



CENTER FOR VETERINARY HEALTH SCIENCES Friday Bit for Alumni and Friends

BALANCING ACT »

Balance is a topic we're all-together too familiar with in the veterinary profession.

Most the time, the work/life balance is elusive and can be overwhelming in itself. Relief may be as simplistic as the inclusion of some daily whimsy. Whimsy is subjective, so whatever you craft for balance, the outcome should produce a sensation of healthy contentment and well-being.

For some feel-good **Friday** random-animal-fact-fun, here's what I offer.

You probably know....

An **Octopus** has three hearts. Good thing they don't wear one on each arm!

An **Owl** has three eyelids (trippy). A group of these creatures is called a parliament.

Bees never sleep. Oh, the sweetness!

Sea Otters hold hands in their sleep so they don't float away from each other. Awww.

Penguins laugh when tickled. They can't fly but can jump 6.5' out of H₂O. That's getting some air.

Deer have no gallbladders. Is that why they're twitchy?

Bats are the only mammals that fly. Pollinators and bug population control extraordinaire, with the exception of a few blood-suckers.

A group of **Ravens** is called a conspiracy. Not a murder of crows.

Sea Horses are the slowest of all fish in the world. They have no teeth, no stomach but travel in pairs, holding tails. Precious beings.

A bunch of **Seals** is called a harem. I just can't see it, but no comment.

And for you fellow entomologists, the oldest living group of chewing, herbivorous insects dating back about 250M years - the **Grasshopper** - has five eyes! (Hey, bugs have relationships too. They need those squints to make it another million.)

Finally, the **Giant Panda** has black skin under the black fur and pink under the white. Symbols of peace in ancient China, they are endangered. **This. Must. Change.**

Isn't the world of beasts fantastical! No wonder we are curious about alien life and are part of the best profession on this world.

OSU ALUMNI COMING HOME »

Herald Your Fame at the **Sea of Orange Parade**, beginning at 9:00 a.m., October 14. Join the **1953 Museum on Wheels** piloted by **Robert Bahr, DVM ('70)** leading the **6th Annual Scottie Brigade**, faculty, students, staff and friends. CVHS welcomes **Pete's Pet Posse** again this year.



All animals/breeds are welcome on a leash or halter and must be current on vaccinations.

Parade Staging Location:

The CVHS entry is #40 staging at 11th & Main Streets. **ARRIVE** at the staging point no later than 8:00 a.m. Exit the parade route via Bradford Plaza (to the right.)

Important Safety Notes:

- It is imperative not to have large gaps in the parade. Maintain a car length between each entry.
- Horses must be 2-3 abreast on the street.
- Absolutely no candy throwing is allowed or entries will be removed. Please only pass pet treats from hand to hand.

Questions? Contact me at 405-612-5359 or reply to this email.

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