



## CENTER FOR VETERINARY HEALTH SCIENCES **Friday Bit for Alumni and Friends**

### **THE SORTING HAT HAS SPOKEN »**

As part of the wellness initiative for CVHS we've had some fun launching a House System, a parody of the wizarding world of Harry Potter. Students, faculty and staff were sorted to houses based on individual characteristics. The houses are identified as **Krull, Ewing, Iben and Camuti**. Each individual house has its own signature demon or other entity.

**So this happened.** I sorted to the cat house. Mmm...k.

You guessed it, House Camuti's sigil is feline. House characteristics are based on Dr. Louis Camuti, famously known as the "cat doctor" because he dedicated his practice solely to feline medicine. Apparently this was a foreign practice back-in-the-day. **Kaitlyn Belanger (2018)** is our house Vetter and has done a purrrfect job welcoming us rodent stalkers.

**"Healing with Heart"** is our house motto and the bobcat sigil is defined as a symbol of intelligence, solitude, strategy and patience. Brilliant strategists are associated with House Camuti. Duh!

What's more? The Camuti house color is (what else?), **orange**. A mixture of warm colors associated with happiness and energy, the color orange promotes compassion, creativity, success, and fascination.

That pretty much sums up the best house! I mean, in comparison to demon parasites and wildlings, right? Now, there may be some backlash about that statement.

Fine. The *Felis catus* peeps are above all, carnivorous mammals.



**We. Hunt. Vermin.**

### **MISSION IMPORTANT »**

Our newest alumni were charged with a mission this week as they prepare to depart the iconic halls of the veterinary campus. The charge, as conferred by the CVHS Alumni Society, is one of action.

**"The Society fosters cooperation and communication among all alumni of the CVHS through promotional activities advancing the educational aims of the center to foster student enrollment and retention, establish scholarships, strengthen relationships and enhance professional opportunities for graduates."**

**Active participation means investment.**

There is so much you can do to restore a thriving habitat for the future of veterinary education in Oklahoma. Get out there and speak to your administrators and representatives about the importance of the veterinary profession to economic drivers in the state. **You can make a difference. What's needed is a commitment to making your school stronger than ever.** I call it stewardship - a right and a responsibility.

**This is your symbol.**



The aesculapius represents an ancient hero of medicine. Today, we embrace it as the symbol of all-inclusive, interdisciplinary collaboration of human and animal wellness. **The One Health Initiative.**

Let's be champions for wellness with every decision we make, whether it is investing to grow programs, research, mental fitness, student advancement, to reduce and reclaim resources, visioning fresh ways to infuse revenue.... all of these steps if done collectively, can save untold millions of lives in our present and future generations.

**We recognize the problems. Let's ACCEPT the mission that is so essential to our future.**

## **NEXT WEEK - OPEN HOUSE »**

It's all about into-the-wild at **Open House, Saturday, April 7, 9- 4 pm** on the veterinary campus. Amazing demonstrations, outdoor events and activities raise awareness to the public for CVHS services. A silent auction increases funding for the **Avian, Exotic & Zoo Medicine** clinical care service at the Veterinary Medical Hospital where we treat over 500 wildlife cases annually. Check it out [here](#) We have some outstanding auction items for bid to benefit the AEZ service in our clinic. Stop in to shop contributions such as **Gameday Ironworks** branded yard signs and other fine items contributed by our good friend, **Vicki Palmer**.

**FRIDAY.** You are gone like yesterday. We are meowt of here.

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