INSTRUCTOR: John W. Allen, DVM
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OFFICE HOURS: by appointment only
CLASS TIME: classes will be held at the TAMU-C equine center
lecture: 1:00 - 1:50
lab: 2:00 - 4:30!
TEXTS: There are no required textbooks. The instructor may assign readings from various sources.

DESCRIPTION: Topics include anatomy, hoof care, principles of horse restraint, equine dental techniques, administration of medication, principles of vaccination and preventive medicine, parasitology, handling and management of the newborn foal, principles of reproduction including collecting semen for artificial insemination and pregnancy diagnosis in mares, bandaging techniques, and other veterinary medical techniques.

GOALS: The class is designed to teach students some of the basic veterinary techniques that are employed to care for the health of their own horse or perhaps to prepare the student for further study to become a registered veterinary technician. To meet this goal, each student will receive hands-on instruction with live horse interaction and will demonstrate such techniques and have the following student learning outcomes: physical exam, administration of medications, bandaging, caring for the neonate, collecting semen from stallions, artificial insemination, hoof care, and some basic laboratory techniques such as fecal analysis for parasite diagnosis and basic hematology.

ATTENDANCE: Attendance is mandatory and roll will be called at random for lecture. Attendance will be recorded for each lab. Repeated unexcused absences or disruptive behavior such as talking during lecture or repeated tardiness will affect grades as follows. One letter grade reduction for every two unexcused absences. One letter grade reduction for every third tardy. One letter grade reduction for every second disruption. Good attendance and behavior will be rewarded via attendance/participation extra credit. Note that Labs have similar attendance and courtesy policies. An F in lab will automatically result in an F for the class.

EXAMS: There will be 2 major exams and a final exam.

GRADING:
Attendance/Class Participation & Progress 600 points
Demonstration of Techniques 100 points
Article 50 points
Exam 1 75 points
Exam 2 75 points
Final 100 points
Total 1000 points

To receive the following grades, you will need the following amount of points:
A = 900 – 1000 points
B = 800-899 points
C = 700-799 points
D = 600-699 points
F = 0-599 points

PLAGIARISM:
Plagiarism is not tolerated. If it is found that you have committed plagiarism, you will be dropped from the class. The WPA defines plagiarism as 'occur[ing] in an instructional setting when a writer *deliberately* uses someone else’s language, ideas, or other original (not common-knowledge) material without acknowledging its source.'

DISABILITIES:

**Students with Disabilities:**
The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact:

**Office of Student Disability Resources and Services**
Texas A&M University-Commerce
Gee Library, Room 132
Phone (903) 886-5150 or (903) 886-5835
Fax (903) 468-8148
StudentDisabilityServices@tamuc.edu

STUDENT BEHAVIOR:
“All students enrolled at the university shall follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment.” (See Student’s Guide Handbook, Policies and Procedures, Conduct)