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One Health Club

The One Health Club takes a cross-disciplinary approach to public health issues by providing a forum for students and faculty from different programs to discuss related topics.

"You can't do 'one health' with just one discipline," says Vanessa Choy, a third-year DVM student who co-founded the club with Ashley Spencer, second-year DVM, and Vi Nguyen, who is in her second year of a master's program in epidemiology. "You need different perspectives – different angles."

Pathobiology professor Bruce Hunter, DVM '73, provided seed funding. He is also a member of the Centre for Public Health and Zoonoses. To learn more, contact ohc@uoguelph.ca.



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The long and short of it: Bill MacGilvray's Clydesdale and Katherine Wilcox's miniature pony were among the breeds that took part in the opening ceremonies at the inaugural Equi-Challenge, a fundraising event for OVC's planned Equine Sports Medicine and Reproduction Centre. For more coverage, see pages 6 and 7.

Vets offer unique focus to public health program

IT'S NOT WHERE YOU'D expect to find a veterinarian: helping to investigate an outbreak of Group A *Streptococcus* infections at a nursing home. Yet that's how Cathy (Moyer) Bauman, DVM '93, spent last summer during a practicum with the Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health Unit.

To Bauman, it makes perfect sense. "We're taught at OVC to take a wider perspective when it comes to health," she says. Last year, she became one of nine students in the first year of OVC's new master of public health (MPH) program. The program requires full-time students to take two semesters of lectures, a practicum and two final semesters in the classroom.

"The training in those first two

semesters really prepared me well for the practicum," adds Bauman. "It was exceptional, and the other students and I are so passionate about this that we just soak everything up."

Program co-ordinator Prof. Andrew Papadopoulos says 22 Canadian universities offer an MPH, but OVC's focus is unique. "This is a true public health program, but it takes many of its strengths from the veterinary school and our epidemiology expertise."

Students from many backgrounds are attracted to the program, including some with considerable work experience. One student is a dentist. Others have undergrad degrees in psychology, political science, biomedical science and other fields.

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