clawson, and Lisa Gallery and senior veterinary student Ben Spall. Grandchildren also had an opportunity to "gown up" and assist 4th year veterinary students in Teddy Bear Surgery where they surgically repaired torn stuffed animals.

The second day attendees visited McElroy Hall to learn about anatomy, parasitology and microbiology.

In the parasitology lab, participants heard from Drs. Holly Evers, Steph Heise, and Susan Little as they discussed parasites and germs that can affect people as well as their animals.

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