

Class of 2026

House System



We're not quite Hogwarts, but the Oklahoma State University College of Veterinary Medicine (CVM) has a little something in common with the world of Harry Potter. Popular in the United Kingdom, the house system is used by schools in the United States, including medical schools and other veterinary schools, to promote wellness and relationships. The OSU CVM house system aims to **promote wellness, camaraderie, mental and emotional health while building and establishing relationships.**

All veterinary students are sorted into 1 of 4 houses. In addition to 1st year veterinary students, faculty, interns, residents, graduate students and staff join houses as well, allowing students to connect with other members of the CVM family early in their education!

The four houses were named after individuals who shaped the trajectory of veterinary medicine through innovative theory and demonstrated passion and dedication to the profession as a whole. The OSU CVM Houses (Krull, Ewing, Iben, and Camuti) were chosen and created by current OSU veterinary students. Each house has its own crest with an animal and motto endorsing a concept that exemplifies the individual for which the house is named. Additionally, these animals and mottos represent important characteristics for success in the veterinary profession.

During orientation, you will find out which house you have been sorted into! The House System is a great way to meet people within the CVM family. Once sorted into a house, you will receive specific information about your house and be added to the member list so that you can receive information on events and activities being organized by your house.

Dr. Louis Camuti

DVM from New York University's Veterinary College

House Motto

Healing with Heart best describes Dr. Camuti's contribution to veterinary medicine, as he prowled the streets of New York City providing healthcare to cats, and peace of mind to their occasionally demanding – but always grateful – owners.

House Animal

Bobcats symbolize intelligence, solitude, strategy and patience.

House Color

Orange, the blend of red and yellow, is a mixture of the energy associated with red and the happiness associated with yellow. The color orange promotes compassion, creativity, success, and fascination.

Dr. Sidney Ewing

DVM from University of Georgia

House Motto

While famous for his contributions to the field of veterinary parasitology, service to others best describes Dr. Ewing as he was known for his gentle spirit, mentorship, and devotion to family and friends.

House Animal

Wolves symbolize guardianship and loyalty. Their commitment and love of family is humbling, communication skills elegant, and their extreme intelligence is awe inspiring.

House Color

Purple combines the calm stability of blue and the fierce energy of red. Representing ambition, creativity, wisdom, dignity, devotion, peace, and pride.

Dr. June Iben

DVM from Oklahoma State University College of Veterinary Medicine

House Motto

Fly without borders best describes her journey in veterinary medicine, as she defied the norm and paved the way for many future female veterinarians.

House Animal

Scissortail flycatcher's long tail proves useful as they expertly catch insects on the wing with sharp midair twists and turns. Birds in general represent peace and freedom.

House Color

Blue is often associated with depth and stability and symbolizes trust, responsibility, wisdom, and confidence. Blue is sincere, reserved, hates confrontation, and likes to do things in its own way.

Dr. Wendell Krull

DVM from Colorado State University

House Motto

Determination for discovery exemplifies Dr. Krull's passion for nature and gift for observing the natural world.

House Animal

Bison portray manifestation, gentleness, and moderation. The olfactory sense of the Bison is excellent and is essential in detecting danger.

House Color

Green, known as the color of renewal, nature, and energy, is associated with growth. Being soothing, relaxing, and youthful, green is often a color that helps alleviate anxiety and nervousness.