Working together to meet global challenges in veterinary parasitology

In the last several years, veterinary parasitology training has declined. The National Center for Veterinary Parasitology is one of its kind and is housed at OSU's Center for Veterinary Health Sciences. It was established to:

- cultivate future generations of veterinary parasitologists
- advance our knowledge of veterinary parasitology
- provide diagnostic support and science based consulting to practicing veterinarians and industry partners
- help ensure continued advancement in protecting and caring for companion animals and livestock with industry partners
- provide applied graduate and residency training to increase the number of trained veterinary parasitologists available to serve the veterinary profession worldwide.

The Opportunity

The laboratory upgrade is complete and the hope is to have the first graduate student begin his/her studies in the fall of 2010. The veterinary center has a long history of having one of the best veterinary parasitology programs in the nation. Supporting this center allows OSU to continue this legacy and more important to bolster the field of veterinary parasitologists to protect animals and humans from parasitic diseases.

The Investment

Founding partner - $225,000 (payable over 2 years)
Equipment - $265,000
Faculty and staff – range from $232,500 to $42,000
Student trainees – range from $104,000 to $20,000
Advisory Board meetings - $58,500 (payable over 2 years)

Get Involved

Support the National Center for Veterinary Parasitology. Help ensure that trained veterinary parasitologists are available to actively research diseases and prevention methods.

"Today, practicing veterinarians are interested in parasitic diseases and are well-informed about parasites. At the same time, programmatic focus on the discipline of parasitology has diminished. This center will meet national training, diagnostic, consulting and research needs in veterinary parasitology using a balanced, science-based approach. One which prepares future

leaders in the field to successful meet challenges in veterinary parasitology. The benefits both nationally and internationally will be many fold.”