July 30, 2012 Stillwater, OK – Michael J. Schoonover, DVM, MS, DACVS, of Lexington, Okla., joined the Boren Veterinary Medical Hospital at OSU's Center for Veterinary Health Sciences today as an assistant professor of equine surgery.

Michael Schoonover, DVM, MS, Dipl. ACVS, assistant professor of Equine Surgery, Oklahoma State University Center for Veterinary Health Sciences

Dr. Schoonover is no stranger to OSU Cowboy country. He earned his DVM degree from OSU in 2000. He completed a one year internship in Equine Field Services at Ohio State University

before returning to OSU to complete a three year residency in equine surgery while earning his MS degree in Veterinary Biomedical Sciences. In 2007, Schoonover became a diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Surgeons, Large Animal Specialty.

“Dr. Schoonover brings a tremendous amount of expertise and first-hand experience to our program that will benefit our current clients and will attract new clients. Mike is a great addition to our program and will be a boon for our veterinary students,” says Dr. Reed Holyoak, interim head of the Department of Veterinary Clinical Sciences. “We look forward to once again having Dr. Schoonover here working with us as we build our program and the equine industry in Oklahoma and surrounding region.”

Before joining OSU, Schoonover was an equine surgeon/associate veterinarian for Interstate Equine Services, Inc., in Goldsby, Okla. While there, he supervised an internship/externship program directing the selection, instruction and mentoring of veterinary students and first year veterinarians. His research interests focus on equine sports medicine, quantities lameness evaluation modalities, and regenerative medicine. Schoonover was the 2008 Oklahoma Veterinary Medical Association’s Equine Practitioner of the Year and has often provided guest lectures at OSU.

The Oklahoma State University Center for Veterinary Health Sciences is the only veterinary college in Oklahoma. One of 28 veterinary colleges in the United States, it 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.