(October 13, 2011 Stillwater, OK) – Two veterinarians at Oklahoma State University's Center for Veterinary Health Sciences are now offering a new service to veterinary patients. Drs. Jill Brunker and Drew Hanzlicek have completed training and can now place tracheal and urethral stents in patients who can benefit from this procedure.

"For clients owning dogs that are suffering from bladder cancer or cancer of the urethra, a stent may be a viable option for their pets," explains Brunker. "If a dog can't urinate because of an obstruction, a stent might be the way to go. We can also place tracheal stents in dogs suffering from a collapsed trachea. Sometimes in smaller dogs, the cartilage is soft and often collapses making breathing difficult."

Brunker and Hanzlicek invite referring veterinarians to contact them at (405) 744-7000 to discuss client patients that might be a candidate for this new service.

Brunker and Hanzlicek are assistant professors in small animal internal medicine at the veterinary center's Boren Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital located on the Stillwater campus. Both are Diplomates in the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine, Specialty of Internal Medicine. Brunker earned her DVM degree at Oklahoma State while Hanzlicek earned his at Kansas State University.

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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