

(September 7, 2011 Stillwater, OK) – Novartis, charter founding partner of the National Center for Veterinary Parasitology was recently recognized during a reception hosted by Oklahoma State University's Center for Veterinary Health Sciences in conjunction with the 2011 American Veterinary Medical Association's annual convention.

Pictured below is Dr. Jason Drake, Director of Professional Services with Novartis Animal Health US, Inc. (far right) with Dr. Michael Lorenz, former dean of Oklahoma State University's Center for Veterinary Health Sciences, and Dr. Lindsay Starkey. Starkey is a Resident in Veterinary Parasitology and is studying at the NCVP lab housed at the veterinary center in Stillwater. She is one of two residents in the NCVP's program.



The NCVP's mission is to further the many advances made in controlling parasitic diseases of animals. Using integrated programs of applied graduate and residency training, targeted current research initiatives and a diagnostic and consulting service, the NCVP serves the veterinary profession worldwide.

Other NCVP partners include Bayer, Merial and the Kirkpatrick Foundation. Susan Little, DVM, Ph.D., Dipl. ECVF, directs the NCVP. She is a professor and the Krull-Ewing Endowed Chair in Veterinary Parasitology at OSU's veterinary center.

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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