Dear Colleagues,

Happy Holidays! Welcome to our second edition of *Colleagues eBriefs*.

Here's are some news updates from our hospital:

**Perkins & Will hired to develop plans for our Veterinary Medical Learning Center:** Faculty and staff members, representing all areas and services of our hospital, are meeting regularly with architects to design our new teaching hospital. We are hopeful that funding for the project will be approved by the close of Georgia’s upcoming legislative session. For more information, or to make a donation toward the project, visit [www.vet.uga.edu/vmlc/index.php](http://www.vet.uga.edu/vmlc/index.php).

**New ultrasound for large animals:** A GE Vivid 7, which incorporates all new developments in cardiovascular ultrasonography, is now in service. State-of-the-art image quality for 2D, color and Doppler imaging has improved our ability to assess soft tissue other musculoskeletal structures. The unit recently aided clinicians in performing electrical conversion to restore normal cardiac rhythm in a horse with atrial fibrillation refractory to conventional therapy. It was also used in the placement of a pacemaker in a horse with a life-threatening arrhythmia. It was the first time that both procedures were performed in horses at UGA.

**Dr. Joerg Mayer joins our Exotics Service** on December 13 as an associate professor.

**We are accepting patients for our linear accelerator.**

Watch for more information about these, and other, stories in our Winter/Spring issue of *Colleagues*.

For more information about our services, please contact the UGA Veterinary Teaching Hospital referral hotlines:

- **800.861.7456** (small animals)
- **800.861.7458** (large animals)

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On behalf of the hospital and the college, thank you for your patronage!

Regards,

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