(August 17, 2012 Stillwater, OK) – The class of 2016 at Oklahoma State University's Center for Veterinary Health Sciences spent two days in the university's Colvin Annex participating in a new orientation program. Cowboy VET (Veterinary Education and Team building) is a program designed to focus on leadership, self-awareness, and communications concepts giving students the tools to be successful veterinary students building towards strong future veterinary colleagues.

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"Cowboy VET is fashioned after the VLE (Veterinary Leadership Experience) program, which has been very successful at Washington State University," says Katrina Meinkoth, DVM and manager of recruitment at OSU's veterinary center. "We have 18 faculty members and current students who were trained so they could help facilitate the new orientation program. The combination of group activities and presentations has been very well received by the incoming class."

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