

Letter from Department Head:



To all of you interested in equine health,

As the current head of the Department of Clinical Sciences, one of my principal goals is to grow the equine health program in order to service horses and their owners throughout the state. We have several important missions, including research, teaching, and clinical service. We provide service for horses in need of advanced medical and surgical care. We also have services focused on reproduction, podiatry, and ophthalmology which have grown dramatically in the recent past, and clearly set us apart from other veterinary colleges. We teach our students in the lecture theaters; but more importantly, also while seeing horses that are referred to the Veterinary Teaching Hospital. We also base our research programs on medical and performance problems we see in horses that are presented to us. We have tremendous clinically-applicable studies assessing lameness, colic, advanced reproductive technology, respiratory disease, and eye diseases all of which have relevance to the horses of North Carolina. Examples of current investigation include suspensory ligament injury, use of pain killers to treat colic, embryo transfer technology, treatment of moon blindness in horses, and treatment of heaves in horses. The only limitations to finding new diagnostic techniques, developing new treatments, and increasing our ability to breed the best sport horses in the country are the numbers of hours in the day our faculty have to do their research and the funds required to continue this research.

If you have any interest in contributing to our research efforts in any way, please do not hesitate to contact me at 919-513-6230 or Anthony_Blikslager@ncsu.edu

Very best wishes to you and your horses

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anthony Blikslager". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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